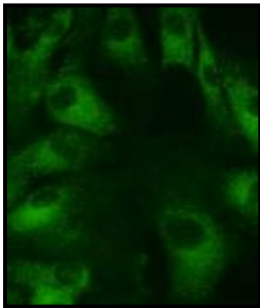


HUMAN CHONDROCYTES

SKELETAL CELL SYSTEM INNOPROFILE™



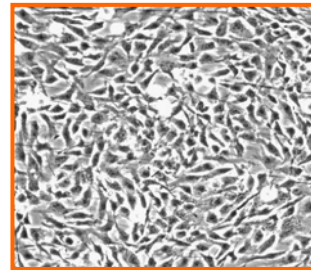
Product Type:	Cryo-preserved Chondrocytes
Catalog Number:	P10970
Source:	Human Articular Cartilage
Number of Cells:	5 x 10 ⁵ Cells / vial (1ml)
Storage:	Liquid Nitrogen

Human Chondrocytes (HC) provided by Innoprot are isolated from human articular cartilage. HC are cryopreserved at primary cultures and delivered frozen. HC are guaranteed to further expand for 15 population doublings in the conditions provided in the technical sheet.

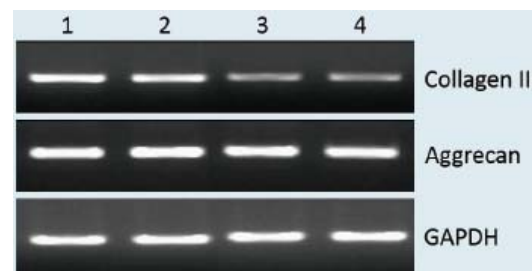
Chondrocytes are the resident cells of cartilage and are responsible for synthesizing a range of collagenous and non-collagenous extracellular matrix macromolecules. These include collagen type II, aggrecan and link protein and smaller amounts of collagen types IX and XI. The control of proliferation and differentiation of chondrogenic cells is central to the coordinated development of the vertebrate skeleton. Chondrocytes are capable of producing and responding to a large number of peptide growth factors and cytokines, including insulin-like growth factor-1 and interleukin-1. Chondrocyte cultures are useful in vitro models for studying cartilage regeneration and repair, cytokine and growth factor effects on cartilage, specific gene regulation and pathophysiology of arthritis.

Recommended Medium

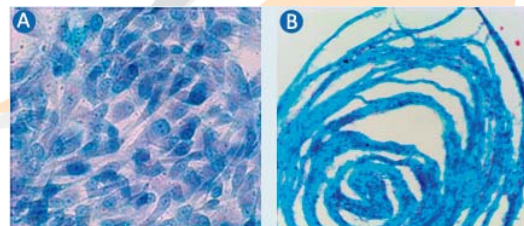
- Chondrocyte Medium
(Reference: P60137)



Product Characterization



Molecular characterization of P10970 at Passages 0-3.
RT-PCR results for expression of chondrocyte markers. Lanes 1 & 2 = Passage 0. Lanes 3 & 4 = Passage 3.



Cytochemical staining for proteoglycans. Chondrocytes were stained with alcian blue and counter-stained with nuclear fast red. (A) Fixed Passage 0 cells at 10x. (B) OCT-embedded Day 21 Cells at 4x. The blue color indicates deposition of proteoglycans.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CULTURING CELLS

IMPORTANT: Cryopreserved cells are very delicate. Thaw the vial in a 37 °C waterbath and return them to culture as quickly as possible with minimal handling!

