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User Manual

OriCell™ PC-12 Rat Adrenal Pheochromocytoma Cell Line (Undifferentiated)

Catalog No. R4-0201

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Introduction

The PC-12 rat adrenal pheochromocytoma cell line is derived from a transplantable pheochromocytoma of a male rat and belongs to a neuroendocrine-origin cell line. In the undifferentiated state, the cells are typically round, oval, or polygonal in shape and often grow in clusters with relatively weak adherence. Compared with primary neurons, which are difficult to isolate, difficult to purify, short-lived, and unable to be passaged, PC-12 cells are easy to culture, relatively stable, and can be passaged continuously.

OriCell™ PC-12 Rat Adrenal Pheochromocytoma Cell Line (Undifferentiated) is widely used in studies of neuronal differentiation, neural signal transduction, and neurotoxicology.

Note: **This product is intended for research use only and is not for diagnostic, therapeutic, clinical, household, or any other applications.**

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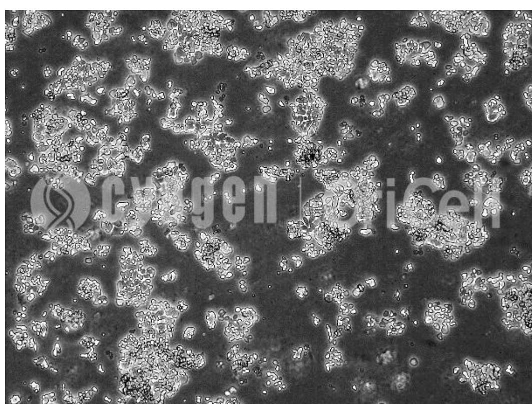
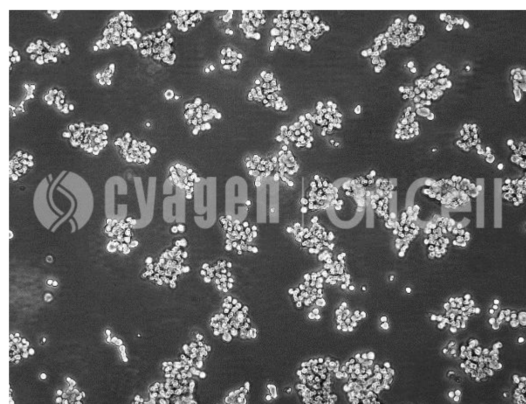
Product Information

Product Name	OriCell™ PC-12 Rat Adrenal Pheochromocytoma Cell Line (Undifferentiated)
Alternative Name	PC-12
Catalog Number	R4-0201
Amount of Cells	1×10^6 cells/vial
Tissue Origin	Rat Adrenal Gland
Cell Characteristics	Irregular Morphology; Suspension Growth with Cell Aggregates
Culture Conditions	95% air; 5% CO_2; 37 °C
Culture Medium	DMEM + 20% FBS
Doubling Time	12 ~ 36 h
Biosafety Level	1
Storage at	Liquid Nitrogen (-196 °C)
Precautions	——

Note: This product is manufactured under strict aseptic conditions. You may choose to add antibiotics during subsequent culturing based on your specific needs.

The Morphology of OriCell™ PC-12 Rat Cell Line (Undifferentiated)





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- Pass the detection of bacteria, fungi, mycoplasma, and endotoxins.
- Verified by cell recovery viability testing.

Please refer to "COA" for details.

General Handling Principles

1. Maintain strict aseptic technique. Ensure complete sterility throughout all procedures, particularly within the laminar flow hood and incubator.
2. Follow standardized protocols. Adhere strictly to the product manual. Implement rigorous control over experimental variables and include appropriate parallel controls.
3. Use high-quality consumables and reagents. This product requires culture vessels suitable for suspension growth, and the reuse of these vessels is not recommended. The reagents used must be validated for reliability, cell compatibility, and batch-to-batch consistency.

Note: **The cryopreservation medium of this product contains DMSO, which may pose potential risks. Please handle it with care.**

Abbreviation	Name	Cat. No.
FBS	Fetal Bovine Serum	See official website
BCS	Bovine Calf Serum	SBCST-01001
Glu	Glutamine	SGLU-10201
SP	Sodium Pyruvate	SCSP-10301
Dex	Dexamethasone	SDEX-10401

NBCS	Newborn Calf Serum	NCSST-01001
HS	Horse Serum	SCHST-01001
NEAA	Non Essential Amino Acid	NEAA-10201
β-mer	β-mercaptoethanol	BMER-10301
P/S	Penicillin- Streptomycin	ATPS-10001
ITS	Insulin / Transferrin / Selenite	ITSS-10201

Thawing and Culturing of Cells

Materials Required

- OriCell™ PC-12 Rat Adrenal Pheochromocytoma Cell Line (Undifferentiated) (Cat. No.: R4-0201)
- OriCell™ Complete Medium For PC-12 Cell Line (Cat. No.: CMR4-0201)

Steps

Note: **If thawing is planned within 24 hours of receipt, store the cells in an ultra-low temperature freezer at -80 °C. For long-term storage (>24 hours) , keep them in liquid nitrogen. Before thawing, transfer the cells from liquid nitrogen to -80 °C and hold them there for 10 minutes. This will allow any residual liquid nitrogen to evaporate and prevent vial explosion.**

1. Pre-warm the water bath to 37 °C.
2. Warm the complete medium to 37 °C.
3. Add at least 5 mL of pre-warmed complete medium to a 15 mL centrifuge tube for subsequent use.
4. Remove the cryovial containing cells from the −80 °C freezer, immerse it in the 37 °C water bath, and gently and quickly swirl to thaw the cryopreservation medium.

