

Lab Resource: Stem Cell Line

Derivation of the human embryonic stem cell line RCe014-A (RC-10)



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ABSTRACT

The human embryonic stem cell line RCe014-A (RC-10) was derived from a fresh oocyte voluntarily donated as unsuitable and surplus to fertility requirements following ethics committee approved informed consent under licence from the UK Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. The cell line shows normal pluripotency marker expression and differentiation to the three germ layers in vitro. It has a mixed 46XY and 47XY + 12 male karyotype and microsatellite PCR identity, HLA and blood group typing data is available.

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Resource table

Name of stem cell construct	RCe014-A
Alternative name	RC-10, RC10
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Date archived/stock date	29 March 2010 (seed bank)
Type of resource	Biological reagent: cell line
Sub-type	hESC, research grade
Origin	Zygote (oocyte/1PN)
Key transcription factors	Oct4 (confirmed by flow cytometry)
Authentication	See Quality Control test summary, Table 1
Link to related literature (direct URL links and full references)	N/A
Information in public databases	http://hpsc.org.uk/cell-line/RCe014-A
Ethics	Informed consent obtained. Scotland A Research Ethics committee approval obtained (07/MRE00/56). Conducted under the UK Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority licence no R0136 to centre 0202.

Resource details

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RCe014-A (RC-10) was received as a failed to fertilise oocyte/1PN (pro-nuclear) embryo that was surplus to requirement or unsuitable for clinical use. The embryo was grown to blastocyst stage and the cell line was derived by whole embryo outgrowth on mitotically inactivated human fibroblast (HDF) feeder cells using xeno-free medium (XF KODMEM) and expanded under xeno free and feeder free conditions.

By flow cytometry, RCe014-A (RC-10) expressed the pluripotency makers Oct-4, Tra-1-60 and SSEA-4 (93.4%, 94.1% and 98.9%, respectively), whereas low expression of the differentiation marker SSEA-1 (3.5%) was observed ([Fig. 1](#), [Table 1](#)). Differentiation to the three germ layers, endoderm, ectoderm and mesoderm, was demonstrated using embryoid body formation and expression of the germ layer markers α -fetoprotein, β -tubulin and muscle actin ([Fig. 2](#)).

A microsatellite PCR profile has been obtained for the cell line, and HLA Class I and II typing is available ([Table 2](#)). Blood group genotyping gave the blood group AO₁ ([Table 2](#)).

Verification and authentication

The cell line was analysed for genome stability by G-banding ([Fig. 3](#)) and showed a mixed 46XY and trisomy 12 (47XY + 12) male genotype in 12 and 3 cells analysed, respectively. The cell line is free from mycoplasma contamination as determined by RC-qPCR. Microsatellite PCR DNA profiling for cell identity is available ([Table 2](#)).

Materials and methods

Ethics

Derivation of hESC from surplus to requirement and failed to fertilise/develop oocytes and embryos was approved by The Scotland

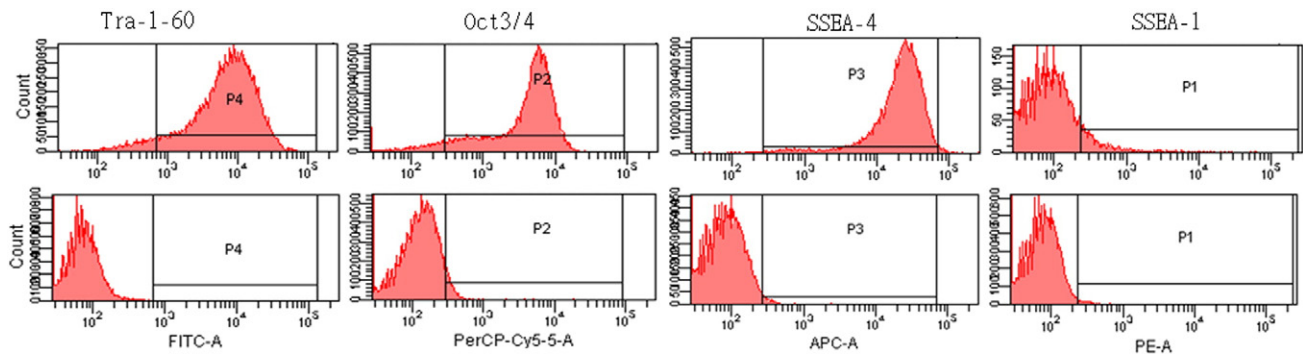


Fig. 1. RCe014-A (RC-10) was subjected to flow cytometry analysis for markers of pluripotency with specific antibody (top row) or isotype control (bottom row) as indicated above the histograms. Percentage staining is indicated in Table 1.

