

**SOP:** Propagation of Jurkat  
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### **Ordering Information**

Jurkat can be ordered from ATCC as a frozen ampoule.

Name: Jurkat, Clone E6-1  
ATCC #: TIB-152

### **Notes:**

This cell line grows in suspension and should be maintained at a density between  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/ml and  $3 \times 10^6$  cells/ml.

### **Materials List**

1. RPMI 1640 with 2mM L-glutamine (cellgro Cat# 10-040-CM)
2. Fetal Bovine Serum (cellgro Cat# 35-016-CV)
3. T225 culture flasks
4. Graduated pipets (1, 5, 25, 50mL)
5. Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution, 100X (Cellgro, Cat#300-002CI)
6. Hemocytometer
7. Micropipet w/ P20 tips
8. Microscope
9. Freezing medium (growth medium containing 6% DMSO)

### **Growth Medium for Jurkat**

RPMI 1640 with 2mM L-glutamine  
10% FBS  
Pen-Strep (1X)

### **Procedure**

#### **A. Receipt of Frozen cells and starting cell cultures.**

- 1) Immediately place frozen cells in liquid nitrogen storage incubator.
- 2) Quickly thaw ampoule in 37°C water bath.
- 3) Transfer thawed cells to a T25 flask with 10ml of warm growth media.
- 4) Allow cells to recover over night in 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified incubator.
- 5) The take cell count and spin down cells, 500g for 5 minutes, then decant old media
- 6) Re-suspend cells in warm fresh media at a volume to yield a density of  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/ml.

#### **B. Sub-culture and Maintenance**

- 1) Maintain culture at a cell density between  $1 \times 10^5$  and  $3 \times 10^6$  cells/ml.
- 2) Cells will either need to be fed again after 2-3 days or split depending on the cell density. Splitting can be performed by centrifuging cells at 500g for 5 minutes, decanting growth medium and rinsing in sterile 1X PBS. Cells should then be resuspended in fresh growth medium to achieve a density  $1 \times 10^5$  and  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml.

**C. Harvest**

- 1) Pass cells until the desired number of cells is reached.
- 2) Spin down and rinse cells as described above in Sub-culture and maintenance.