Note:

(1) Gently swirl the cryovial during thawing to ensure rapid and uniform thawing.

(2) Avoid submerging the cap in water to prevent contamination.

(3) Stop thawing in the water bath when only a single ice crystal (approximately 2 mm in diameter) remains, then continue gently swirling the vial until it is completely thawed.

5. Wipe the outer surface of the cryovial with 75% ethanol.
6. In a biosafety cabinet, open the cryovial and transfer the cell suspension to the prepared centrifuge tube using a Pasteur pipette.
7. Rinse the cryovial once with 1 mL of complete medium to collect residual cells and minimize loss.
8. Centrifuge the cell suspension at 140 × g for 5 minutes.

   Note: **Please calculate the corresponding rotational speed using the formula: RCF = $1.118 \times 10^{-5} \times r \times RPM^2$ (where RCF is the relative centrifugal force, r is the rotor radius in cm, and RPM is the rotational speed).**

9. Carefully remove the supernatant after centrifugation. Add 2 mL of pre-warmed complete medium, gently resuspend the cell pellet by pipetting up and down to mix thoroughly.
10. Seed the cells into a T25 flask or culture vessel with an equivalent growth surface area. Add sufficient complete medium so that the total volume in a T25 flask is no less than 5 mL.
11. Gently swirl the flask to evenly distribute the cells, then incubate in a CO_2 incubator at 37 °C with 5% CO_2 and saturated humidity.
12. On the day after recovery, observe cell status and either replace the medium with fresh complete medium or passage the cells as needed.
13. Replace the complete medium every 3 days until the cells reach appropriate confluence.

Medium Replacement

Materials Required

- OriCell™ Complete Medium For PC-12 Cell Line (Cat. No.: CMR4-0201)

Steps

Note: **To avoid repeated warming of the complete medium, if the entire volume cannot be used in a single operation, it is recommended to aliquot the medium into appropriate sterile containers. When changing the medium, only prewarm the amount required for that day.**

1. Observe the cells under a microscope. If a large number of dead cells or debris is present, change the medium promptly.
2. Transfer the cell suspension into centrifuge tubes using a Pasteur pipette.
3. Centrifuge the cell suspension at 140 × g for 5 minutes, and then remove the supernatant.
4. Add 1 mL of complete medium to the cell pellet and gently resuspend the cells.
5. Transfer the cell suspension into a new culture vessel.
6. Add an appropriate amount of complete medium and incubate in a CO_2 incubator at 37 °C with 5% CO_2 and saturated humidity.
7. Thereafter, change the medium or passage the cells based on the condition of the medium and cell growth. Generally, medium is changed every other day.

Passaging Timing

Typically, PC-12 cells are passaged after 2 to 3 days of culture.

Passaging of Cells

Materials Required

- OriCell™ Phosphate-Buffered Saline Solution (1X) (Cat. No.: PBS-10001)
- OriCell™ Complete Medium For PC-12 Cell Line (Cat. No.: CMR4-0201)

Steps

1. Pre-warm the complete medium to 37 °C.
2. Transfer the medium from the culture vessel to a centrifuge tube using a Pasteur pipette. Wash the culture vessel once with PBS (approximately 3 mL for a T25 flask and 6 mL for a T75 flask) to collect residual cells.
3. Centrifuge all collected cell suspensions at 140 × g for 5 minutes.
4. Carefully remove the supernatant after centrifugation. Add 2 mL of pre-warmed complete medium and gently resuspend the cell pellet by pipetting up and down to thoroughly mix.
5. Seed the cells into a suitable culture vessel at a density of (2–3) × 10^4 viable cells/cm^2, or adjust the seeding density based on the actual growth conditions of the cells.

   Note: **We recommend manual cell counting when conditions permit and counting efficiency is high, in order to obtain an accurate cell concentration to guide seeding. If precise counting is not feasible, subculturing at an appropriate ratio is a better alternative. Typically, PC-12 cells are passaged at a ratio of 1:3 to 1:6, with cells reaching passage confluence within 36 hours. Please adjust the subculture ratio according to the actual condition of the cells.**

6. Gently agitate the vessel to ensure uniform cell distribution and place it in an incubator at 37 °C, 5% CO_2, and saturated humidity.
7. On the day after passaging, observe the cell condition. If a significant number of floating cells are present, replace the culture medium.
8. Replace the culture medium every 3 days. When cells reach appropriate confluence, passage

or cryopreserve the cells.

Cryopreservation of Cells

Materials Required

- OriCell™ NCR Protein-Free Cryopreservation Medium For General Use (Cat. No.: NCPF-10001)
- OriCell™ NCR Cryopreservation Medium For General Use (Cat. No.: NCRC-10001)

Steps

1. Cells should be cryopreserved once they reach an appropriate density suitable for passaging.
2. For cell collection, please refer to passaging steps 1-3 above.
3. Carefully remove the supernatant after centrifugation and gently resuspend the cells in an appropriate volume of cryopreservation medium.
4. Aliquot the cells into cryovials according to the desired cell number or proportion.

   Note: **If accurate cell counting is not feasible, we recommend aliquoting cells proportionally for freezing. Prolonged exposure to non-culture conditions will significantly compromise cell viability. Maintain the cells at 4 ° C during counting to minimize metabolic activity and preserve cell integrity.**

5. When using any of the recommended NCR cryopreservation media above, cryovials can be directly placed individually into a -80°C freezer.

   Note: **Avoid opening the freezer door during the first 4 hours of freezing, as temperature fluctuations can adversely affect cell viability.**

6. After approximately 8 hours, transfer the cryovials to liquid nitrogen for long-term storage.

   Note: **Do not store the cryovials at -80 °C for more than 48 hours.**

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