

Product Description

Product Name: Hepa1-6-iRFP-Puro
Catalog Number: CL131
Lot Number: IMP024

Species: Mouse (*Mus musculus*)
Strain: C57L
Cell type: Hepatoma
Parental cells: Hepa1-6 (ATCC® CRL-1830™)*
Morphology: Epithelial
Growth mode: Adherent
Reporter gene: Near infrared fluorescent protein (iRFP)
Selection gene: Puromycin (Puro)

This is a polyclonal population derived from the hepatic carcinoma Hepa1-6 cell line (ATCC® CRL-1830™). Parental Hepa1-6 cells were transduced with LV-iRFP-P2A-Puro (Imanis #LV032) encoding the near-infrared fluorescent protein (iRFP; ex/em = 690/713) cDNA under the spleen focus-forming virus (SFFV) promoter and linked to the puromycin resistance gene (Puro) via a P2A cleavage peptide. High iRFP expressing cells were selected using puromycin. The lentiviral vector is a self-inactivating (SIN) vector in which the viral enhancer and promoter have been deleted. Transcription inactivation of the LTR in the SIN provirus increases biosafety by preventing mobilization by replication competent viruses and enables regulated expression of the genes from the internal promoters without *cis*-acting effects of the LTR¹.

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Mycoplasma Testing

This cell line has been tested for mycoplasma contamination and is certified mycoplasma free.

Cell Line Authentication

Authentication of the parental Hepa1-6 cell line was confirmed by short tandem repeat (STR) profiling.

Recommended Uses

These cells are suitable for *in vitro* and *in vivo* experimentation.

The iRFP transgene facilitates *in vivo* noninvasive fluorescence imaging of implanted cells. iRFP is immunogenic and may cause tumor rejection in immunocompetent mice. For the most consistent results, immunocompromised mice are recommended for studies. To reduce background autofluorescence, mice should be fed an alfalfa-free diet for at least a week prior to imaging.

Biosafety Notice

These cell lines were generated by transduction with a lentiviral vector. Cell lines transduced with lentiviral vectors are classified as biosafety level 2 reagents and should be used under appropriate biosafety level for institutional guidelines.

Storage Instructions

Remove cells from the dry ice packaging and immediately store in the vapor phase above liquid nitrogen (below -130°C).

Complete Growth Medium

Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM)
10% fetal bovine serum (FBS)
1% Penicillin/Streptomycin
2 µg/mL puromycin (to maintain high iRFP expression)

Puromycin should **NOT** be added to the medium until a culture has been well established from the thawed cells (about 1 week). It is also recommended that a backup frozen cell stock be generated (see below) before adding puromycin to the growth medium.

Caution! Typical commercial puromycin stocks are provided at a concentration of 10 mg/mL or 10,000X.

Thawing Instructions

1. Thaw cells by gently swirling in a 37°C water bath. To limit contamination, do not submerge the O-ring and cap.
2. When cells are ~70% thawed (less than 1 min), remove the vial and wipe down with 70% ethanol. Allow tube to dry completely.
3. In a biosafety cabinet, transfer the cells into a 15 mL conical tube containing 5 mL of complete growth medium without puromycin. Centrifuge cells at ~250 x g for 3-5 min.
4. Remove supernatant and resuspend cells in 1 mL complete growth medium without puromycin. Transfer cells to a T75 flask containing 10 mL of complete growth medium without puromycin.
5. Incubate the culture at 37°C with 5% CO₂. After 48 hours, replace the culture supernatant with complete growth medium containing 2 µg/mL puromycin. Cells should reach full confluency 1-2 days after thawing.

Subculturing Instructions

Volumes are given for a T75 flask. Increase or decrease as needed. To maintain high iRFP expression, it is recommended that cells be subcultured in the presence of 2 µg/mL puromycin.

1. Remove culture medium from cells.
2. Carefully wash the cell monolayer with 5-10 mL of phosphate buffered saline.
3. Add 2 mL of 0.25% Trypsin-EDTA solution to the flask and incubate at 37°C until cells have dissociated (approx. 3-4 min).
4. Neutralize the trypsin by adding 8 mL complete growth medium, and mix by gently pipetting up and down.
5. Transfer desired portion of the cells to a fresh T75 flask. Add fresh complete growth medium to a total volume of 10 mL and return cells to 37°C/5% CO₂ incubator.

For maintenance, a subcultivation ratio of 1:10 is recommended. At this ratio cells will be ready for passage every 3-4 days.

Freezing Medium

These cells can be amplified and used to generate additional frozen stocks. Cryopreservation of low passage stocks is recommended. Frozen stocks should be preserved in a designated cryopreservation medium or in complete growth medium without puromycin supplemented with 5-10% DMSO.

References

¹Miyoshi et al. J Virol. 1998. 72:8150-8157.

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Certificate of Analysis

Testing performed by Imanis Life Sciences

Test description	Result
Post thaw viable cell recovery	99%
Viable Cells per vial	$\sim 1 \times 10^7$
Sterility	No contamination detected
Mycoplasma	No contamination detected
Puromycin selection	Pass QC
Fluorescence expression	Pass QC
Average doubling time	21.2 hours*

*Doubling time represents the average doubling time during **logarithmic growth**. This value should be used for general estimation only.

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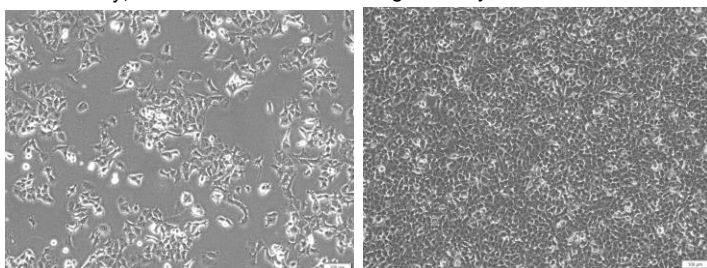
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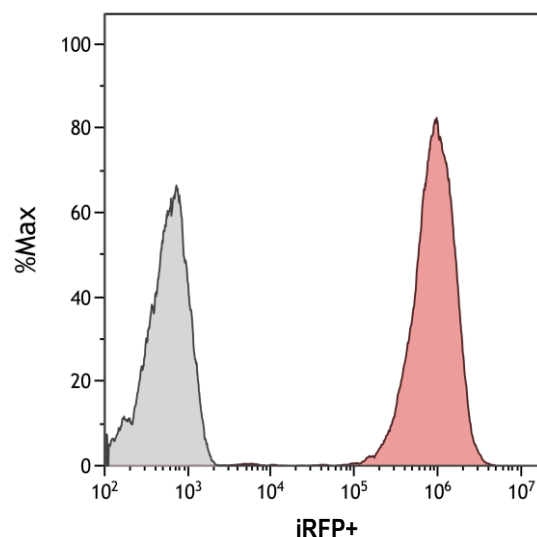
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High density, 200X



Low- and high-density photos taken at various times after thawing.

Fluorescence Expression



Hepa1-6-iRFP-Puro (red) or isotype control (Hepa1-6 parental; grey) cells were fixed with paraformaldehyde and analyzed by flow cytometry.

Quality control by: LAS

Quality Assurance by: RLV

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