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GROWTH MEDIA: DMEM containing 4.5 g/L glucose/10% heat inactivated fetal bovine serum/1x nonessential amino acids/10 mM HEPES/0.25 mg/mL Geneticin (G418)/100 U/mL each penicillin and streptomycin

PRESENTATION:

Cells are frozen at 2×10^6 cells/mL in DMEM/20% fetal bovine serum/100 U/mL penicillin and streptomycin/10% DMSO. Cell line tests negative for mycoplasma.

STORAGE/HANDLING:

Place cells in liquid nitrogen immediately upon receipt. Maintain frozen in liquid nitrogen for up to 5 years. Thaw cells rapidly by removing from liquid nitrogen and immediately immersing in a 37°C water bath. Immediately after ice has thawed, sterilize the exterior of the vial with 70% ethanol. Transfer contents of the vial to a T75 flask containing 20 mL growth media, and place in a humidified 37°C incubator with 5% CO₂. After 8-24 h, cells will adhere to the plate, at which time the media should be replaced to remove residual DMSO. Cells are passaged by washing with Ca⁺⁺ and Mg⁺⁺-free HBSS (10 mL/T75), incubating with 0.05% trypsin/0.2 g/L EDTA (1 mL/T75) for 5-10 minutes at 37°C, and rapping the side of the flask to dislodge the cells. Neutralize the trypsin by addition of 4 volumes growth media. Cells are typically passaged 1:10 with every 3-4 days, and should be passaged at least once after thawing prior to use in calcium flux assays.

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