

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Product Name: SUM44PE

Product Description

The SUM44PE cell line was developed from a pleural effusion from a patient with ER positive, PR negative and Her2 positive breast cancer. The cell line is immortal and expresses luminal cytokeratins 8, 18, and 19 consistent with their origin from luminal breast epithelial cells.

Quality Control

The cells are grown in antibiotic free medium and monitored for bacterial contamination. The cell cultures have tested mycoplasma-negative.

Storage

One vial of 1×10^6 cells in cryopreservation media (CryoStor® CS5, BioLife Solutions).

Handling/Caution Statement

Use Biosafety Level 1 safety procedures when handling this cell line.

Materials

Reagent	Recommended Supplier	Part Number
Ham's F-12	Gibco	11765
Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) or other serum-free isotonic solution	Gibco	10010031
Bovine Serum Albumin (fatty acid free)*	Sigma-Aldrich	A8806
Ethanolamine	Sigma-Aldrich	E0135
HEPES	Sigma-Aldrich	H3375
Hydrocortisone (<i>do not sterile filter</i>)	Sigma-Aldrich	H4001
Insulin	Sigma-Aldrich	I9278
Sodium Selenite (Se)	Sigma-Aldrich	S9133
apo-Transferrin	Sigma-Aldrich	T2252
Triiodo-L-Thyronine (T3)	Sigma-Aldrich	T5516
Fetal Bovine Serum (Qualified)†, heat-inactivated	Gibco	26140-079
TrypLE™ Express (<i>or trypsin</i>)	Gibco	12605-010
CryoStor CS5	BioLife Solutions	205102

*It is highly recommended that only BSA from Sigma-Aldrich be used in the culture of SUM44PE.

†FBS is used for the initial 24 hours of culture (from frozen stock or subculturing).

Materials
Cell Culture Treated Flask, T-25
Cell Culture Treated Flask, T-75
70% Ethanol (EtOH)
Sterile Conical Tubes, 50ml

Equipment
Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC) - Level I
Centrifuge
Incubator: 37°C, 5% CO ₂
Water bath, 37°C

Protocol

Culture Medium Preparation

Note: This cell line requires 2 different media formulations, "Culture Medium" and "2% FBS Culture Medium". Use the media with FBS when thawing and subculturing cells into new culture vessels to ensure that they attach. Once the cells are well attached switch to the Culture Medium (without FBS) for regular media changes.

Culture Medium

Used for Cell Maintenance and preparation of 2% FBS Culture Medium for Cell Thaw, Post Thaw Culture, and Cell Subculturing.

1. In Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC)
 - a. Prepare reagents (refer to manufacturer instructions for recommended protocols).
 - b. Prepare *Culture Medium* according to the recipe listed in Table 1 below.
2. Store prepared *Culture Medium* at 2-8°C until ready for use.

Table 1: SUM44PE Culture Medium

Component	Stock Concentrations	Final Concentrations	Amount added to 500ml
Ham's F-12	-	-	468ml
Bovine Serum Albumin	20g/L	1g/L	25ml
Ethanolamine	16.6M	5mM	151µl
HEPES	1M	10mM	5ml
Hydrocortisone	1mg/ml	1µg/ml	500µl
Insulin	1mg/ml	5µg/ml	2.5ml
Sodium Selenite (Se)	20µg/ml	8.7ng/ml (50nM)	216µl
apo-Transferrin	2.5mg/ml	5µg/ml	1ml
Triiodo Thyronine (T3)	20µg/ml	6.7ng/ml (10nM)	168µl

2% FBS Culture Medium

Used for Cell Thaw, Post Thaw Culture, and Cell Subculturing

3. In Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC):
 - a. Transfer 49ml of prepared *Culture Medium* into a 50ml conical tube (or equivalent).

- b. Add 1ml of Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) to 50ml conical tube.
4. Warm supplemented medium in 37°C water bath prior to use.

Antibiotic/Antimycotic usage

BioIVT does not recommend the use of antibiotics or antimycotics. Use in cell culture media at your own discretion.

Cell Thaw

Note: *Some liquid nitrogen-stored vials may blow off cap when transferred to warm water due to gas overexpansion. Always wear appropriate protective clothing when handling frozen vials and perform the following steps as directed.*

5. Equilibrate **2% FBS Culture Medium** to 37°C.
6. In BSC, transfer 25ml of **2% FBS Culture Medium** to a 50ml conical tube.
7. Disinfect vial with 70% ethanol (or equivalent) and place in BSC, twist cell vial cap one quarter turn. Re-tighten cap.
8. Quickly swirl and thaw vial in 37°C water bath (~2 minutes). Do not submerge vial past cap threads. Immediately remove vial from bath the moment thaw is complete. **Do not allow the suspension to warm.**
9. Disinfect vial with 70% ethanol (or equivalent) and place in BSC.

Post Thaw Culture

10. In BSC:
 - a. Quickly transfer thawed contents from cell vial into the 50ml conical containing pre-warmed **2% FBS Culture Medium** and rinse pipette tip 3-5 times.
 - b. Optional: rinse vial with **2% FBS Culture Medium** to collect any remaining cells and transfer to 50ml conical.
 - c. Mix entire suspension thoroughly.
11. Centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately 200xg for 5-10 minutes.
12. After centrifugation is complete, transfer conical tube to BSC:
 - a. Remove supernatant.
 - b. Re-suspend cells with 2-3ml of pre-warmed **2% FBS Culture Medium**.
 - c. Remove sample for counting and viability testing (approximately 20µl).
 - d. Transfer cell suspension to appropriately sized culture flask and add media as indicated:

Table 2: Cell seeding volume

Flask	Media Volume	Total # Cells
T-25	5ml	4x10 ⁵
T-75	15ml	1x10 ⁶

Gently rock the culture flasks to evenly distribute the cells.

