

## **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 013V2.0**

Cryopreservation of Normal Breast Tissue

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### **Materials:**

**Lonza BioWhittaker Cryoprotective™ Media** (Fisher12-132-A)  
**Y-27632 Inhibitor (ROCK Inhibitor)** (Fisher NC9858146)  
**DMEM F-12** (Life technologies11765-054)  
**DMEM low glucose** (Life Technologies 12320-032)  
**Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)** Sigma F6178-50ml  
**Hydrocortisone** (Sigma) H0888  
**Penicillin-Streptomycin** (Sigma P4333-20ml)  
**Insulin** (Sigma I5500)  
**1N HCl** (Sigma H9892)  
**Bovine serum Albumin (BSA)** Sigma A4503  
**HyClone™ Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) 1X** (Fisher SH3025601)  
**Epidermal growth factor (EGF), human recombinant** (Millipore 01-107)  
**Syringe** (Fisher 14-823-24)  
**.45um Syringe Filter** (Fisher 09-719B)  
**Sterile Forceps** (Fisher NC9812170)  
**Scalpels #11** (Fisher 08-927-5B)  
**Brown Eppendorf tubes** (Fisher 05-408-134)  
**Mr. Frosty freezing container** (VWR 55710-200)  
**Isopropyl alcohol C3H8O 100%** (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Inc. sc361622)  
**Petri Dishes** (Fisher 08-772-E)

## **Preparation of Media**

The amount of media needed for a typical collection event is as follows:

60 samples- 300ml cryoprotective (collection) media. (5mls per conical tube)  
60 samples = 180 aliquots = 180mls Freezing media: Mix together: 150 mls cryoprotect media  
150 mls growth media  
300 ul Rock Inhibitor

### **Growth Media for primary cells- 530.255ml**

- 1) DMEM F-12: 375ml – use as is
- 2) DMEM: 125 ml – use as is
- 3) FBS: 25 ml – use as is-store at -20
- 4) Pen/Strep: 5ml -- Use as is
- 5) Insulin (1mg/ml): 2.5ml – **Make Stock (1)**
- 6) Hydrocortisone (1mg/ml): 250ul – **Make Stock (3)**
- 7) EGF from Millipore: 5ul of 2ug/ul – **Make Stock (2)** add a little media from steps 1-6 to EGF stock. Mix by pipetting and return solution to media.

### **Freezing Media- 300ml**

50/50 Growth Media and Cryoprotective media + Rock Inhibitor  
Mix 150ml Cryoprotective media with 150ml Freezing media. Add 300ul of Rock Inhibitor. (10mMol)  
Store overnight at 4C before use.  
Aliquot 1ml into each cryotube ready for tissue.

### **Rock Inhibitor – Make Stock**

Comes as 5mg, store at -20 until use  
Add 1.56ml of sterile water (autoclaved DI water) to the 5mg  
Mix by pipetting  
Aliquot into 300ul aliquots in brown Eppendorf tubes  
Store aliquots at -20.

## Stock Solutions for Growth Media

### 1 )Insulin: Make 10 ml

#### 1% BSA/PBS stock solution

Dissolve 500mg of BSA in 50ml PBS.

Filter sterilize inside hood

Store at 4C

#### .1% BSA/PBS stock solution

45ml of sterile PBS + 5ml of 1% BSA/PBS. Use this to make insulin. Store at 4C

### Insulin

Dissolve 10 mg of insulin in 10 ml of 0.1%BSA/PBS.

Add 100 microliters of 1N HCl per 10 ml of solution. Filter sterilize using 0.45um filter.

Store at 4C

### 2) EGF

100ug of EGF into 50ul sterile water (autoclaved DI water)

Make 5ul aliquots

Store at -80

### 3) Hydrocortisone

Dissolve 1mg of hydrocortisone in 1ml 100% EtOH

Make 250ul aliquots

Store at 4C

## Cryopreservation of Breast Tissue Cores

- A core is chosen from a group of cores brought to the lab area.
- Immediately place the chosen core in a 50ml conical tube that has cryopreservation/collection media in it. **Be sure the label on the conical tube matches the label that came with the core.**
- The conical tube and the 3 matching, pre-labelled cryotubes are given to the tissue preserver.
- Aliquot 1ml of **freezing** media into each cryotube.
- In a sterile environment, pour the collection media and core sample into a sterile petri dish. With a sterile scalpel, cut the core into very small pieces.
- Using a sterile forceps put 1/3 of the cut pieces into each of the three labelled cryotubes.
- Discard media remaining in petri dish into a media waste bottle.
- Place the cryotubes with tissue and freezing media into a slot in a Nalgene Mr. Frosty Cryo Container. The container should previously have had 250ml of isopropyl alcohol added to it according to manufacturer's instructions. Once the cryocontainer is full (18 tubes, 6 donor samples) it is placed into dry ice until it can be transferred to the -80 freezer . The tubes are transferred to vapor phase of LN2 the next day or within one week.

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## **Resources**

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