

TC28a2 Human Chondrocyte Cell Line

Immortalized Cell Line

Cat. # SCC042

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THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Pack size: $\geq 1 \times 10^6$

viable cells/vial

Store in liquid nitrogen



Certificate of Analysis

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Background

The chondrocyte is the only specialized cell type present in articular cartilage. They produce secretions to support and repair the cartilage matrix. Human chondrocytes in mature articular cartilage are post-mitotic and terminally differentiated cells. Studies on human chondrocytes have been hampered by the difficulty in obtaining sufficient numbers of primary human chondrocytes from a single joint and by variabilities among donors due to factors such as age and medical conditions.

TC28a2 (alternatively known as T/C-28a2) is an immortalized human chondrocyte line that is widely used as a model cell line for studying normal and pathological cartilage repair mechanisms related to chondrocyte biology and physiology.

Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Profile

D3S1358: 16	D16S539: 12, 13
TH01: 9.3	CSF1PO: 12, 13
D21S11: 29	Penta D: 14
D18S51: 16, 19	vWA: 14, 18
Penta E: 7, 11	D8S1179: 11, 13
D5S818: 11, 12	TPOX: 8
D13S317: 11	FGA: 20
D7S820: 8, 10	Amelogenin: X

Immortalized cell lines are inherently genetically unstable. Genetic instability may arise in the form of loss of heterozygosity of alleles at one or more genetic sites with increased passages.

Source

T/C-28a2 cell line was established by transfecting primary cultures (day 5) of costal cartilage from a 15-year-old female with a retroviral vector expressing simian virus SV40 large T antigen.

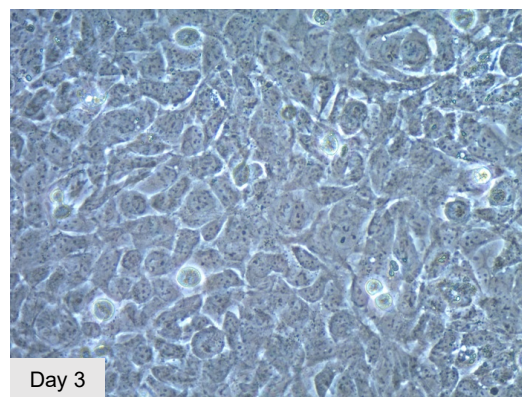
Quality Control Testing

- Each vial contains $\geq 1 \times 10^6$ viable cells.
- Cells are tested negative for HPV-16, HPV-18, Hepatitis A, B, C, and HIV-1 & 2 viruses by PCR.
- Cells are negative for mycoplasma contamination.
- Each lot of cells is genotyped by STR analysis to verify the unique identity of the cell line.

Storage and Handling

T/C-28a2 human chondrocytes should be stored in liquid nitrogen. The cells can be cultured for at least 10 passages after initial thawing without significantly affecting the cell marker expression and functionality.

Data



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SPECIES LEGEND: H Human Ca Canine M Mouse R Rat Rb Rabbit B Bovine P Porcine WR Most Common Vertebrates

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Protocols

Thawing Cells

1. Do not thaw the cells until the recommended medium is on hand. Cells can grow on normal tissue culture ware surfaces without any additional coating.

Cells are thawed and expanded in DMEM High Glucose (EMD Millipore Cat. No. SLM-120-B) containing 10% FBS (EMD Millipore Cat. No. ES-009-B),

2. Remove the vial of frozen T/C-28a2 cells from liquid nitrogen and incubate in a 37°C water bath. Closely monitor until the cells are completely thawed. Maximum cell viability is dependent on the rapid and complete thawing of frozen cells.

IMPORTANT: Do not vortex the cells.

3. As soon as the cells are completely thawed, disinfect the outside of the vial with 70% ethanol. Proceed immediately to the next step.
4. In a laminar flow hood, use a 1 or 2 mL pipette to transfer the cells to a sterile 15 mL conical tube. Be careful not to introduce any bubbles during the transfer process.
5. Using a 10 mL pipette, slowly add dropwise 9 mL of 10% FBS Media (Step 1 above; pre-warmed to 37°C) to the 15 mL conical tube.

IMPORTANT: Do not add the entire volume of media all at once to the cells. This may result in decreased cell viability due to osmotic shock.

6. Gently mix the cell suspension by slowly pipetting up and down twice. Be careful not to introduce any bubbles.

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7. Centrifuge the tube at 300 x g for 2-3 minutes to pellet the cells.
8. Decant as much of the supernatant as possible. Steps 5-8 are necessary to remove residual cryopreservative (DMSO).
9. Resuspend the cells in 10-15 mL of 10% FBS Medium (pre-warmed to 37°C).
10. Transfer the cell mixture to a T75 tissue culture flask.
11. Incubate the cells at 37°C in a humidified incubator with 5% CO₂.
12. The next day, exchange the medium with 10-15 mL of fresh 10% FBS Medium pre-warmed to 37°C. Exchange with fresh medium every two to three days thereafter.
13. When the cells are approximately 90% confluent, they can be dissociated with Accutase (EMD Millipore Cat. No. SCR005) or trypsin-EDTA (EMD Millipore Cat. No. SM-2003-C) and further passaged or, alternatively, frozen for later use.

Subculturing Cells

1. Carefully remove the medium from the T75 tissue culture flask containing the confluent layer of T/C-28a2 cells.
2. Apply 3-5 mL of Accutase or trypsin-EDTA solution and incubate in a 37°C incubator for 3-5 minutes.
3. Inspect the flask and ensure the complete detachment of cells by gently tapping the side of the flask with the palm of your hand.
4. Add 8 mL of 10% FBS Medium (pre-warmed to 37°C) to the plate.
5. Gently rotate the flask to mix the cell suspension. Transfer the dissociated cells to a 15 mL conical tube.
6. Centrifuge the tube at 300 x g for 3-5 minutes to pellet the cells.
7. Discard the supernatant, then loosen the cell pellet by tapping the tip of the tube with a finger.
8. Apply 2 mL of 10% FBS Medium (pre-warmed to 37°C) to the conical tube and resuspend the cells thoroughly.

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9. Count the number of cells using a hemocytometer.
10. Plate the cells to the desired density (typical split ratio is 1:8 to 1:10).

Cryopreserving Cells

T/C-28a2 cells can be frozen in the expansion media plus 10% DMSO using a Nalgene slow freeze Mr. Frosty container.

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