HEK293-F

300260

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

HEK293-F cells are a fast-growing, highly transfectable subline derived from the human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK293) cell line. The 'F' designation indicates that these cells have been adapted for growth in suspension cultures, making them particularly useful for large-scale protein production. The cells grow in a variety of serum-free media, facilitating scalable processes in biotechnological and pharmaceutical applications. HEK293-F cells retain the epithelial-like morphology of the parent HEK293 line and are maintained in suspension without the need for attachment to a solid substrate.
These cells are highly efficient at expressing recombinant proteins and are widely utilized in the production of viral vectors for gene therapy, including adenoviral, lentiviral, and retroviral vectors. Their robust growth in suspension and ease of transfection make them ideal for use in transient transfection protocols, where they can produce high yields of protein within a few days post-transfection. This characteristic is critical for rapid production cycles in research and industrial settings. The adaptability of HEK293-F cells to various growth conditions and their capacity for high-density culture enhance their utility in bioprocessing environments.

Tissue	Kidney

Applications

Transfection host

Synonyms

- HEK-293-F
- HEK 293-F
- HEK-293F
- HEK293F
- 293-F
- 293 F
- 293F

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Female
Growth properties	Suspension
GMO status	GMO-S1

GMO status details

GMO-S1: This HEK293-F cell line contains SV40, enabling high transfection efficiency and robust growth in suspension culture. The modification is stably present in embryonic kidney cells. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial-like
Tumourigenic	In nude mice
Doubling time	30 hours

Cytion GmbH
Nikola-Tesla-Str. 3
69124 Heidelberg
Tel: +49 (0)6221 405780
info@cytion.com
cytion.com

Registered office Heidelberg
VAT ID: DE283292917
Local court Mannheim - HRB 714394
CEO / Geschäftsführer: Jonathan Steubing

Banking information
Sparkasse Heidelberg
IBAN: DE35 6725 0020 0009 2076 86
BIC: SOLADES1HDB

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

HEK293-F (Cytion catalog number 300260)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_6642

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Receptors expressed

Vitronectin

Protein expression

CEA negative, p53 positive

Viruses

Transformed with adenovirus 5 DNA
adenovirus 5 DNA

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

CD293 (Thermo)

Incubation atmosphere	37°C, 5% CO_2, humidified atmosphere.
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 x 10^4 cells/cm^2 will yield in a confluent layer in about 4 days
Fluid renewal	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.

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	Fetus

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