SNU-668

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

The SNU-668 cell line is a human gastric carcinoma model originally derived from the poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma tissue of the stomach. This cell line has been widely used in studies of gastric cancer pathogenesis, signaling mechanisms, and drug responsiveness. Genomic characterization reveals that SNU-668 carries frequent mutations and chromosomal aberrations commonly observed in diffuse-type gastric cancers. Notably, it shows alterations in key oncogenic pathways such as TP53 mutation and possible activation of PI3K/AKT signaling, which may contribute to its tumorigenic properties and therapy resistance.
SNU-668 has also been included in comprehensive multi-omics profiling projects such as the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (CCLE), where it was assessed for transcriptomic, genomic, methylation, and proteomic signatures. The cell line exhibits distinct DNA methylation patterns and global histone modification profiles, which may play roles in epigenetic regulation of gene expression. Additionally, analysis of dependency maps has suggested lineage-specific vulnerabilities that could inform targeted therapy strategies for diffuse gastric carcinomas. As a model for stomach cancer with Asian ethnic background origin, SNU-668 continues to be an important tool in the preclinical evaluation of molecularly guided therapeutics.

Tissue	Gastric
Disease	signet ring cell adenocarcinoma
Metastatic site	Ascites

Synonyms

- SNU668
- NCI-SNU-668

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Male
Growth properties	Adherent
Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial-like
Cell type	Epithelial
Doubling time	26 hours

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

SNU-668 (Cytion catalog number 305635)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_5081

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EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Mutational profile

Mutation: KRAS, Simple, p.Gln61Lys (c.181C>A), Homozygous; Mutation: TP53, Simple, p.Ser215Asn (c.644G>A), Homozygous

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

RPMI 1640, w: 2.0 mM stable Glutamine, w: 2.0 g/L NaHCO3 (Cytion article number 820700a)

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

Supplements

Supplement the medium with 10% heat inactivated FBS

Dissociation reagent	Accutase

Subculturing

Remove medium, add fresh 0.25 % trypsin 0.02 % EDTA solution, stand culture flask at 37""C for 3 to 5 minutes, add culture medium and collect the cells, transfer the medium into 15ml tube, centrifuge, aspirate the medium, resuspend the pellets with culture medium and dispense into the culture flask

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	63 years
Ethnicity	Korean

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