

Methylcellulose-Based Media for CFC Assays

Human | Mouse | Rat | Non-Human Primate | Canine

ColonyGEL™ methylcellulose-based media is optimized for the differentiation and enumeration of myeloid, erythroid and mixed-lineage hematopoietic progenitors from bone marrow, cord blood, mobilized peripheral blood, peripheral blood, mouse fetal liver and mouse spleen cells. Enriched cell populations such as CD34⁺ and CD133⁺ cells can also be used in ColonyGEL™ media.

Using only the highest quality, pre-screened components, ColonyGEL™ is guaranteed to meet or exceed the performance of the current gold standard media (Table 1). ColonyGEL™ combines uncompromising quality and performance with **GREAT** value.

ColonyGEL™ Performance Meets or Exceeds the Gold Standard

| | CFU-E | | BFU-E | | CFU-GM | | CFU-GEMM | | Total CFC | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Cord Blood | ND* | ND* | 20 +/- 1 | 16 +/- 4 | 31 +/- 2 | 23 +/- 3 | 1 +/- 1 | 1 +/- 0 | 52 +/- 2 | 40 +/- 5 |
| Bone Marrow | 6 +/- 2 | 5 +/- 2 | 32 +/- 7 | 29 +/- 4 | 67 +/- 2 | 54 +/- 4 | 1 +/- 1 | ND* | 106 +/- 7 | 88 +/- 2 |
| Mobilized Peripheral Blood | ND* | ND* | 33 +/- 3 | 31 +/- 3 | 64 +/- 5 | 60 +/- 2 | ND* | ND* | 97 +/- 7 | 91 +/- 3 |

■ ColonyGEL™ ■ Competitor

Table 1. CFC assays were initiated in a methylcellulose-based medium containing rh-IL-3, rh-GM-CSF, rh-SCF and Epo and using cells derived from normal human bone marrow (2×10^4 /culture), cord blood (1×10^4 / culture) and mobilized peripheral blood (5×10^4 / culture). Erythroid (BFU-E), myeloid (CFU-GM) and multi-potential (CFU-GEMM) progenitors were enumerated following 14 days in culture.

*ND – None Detected. Colonies derived from CFU-E are not typically found in cord blood and mobilized peripheral blood. CFU-GEMM-derived colonies are extremely rare and therefore, may not be detected.

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Colony Identification

| COLONY TYPE | DEFINITION |
|-----------------|---|
| CFU-GM | Colony-Forming Unit – Granulocyte Macrophage is capable of producing colonies with 40 or more granulocyte–monocyte and/or macrophage cells |
| CFU-G | Colony-Forming Unit – Granulocyte produces a colony with >40 granulocytes |
| CFU-M | Colony-Forming Unit – Macrophage produces a colony with >40 macrophages |
| BFU-E | This Burst-Forming Unit - Erythroid colony-forming cell is considered to be more primitive, generating larger colonies containing >200 erythroblasts |
| CFU-E | Colony-Forming Unit - Erythroid is an erythroid progenitor that produces a colony containing 1 or 2 clusters of 8-200 erythroblasts. CFU-E progenitors are less primitive, have lower proliferative potential and therefore, colonies are generally small when compared to colonies derived from BFU-E. |
| CFU-GEMM | Colony-Forming Unit – Granulocyte Erythroid Macrophage Megakaryocyte mixed-lineage colony-forming cell generates very large colonies containing >200 erythroid cells and >20 myeloid cells |

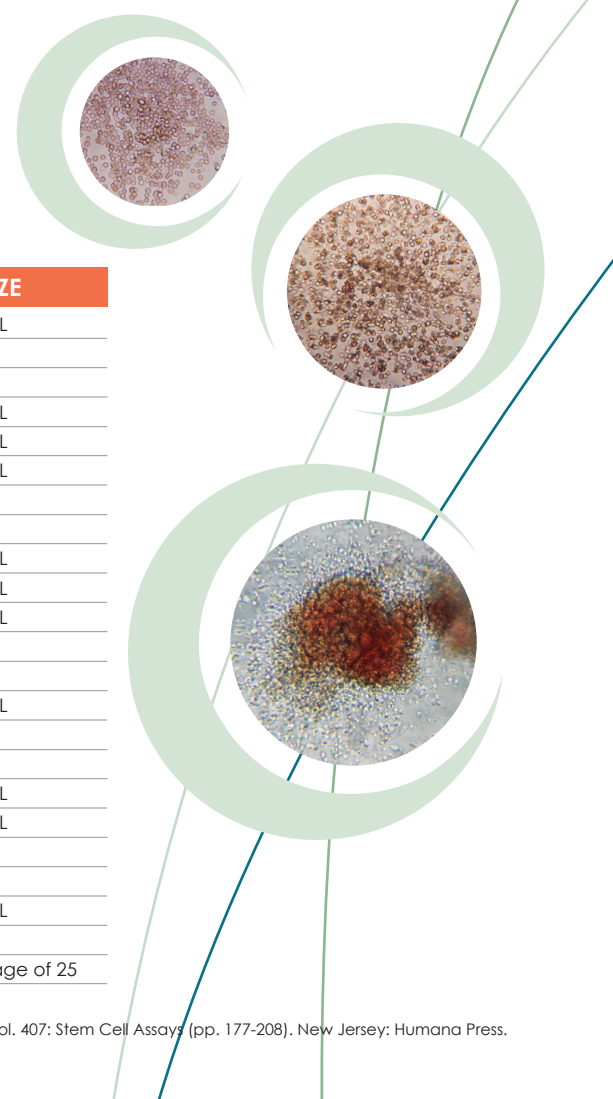
Recommended Plating Concentration for Human and Mouse Cells¹