13. Place flask into a 37°C incubator at 5% CO₂.
14. Incubate for 1 day then perform Post-seeding Evaluation.

Post-seeding Evaluation

15. The day after initiating cell culture, evaluate the cell adherence:
 - If the majority of cells are adherent, proceed with Cell Maintenance.
 - If there is poor adherence, transfer supernatant to a 50ml conical tube and repeat Post Thaw Culture steps 11 - 14 using **2% FBS Culture Medium**. Add cells to a new appropriately sized flask.

Cell Maintenance

16. Equilibrate **Culture Medium** to 37°C.
17. Evaluate cell confluence (refer to Appendix Picture 1 for visual reference).

Note: *Cells grow in clumps and are density dependent. Cultures do not grow well if allowed to exceed 90% confluence (and will slow or cease expansion).*

- a. If cells are less than 80% confluent, perform steps 18 - 20.
 - b. If cells are at least 80% confluent, proceed to Cell Subculturing steps.
18. In BSC:
 - a. Remove supernatant.
 - b. Add appropriate amount of warmed *Culture Medium* (refer to Table 2).
 19. Place flask into a 37°C incubator at 5% CO₂.
 20. Incubate cells; observe daily and repeat Cell Maintenance steps as necessary.
 21. Change media 3 times per week for established cultures.

Cell Subculturing

22. Equilibrate **2% FBS Culture Medium**, TrypLE™ and serum-free isotonic solution (e.g. phosphate buffered saline or equivalent) to 37°C.
23. In BSC:
 - a. Remove supernatant.
 - b. Rinse flask with 3-5ml pre-warmed serum-free isotonic solution and discard.
 - c. Add 2-5ml fresh, pre-warmed TrypLE™.
24. Incubate at 37°C, checking for cell dissociation every 2 minutes, until cells are detached.
25. Once cells have detached, transfer flask to BSC and add a volume of pre-warmed **2% FBS Culture Medium** equal to that of the TrypLE™ used (to neutralize TrypLE™).
26. Aspirate and pipette cell suspension a number of times to obtain a single-cell suspension.
27. Transfer the suspension to a 50ml conical tube.
28. Rinse the flask with an additional 3-5ml of pre-warmed **2% FBS Culture Medium** to collect residual cells.
29. Pipette and thoroughly mix the suspension in the conical tube.
30. Perform Post Thaw Culture steps 11- 14 and Post-seeding Evaluation.
 - a. Passage cells every 7-10 days at 1:3 split ratio.
 - b. Refer to Table 2 for cell seeding volumes.

Freezing Cells

31. Place a controlled rate freezing unit (e.g. Nalgene® Mr. Frosty) at 4°C 1-2 hours prior to expected usage.
32. Perform Cell Subculturing steps 22 - 29.
33. Proceed to perform Post Thaw Culture steps 11 & 12(a-c).
34. When cell counts/ml of suspension has been determined, centrifuge the suspension again at 200xg for 5-10 minutes.
35. After centrifugation is complete, transfer conical tube to BSC.
 - a. Remove supernatant.
 - b. Gradually add cooled (4°C) cryopreservation medium (CryoStor® 5 or preferred cryopreservation medium) to re-suspend the pelleted cells to the desired concentration.
36. Mix to a homogenous suspension and aliquot to cryopreservation vials.
37. Transfer to the pre-cooled rate freezing unit.
38. Place the controlled rate freezing unit in -80°C freezer for 24 hours.
39. Transfer vials of cells from -80°C to liquid nitrogen vapor phase.

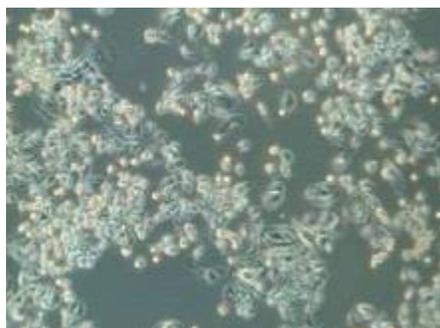
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Troubleshooting

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Poor cell growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media incorrectly supplemented • Cell plate density too low • Cell confluence too high before splitting • Incubator temperature / CO2 settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ensure media supplements are reconstituted per vendor instructions ▶ Plate cells at recommended density (Table 2) ▶ Use media with 2% FBS for plating cells ▶ Passage cells at 1:3 split ratio ▶ Incubate at 37°C / 5% CO2
Low viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vial thaw procedure error (vial left in warm water bath too long) • Vial storage temperature too high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Perform quick thaw procedure ▶ Store vial at -70°C or lower prior to thaw

Appendix



Picture 1: SUM44PE cells in culture

Related Products

SUM52PE	SUM190PT
SUM102PT	SUM225CWN
SUM149PT	SUM229PE
SUM159PT	SUM1315MO2
SUM185PE	
Primary Human Breast Cancer Associated Epithelial Cells	Primary Human Breast Cancer Associated Fibroblasts