GFP Stably expressing HeLa Cell Line

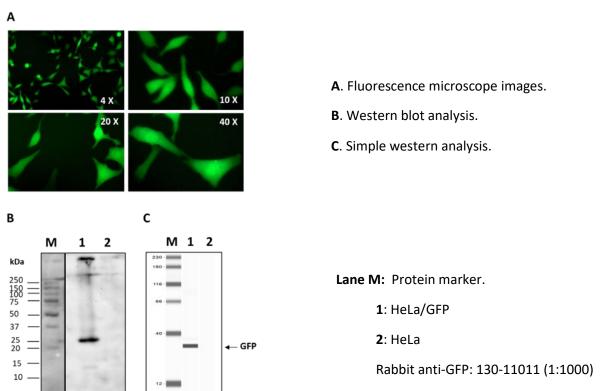
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Introduction

HeLa cells are the oldest and most commonly used human cancer cell lines in biomedical research. It is an immortal cell line derived from cervical carcer cells taken from a lady called Henrietta Lacks in 1951, which was found to be remarkably durable and prolific.

HeLa-GFP stable cell line is transformed from the HeLa cell line and stably expresses the GFP fluorescent protein. Both GFP and geneticin-resistant genes are introduced into parental HeLa cells using retrovirus. Strong Green fluorescent signal can be visualized in every single cell under fluorescent microscope. The expression of GFP has been validated by western blot.

Protein Accession Number: P42212.



Provided Materials

One vial of 2 x 10⁶ cells, at P4 in Freezing Media. **IMPORTANT**: store the frozen cells in liquid nitrogen until you are ready to thaw and propagate them.

Additional Materials Required

- 1. Dulbecco's Modified Eagles Medium (DMEM)
- 2. Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)

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- 3. Penicillin/Streptomycin
- 4. Trypsin
- 5. Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS)
- 6. DMSO
- 7. 96-well white plate

Handling Cells Upon Arrival

It is strongly recommended that you propagate the cells following instructions as soon as possible upon arrival. **IMPORTANT**: An adequate number of frozen stocks must be made from early passages as cells will undergo genotypic changes. Genetic instability in transfected cells will result in a decreased responsiveness over time in normal cell culture conditions.

Required Cell Culture Media

Complete Growth Media

In 450mL of DMEM, add 50mL FBS (10% final) and 5mL Penicillin/Streptomycin (1% final).

Freezing Media

Add 10% DMSO (final) to Complete Growth Media and sterile filter. Make fresh each time.

Initial Culture Procedure

- 1. Quickly thaw cells in a 37 °C water bath with careful agitation. Remove from the bath as soon as the vial is thawed.
- 2. Transfer cells to a 15ml centrifuge tube containing 7ml of pre-warmed Complete Growth Media.
- 3. Centrifuge tube at 1200-1500 RPM for 5 minutes.
- 4. Remove supernatant and resuspend cells with 1ml Complete Growth Media.
- 5. Transfer cells to a T75cm² tissue culture flask or 100 mm culture dish containing 8-12ml of Complete Growth Media.
- 6. Place the flask with cells in a humidified incubator at 37 °C with 5% CO₂

Subculture Procedure

A sub-cultivation ratio of 1:3 to 1:4 is recommended with media changes every 2 to 3 days.

Preparing Frozen Stocks

This procedure is designed for 60mm² dish or T25cm² flask. Scale volumes according to other vessels.

- 1. When cells reach $1-1.5 \times 10^6$ /ml, freeze down cells.
- 2. Transfer cells to a 15ml conical centrifuge tube and centrifuge at 1200-1500 RPM for 5 minutes to collect the cells into a pellet.
- 3. Carefully aspirate the media and resuspend cells in 1ml freezing media and gently resuspend by pipetting up and down.
- 4. Transfer 1mL of cells into a cryogenic vial.
- 5. Place the cryogenic vial in a freezing container and store it at -80 °C freezer overnight.
- 6. Transfer cells to liquid nitrogen for long-term storage.

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