



Endothelial Cell Medium-rat – Glucose Free (ECM-r-GF)

Catalog #1021-GF

Product Description

Endothelial cell medium-rat – glucose free (ECM-r-GF), when used with Endothelial Cell Growth Supplement-rat (ECGS-r), Calf Serum (CS) and additional glucose (Cat #0893) is a complete medium designed for optimal growth of normal rat endothelial cells *in vitro*. It is a sterile, liquid medium which contains essential and non-essential amino acids, vitamins, organic and inorganic compounds, hormones, growth factors, trace minerals and a low concentration of fetal bovine serum (5%). The medium is HEPES and bicarbonate buffered and has a pH of 7.4 when equilibrated in an incubator with an atmosphere of 5% CO₂/95% air. The medium is formulated (quantitatively and qualitatively) to provide an optimally balanced nutritional environment that selectively supports the growth of normal rat endothelial cells *in vitro*.

ECM-r-GF does not contain glucose, an important source of energy for cell growth. ECM-r-GF should be supplemented with Glucose Solution (GS; Cat #0893) prior to use. The recommended glucose concentration is 1g/L but may vary with experimental conditions.

Components

ECM-r-GF consists of 500 ml of basal medium, 25 ml of calf serum (CS, Cat. #0025-cs), 5 ml of Endothelial Cell Growth Supplement-rat (ECGS-r, Cat. #1062) and 5 ml of penicillin/streptomycin solution (P/S, Cat. #0503). *Note: CS, ECGS-r and P/S are not pre-mixed in ECM-r-GF; they must be added separately to make the complete ECM-r-GF.*

NOTE: ECM-r-GF should be supplemented with Glucose Solution (GS; Cat #0893) prior to use. Glucose Solution is not included and should be purchased separately.

Product Use

ECM-r-GF is for research use only. It is not approved for human or animal use, or for application in *in vitro* diagnostic procedures.

Storage

Store the basal medium at 4°C and the ECGS-r, CS and P/S solution at -20°C. Protect from light.

Shipping

Basal medium: room temperature. Supplements: dry ice.

Instructions for Use

Thaw ECGS-r, CS and P/S solution at 37°C. Gently tilt the tubes several times to ensure the contents are completely mixed before adding to the medium. Spray the medium bottle and tubes with 70% ethanol, and wipe to remove excess liquid. In a sterile field, remove the caps without touching the interior threads with fingers. Add ECGS-r, CS and P/S solution to the medium and mix well. Since several components are light-labile, the medium should not be exposed to light

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for extended periods. We do not recommend warming medium in a 37°C water bath prior to use. When stored in the dark at 4°C, the reconstituted medium is stable for one month.

Caution: If handled improperly, some components of the medium may present a health hazard. Take appropriate precautions when handling it, including the wearing of protective clothing and eyewear. Dispose of properly.