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DATA SHEET

Reagent:	CEM-SS Cells
Catalog Number:	776
Lot Number:	160147
Release Category:	C
Provided:	1 mL of cells Post thaw cell count = 3.9 x 10^6 cells/mL Post thaw cell viability = 76% Cell viability increased to 92% after 3 days in culture.
Propagation Medium:	RPMI 1640, 89%; fetal bovine serum, 10%; PSN antibiotics (Gibco), 1%
Freeze Medium:	RPMI 1640, 66%; fetal bovine serum, 27%; DMSO, 7%
Growth Characteristics:	These cells double approximately every 1-2 days and grow as a suspension of single or small (3-10 cell) aggregates. The cells are optimally maintained on a rocker platform or roller bottle apparatus and can be split at 1:20 one to two times per week.
Morphology:	Generally a round, individual, slightly refractile cell population that occasionally forms small aggregates as observed under normal culture conditions. Small numbers of individual highly refractile karyocytomegalic cells may also be observed.
Sterility:	Negative for bacteria, mycoplasma, and fungi
Description:	Human CD4-lymphoblastoid cell line

Special Characteristics:	The cells were initially derived by G.E Foley et al. and biologically cloned by P.L. Nara et al. These cells are sensitive to HIV-1- and HIV-2-induced syncytia formation. Cells are negative for any virus including human retroviruses as determined by electron microscopy and reverse transcriptase analysis. They can be used for virus production, aspects of HIV-1 cell fusion and molecular biology studies and for the analysis of infectivity, antiviral agents and neutralizing antibodies in the assays referenced below. CEM-SS Microtiter Syncytial-Forming Assay
Recommended Storage:	Keep the reagent in liquid nitrogen. Avoid freeze-thaw cycles as reagent degradation may result.
Contributor:	Dr. Peter L. Nara
References:	Foley GE, Lazarus H, Farber S, Uzman BG, Boone BA, McCarthy RE. Continuous culture of human lymphoblasts from peripheral blood of a child with acute leukemia. *Cancer* **18**:522-529, 1965. Nara PL, Hatch WC, Dunlop NM, Robey WG, Fischinger PJ. Simple, rapid quantitative, syncytium-forming microassay for the detection of human immunodeficiency virus neutralizing antibody. *AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses* **3**:283-302, 1987. Nara PL, Fischinger PJ. Quantitative infectivity assay for HIV-1 and -2. *Nature* **332**:469-470, 1988.
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