Disease Specific iPS Cells
Cat #SC60XA Series

User Manual

Store in Gas Phase of Liquid Nitrogen

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List of Components

Each disease specific iPS cell line set comes as one vial with 2 x 10^5 cells.

The product is shipped on dry ice and should be immediately stored in the gas phase of liquid nitrogen.

In general, iPS cells are challenging to culture and should only be operated by researchers experienced in the intricacies of human embryonic stem (hES) cell culture. The methods for culture are nearly identical to hES cell culture, although more care and increased maintenance will be required.

Disease-specific iPS cells must be grown on feeder cells for culture. MEF cells for feeder cells can be obtained from Applied Stemcell, Inc (http://www.appliedstemcell.com). HFF cells for feeder cells can be obtained from SBI (Cat # PC502B-HFF).

I. Human Disease-Specific iPS Cells

A. Description

SBI and DV Biologics have partnered to develop novel human iPS cell lines from patient-derived sources. Utilizing iPS cell lines from these disorders represents an oopportunity to recapitulate both normal and pathological tissue formation *in vitro* for the ideal drug development screening cell line, to facilitate new therapeutic discovery and disease modeling.

Human disease-specific induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs, cat#) were generated by transducing source cells with retroviruses individually encoding the four human transcription factors (Oct4, Sox2, Klf4, and c-Myc) that have been shown to induce the reprogramming of somatic cells to a pluripotent state. The cells were derived using morphological selection criteria and without the use of fluorescent markers or drug selection. When cultured under standard human ES cell culture conditions, the morphology of SBI human disease-specific iPSCs is identical to that of human ES cells. The cells also express the pluripotency markers SSEA-4 and Nanog, and demonstrate a strong endogenous AP activity. All disease-specific iPS cell lines have also been karyotyped.

Human iPS cells must be grown either on a feeder cell layer. Appropriate feeder cells for human iPS cells are mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs, available from Applied Stemcell, Inc (http://www.appliedstemcell.com/), or human foreskin fibroblasts (HFFs, available from System Biosciences, Cat# PC502B-HFF).

B. Type I Diabetes iPS cell line (Cat# SC602A-DTI)

Type I Diabetes is an autoimmune condition where the pancreatic beta cells are destroyed. Patients display diabetes-related autoantibodies. The cause of type I diabetes is polygenic, and chronic insulin therapy is required for survival.

The type I diabetes human iPS cells were derived from human patient fibroblasts from cultured skin explants from a single donor. The patient was a 29-year old female of Hispanic-Caucasian descent, who was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes at age 12.

C. Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) iPS cell line (Cat# SC601A-MLD)

Metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD) is a group of disorders marked by storage buildup in the white matter of the central nervous system, in the peripheral nerves, and to some extent in the kidneys. Similar to Krabbé disease, MLD affects the myelin that covers and protects the nerves. This autosomal recessive disorder is caused by a deficiency of the enzyme arylsulfatase A. Both males and females are affected by this disorder and death generally occurs within 6 to 14 years after onset of symptoms. MLD has a juvenile onset that is marked by proximal and distal weakness, hypotonia, decreased or absent tendon reflexes, and mild distal sensory loss. The MLD iPS cell line were drived from human patient fibroblasts cultured from skin explants from a single. They can be used as a model to study other polyneuropathies as well.

D. Culture conditions for MEF feeder cells

1. Required media and reagents

Reagent	Information
MEF Medium	DMEM containing 10% FBS, 2 mM glutamine, 1×10^{-4} M nonessential amino acids and 50 U and 50 µg/ml penicillin and streptomycin.
2x Cold Freezing Media	20% DMSO and 80% FBS
Mitomycin C solution	1 mg/ ml

2. Gelatin treatment of plates for MEF feeder cells

1) Add enough sterile/ autoclaved 0.1% gelatin to cover the bottom of the wells.

Approximate amounts:

10cm plate – 5 ml
6 well – 1.5 ml/ well
24 well – 0.5 ml/ well
96 well – 200 µl/ well

2) Incubate the gelatin-coated dishes for at least 15 min at 37°C.

3) Aspirate excess gelatin solution before use.

