HCT-15

300229

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

HCT-15 cells are derived from the adenocarcinoma of the colon of a 44-year-old Caucasian male. This cell line, developed in the early 1970s, is widely utilized in the field of cancer research, especially for exploring the biology and treatment of colorectal cancer.
Morphologically, HCT-15 cells are characterized by an epithelial-like appearance with a tendency to grow both as a monolayer and in clusters, displaying significant cellular heterogeneity. This feature mirrors the varied cellular environments found in solid tumors, making HCT-15 a valuable model for studying tumor dynamics and cellular interactions within the tumor microenvironment.
Genotypically, HCT-15 cells exhibit a hyperdiploid karyotype with multiple chromosomal aberrations, typical of many colorectal cancers. These include mutations in key oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes, such as mutations in the KRAS gene and deletions affecting the p53 pathway, which are implicated in the pathogenesis and progression of colorectal cancer. These genetic traits make HCT-15 cells a crucial tool for investigating genetic and molecular mechanisms associated with cancer progression, metastasis, and resistance to therapies.
The broad use of HCT-15 cells in research has led to significant insights into the molecular pathways involved in colorectal cancer, enhancing our understanding of disease mechanisms and aiding in the development of targeted therapies.

Tissue	Colorectal
Disease	Adenocarcinoma

Synonyms

- HCT 15
- HCT.15
- HCT15

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Male
Growth properties	Adherent
Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial-like
Tumourigenic	In nude mice
Doubling time	15 hours

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

HCT-15 (Cytion catalog number 300229)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_0292

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EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Antigen expression

The cells are positive for keratin by immunoperoxidase staining.

Viruses

Reverse Transcriptase negative

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

RPMI 1640, w: 2.0 mM stable Glutamine, w: 2.0 g/L NaHCO3 (Cytion article number 820700a)

Incubation atmosphere	37°C, 5% CO_2, humidified atmosphere.

Supplements

Supplement the medium with 10% FBS

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.

Seeding density	1 to 2 x 10^4 cells/cm^2
Fluid renewal	2 to 3 times per week
Post-thaw recovery	Fast

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.

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

Donor age	67 years

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.

Material Transfer Agreement required	Yes

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