



SCC-4

CRL-1624™

Description

SCC-4 is an epithelial-like cell that was isolated from the tongue of a 55-year-old, male patient with squamous cell carcinoma. This cell line was deposited by JG Rheinwald and can be used in cancer research.

Organism: *Homo sapiens*, human

Tissue: Tongue

Age: 55 years

Gender: Male

Morphology: epithelial-like

Growth properties: Adherent

Disease: Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

Intended Use

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic use.

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ATCC highly recommends that appropriate personal protective equipment is always used when handling vials. For cultures that require storage in liquid nitrogen, it is important to note that some vials may leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submersed in liquid nitrogen.

Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at www.atcc.org.

Handling Procedures

Unpacking and storage instructions:

1. Check all containers for leakage or breakage.
2. Remove the frozen cells from the dry ice packaging and immediately place the cells at a temperature below -130°C, preferably in liquid nitrogen vapor, until ready for use.

Complete medium: The base medium for this cell line is ATCC-formulated DMEM:F12 Medium Catalog No. 30-2006. To make the complete growth medium, add the following components to the base medium:

- 400 ng/ml hydrocortisone

- fetal bovine serum to a final concentration of 10%.

Handling Procedure:

To insure the highest level of viability, thaw the vial and initiate the culture as soon as possible upon receipt. If upon arrival, continued storage of the frozen culture is necessary, it should be stored in liquid nitrogen vapor phase and not at -70°C . Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.

NOTE: Cells are grown at ATCC on **56-X.2™ feeder layer**, MITC-STO cells. It is recommended that the feeder cells be plated 24 hours before use at $2 \times 10^6/\text{T75}$ in order to obtain a 30% confluent monolayer.

1. Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a 37°C water bath. To reduce the possibility of contamination, keep the O-ring and cap out of the water. Thawing should be rapid (approximately 2 minutes).
2. Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are thawed, and decontaminate by dipping in or spraying with 70% ethanol. All of the operations from this point on should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
3. It is recommended that the cryoprotective agent be removed immediately. Centrifuge the cell suspension at approximately $125 \times g$ for 5 to 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in an appropriate amount of fresh growth medium.
4. Transfer the cell pellet to an appropriate size vessel. It is important to avoid excessive alkalinity of the medium during recovery of the cells. It is suggested that, prior to the addition of the vial contents, the culture vessel containing the growth medium be placed into the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0 to 7.6).
5. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator. A 5% CO_2 in air atmosphere is recommended if using the medium described on this product sheet.

Subculturing procedure:

Note: Subculture before 100% confluent.

Volumes used in this protocol are for 75 cm^2 flasks; proportionally reduce or increase amount of dissociation medium for culture vessels of other sizes.

1. Remove and discard culture medium.
2. Briefly rinse the cell layer with 0.25% (w/v) Trypsin-0.53 mM EDTA solution to

remove all traces of serum which contains trypsin inhibitor.

3. Add 2.0 to 3.0 mL of Trypsin-EDTA solution to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually within 5 to 15 minutes).

Note: To avoid clumping do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the flask while waiting for the cells to detach. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.

4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 mL of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. Add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels pre-plated with ATCC 56-X.2™ feeder layer (MITC-STO cells).
6. **Inoculate new flasks with 3×10^3 cells/cm².**
7. Incubate cultures at 37°C.

Note: For more information on enzymatic dissociation and subculturing of cell lines consult Chapter 13 in **Culture Of Animal Cells: A Manual Of Basic Technique** by R. Ian Freshney, 5th edition, published by Wiley-Liss, N.Y., 2005.

Medium Renewal

Two to three times weekly

Reagents for cryopreservation: Complete growth medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO (ATCC 4-X)

Material Citation

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References

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