

STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation and Maintenance Kits



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Catalog #05010 1 Kit
 Catalog #05020 1 Kit

Media for differentiation of human PSCs to cardiomyocytes and long-term maintenance of human PSC-derived cardiomyocytes

Product Description

STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Kit (Catalog #05010) includes a medium for differentiation of human embryonic stem (ES) and induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells (human pluripotent stem cells or hPSCs) into cardiomyocytes, as well as a medium for maintenance of hPSC-derived cardiomyocytes. This kit can be used to generate cardiomyocytes derived from a clump culture of hPSCs maintained in mTeSR™1 (Catalog #85850) or TeSR™-E8™ (Catalog #05940). These cardiomyocytes have > 80% cTnT expression. An average of 1×10^6 cells can be harvested from a single well of a 12-well plate.

STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Kit (Catalog #05020) can be used for long-term maintenance of hPSC-derived cardiomyocytes for one month or longer. These cardiomyocytes can be used in various downstream applications and analyses.

Product Information

The following components are sold as complete kits (Catalog #05010 and 05020) and are not available for individual sale.

COMPONENT NAME	COMPONENT #	SIZE	STORAGE	SHELF LIFE
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Kit (05010)				
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Basal Medium	05011	380 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Supplement A (10X)*	05012	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Supplement B (10X)*	05013	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Supplement C (10X)*	05014	20 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Basal Medium	05015	490 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Supplement (50X)*	05016	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Kit (05020)				
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Basal Medium	05015	490 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.
STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Supplement (50X)*	05016	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.

*This component contains material derived from human plasma. Donors have been tested and found negative for HIV-1 and -2, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C prior to donation. However, this product should be considered potentially infectious and treated in accordance with universal handling precautions.

Materials Required But Not Included

PRODUCT NAME	CATALOG #
Corning® Matrigel® hESC-Qualified Matrix	Corning 354277
mTeSR™1 OR TeSR™-E8™	85850 OR 05940
D-PBS (Without Ca++ and Mg++)	37350
Gentle Cell Dissociation Reagent	07174
Y-27632	72302
Trypan Blue	07050

Preparation of Media

A. PREPARATION OF STEMdiff™ CARDIOMYOCYTE DIFFERENTIATION MEDIA (A, B, & C)

Use sterile techniques to prepare complete STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Media (Differentiation Basal Medium + Differentiation Supplement A, B, or C). The following example is for preparing 100 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium A. If preparing other volumes, adjust accordingly. For Medium B and Medium C, follow the instructions below, replacing Differentiation Supplement A with Differentiation Supplement B or Differentiation Supplement C, respectively.

1. Thaw Differentiation Supplement A at room temperature (15 - 25°C). Mix thoroughly.

NOTE: If not used immediately, aliquot Supplement and store at -20°C. Do not exceed the shelf life of the Supplement. Once aliquots are thawed, do not re-freeze.

2. Add 10 mL of Differentiation Supplement A to 90 mL of Differentiation Basal Medium. Mix thoroughly.

NOTE: If not used immediately, store STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium A, B, or C at 2 - 8°C for up to 2 weeks. Warm medium to room temperature (15 - 25°C) before use.

B. PREPARATION OF COMPLETE STEMdiff™ CARDIOMYOCYTE MAINTENANCE MEDIUM

Use sterile techniques to prepare complete STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium (Maintenance Basal Medium + Maintenance Supplement). The following example is for preparing 500 mL of complete medium. If preparing other volumes, adjust accordingly.

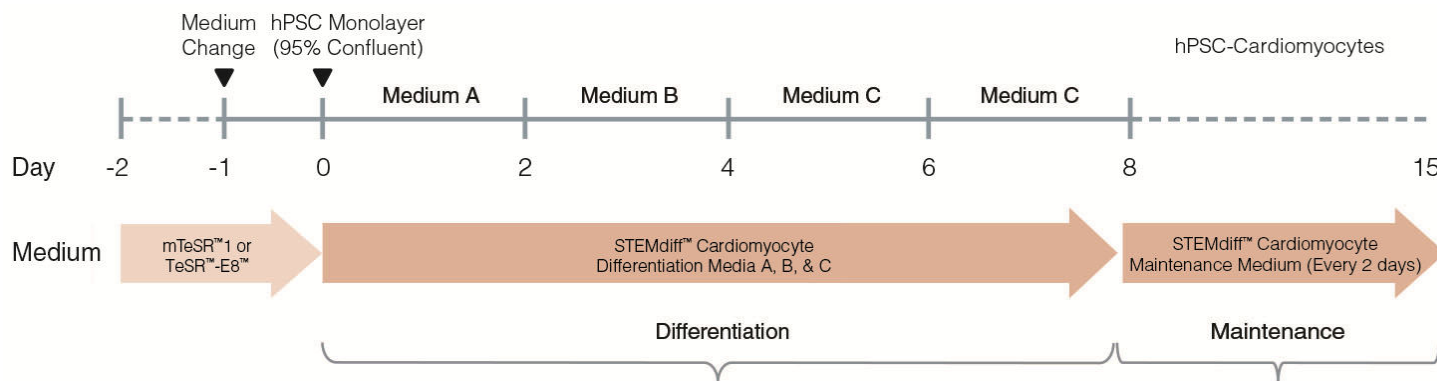
1. Thaw Maintenance Supplement at room temperature (15 - 25°C). Mix thoroughly.