3. Thawing MEF cells

To insure the highest level of viability, be sure to warm medium to 37°C before using it on the cells. Cells should be plated at a minimum cell density of 1 x 10^4 cells/ cm^2.

1) Remove the vial from liquid nitrogen and thaw quickly in a 37°C water bath.

2) Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the cells are half-thawed, and sterilize the tube by spraying with 70% ethanol.

3) Transfer the cells with 10 ml of MEF medium to a 15 cm conical tube and pellet the cells by centrifugation at 200 *g* for 5 min.

4) Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cells with 10 ml fresh MEF medium and plate the cells at seed density of 10^4 cells/ cm^2.

5) Incubate at 37°C with 5% CO_2, until the cells reach 80-90% confluency.

6) Change medium twice a week or when pH decreases.

4. Passaging MEF cells

Cells should be split when they reach confluency. We recommend splitting the cells based on 0.5x10^4 cells/ cm^2.

1) Discard the medium and wash the cells twice with PBS.

2) Aspirate PBS, and add 1 ml per T75 flask of 0.25% trypsin-EDTA, and incubate for 1 min.

3) Add 5 ml of MEF medium, and break up the cell clumps by gently pipetting up and down several times.

4) Transfer cells into a conical tube and centrifuge at 200 g for 5 min.

5) Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in 10 ml MEF medium.

6) Count the number of cells, plate cells at $0.5x10^4$ cells/ cm^2 and incubate at 37°C with 5% CO_2.

5. Freezing MEF cells

1) Follow steps 1-4 from the Passaging MEF cells protocol (above).

2) Discard the supernatant, and resuspend the pellet in MEF medium. Add approximately 1 ml for each T75 flask.

3) Count the number of cells and dilute the cell suspension to 1×10^7 cells/ ml.

4) Add an equal volume of cold 2X Freezing Media to the cell suspension.

5) Aliquot 1 ml of suspension into each cryovial (5×10^6 cells/ vial).

6) Place the vials in a cell-freezing container and keep it at -80°C overnight.

7) Transfer the vials to a liquid nitrogen take for long-term storage.

6. Mitomycin C treatment of MEF

Mitomycin C acts to halt the division of MEF cells so that they can be used to condition the medium for human iPS cells. MEF cells should be at confluence when treated with mitomycin C.

1) Add 6 ml of fresh MEF medium contain 50 µl of mitomycin C solution (1 mg/ ml) to one T75 flask of confluent MEF cells, and swirl it briefly. The final concentration of mitomycin C is 8 µg/ ml.

2) Incubate at 37°C for at least 3 hrs.

3) Aspirate the mitomycin C-containing medium off the cells and wash the cells twice with 10 ml PBS.

4) Aspirate PBS and add 1 ml of 0.25% trypsin-EDTA, swirl to cover the entire surface, and incubate for 1 min at room temperature.

5) Add 5 ml MEF medium and break up the cells to a single-cell suspension by pipetting up and down. Count the number of cells.

6) Seed the cells on gelatin-coated dishes (2 x 10^6 cells per 100-mm dish, or 3 x 10^5 cells per well of a 6-well plate).

7) Cells should be ready to use by the next day.

E. Culture Conditions for HFF feeder cells

HFF cells for feeder cells can be obtained from SBI (Cat # PC502B-HFF). The HFF cells provided in the iPSC kits are not suitable for use as feeder cells.

1. Required media and reagents

Reagent	Information
HFF Medium	DMEM containing 10% FBS, 2mM glutamine, 0.1 M nonessential amino acids, and 50 U and 50 µg/ml penicillin and streptomycin.
2x Cold Freezing Media	20% DMSO and 80% FBS

2. Gelatin treatment of plates for HFF feeder cells (optional)

1) Add enough sterile/ autoclaved 0.1% gelatin to cover the bottom of the wells.

Approximate amounts:
10cm plate – 5 ml
6 well – 1.5 ml/ well
24 well – 0.5 ml/ well
96 ell – 200 µl/ well

2) Incubate the gelatin-coated dishes for at least 15 min at 37°C.

3) Aspirate excess gelatin solution before using

3. Thawing HFF cells

To insure the highest level of viability, be sure to warm medium to 37°C before using it on the cells. Cells should be plated at a minimum cell density of 1 x 10^4 cells/ cm^2.

