RAJI

300359

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

Raji cells are a line of lymphoblast-like cells established by R.J.V. Pulvertaft in 1963 from Burkitt's lymphoma. These cells are widely used in immunology research due to their high expression of human CD19, which acts as a co-receptor and decreases the threshold for antigen B-cell receptor (BCR) stimulation. Raji cells are non-adherent and grow in suspension as free-floating individuals or doublets.
The doubling time of these cells is 23.2 hours, and they are relatively small in diameter with a diameter range of 5-8 µm. Some characteristics of Raji cells include a lack of differentiation, as they form large aggregations of hundreds of individual cells. These cells are diploid and have a stable karyotype within the male diploid stemline of 46.
Additionally, Raji cells are partially resistant to poliovirus and vesicular stomatitis viruses. Human CD19 is highly expressed by Raji cells and has been identified as a clinical target for anti-hCD19-CD3 bis-specific antibodies in non-Hodgkin's B cell lymphoma. BCMA expression has also been identified in the Raji Burkitt lymphoma cell line and primary lymphoma, making it an important area of research for immunologists.

Tissue	Maxilia
Disease	Burkitt lymphoma

Synonyms

- Raji
- P1-Raji
- GM04671

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Male
Growth properties	Suspension
Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Cell type	Lymphoblast

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

RAJI (Cytion catalog number 300359)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_0511

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Products

The cells may produce interferon when stimulated by Newcastle disease virus.

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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% heat-inactivated FBS

Subculturing

Gently homogenize the cell suspension in the flask by pipetting up and down, then take a representative sample to determine the cell density per ml. Dilute the suspension to achieve a cell concentration of 1 x 10^5 cells/ml with fresh culture medium, and aliquot the adjusted suspension into new flasks for further cultivation.

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	11 years
Ethnicity	African, Nigerian

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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