Set up culture after receiving the order:

1. Prepare a poly-L-lysine coated flask (2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$, T-75 flask is recommended). Add 10 ml of sterile water to a T-75 flask and then add 150 μl of poly-L-lysine stock solution (1 mg/ml, Innoprot Ref. PLL). Leave flask in incubator overnight (minimum one hour at 37°C incubator).
2. Prepare complete medium: decontaminate the external surfaces of medium and medium supplements with 70% ethanol and transfer them to sterile field. Aseptically open each supplement tube and add them to the basal medium with a pipette. Rinse each tube with medium to recover the entire volume.
3. Rinse the poly-L-lysine coated flask with sterile water twice and add 20 ml of complete medium to the flask. Leave the flask in the hood and go to thaw the cells.
4. Place the vial in a 37°C waterbath, hold and rotate the vial gently until the contents are completely thawed. Remove the vial from the waterbath immediately, wipe it dry, rinse the vial with 70% ethanol and transfer it to a sterile field. Remove the cap, being careful not to touch the interior threads with fingers. Using a 1 ml eppendorf pipette gently resuspend the contents of the vial.
5. Dispense the contents of the vial into the equilibrated, poly-L-lysine coated culture vessels. A seeding density of 5,000 cells/cm² is recommended.

Note: Dilution and centrifugation of cells after thawing are not recommended since these actions are more harmful to the cells than the effect of DMSO residue in the culture. It is also important that cells are plated in poly-L-lysine coated culture vessels that promote cell attachment and growth.

6. Replace the cap or cover of flask, and gently rock the vessel to distribute the cells evenly. Loosen cap if necessary to permit gas exchange.
7. Return the culture vessels to the incubator.
8. For best result, do not disturb the culture for at least 16 hours after the culture has been initiated. Change the growth medium the next day to remove the residual DMSO and unattached cells, then every other day thereafter.

Maintenance of Culture:

1. Change the medium to fresh supplemented medium the next morning after establishing a culture from cryopreserved cells.
2. Change the medium every three days thereafter, until the culture is approximately 70% confluent.
3. Once the culture reaches 70% confluence, change medium every other day until the culture is approximately 90% confluent.

Subculture:

1. Subculture when the culture reaches 90% confluency or above.
 2. Prepare poly-L-lysine-coated culture vessels (2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) one day before subculture.
 3. Warm complete medium, trypsin/EDTA solution (T/E Solution), T/E neutralization solution (TNS), and DPBS (Ca^{++} - and Mg^{++} -free) to room temperature. We do not recommend warming reagents and medium in a 37°C water bath prior to use.
- Note: DPBS, trypsin/EDTA solution & trypsin neutralization solution are included in the "Primary Cells Detach Kit provided by Innoprot (Cat. N° P60305).
4. Rinse the cells with DPBS.
 5. Add 8 ml of DPBS and then 2 ml of T/E solution into flask (in the case of a T-75 flask). Gently rock the flask to ensure complete coverage of cells by T/E solution. Incubate the flask in a 37°C incubator for 1 to 2 minutes or until cells completely round up. Use a microscope to monitor the change in cell morphology.
 6. During incubation, prepare a 50 ml conical centrifuge tube with 5 ml of fetal bovine serum (FBS).
 7. Transfer T/E solution from the flask to the 50 ml centrifuge tube (a small percent of cells may detach) and continue to incubate the flask at 37°C for another 1 to 2 minutes (no solution in the flask at this moment).
 8. At the end of incubation, gently tap the side of the flask to dislodge cells from the surface. Check under a microscope to make sure that all cells detach.
 9. Add 5 ml of TNS solution to the flask and transfer detached cells to the 50 ml centrifuge tube. Rinse the flask with another 5 ml of TNS to collect the residual cells.
 10. Examine the flask under a microscope for a successful cell harvest by looking at the number of cells being left behind; there should be less than 5%.
 11. Centrifuge the 50 ml centrifuge tube at 1000 rpm for 5 minutes. Resuspend cells in culture medium.
 12. Count and plate cells in a new poly-L-lysine-coated culture vessel with the recommended cell density.

Caution: Handling human derived products is potentially biohazardous. Although each cell strain testes negative for HIV, HBV and HCV DNA, diagnostic tests are not necessarily 100% accurate, therefore, proper precautions must be taken to avoid inadvertent exposure. Always wear gloves and safety glasses when working these materials. Never mouth pipette. We recommend following the universal procedures for handling products of human origin as the minimum precaution against contamination [1].

- [1]. Grizzle, W. E., and Polt, S. S. (1988) Guidelines to avoid personal contamination by infective agents in research laboratories that use human tissues. *J Tissue Culture Methods*. 11(4).