GC-1 spg

300375

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

The GC-1 spg cell line was immortalized through transfection with the pSV3-neo plasmid, which harbors the coding sequences for the SV40 large T antigen and neomycin resistance. This genetic modification not only provides resistance to certain antibiotics but also promotes the continuous growth of the cells by altering their cell cycle regulation, thus bypassing the Hayflick limit typical of primary cells. This process of immortalization allows the cells to maintain proliferative capacity while retaining key phenotypic characteristics of spermatogonia. Phenotypically, the GC-1 spg cell line exhibits characteristics that are indicative of a transitional stage between type B spermatogonia and primary spermatocytes, making it an especially relevant model for studying the early stages of spermatogenesis. The cells express two testis-specific isoproteins: cytochrome c and lactate dehydrogenase C4. These markers are crucial for studying cell metabolism and energy management during spermatogenesis, reflecting the unique metabolic pathways active in germ cells. The expression of these specific isoproteins underscores the cell line's utility in exploring the biochemical and physiological aspects of testicular cell function and development.

Tissue	Testis

Applications

3D cell culture

Synonyms

- GC-1spg
- GC-1
- GC1-SPG

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Mouse
Sex	Male
Growth properties	Adherent
GMO status	GMO-S1

GMO status details

GMO-S1: This murine testis cell line (GC-1 spg) contains an SV40 T-Antigen expression plasmid (pSV3neo) including a Tn5-neo resistance marker, supporting immortalization. The construct is stably integrated into mouse spermatogonial cells. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial
Cell type	Spermatocyte

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

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NCBI TaxID	10090
Cellosaurus	CVCL_8872

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Viruses

Transformant: Simian virus 40 (SV40) T antigen

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

DMEM, w: 4.5 g/L Glucose, w: 4 mM L-Glutamine, w: 3.7 g/L NaHCO3, w: 1.0 mM Sodium pyruvate (Cytion article number 820300a)

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.

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

Breed / subspecies	BALB/c
Donor age	10 days

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