A Research Ethics Committee and local ethics board at participating fertility clinics and conducted under licence no R0136 from the UK HFEA with informed donor consent.

Cell culture

Failed to activate oocytes and embryos were cultured in Sydney cleavage medium (Cook Medical, Hertfordshire, UK) until day 3 and Sydney blastocyst medium (Cook Medical) after day 3 of development. Embryos were cultured at 36.5–37.5 °C, 5 ± 0.5% CO₂, 5 ± 0.5% O₂ in drops under paraffin oil (Cook Medical) and transferred to fresh medium at least every 2–3 days.

By day 8 of development, embryos were placed in derivation conditions consisting of mitotically inactivated neonatal human dermal fibroblasts (HDFs) (Forticell Biosciences, NJ, USA) on tissue culture plastic in XF KODMEM medium (Knockout-DMEM, 15% KOSR-XF, 2 mM L-glutamine, 1% MEM Non-essential amino acids, 2% XF Growth Factor Cocktail, 0.1 mM β-mercaptoethanol, all ThermoFisher Scientific, Paisley, UK) supplemented with 80 ng/ml human bFGF (ThermoFisher Scientific).

HDF cells were cultured in DMEM (Lonza, Slough, UK), 10% Pharma grade FCS (GE Healthcare (PAA), Buckinghamshire, UK) and 2 mM L-glutamine (ThermoFisher Scientific). HDFs were mitotically inactivated using gamma irradiation at 50GY using a Gammacell Elite 1000 machine. For use as a feeder layer, irradiated HDFs were plated

at 50,000 cells/cm² in XF KODMEM medium supplemented with 80 ng/ml human bFGF (ThermoFisher Scientific). Cells were cultured at 36.5–37.5 °C, 5 ± 0.5% CO₂, 5 ± 0.5% O₂ and 50% medium exchanged 6 days a week.

The established cell line was expanded and banked using CellStart matrix and Stempro hESC Serum Free Medium (ThermoFisher Scientific). Passaging was performed mechanically using an EZ passage tool (ThermoFisher Scientific). hESC lines were expanded to 25–30 wells of a 6-well plate and cryopreserved in 0.5–1 ml Cryostor CS10 (Biolife Solution, Washington, USA).

Mycoplasma

Mycoplasma detection was performed using Applied Biosystems PrepSEQ™ Mycoplasma Nucleic Acid Extraction Kit and MicroSEQ™ Mycoplasma Real-Time PCR Detection Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific (Applied Biosystems)) according to manufacturer's instruction.

Endotoxin

Endotoxin levels were determined using the Kinetic-QCL assay (Lonza) and an incubating plate reader (BioTek ELx808) according to manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, an unknown sample was compared with a standard curve of known levels of control endotoxin. An assay was deemed valid if the coefficient of correlation, $r \geq 0.980$ and the CV (%) for the standard curve was $\leq 10\%$.

Table 1
Summary of quality control testing and results for RC-10 (RCe014-A).

Classification	Test	Purpose	Result
Donor screening	HIV 1 + 2 Hepatitis B Hepatitis C	Donor screening for adventitious agents	Negative
Identity	Microsatellite PCR (mPCR)	DNA profiling to give cell line its signature, gender/species	Performed
Phenotype	Flow cytometry	Assess antigen levels & cell surface markers commonly associated with hESC	Oct 3/4: 93.4% Tra 1-60: 94.1% SSEA-4: 98.9% SSEA-1: 3.5%
Genotype (details provided in Table 2)	Blood group genotyping (DNA analysis) Karyology (G-banding) HLA tissue typing	To establish blood group of the line Confirmation of normal ploidy by G-banding To establish full HLA type I and II genotype of the line	AO1 46XY (12 cells) 47 XY + 12 (3 cells) HLA typed class I and class II
Microbiology and virology	Mycoplasma Endotoxin	Mycoplasma testing by RT-qPCR Screening for endotoxin levels	Negative 1.2 EU/ml
Morphology	Photography	To capture a visual record of the line	Normal
Differentiation potential	Embryoid body formation	To show differentiation to three germ layers	Expression of muscle actin, β-tubulin and α-feto protein

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