Human skeletal muscle cells (HSKMC)

300689

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

Primary Human Skeletal Muscle Cells (SkMC) are isolated from skeletal muscle and differentiate into myotubes in serum-free Skeletal Muscle Cell Differentiation Medium. They are used to study insulin resistance, exercise physiology and drug effects in 3D muscle tissue.
In culture, the cells proliferate as myoblasts and fuse into multinucleated myotubes after switching to differentiation medium. Because they are not immortalized and retain the donor's human genetic background, they offer a physiologically relevant alternative to rodent cell lines, and their metabolic profile can be further matured, for example by electrical pulse stimulation.

Tissue	Skeletal muscle
Disease	Normal skeletal muscle (non-tumorigenic primary myoblasts)
Metastatic site	Not applicable (normal, non-tumorigenic primary cell)

Applications

Insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes (glucose uptake, insulin signaling); In vitro exercise model: electrical pulse stimulation, contraction, GLUT4 and oxidative metabolism; Muscle energy metabolism in obesity and type 2 diabetes using human myotubes; Fatty acid oxidation and mitochondrial biogenesis (PGC-1α); 3D engineered muscle (myobundles) for drug-induced mitochondrial toxicity

Synonyms

- SkMC
- HSKMC
- Human skeletal muscle cells
- provitro 1210691

DONOR

Donor age	Lot-specific (see CoA)
Ethnicity	Lot-specific (see CoA)

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Lot-specific
Growth properties	Adherent
GMO status	Non-GMO

GMO status details

No genetic modification; normal primary human skeletal muscle cells. Not transformed or immortalized.

Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Spindle-shaped myoblasts; multinucleated myotubes after differentiation
Cell type	Primary skeletal muscle cells (myoblasts)

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Tumourigenic	No
Doubling time	Lot-specific (refer to batch CoA)

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

Skeletal Muscle Cell Growth Medium kit (Cytion article number 850082); Skeletal Muscle Cell Growth Medium mix (Cytion article number 850081); Skeletal Muscle Cell Differentiation Medium kit (Cytion article number 850087)

Incubation atmosphere	37°C, 5% CO_2, saturated humidity.

Supplements

Primary Skeletal Cell Muscle Growth Kit (ATCC PCS-950-040) pre-formulated into basal medium; no additional serum supplement required. For differentiation: PCS-950-050 standalone (no further supplements).

Dissociation reagent	Subculture reagents as recommended on the certificate of analysis

Subculturing

Subculture the cells at about 75 % confluence. Denser cultures undergo irreversible contact inhibition and stop proliferating. Use the subculture reagents recommended on the certificate of analysis.

Split ratio	2,500 to 5,000 cells/cm² (ATCC recommended seeding density)
Seeding density	More than 4,000 cells/cm²
Fluid renewal	24 hours after seeding, then every 48 to 72 hours
Post-thaw recovery	Post-thaw viability ≥ 70 % viable cells. More than 80 % confluence within the expected recovery period.

Thawing and culturing

Thaw the cryovial quickly in a 37 °C water bath, swirling gently. Just before the last ice has melted, move the vial to a laminar flow hood and decontaminate its outer surface.
Transfer the cell suspension into a 15 ml centrifuge tube, add 10 ml of Skeletal Muscle Cell Growth Medium and centrifuge at 250 × g for 5 minutes.
Remove the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in 10 ml of Skeletal Muscle Cell Growth Medium. Check cell number and viability.
Divide the suspension between two 25 cm² culture flasks (5 ml each). Using two flasks reduces the risk of losing all cells if a passage fails.
Incubate at 37 °C, 5 % CO_2 and saturated humidity, with the screw caps opened by half a turn for gas exchange.
Change the medium after 24 hours to remove unattached cells, then every 48 to 72 hours, using pre-warmed medium only.
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Recommended seeding density: more than 4,000 cells/cm².

QUALITY CONTROL AND CRYOPRESERVATION

Sterility

Mycoplasma contamination is excluded by PCR.
To ensure there is no bacterial, fungal or yeast contamination, cultures are subjected to visual inspection.

Freeze medium	As a cryopreservation medium, we use complete growth medium + 10% DMSO for adequate post-thaw viability.

Storage conditions

For long-term preservation, store vials in liquid nitrogen at about −150 to −196 °C. Storage at −80 °C is acceptable for up to one week only.

Shipping conditions

Cryopreserved primary cells are shipped on dry ice. On receipt, check the cryovial for damage and transfer it without delay to appropriate storage.

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Protein expression

Desmin (+) in differentiated cells (confirmed by ATCC QC)

Antigen expression

Von Willebrand Factor (vWF): negative (confirmed by ATCC QC)

Viruses

HIV-1: Not detected; HIV-2: Not detected; HCV: Not detected; HBV: Not detected (ATCC QC, lot-specific)

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

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NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	Not assigned

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. Primary cells are of human origin, and no known test procedure can ensure the complete absence of infectious agents. Handle all products as potentially infectious.

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