1) Remove the vial from liquid nitrogen and thaw quickly in 37°C.

2) Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the cells are half-thawed, and sterilize by spraying with 70% ethanol.

3) Transfer the cells with 10 ml of HFF medium to a 15 cm conical tube and pellet the cells by centrifugation at 200 g for 5 min.

4) Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cells with 10 ml fresh HFF medium and plate the cells at seed density of 1 x 10^4 cells/ cm^2.

5) Incubate at 37°C with 5% CO_2, until the cells reach 80-90% confluency.

6) Change medium twice a week or when pH decreases.

F. Growth Conditions for Human Disease-Specific iPS cells

1. Required media and reagents

Reagent	Information
Human ES Knockout Medium	DMEM/F12 containing 20% knockout serum replacement, 2mM glutamine, 0.1 M nonessential amino acids, 0.1 M 2-mercaptoethanol, 10 ng/ml bFGF, and 50 U and 50 µg/ ml penicillin and streptomycin.
StemPure Medium	SBI (Cat #SC050-1). May be substituted for Human ES medium.
2x Cold Freezing Media	20% DMSO and 80% FBS
Knockout DMEM/F12	Invitrogen
ROCK Inhibitor (Y-27632)	Sigma
Accutase	Millipore

2. Thawing human iPS cells

To insure the highest level of viability, be sure to warm medium to 37°C before using it on the cells. **Due to the low survival rate of cryopreserved human iPS cells, the recovery is expected to take at least one week.**

1) Remove the vial from liquid nitrogen and thaw quickly in a 37°C water bath.

2) Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the cells are half-thawed, and sterilize by spraying with 70% ethanol.

3) Transfer the cells with 10 ml of human ES medium to a 15 ml conical tube and pellet the cells by centrifugation at 200g for 5 min.

4) While centrifuging, remove MEF/ HFF medium from the feeder cell plates, and wash the wells twice with Knockout DMEM/F12. Then add 1 ml of human ES Medium with 10 μM ROCK inhibitor (Y-27632).

5) Discard the supernatant from the human iPS cells, and resuspend the cells with 1 ml fresh human ES medium containing 10 μM ROCK inhibitor (Y-27632). Plate the cells on MEF or HFF feeder cells.

6) After 24 hours, remove the media and replace with human ES media (without ROCK inhibitor).

7) Incubate at 37°C with 5% CO_2 until the cells reach 80% confluency. The ES media must be changed every day and human iPS cells subcultured every 5-7 days.

3. Maintenance and Passage of human iPS cells

In order to maintain pluripotency, it is important not to keep human iPS cells in culture for long periods of time.

1) Aspirate the medium and wash the cells twice with 1 ml of PBS.

2) Remove PBS completely and add 0.5 ml of 1x Accutase and incubate for 2 min at room temperature.

3) Tap the bottom of the plate to dislodge the cells from the bottom of the plate. Then aspirate the accutase.

4) Add 1 ml of DMEM/F12 to the plate and carefully wash the feeder cells, and aspirate the medium. Repeat.

5) Add 1 ml of human ES medium containing 10 μM ROCK inhibitor to the plate and suspend the cell colonies by pipetting up and down. It is important not to break up the colonies into single cells.

6) Remove a plate of MEF or HFF feeder cells from the incubator. Aspirate the MEF medium. Wash once with KO DMEM/F12 medium.

7) Distribute 0.2 – 0.3 ml of the human iPS cell suspension to each well of a 6-well plate. Add hES medium with ROCK inhibitor to a final volume of 2 ml per well. Right after plating the iPS cells, gently swirl the plate back-and-forth and side-to-side and incubate at 37°C.

8) After 24 hours, remove the media and replace with human ES media (without ROCK inhibitor).

9) The ES media must be changed every day and human iPS cells subcultured every 5-7 days. Track the passage number of the iPS cells.

4. Freezing human iPS Cells

1) Grow cells to the exponential phase in a 6-well plate.

2) Aspirate the medium and wash the cells twice with 2 ml PBS.

3) Add 0.5 ml of 1x accutase and incubate 2 min at 37°C. Aspirate the accutase

4) Add 1 ml of Knockout DMEM/F12 to the plate and carefully wash the feeder cells.

