CHO-EPCAM

305974

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

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contact us.
CHO-EPCAM cells are recombinant Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells engineered to stably express human epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM; CD326/TACSTD1), a transmembrane glycoprotein broadly expressed on epithelial tissues and highly upregulated in many epithelial-derived cancers. EpCAM is involved in cell-cell adhesion, proliferation, differentiation, and signaling pathways associated with tumor progression and metastasis. Stable CHO-EPCAM models are commonly generated to provide controlled and reproducible EpCAM surface expression for use in binding, targeting, and functional assays involving therapeutic antibodies and engineered immune cell therapies.
CHO-EPCAM cells are widely used in oncology and translational research for the development and characterization of anti-EpCAM monoclonal antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, bispecific T-cell engagers, and CAR-T or CAR-NK cell therapies. The model is particularly useful for evaluating antigen-specific binding affinity, receptor occupancy, internalization kinetics, cytotoxicity, and immune synapse formation. In addition, these cells support flow cytometry assay development, high-throughput screening, and validation of EpCAM-targeted imaging agents or diagnostic platforms. Because CHO cells exhibit stable growth characteristics and minimal endogenous expression of many human epithelial markers, they provide a consistent background for recombinant antigen expression studies.

Tissue	Ovary
Disease	Chinese hamster ovary, non-neoplastic; genetically engineered for EpCAM (CD326) surface expression

Applications

Antibody screening; EpCAM-targeted therapy development; ADCC/CDC assays; epithelial tumor research; flow cytometry

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Chinese hamster
Sex	Female
Growth properties	Adherent and suspension
GMO status	GMO-S1

GMO status details

GMO-S1: This CHO cell line contains an EpCAM expression cassette supporting receptor-function analyses. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial-like
Cell type	Epithelial cell of ovary
Doubling time	approx. 14-16 hours

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CHO-EPCAM (Cytion catalog number 305974)

NCBI TaxID	10029
Cellosaurus	CVCL_D2TL

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Receptors expressed

EpCAM (CD326)

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

For adherent cultures: DMEM:Ham's F12 (1:1), w: 3.1 g/L Glucose, w: 2.5 mM L-Glutamine, w: 15 mM HEPES, w: 0.5 mM Sodium pyruvate, w: 1.2 g/L NaHCO3 (Cytion article number 820400a)
For suspension cultures: CHO Growth Medium A (from InSCREENeX; InSCREENeX catalog number INS-ME-1039)

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

Supplements

For adherent cultures: Supplement the medium with 5% FBS. Add Geneticin (G418-Sulfat) to achieve a final concentration of 0.5 mg/mL.

Dissociation reagent	For adherent cultures: Trypsin-EDTA

Subculturing

For routine adherent cell culture: Aspirate the old culture medium from the adherent cells, and wash them with PBS to remove any remaining medium. After aspirating the PBS, add the appropriate volume of Trypsin/EDTA solution based on the culture vessel size (e.g., 1 ml for a T25 flask, 3 ml for a T75 flask) and incubate at room temperature or 37°C for 5-10 minutes, or until the cells detach. Monitor detachment under a microscope, and gently tap the vessel if necessary to release the cells. Once detached, add complete medium to inactivate the Trypsin/EDTA, gently resuspend the cells, and transfer an aliquot of the cell suspension into a new culture vessel containing fresh medium. Place the vessel in an incubator set to 37°C with 5% CO_2, and change the medium every 2-3 days.

Split ratio	1 to 5
Seeding density	2 to 5 x 10^4 cells/cm^2
Fluid renewal	2 to 3 times per week
Post-thaw recovery	After thawing, split the cells at a ratio of 1:2 to 1:3 in T25 flasks and allow the cells to recover from the freezing process and to adhere (for adherent cultures) for at least 24 hours.

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

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

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