MC38

305223

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

The MC38 cell line is a murine model extensively utilized in colorectal carcinoma research. Originating from a colon adenocarcinoma in a C57BL/6 mouse, these cells exhibit a high mutational rate, particularly in the mutanome and neoantigen expression, making them highly sensitive to immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy. Their responsiveness to endogenous CD8+ T cell attacks against neoantigens underscores their value in studying immune interactions within tumor environments, positioning the MC38 model as a pivotal immunoresponsive murine tumor model.
MC38 cells form tumors and metastases in syngeneic C57BL6 murine hosts or immunocompromised mice. The MC38 colon adenocarcinoma model, especially when used in orthotopic mouse models, is recognized for its immunological responsiveness, rendering it an effective platform for evaluating immunotherapies, including radiation, checkpoint inhibitors, and other novel treatments.
MC38 cells express colon markers such as claudin-1 and SATB2, critical for investigating the genomic and epigenomic underpinnings of colorectal adenocarcinoma and for identifying potential treatments. The immunological characteristics of the MC38 xenograft model make it a versatile tool for cancer research, especially in the context of colorectal adenocarcinoma. The MC38 colon carcinoma model, with its high mutanome and neoantigen load, serves as an exemplary immunoresponsive murine model, facilitating the exploration of the complex dynamics between colorectal tumor cell lines and the host's immune system.

Tissue	Colon
Disease	Adenocarcinoma

Synonyms

- MC-38
- MCA-38
- MCA 38
- MCA38
- Mouse Colon 38
- Murine Carcinoma-38
- Colon 38
- Colon-38
- Colon38
- C38

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Mouse
Sex	Female
Growth properties	Adherent
Biosafety level	1

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

MC38 (Cytion catalog number 305223)

NCBI TaxID	10090
Cellosaurus	CVCL_B288

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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, 10 mM HEPES, 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.

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	C57BL/6

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

PRODUCT DETAILS

Composition table