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Product Information

Mouse Brain Vascular Pericytes (MBVP)

Catalog Number	10MU-014	Cell Number	0.5 million cells/vial
Species	*Mus musculus*	Storage Temperature	Liquid Nitrogen

Description

Brain Vascular Pericytes (BVP) are perivascular cells that are closely associated with the endothelium of capillaries and other small vessels [1]. BVP, located between endothelial cells and astrocytes in the brain, communicate with other cells by extending long cytoplasmic processes which wrap around the capillaries [1, 2]. BVP participate in a variety of processes including angiogenesis, endothelial cell survival, regulation of capillary blood flow, and establishment and maintenance of the blood-brain barrier [3,4]. Pericyte dysregulation has been linked to several pathological conditions such as hypertension, diabetic retinopathy, atherosclerosis, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, and tumor angiogenesis [2, 4]. The unique and diverse functions of BVP make them novel candidates for cell therapy in regenerative medicine. Cultured primary mouse BVP (MBVP) are a useful in vitro model for understanding the molecular mechanisms of blood-brain barrier regulation and for studying a wide variety of central nervous system diseases.

iXCells Biotechnologies provides high quality Mouse Brain Vascular Pericytes (MBVP), which are isolated from adult mouse brain and cryopreserved at P2, with >0.5 million cells in each vial. MBVP express Neural/glial antigen 2 (NG2) and α-smooth muscle actin. They are negative for HIV-1, HBV, HCV, mycoplasma, bacteria, yeast, and fungi and can further expand no more than 3 passages in **Mouse Pericyte Growth Medium** (Cat# MD-0030) under the condition suggested by iXCells Biotechnologies. Additional expansion may decrease the purity and proliferation rate.

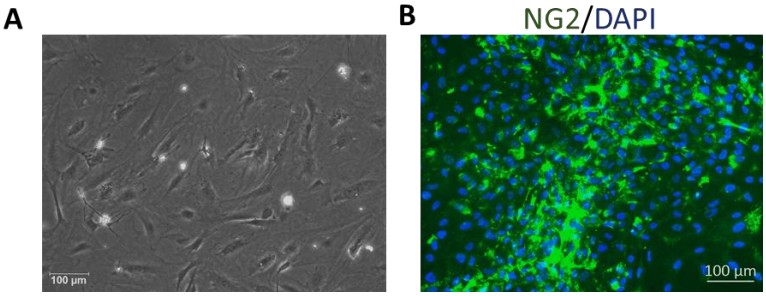

Figure 1. Mouse Brain Vascular Pericytes (MBVP). (**A**) Phase contrast image of MBVP. (**B**) Immunofluorescence staining with antibody against NG2.

Product Details

Tissue	Adult Mouse Brain
Package Size	0.5 x 10^6 cells/vial
Passage Number	P2
Shipped	Cryopreserved
Storage	Liquid nitrogen
Growth Properties	Adherent
Media	Pericyte Growth Medium (Cat # MD-0030)

Protocols

Thawing of Frozen Cells

1. Upon receipt of the frozen cells, it is recommended to thaw the cells and initiate the culture immediately in order to retain the highest cell viability.
2. To thaw the cells, put the vial in 37°C water bath with gentle agitation for 1-2 minutes. Keep the cap out of water to minimize the risk of contamination.
3. Pipette the cells into a 15 mL conical tube with 5ml fresh **Pericyte Growth Medium** (Cat # MD-0030).
4. Centrifuge at 1,000 rpm (~220 g) for 5 minutes under room temperature.
5. Remove the supernatant and resuspend the cells in fresh culture medium.
6. Culture the cell in the T75 flask. Change the medium every other day until cells reach 80-90% confluence.

Safety Precaution: *it is highly recommended that protective gloves and clothing should be used when handling frozen vials.*

Standard Culture Procedure

1. Mouse brain vascular pericytes can be cultured in **Pericyte Growth Medium** (Cat # MD-0030).
2. When cells reach ~80-90% confluence, remove the medium, and wash once with sterile PBS (5ml/T75 flask).
3. Add 3 mL of 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA to the flask and incubate for ~3 minutes at 37°C. Neutralize the enzyme by adding 2-3 volumes of cell culture medium.
4. Centrifuge 1,000 rpm (~220 g) for 5 minutes and resuspend the cells in desired volume of medium.
5. Seed the cells in the new culture vessels at 5 × 10^3 cells/cm^2. Change the medium every other day until cells reach 80-90% confluence.

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