

Product Description

Astrocytes are the major cell type in the mammalian brain. They provide a variety of supportive functions to their partner neurons in the central nervous system (CNS), such as neuronal guidance during development, nutritional and metabolic support throughout life [1]. Astrocytes have also been implicated in various pathological processes [2]. Impairment of normal astrocyte functions during stroke and other insults can critically influence neuron survival. Long-term recovery after brain injury, through neurite outgrowth, synaptic plasticity, or neuron regeneration, is also influenced by astrocyte surface molecule expression and trophic factor release [3]. Numerous studies have demonstrated that astrocytes are among the most functionally diverse group of cells in the CNS [4]. Much of what we have learned about astrocytes is from in vitro studies and astrocyte culture is a useful tool for exploring the diverse properties of this cell type.

iXCells Biotechnologies provides high quality Rat Astrocytes-hippocampal (RA-h), which are isolated from postnatal day 2 rat hippocampus and cryopreserved at P1, with >0.5 million cells in each vial. RA-h express GFAP and are negative for HIV-1, HBV, HCV, mycoplasma, bacteria, yeast, and fungi. They can further expand for 5 population doublings in Astrocyte Medium (Cat# MD-0039) under the condition suggested by iXCells Biotechnologies.

Product Details

Tissue	Postnatal day 2 rat hippocampus
Package Size	0.5x10 ⁶ cells/vial
Passage Number	P1
Shipped	Cryopreserved
Storage	Liquid nitrogen
Growth Properties	Adherent
Media	Astrocyte Medium (Cat# MD-0039)

References

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