HEK293A

305070

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

The HEK293A cell line, a derivative of the human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK293) cells, represents a specialized tool in virological and gene therapy research, particularly in the production, amplification, and titration of replication-incompetent adenoviruses. These cells exhibit a flat morphology, which significantly aids in the microscopic examination and titration processes, making it simpler to count and assess viral particles.

A pivotal feature of the HEK293A cell line is the stable integration of the adenovirus E1 gene into its genome. This integration is critical as it provides the necessary transcriptional machinery for the expression of E1 proteins, specifically E1a and E1b. The presence of these proteins is essential for the replication of adenoviral vectors in the cell. The E1a protein primarily functions to activate transcription of the adenovirus genome, while E1b proteins are involved in viral replication and cell cycle disruption.

The utility of HEK293A cells extends beyond merely supporting viral replication. These cells facilitate the efficient production of high titer, high-quality viral preparations essential for both basic research and therapeutic applications. The cell line's robust replication capacity and ease of handling enable researchers to screen and develop adenoviral constructs with unprecedented precision and efficiency.

In summary, the HEK293A cell line is an indispensable resource in the field of virology and gene therapy. Its ability to stably express E1 proteins and support adenoviral replication makes it a valuable tool for researchers looking to produce and manipulate adenoviral vectors. The cell line's characteristics allow for the efficient generation of viral vectors, crucial for advancing research and potential therapeutic interventions.

Tissue	Embryonic kidney

Synonyms

- HEK-293A
- HEK293A
- HEK 293A
- HEK293-A
- QBI-HEK 293A
- QBI-293A

CLASSIFICATION

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

GMO status details

GMO-S1: This HEK293A cell line contains SV40 from Simian Virus 40, supporting enhanced transfection performance and proliferation. The construct is stably integrated into embryonic kidney cells. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial

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Cellosaurus	CVCL_6910

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	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