



## **Product Description**

Smooth muscle cells (SMC) are primary contributors to the development of arterial disease [1]. The ability of vascular SMC to switch to a proliferative phenotype is one of the main factors in the development and progression of vascular disease. Recent studies have demonstrated that SMC express calcium channels [2], ICAM-1, and VCAM-1. The expression of ICAM-1 and VCAM-1 on SMC may contribute to the inflammatory reaction in the vascular wall and may actively be involved in the progression of vascular disease [3]. Vascular SMC in culture play an important role in vascular disease research and can be used to identify new therapeutic targets to treat arterial disease.

iXCells Biotechnologies provides high quality RASMC, which are isolated from rat aorta and cryopreserved at P2, with >0.5 million cells in each vial. RASMC express ±-smooth muscle actin and desmin. They are negative for HIV-1, HBV, HCV, mycoplasma, bacteria, yeast, and fungi and can further expand for 5 population doublings in Smooth Muscle Cell Growth Medium (Cat# MD-0034) under the condition suggested by iXCells Biotechnologies.

## **Product Details**

Tissue	Rat aorta
Package Size	0.5x10 <sup>6</sup> cells/vial
Passage Number	P2
Shipped	Cryopreserved
Storage	Liquid nitrogen
Growth Properties	Adherent
Media	Smooth Muscle Cell Growth Medium (Cat# MD-0034)

## References

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