5) Add 1 ml of human ES medium to the plate. Scrape the colonies off using a cell scraper.

6) Transfer the cell suspension to a 15 ml conical tube and spin the cells at 200 g for 5 min.

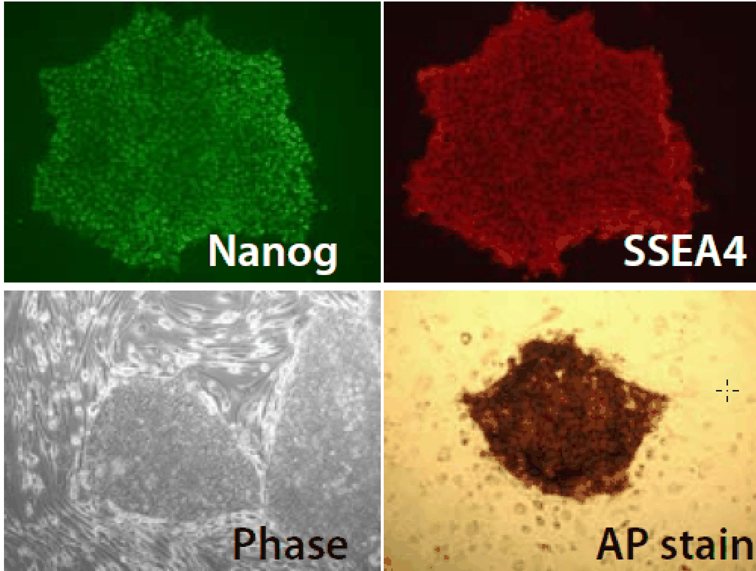
7) Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cells with 0.5 ml FBS.

8) Add an equal volume of 2x freezing medium, and aliquot it at 1 ml per vial.

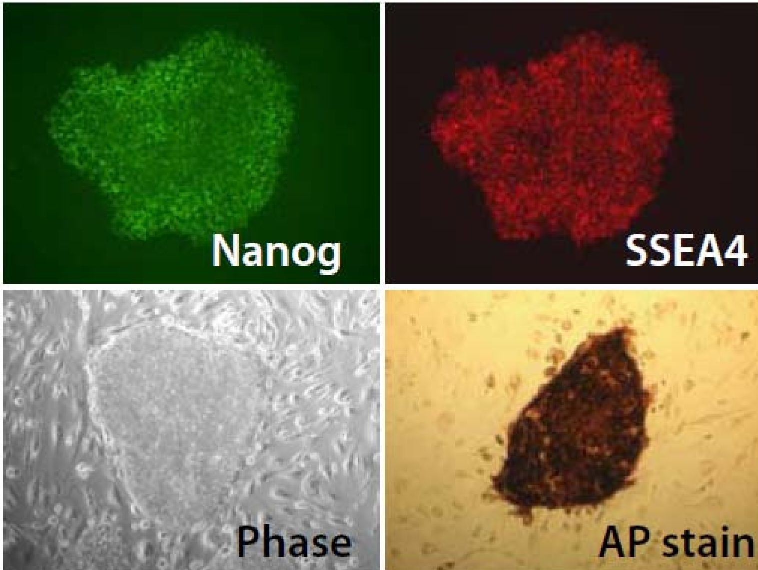
9) Put the vials in a cell-freezing container, and store the vials at -80°C overnight.

10) Transfer the vials to liquid nitrogen for long-term storage.

G. Validation of human iPS Cells



Stem cell markers for Nanog (top left) and SSEA4 (top right) were determined by immunocytochemistry using antibodies for SSEA4 (Abcam) and Nanog (Abcam) followed by fluorescent-labeled Alexa Fluor secondary antibodies (Invitrogen). Phase contrast (bottom left) shows the morphology of the Type I Diabetes iPS cell line. Positive AP staining (Cat #AP100R-1) is shown on the bottom right.



Stem cell markers for Nanog (top left) and SSEA4 (top right) were determined by immunocytochemistry using antibodies for SSEA4 (Abcam) and Nanog (Abcam) followed by fluorescent-labeled Alexa Fluor secondary antibodies (Invitrogen). Phase contrast (bottom left) shows the morphology of the MLD iPS cell line. Positive AP staining (Cat #AP100R-1) is shown on the bottom right.

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