

**Designation: Caco-2**

CLS order number: Cryovial: 300137
Vital: 330137

Origin and General Characteristics	
Organism:	<i>Homo sapiens</i> (human)
Ethnicity:	Caucasian
Age:	72 years
Gender:	Male
Tissue:	Colon
Morphology:	Epithelial
Cell type:	Colorectal adenocarcinoma
Growth Properties:	Monolayer, adherent
Description:	This line was isolated from a primary colonic tumor. The cells express characteristics of enterocytic differentiation upon reaching confluence.
References:	Fogh J, Wright WC, Loveless JD. Absence of HeLa cell contamination in 169 cell lines derived from human tumors. J Natl Cancer Inst 58: 209-214, 1977.
Culture Conditions and Handling	
Culture Medium:	EMEM supplemented with L-glutamine, 10% fetal bovine serum (MG-10, CLS order number 820100).
Subculturing:	Remove medium and rinse the adherent cells using PBS without calcium and magnesium (3-5 ml PBS for T25, 5-10ml for T75 cell culture flasks). Add Accutase (1-2ml per T25, 2.5ml per T75 cell culture flask), the cell sheet must be covered completely. Incubate at ambient temperature for 10 minutes. Carefully resuspend the cells, the addition of medium is optional but not necessary, and dispense into new flasks which contain fresh medium.
Split Ratio:	A ratio of 1:2 to 1:3 is recommended
Seeding density:	1 x 10 ⁴ cells/cm ² will result in a 90% confluent monolayer in about 4 days
Fluid Renewal:	2 to 3 times weekly
Doubling time:	About 60-70 h
Freeze Medium:	CM-ACF (CLS order number: 800650, 50ml), serum free, animal-component free; contains DMSO.
Freezing recovery:	Allow the cells to recover from the freezing process for 24-48 h.
Sterility:	Mycoplasma specific PCR: negative; Plasmotest: negative
Biosafety Level:	1
Safety precautions:	If the cryovial is planned to be stored in liquid nitrogen and to be thawed in the future, special safety precautions should be followed: Protective gloves and clothing should be used and a facemask or safety goggles must be worn when transferring frozen samples into or removing from the liquid nitrogen tank. The removal of a cryovial from liquid nitrogen may result in the explosion of the frozen vial creating flying fragments. Caputo, J.L. Biosafety procedures in cell culture. J. Tissue Cult. Methods 11:223-227, 1988. ATCC Quality Control Methods for Cell Lines, 2nd edition, 1992.

Special Features of the Cell Line		
Tumorigenic:	Yes, in nude mice; form moderately well differentiated adenocarcinomas consistent with colonic primary (grade II)	
Viruses:	SMRV: Negative, as confirmed by Real-Time PCR	
Virus Resistance:	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV, LAV)	
DNA Profile (STR):	Amelogenin: X,X CSF1PO: 11 D13S317: 11,13,14 D16S539: 12,13 D5S818: 12,13 D7S820: 11,12 TH01: 6 TPOX: 9,11 vWA: 16,18 D3S1358: 14,17 D21S11: 30,32	D18S51: 12 D8S1179: 12,14 FGA: 19 D2S441: 10,15 D19S433: 15 D22S1045: 15,16 SE33: 21 D10S1248: 13,15 D1S1656: 15,16 D12S391: 17,23 D2S1338: 17,25
	Deletions in the Y-chromosome sometimes cause a misidentification of the biological sample as female. However, the cell line is still called authenticated.	
Ploidy status:	(P14), hypertetraploid	
Antigen Expression :	Blood Type O; Rh+	
Receptors expressed	Heat stable enterotoxin (Sta, E. coli); epidermal growth factor (EGF); retinoic acid binding protein I and retinol binding protein II; keratin positive.	
MSI-status:	Stable (MSS)	
Cell Marker:	HLA class II negative	
Isoenzymes:	Me-2, 1; PGM3, 1; PGM1, 1; ES-D, 1; AK-1, 1; GLO-1, 1; G6PD, B.	
Applications:	Model of the GI (gastrointestinal) tract; measurement of the Trans-Epithelial/Endothelial Electrical Resistance (TEER). Caco-2 cells develop high TEER values of up to 2000 Ωcm^2 (as measured by CLS using the CellZscope, nanoAnalytics, Münster, Germany).	

Certificate of Analysis:	The Certificate of Analysis for each batch can be requested by e-mail at service@clsgmbh.de .
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Recommendations for handling of adherent cell cultures following delivery	
Cryopreserved cells	The cells come deep-frozen shipped on dry ice. Please make sure that the vial is still frozen. If immediate culturing is not intended, the cryovial(s) must be stored below -150°C after arrival. If immediate culturing is intended, please follow these instructions: Quickly thaw by rapid agitation in a 37°C water bath within 40-60 seconds. The water bath should have clean water containing an antimicrobial agent. As soon as the sample has thawed, remove the cryovial from the water bath. Note: A small ice clump should still remain and the vial should still be cold. From now on, all operations should be carried out under aseptic conditions. Transfer the cryovial to a sterile flow cabinet and wipe with 70% alcohol. Carefully open the vial and transfer the cell suspension into a 15 ml centrifuge tube containing 8 ml of culture medium (room temperature). Resuspend the cells carefully. Centrifuge at 300xg for 3 min and discard the supernatant. The centrifugation step may be omitted, but in this case the remains of the freeze medium have to be removed 24 hours later. Resuspend the cells carefully in 10ml fresh cell culture medium and transfer them into two T25 cell culture flasks. All further steps are described in the Subculture section.

Proliferating Cultures	The cell culture flasks, 2xT25, come filled with cell culture medium. Collect the entire medium in 2x 50 ml centrifuge tubes. Carefully add 5 ml of cell culture medium to each of the two T25 cell culture flasks. Control the cell morphology and confluency under the microscope. Incubate at 37°C for a minimum of 24 hrs. Spin down the collected medium at 300x g for 3 minutes to collect the cells which may have detached during transit. If a cell pellet is visible, resuspend the cells in 5 ml of cell culture medium and transfer to 1xT25 cell culture. Incubate at 37°C for a minimum of 24 hrs.
Warranty:	CLS warrants for a high cell viability and culture performance only if the product(s) is (are) stored and cultured according to the information described above. Using cell culture media and supplements other than the ones recommended in this product information may result in satisfactory proliferation and viabilities. CLS, however, does not warrant for cell recovery, proliferation and function if differing formulations are employed.
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