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OptiVitro[®] NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Kit P01

For Research and Manufacturing Use
Not Intended for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Use

User Manual

Catalog Number NE000-N022
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NE000-N021S



| Product description

OptiVibro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Kit P01 has been specifically designed for the in vitro expansion of human Natural Killer (NK) cells derived from either peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) or cord blood mononuclear cells (CB-MNCs). The kit is composed of five components: OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01, OptiVibro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement, OptiVibro® Cytokine I, OptiVibro® Cytokine II, and OptiVibro® Cytokine III. All of these components are serum-free, xeno-free, and have been manufactured in strict compliance with GMP regulations.

| Contents and storage

Catalog No.	Product name	Amount	Storage	Shelf life ^[1]
NE000-N022	OptiVibro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Kit P01	1 kit	-	-
BA0092	OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01	1000 mL	2-8 °C Protect from light	12 months
BA0102	OptiVibro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement	8 mL	2-8 °C Protect from light	18 months
BA0112	OptiVibro® Cytokine I	45 µL	-20 °C	12 months
BA0122	OptiVibro® Cytokine II	150 µL	-20 °C	12 months
BA0132	OptiVibro® Cytokine III	310 µL	-20 °C	12 months
NE000-N021	OptiVibro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Kit P01	1 kit	-	-
BA0091	OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01	500 mL	2-8 °C Protect from light	12 months
BA0101	OptiVibro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement	4 mL	2-8 °C Protect from light	18 months
BA0111	OptiVibro® Cytokine I	22.5 µL	-20 °C	12 months
BA0121	OptiVibro® Cytokine II	75 µL	-20 °C	12 months
BA0131	OptiVibro® Cytokine III	155 µL	-20 °C	12 months
NE000-N021S	OptiVibro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Kit P01 (Sample)	1 kit	-	-
BA0091S	OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01 (Sample)	100 mL	2-8 °C Protect from light	12 months

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BA0101S	OptiVibro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement (Sample)	0.8 mL	2-8 °C Protect from light	18 months
BA0111S	OptiVibro® Cytokine I (Sample)	9 µL	-20 °C	12 months
BA0121S	OptiVibro® Cytokine II (Sample)	30 µL	-20 °C	12 months
BA0131S	OptiVibro® Cytokine III (Sample)	31 µL	-20 °C	12 months

^[1] The Shelf-Life may be extended after strict validation by QC.

| Instructions for use

Prepare media

1. Place OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01 and OptiVibro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement under a sterile laminar flow hood.
2. Add 4 mL/8 mL OptiVibro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement to 500 mL/1000 mL OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01.
3. Tighten and mix the complete OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01 thoroughly.

Note: It is recommended to use complete OptiVibro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01 within four weeks after mixed.

4. To prepare the complete medium (short name: "NK-SFM"), add 155 µL/310 µL of OptiVibro® Cytokine III to 500 mL/1000 mL of the previously prepared OptiVibro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Medium P01.

Note:

1) The complete medium (the short name is 'NK-SFM' in the following protocol) is stable for 3 weeks when stored at 2-8°C in the dark.

2) OptiVibro® Cytokine III can be aliquoted for small volume culture use but should be limited to three freeze-thaw cycles.

Culture NK cells from PBMCs

OptiVibro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Kit P01 is designed for culturing NK cells from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), cord blood mononuclear cells (CB-MNCs), or NK cells derived from iPS cells. The kit does not necessarily require serum or serum replacement, but supplementing with heat-inactivated autologous plasma, serum replacement, or human AB serum can increase cell expansion folds. This protocol outlines the procedures for culturing NK cells from PBMCs, starting with a T75 flask as an example.

1. Thaw OptiVibro® Cytokine I at room temperature one day before NK cell activation. Add 45 µL OptiVibro® Cytokine I to 15 mL sterile DPBS and mix well. Transfer the mixed liquid to a sterile T75 flask, shaking it slightly to ensure the liquid covers the bottom of the flask. Store the flask at 2-8°C overnight.
2. Prepare fresh PBMCs following standard PBMC separation protocols or quickly thaw (<1 minute) frozen vials of PBMC cells in a 37°C water bath.
3. If using fresh PBMCs, wash them with sterile DPBS and use them directly. If using frozen cells, thaw them one day before NK cell activation, place them at a concentration of around 2×10^6 cells/mL in complete

OptiViro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Medium P01 without extra cytokines, and incubate them in a humidified 37°C incubator with an atmosphere of 5% CO₂ for 16-24 h.

4. It is optional to sort NK cells using magnetic beads with antibodies before the activation.
5. Centrifuge cells at 400×g for 10 minutes and discard the supernatant.
6. Equilibrate the T75 flask coated with OptiViro® Cytokine I (prepared in step 1) at room temperature and remove the liquid.
7. Equilibrate complete OptiViro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Medium P01 to room temperature before use. Resuspend the PBMCs at a concentration of 2.0-2.5×10⁶ cells/mL in 15 mL of complete OptiViro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Medium P01 with OptiViro® Cytokine III (NK-SFM) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated autologous plasma.
8. Transfer the cells (from step 7) to the T75 flask (from step 6), add 150 µL of OptiViro® Cytokine II to the medium, and shake it slightly. Incubate the cells in a humidified 37°C incubator with an atmosphere of 5% CO₂.
9. On Day 3 after NK cell activation, feed the cells with 15 mL of NK-SFM supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated autologous plasma.
10. On Day 5 after NK cell activation, feed the cells and adjust the cell concentration to 1.0-1.5×10⁶ cells/mL with NK-SFM supplemented with 5% heat-inactivated autologous plasma.
11. From Day 7 after NK cell activation, feed the cells and adjust the cell concentration to 1.0-1.5×10⁶ cells/mL with NK-SFM supplemented with 5% heat-inactivated autologous plasma every 2-3 days. The cells can be transferred to bioreactors for further expansion at around Day 9-11 after NK cell activation.

Note:

1) If you require more than 1 liter of NK-SFM to expand NK cells, we offer a product called OptiViro® NK Cell Expansion Serum-free Basic Kit P01 (Catalog No. NE000-N03#). This kit includes OptiViro® NK Cell Basal SF Medium P01, OptiViro® NK Cell SF Medium Supplement, and OptiViro® Cytokine III.

2) If culturing NK cells from CB-MNCs, it is recommended to use freshly prepared CB-MNCs instead of frozen ones to achieve higher expansion folds.