SK-CO-1

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

The SK-CO-1 cell line is a human colorectal adenocarcinoma model derived from a metastatic site in ascitic fluid. It has been widely used in cancer research to study the molecular mechanisms underlying colorectal cancer (CRC) progression and response to therapeutic interventions. SK-CO-1 cells are adherent in culture and exhibit morphological characteristics consistent with epithelial tumor cells. This cell line has been included in large-scale genomic studies, such as the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (CCLE), which provides comprehensive genetic, transcriptomic, and pharmacological profiling.
Genetic studies on SK-CO-1 have identified mutations and copy number variations in genes critical to CRC pathogenesis, including alterations in TP53, KRAS, and APC. These features make it a valuable model for exploring pathways such as WNT/β-catenin signaling, which plays a significant role in colorectal tumor development. Furthermore, pharmacological screening has revealed the cell line's differential sensitivities to chemotherapeutic agents, helping researchers identify potential biomarkers for drug response.

Tissue	Large intestine, Colon
Disease	Colorectal Adenocarcinoma
Metastatic site	ascites

Applications

3D cell culture

Synonyms

- SKCO-1
- SKCO 1
- SKCO1
- SKCol1
- SK-Col-1
- SK Col 1

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Male
Growth properties	Adherent
Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial

Karyotype

(P7) hypertriploid to hypotetraploid with abnormalities including dicentrics, minutes, rings, secondary constrictions, and 8 large submetacentric markers

Doubling time	46 hours

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Citation

SK-CO-1 (Cytion catalog number 305626)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_0626

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Antigen expression

Blood Type O; Rh+; HLA A1, A3, B7, B13

Isoenzymes

AK-1, 1-2
ES-D, 1
G6PD, B
GLO-I, 1-2
Me-2, 1
PGM1, 1
PGM3, 1-2

Oncogenes

Myc+, ras+, myb+, fos+, sis+, p53+, abl-, ros-, src-

Mutational profile

Mutation: APC, Simple, p.Phe1089fs*37 (c.3266delT), Heterozygous; Mutation: APC, Simple, p.Pro1443fs*30 (c.4328delC), Heterozygous; Mutation: GNAS, Simple, p.Arg201Cys (c.601C>T), Heterozygous; Mutation: KRAS, Simple, p.Gly12Val (c.35G>T), Heterozygous

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 medium, and rinse with 0.25% trypsin, 0.03% EDTA solution. Remove the solution and add an additional 1 to 2 ml of trypsin-EDTA solution. Allow the flask to sit at room temperature (or at 37°C) until the cells detach. Add fresh culture medium, aspirate and dispense into new culture flasks.

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	65 years
Ethnicity	Caucasian

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