# COLO-94H

300161

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Description

The COLO-94H cell line is a human colorectal adenocarcinoma cell line derived from a metastatic site in an adult patient. These cells are epithelial in nature and exhibit characteristics typical of colorectal cancer, making them valuable for studies focused on cancer biology, drug development, and metastatic mechanisms. COLO-94H cells grow adherently and form a monolayer, which is typical for epithelial cells in culture. They possess a high degree of genetic and phenotypic stability, allowing for reproducible results in various experimental setups. Researchers utilize the COLO-94H cell line to investigate the molecular and cellular pathways involved in colorectal cancer progression and metastasis. This includes studying the effects of oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, and signaling pathways such as Wnt, Notch, and PI3K/AKT. Additionally, COLO-94H cells are used to evaluate the efficacy and toxicity of new chemotherapeutic agents and targeted therapies, providing a reliable in vitro model for preclinical testing. Their metastatic origin also makes them suitable for research into the mechanisms of cancer cell dissemination and colonization of secondary sites.

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| **Tissue** | Colon |
| **Disease** | Adenocarcinoma |

### Synonyms

- COLO-94H
- COLO 94H
- COLO94H

## CLASSIFICATION

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| **Organism** | Human |
| **Sex** | Male |
| **Growth properties** | Adherent |
| **Biosafety level** | 1 |

## CHARACTERISTICS

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| **Morphology** | Epithelial-like |
| **Tumourigenic** | Yes, in nude mice |

## IDENTIFIERS

### Citation

COLO-94H (Cytion catalog number 300161)

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| **NCBI TaxID** | 9606 |
| **Cellosaurus** | CVCL_4573 |

## EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

### Mutational profile

COLO-94H cells carry a mutation in codon 12 of Kras gene: GGT(Wt Gly) >GAT(Asp)

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| **Reverse transcriptase** | Negative |

**Products**

Cytokeratine 8, 18, 19

## HANDLING AND CULTURE

**Culture medium**

DMEM:Ham's F12 (1:1), w: 3.1 g/L Glucose, w: 2.5 mM L-Glutamine, w: 15 mM HEPES, w: 0.5 mM Sodium pyruvate, w: 1.2 g/L NaHCO3 (Cytion article number 820400a)

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| **Incubation atmosphere** | 37°C, 5% $CO_2$, humidified atmosphere. |

**Supplements**

Supplement the medium with 10% FBS

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| **Dissociation reagent** | Accutase |

**Subculturing**

Remove the old medium from the adherent cells and wash them with PBS that lacks calcium and magnesium. For T25 flasks, use 3-5 ml of PBS, and for T75 flasks, use 5-10 ml. Then, cover the cells completely with Accutase, using 1-2 ml for T25 flasks and 2.5 ml for T75 flasks. Let the cells incubate at room temperature for 8-10 minutes to detach them. After incubation, gently mix the cells with 10 ml of medium to resuspend them, then centrifuge at 300xg for 3 minutes. Discard the supernatant, resuspend the cells in fresh medium, and transfer them into new flasks that already contain fresh medium.

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| **Seeding density** | 1 x $10^4$ cells/$cm^2$ |
| **Fluid renewal** | 1 to 2 times per week |
| **Post-thaw recovery** | After thawing, plate the cells at 5 x $10^4$ cells/$cm^2$ and allow the cells to recover from the freezing process and to adhere for at least 24 hours. |

**Thawing and culturing**

Confirm that the vial remains deeply frozen upon delivery, as cells are shipped on dry ice to maintain optimal temperatures during transit. Upon receipt, either store the cryovial immediately at temperatures below -150°C to ensure the preservation of cellular integrity, or proceed to step 3 if immediate culturing is required.
For immediate culturing, swiftly thaw the vial by immersing it in a 37°C water bath with clean water and an antimicrobial agent, agitating gently for 40-60 seconds until a small ice clump remains.
Perform all subsequent steps under sterile conditions in a flow hood, disinfecting the cryovial with 70% ethanol before opening.
Carefully open the disinfected vial and transfer the cell suspension into a 15 ml centrifuge tube containing 8 ml of room-temperature culture medium, mixing gently.
Centrifuge the mixture at 300 x g for 3 minutes to separate the cells and carefully discard the supernatant containing residual freezing medium.
Gently resuspend the cell pellet in 10 ml of fresh culture medium. For adherent cells, divide the suspension between two T25 culture flasks; for suspension cultures, transfer all the medium into one T25 flask to promote effective cell interaction and growth.
Adhere to established subculture protocols for continued growth and maintenance of the cell line, ensuring reliable experimental outcomes.

## QUALITY CONTROL AND CRYOPRESERVATION

**Sterility**

Mycoplasma contamination is excluded using both PCR-based assays and luminescence-based mycoplasma detection methods.
To ensure there is no bacterial, fungal, or yeast contamination, cell cultures are subjected to daily visual inspections.

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| **Freeze medium** | As a cryopreservation medium, we use complete growth medium (including FBS) + 10% DMSO for adequate post-thaw viability, or CM-1 (Cytion catalog number 800100), which includes optimized osmoprotectants and metabolic stabilizers to enhance recovery and reduce cryo-induced stress. |

### Storage conditions

For long-term preservation, place vials in vapor-phase liquid nitrogen at about −150 to −196 °C. Storage at −80 °C is acceptable only as a short interim step before transfer to liquid nitrogen.

### Shipping conditions

Cryopreserved cell lines are shipped on dry ice in validated, insulated packaging with sufficient refrigerant to maintain approximately −78 °C throughout transit. On receipt, inspect the container immediately and transfer vials without delay to appropriate storage.

## DONOR

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| **Donor age** | 70 years |
| **Ethnicity** | Caucasian |

## LEGAL AND SAFETY

### Safety precautions

When planning to store a cryovial in liquid nitrogen for future thawing, it is mandatory to adhere to stringent safety measures. Appropriate protective gloves and clothing are essential, and the use of a face mask or safety goggles is required during the transfer of frozen samples to or from the liquid nitrogen tank. This is to mitigate the risk of injury from potential cryovial explosions upon removal, which can result in the projection of sharp fragments.

### Warranty

At Cytion, we stand behind the quality and viability of our products.
We guarantee that our cells will be viable at the start of culture for
60 days after shipment from our facilities.
We assure that all materials conform to the specifications described in the
Certificate of Analysis and/or Product Sheet.
For full details, please refer to our
Warranty Statement.

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| **Material Transfer Agreement required** | Yes |