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DATA SHEET

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| Reagent: | A3.01 Cells |
| Catalog Number: | 166 |
| Lot Number: | 150225 |
| Release Category: | C |
| Provided: | 1 ml of cells at 5.3×10^6 cells/ml). Viability is 71%. |
| Cell Type: | HAT-sensitive derivative of CEM, a human T-cell line derived from the peripheral blood buffy coat of a four-year-old Caucasian female with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. |
| Propagation Medium: | RPMI 1640, 90%; fetal bovine serum, 10%. |
| Freeze Medium: | Propagation medium, 90%; DMSO, 10%. |
| Growth Characteristics: | <p>When thawing, gently wash out the DMSO with 37°C medium and seed the initial culture at 1×10^6 cells/mL. Cells quickly recover viability over 3 days.</p> <p>Passage the cells every three days to give a concentration of 1×10^6 cells/ml. Cells grow in single cell suspension. Doubling time is 24 hours. A3.01 has also been grown successfully in OPTI-MEM medium containing 2.5% fetal bovine serum, 2.0 mM L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin and 100 µg/ml streptomycin.</p> |
| Morphology: | Mature lymphocyte |
| Sterility: | Negative for bacteria, mycoplasma, and fungi. |
| Description: | A3.01 cells are a HAT-sensitive derivative of CEM cells that support HIV-1 replication. |

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Special Characteristics: A3.01 was selected by growth in hypoxanthine and aminopterin-containing medium. It is suitable for human T-lymphocyte fusions. Cells are Leu-3+, Leu-8+, Leu-1+, *tac*-, transferrin receptor+, sensitive to infection with LAV, and susceptible to cytopathic effects when infected.

Recommended Storage: Liquid nitrogen.

Contributor: Dr. Thomas Folks.

References: Buttke TM, Folks TM. Complete replacement of membrane cholesterol with 4,4', 14-trimethyl sterols in a human T cell line defective in lanosterol demethylation. *J Biol Chem* **265**:8819-8826, 1992.

Folks T, Benn S, Rabson A, Theodore T, Hoggan MD, Martin M, Lightfoote M, Sell K. Characterization of a continuous T-cell line susceptible to the cytopathic effects of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)-associated retrovirus. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **82**:4539-4543, 1985.

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