Isolation and cultivation of rat liver epithelial cells

Commonly used acronym: *rLEC*

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SCOPE OF THE METHOD

The Method relates to	Human health
The Method is situated in	Basic Research
Type of method	In vitro - Ex vivo
Species from which cells/tissues/organs are derived	Rattus norvegicus
Type of cells/tissues/organs	rat liver epithelial cells

DESCRIPTION

Method keywords

liver

epithelial cells
isolation

Scientific area keywords

liver research
liver cells

Method description

Rat liver epithelial cells (rLEC) can be isolated from 8-day old male Sprague-Dawley rats. Briefly, small fragments of neonatal rat livers are incubated for 15 minutes with 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazine-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) buffered trypsin solution [0.25% (v/v)] and washed twice with calcium- and magnesium-free phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) before plating. Elimination of contaminating broblasts is accomplished by taking advantage of their faster attachment to plastic culture dishes (plate-and-wait method). Growth medium consisted of Williams' E medium without glutamine, 10 % (v/v) fetal bovine serum (FBS), 0.68 mM L-glutamine, 50 µg/mL streptomycin sulphate, 7.33 IU/mL benzyl penicillin, 50 µg/mL kanamycin monosulphate and 10 µg/mL sodium ampicillin. Cell cultures are incubated at 37 °C in a 5 % CO2 and 95 % air humidified atmosphere. Growth media is changed completely every 2 days.

Lab equipment

Biosafety cabinet level 1;
Cell incubator;
Centrifuge.

Method status

History of use
Internally validated
Published in peer reviewed journal

PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

Advantages

Robust isolation and cultivation method for rat liver epithelial cells.

REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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