| HUMAN CELLS | | MOUSE CELLS | |
|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Cell Source | Cells per 35 mm Dish | Cell Source | Cells per 35 mm Dish* |
| Bone Marrow (NH ₄ Cl Treated) | 2 x 10 ⁴ | Bone Marrow (Untreated) | 2x10 ⁴ |
| Bone Marrow (Light Density) | 1 x10 ⁴ | Spleen (NH ₄ Cl Treated) | 2x10 ⁵ |
| Bone Marrow CD34 ⁺ Enriched | 500 | Peripheral Blood (NH ₄ Cl Treated) | 3x10 ⁵ |
| Bone Marrow CD133 ⁺ Enriched | 250 | Day 14 Fetal Liver | 2x10 ⁴ |
| Fresh Cord Blood (Unprocessed) | 3 x 10 ⁴ | | |
| Frozen Cord Blood (Unprocessed) | 5 x 10 ⁴ | | |
| Cord Blood CD34 ⁺ Enriched | 500 | | |
| Cord Blood CD133 ⁺ Enriched | 250 | | |
| Mobilized Peripheral Blood (normal donor) | 2 - 5 x 10 ⁴ | | |
| Mobilized Peripheral Blood CD34 ⁺ (Enriched) | 500 | | |
| Mobilized Peripheral Blood CD133 ⁺ Cells | 250 | | |
| Peripheral Blood (Light Density) | 1 x 10 ⁵ | | |

* Plating concentrations may vary depending on mouse strain

ColonyGEL™ Product List

| CATALOG # | PRODUCT DESCRIPTION | UNIT SIZE |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|
| 1100 | ColonyGEL™ 1100 – Stock Methylcellulose Medium | 100 mL |
| HUMAN | | |
| 1101 | ColonyGEL™ 1101 – Base Medium | 90 mL |
| 1102 | ColonyGEL™ 1102 – Complete Medium | 100 mL |
| 1103 | ColonyGEL™ 1103 – Complete Medium without Epo | 100 mL |
| 1104 | ColonyGEL™ 1104 – High Cytokine Formulation | 100 mL |
| MOUSE | | |
| 1201 | ColonyGEL™ 1201 – Base Medium | 90 mL |
| 1202 | ColonyGEL™ 1202 – Complete Medium | 100 mL |
| 1203 | ColonyGEL™ 1203 – Complete Medium without Epo | 100 mL |
| 1205 | ColonyGEL™ 1205 – Pre-B Cell Medium | 100 mL |
| RAT | | |
| 1301 | ColonyGEL™ 1301 – Base Medium | 90 mL |
| 1303 | ColonyGEL™ 1303 – Complete Medium without Epo | 100 mL |
| NON-HUMAN PRIMATE | | |
| 1401 | ColonyGEL™ 1401 – Base Medium | 90 mL |
| 1402 | ColonyGEL™ 1402 – Complete Medium | 100 mL |
| 1403 | ColonyGEL™ 1403 – Complete Medium without Epo | 100 mL |
| CANINE | | |
| 1501 | ColonyGEL™ 1501 – Base Medium | 90 mL |
| 1503 | ColonyGEL™ 1503 – Complete Medium without Epo | 100 mL |
| ACCESSORY PRODUCTS | | |
| 3011 | Blunt End Needles | Package of 25 |



¹ Periera et. al. (2007). Hematopoietic Colony-Forming Cell Assays. In Vemuri (Ed.), Methods in Molecular Biology, vol. 407: Stem Cell Assays (pp. 177-208). New Jersey: Humana Press.