

Cell Line Designation: MDA-MB-231 cells

AddexBio Catalog No. C0006002

Cell Line Description:

Disease: Breast adenocarcinoma

Origin: Isolated from pleural effusions of a breast cancer patient

Species: Homo sapiens

Tissue: Breast, mammary gland

Properties: Adherent epithelial cells

Complete Medium: L15 + 2mM L-Glutamine + 10% FBS

Subculture Procedure: 1:2 to 1:4 using 0.25% trypsin or trypsin/EDTA, 0% CO₂ (or use a non-vented culture flask and keep the lid closed); 37°C

Medium Renewal: Two to three times weekly.

Freezing Medium: Complete culture medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) DMSO

Additional Information: Additional product and technical information can be obtained from the catalog references and the Addexbio Technical Information site at www.addexbio.com, or by email at customersupport@addexbio.com.

Biosafety Level: 1

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th ed. HHS Publication No. (CDC) 93-8395. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Washington DC: U.S. Government Printing Office; 2007. The entire text is also available online at www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosafety/bml4/bml4toc.htm

Use Restrictions: These cells are distributed for research purposes only. Addexbio does not recommend third party distribution of this cell line, as this practice has resulted in the unintentional spreading of contaminated cell lines.

Handling Procedure for Frozen Cells:

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.

Safety Precaution:

Addexbio highly recommends that protective gloves and clothing always be used and a full face mask always be worn when handling frozen vials. It is important to note that some vials 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 vessel exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris.

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 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. Transfer the vial contents to the centrifuge tube containing 9.0 mL complete culture medium and spin at approximately 125xg for 5 to 7 minutes. (Optional if one wants to remove DMSO)
4. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete medium and dispense into a new culture flask. 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 complete growth medium be placed into the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0-7.6).
5. One may also transfer the vial contents into a new culture flask if removal of DMSO is not important. It is suggested that, prior to the addition of the vial contents, the culture vessel containing the complete growth medium be placed into the incubator for at least 15 minutes to allow the medium to reach its normal pH (7.0-7.6).
6. Incubate the culture at 37°C in a suitable incubator for 24-48 hours for cell attachment. A 5% CO_2 in air atmosphere is recommended.

References for MDA-MB-231 cells:

1. Brinkley BR, et al. Variations in cell form and cytoskeleton in human breast carcinoma cells in vitro. *Cancer Res.* 40: 3118-3129, 1980.
2. Cruciger Q, et al. Morphological, biochemical and chromosomal characterization of breast tumor lines from pleural effusions. *In Vitro* 12: 331, 1976.



Lot Specific Information Sheet for AddexBio Cat #: C0006002

Lot Number: 0003859

Designation: MDA-MB-231 CELLS

Total Cells/mL: $>2 \times 10^6$

Expected Viability: 85.0-95.0%

Ampule Passage #: 7

Dilute Ampule Content: 1:10 (T-25) or 1:15 (T-75)

Volume/Ampule: 1 mL

A T-25 setup at a dilution of 1:10, using culture medium as described in the product information sheet, reaches approximately 70-80% confluence within 24 to 48 hours.