HK-2

305021

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

The HK-2 cell line is a well-characterized human proximal tubular epithelial cell line derived from normal adult kidney tissue. These cells exhibit typical epithelial morphology and retain many of the biochemical and functional properties of proximal tubular cells, making them a valuable model for studying renal physiology and pathophysiology. HK-2 cells are known for their ability to perform active transport and exhibit brush border enzyme activities, which are essential for their role in renal reabsorption processes.
HK-2 cells express a range of transporters and receptors, including those for glucose, amino acids, and various ions, reflecting their role in renal filtration and reabsorption. They are also responsive to hormonal regulation, such as by parathyroid hormone and aldosterone, which influence their transport activities. Due to these characteristics, HK-2 cells are extensively used in nephrotoxicity studies, drug screening, and research on renal diseases such as acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease.
Moreover, HK-2 cells have been utilized in studies investigating renal cell carcinoma and other kidney-related cancers. They provide a reliable in vitro system for examining cellular responses to toxic agents, oxidative stress, and hypoxia. Researchers also employ HK-2 cells to explore the molecular mechanisms underlying fibrosis and inflammation in the kidney. Overall, the HK-2 cell line is a critical tool in renal research, offering insights into both normal kidney function and disease pathogenesis.

Tissue	Kidney, cortex, proximal tubule

Synonyms

- Hk-2
- HK2
- Human Kidney-2

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Male
Growth properties	Adherent
Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

HK-2 (Cytion catalog number 305021)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_0302

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Receptors expressed

Epidermal growth factor(EGF), expressed

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Protein expression

Alkaline Phosphatase, Gamma Glutamyltranspeptidase, Leucine Aminopeptidase, Acid Phosphatase, Cytokeratin, Alpha 3, Beta 1 Integrin, Fibronectin

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

EMEM (MEM Eagle), w: 2 mM L-Glutamine, w: 2.2 g/L NaHCO3, w: EBSS (Cytion article number 820100a)

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

Supplements

Supplement the medium with 10% FBS and 1% NEAA

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.

Fluid renewal	2 to 3 times per week

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	Adult
Ethnicity	European

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