

# **CHO-K1 Cell Line User Guide**

## **▶** Basic Product Information

Product Number	EDC00003
Cell Name	СНО-К1
Common Name	Chinese hamster ovary cell subline
Cell Morphology	Adherent
Trypsinization Time	2 min
Passage Ratio	1:6~1:8
Complete Culture Medium	F-12K+10% FBS
Cryopreservation Culture Medium	95% complete culture medium+5% DMSO

# **▶** Cell Culture Morphology Diagram



# **▶** Cell Receipt

## a. Frozen Cells

If the cells are shipped on dry ice, immediately transfer them to liquid nitrogen storage or proceed with cell thawing directly upon receipt.







### b. Live Cells

Upon receipt, disinfect the external surface of the T25 flask with 75% ethanol. Place the flask in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 37°C incubator for 2 hours. After incubation, observe the cell attachment and confluency under a microscope. Take two photos at different fields of view at 100x and 40x magnification. If the confluency is greater than 80%, proceed with passaging. If the confluency is less than 80%, discard the medium in the flask, replace it with fresh complete medium, and continue incubation.

Note: Do not overfill the culture flask with medium, as it may affect cell culture conditions.

# **►** Cell Thawing Procedure

- 1. Preheat the water bath to 37°C.
- 2. Prewarm the complete medium suitable for this cell line to 37°C.
- 3. Prepare a 15 mL centrifuge tube with 6 mL of complete medium.
- 4. Retrieve the frozen cells from liquid nitrogen and gently swirl the cryovial in a 37°C water bath until only a small ice core remains. Thaw the cells within 2 minutes.

Note: Do not submerge the vial cap in water or seal the cap with parafilm.

- 5. Transfer the cryovial to a sterile environment. Disinfect the outside of the cryovial with 75% ethanol before opening.
- 6. Using a pipette, transfer the cell suspension into the prewarmed complete medium in the centrifuge tube.
- 7. Centrifuge the cell suspension at 500 g for 5 minutes.
- 8. After centrifugation, check the supernatant for clarity and verify the presence of a pellet.

  Carefully aspirate the supernatant under sterile conditions, and gently resuspend the pellet in 1 mL of complete medium. Ensure thorough mixing by gentle pipetting.
- 9. Seed the cells into a T25 culture flask or an equivalent surface area container, adding 4 mL of complete medium.
- 10. Gently swirl the flask to ensure even cell distribution and incubate at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> (the specific environment depends on the cell type and culture medium used).
- 11. Observe cell status the next day.
- For adherent cells: If cells are well attached, replace with fresh medium. If cells appear rounded but unattached, allow another 24 hours before changing the medium. Subsequently, change the medium every 2-3 days based on cell growth and passage when 80% confluency is reached.
- For suspension cells: If cell viability is good, replace with fresh medium. If cells appear unhealthy







or gray, observe for an additional 24 hours before proceeding with medium changes.

# Cell Passaging

## a. Adherent Cells

- 1. Prewarm complete medium, PBS, and trypsin to 37°C.
- 2. Aspirate the supernatant from the culture vessel.
- 3. Gently add PBS to one side of the vessel (approximately 2 mL for a T25 flask) to wash the cells. Ensure gentle washing and thorough coverage without disturbing the cell layer. Aspirate the PBS by tilting the flask back and forth.
- 4. Add 1 mL of trypsin to the T25 flask and distribute evenly. Place the flask in an incubator for digestion.
- 5. Observe under a microscope for cell detachment (70%-80% cells should round up). Gently tap the flask to detach cells from the surface.
- 6. Immediately add 2-3 times the volume of complete medium to neutralize the trypsin and gently mix to stop digestion.
- 7. Collect the cell suspension and pipette the bottom of the flask to ensure all cells are detached. Avoid creating bubbles that could damage cells.
- 8. Centrifuge the collected cell suspension at 500 g for 5 minutes.
- 9. After centrifugation, aspirate the supernatant, resuspend the pellet in 1 mL of complete medium, and gently mix.
- 10. Plate the cells at the appropriate ratio. For the first passage, we recommend a 1:2 ratio. If the cells reach confluency within two days, you can increase the ratio. If it takes 3-4 days to reach confluency, reduce the passaging ratio accordingly.
- 11. Gently swirl the flask and incubate at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> (for vented flasks, loosen the cap before placing in the incubator to allow proper gas exchange).
- 12. Observe cell status the next day. If a large number of dead cells are present, change the medium. Afterward, change the medium daily based on cell growth until they reach 80% confluency, at which point passaging or cryopreservation is necessary.

#### **b.** Suspension Cells

Follow a similar procedure as for adherent cells but omit the trypsinization step. Instead, gently pipette the suspension to collect the cells, centrifuge at 500 g for 4 minutes, and proceed with







passaging based on cell growth.

# **►** Cell Cryopreservation

- 1. Collect cells as per the passaging protocol and adjust the volume of medium based on the size of the pellet.
- 2. Gently resuspend the pellet in cold cryopreservation medium.
- 3. Take 20 µL of the suspension for cell counting.
- 4. Centrifuge at 500 g for 5 minutes at room temperature.
- 5. Aspirate the supernatant, then resuspend the pellet in 1-2 mL of pre-cooled cryopreservation medium to achieve a density of  $1x10^6$  to  $1x10^7$  cells/mL.
- 6. Aliquot the cell suspension into cryovials (1 mL per vial) and label each vial with the cell name, passage number, cell count, and cryopreservation date.
- 7. Place the cryovials in a pre-cooled freezing container at 4°C and transfer them to an ultra-low temperature freezer within 15 minutes.
- 8. After overnight freezing, transfer the cryovials to liquid nitrogen storage for long-term preservation.

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### **Precautions**

- Upon receiving room temperature cells, inspect the vial for any leakage or damage, and document accordingly.
- Disinfect the culture flask with 75% ethanol and observe the cell condition under a microscope. Place the flask in a cell culture incubator to stabilize for 2-4 hours before handling.
- Carefully review the user manual to familiarize yourself with the cell line, including adherence properties, morphology, base medium, passaging ratios, and frequency of medium changes.
- After stabilization, remove the flask and inspect the cells again. Photograph and record the cell condition, as this will be used for follow-up services. We recommend photographing the cells during each passage to document growth status.
- If you notice any abnormalities or have questions about the cells, please contact our support team for assistance.







# **Advantages**



## **Species Diversity**

Over 100 types of wild-type cells from species including human, mouse, chicken, pig, and cow, covering a wide range of research areas.



### **STR Authentication**

Each cell line undergoes STR/species authentication and stringent quality control to ensure cell identity.



### **Experimental Validation**

All cell lines in this collection have been validated for gene-editing experiments, making them suitable for most gene-editing applications.



#### **Authoritative Source**

All cell lines are sourced from reputable cell banks such as ATCC and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, ensuring low passage, high viability, and optimal cell status.