NOTE: If not used immediately, aliquot Supplement and store at -20°C. Do not exceed the shelf life of the Supplement. Once aliquots are thawed, do not re-freeze.

2. Add 10 mL of Maintenance Supplement to 490 mL of Maintenance Basal Medium. Mix thoroughly.

NOTE: If not used immediately, store complete STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium at 2 - 8°C for up to 4 weeks. Warm complete medium to room temperature (15 - 25°C) before use.

Protocol Diagram



Directions for Use

Please read the entire protocol before proceeding. Use sterile techniques when performing the following protocols.

A. DISSOCIATION OF hPSCs INTO A SINGLE-CELL SUSPENSION

Start with a clump culture of hPSCs maintained in mTeSR™1 or TeSR™-E8™ on Corning® Matrigel®-coated 6-well plates (Preparation of Reagents and Materials, section A). It is critical to start with high-quality hPSC cultures for efficient cardiomyocyte differentiation. hPSCs must have high expression of pluripotency markers, e.g. OCT4 and TRA-1-60.

For complete instructions on how to maintain hPSCs in mTeSR™1 or TeSR™-E8™, and for coating plates with Corning® Matrigel®, refer to the Technical Manual: Maintenance of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells in mTeSR™1 (Document #28315) or TeSR™-E8™ (Document #29267) available at www.stemcell.com or contact us to request a copy.

1. Coat a 12-well tissue culture plate with Corning® Matrigel® hESC-Qualified Matrix and bring to room temperature (15 - 25°C) for at least 1 hour prior to use.
2. Wash each well to be passaged with 1 mL of D-PBS (Without Ca⁺⁺ and Mg⁺⁺).
3. Aspirate the wash and add 1 mL/well of Gentle Cell Dissociation Reagent.
4. Incubate at 37°C and 5% CO₂ for 8 - 10 minutes.
5. In each well, dislodge cells by pipetting up and down 3 - 4 times using a pipette with a 1000 µL tip.
6. Immediately transfer cells to a tube containing 1 mL of mTeSR™1 or TeSR™-E8™ per well harvested.
7. Centrifuge at 300 x g for 5 minutes. Remove and discard supernatant.
8. Gently resuspend cell pellet with 1 - 2 mL of mTeSR™1 or TeSR™-E8™ supplemented with 10 µM Y-27632.
9. Perform a cell count using trypan blue and a hemocytometer.
10. Proceed to section B for culture of single-cell hPSCs.

B. CULTURE OF SINGLE-CELL hPSCs

1. **Day -2:** Aspirate Corning® Matrigel® from a pre-coated 12-well plate (section A, step 1). Add 1 mL of mTeSR™1 or TeSR™-E8™ supplemented with 10 µM Y-27632 per well.
2. Add cells (from section A) at a density of 3.5 x 10⁵ cells/well.
NOTE: Move the plate in several quick, short, back-and-forth and side-to-side motions to ensure uniform distribution of cells.
3. Incubate at 37°C for 24 hours. Do not disturb cells.
4. **Day -1:** Remove medium and replace with 1 mL of fresh mTeSR™1 or TeSR™-E8™ (without Y-27632). Incubate at 37°C for 24 hours. Do not disturb cells.
NOTE: Cells should reach > 95% confluency before starting the differentiation protocol (48 hours after seeding). If additional time is needed, continue daily medium changes as described above until confluency reaches > 95%.
5. Proceed to section C for cardiomyocyte differentiation and maintenance.

C. CARDIOMYOCYTE DIFFERENTIATION AND MAINTENANCE (DAY 0 - DAY 15)

For preparation of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation and Maintenance media, refer to Preparation of Media section. The following instructions are for 1 well of a 12-well plate. For other volumes, adjust accordingly.

1. **Day 0:** Thaw Corning® Matrigel® on ice. Add 20 µL of Corning® Matrigel® to 2 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium A (1 in 100 dilution).
2. Remove medium from the wells of the 12-well plate from section B.
3. Add 2 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium A supplemented with Corning® Matrigel® (prepared in step 1) per well. Incubate at 37°C for 2 days.
4. **Day 2:** Remove medium and gently add 2 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium B. Incubate at 37°C for 2 days.
5. **Day 4:** Remove medium and gently add 2 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium C. Incubate at 37°C for 2 days.
6. **Day 6:** Remove medium and gently add 2 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Medium C. Incubate at 37°C for 2 days.
7. **Day 8:** Remove medium and gently add 2 mL of complete STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium. Incubate at 37°C for 2 days.
NOTE: Small areas of beating cardiomyocytes may be visible.
NOTE: Do not feed differentiating cardiomyocytes with STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium before Day 8 of differentiation.
8. **Day 10, 12, and 14:** Remove medium and gently add 2 mL of complete STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium. Incubate at 37°C.
NOTE: Larger areas of beating cardiomyocytes should be visible over time.
9. **Day 15:** hPSC-derived cardiomyocytes (> 80% cTnT+) are ready to be harvested for standard assays.
10. **Day 15+:** To maintain hPSC-derived cardiomyocytes for 1 month or longer, perform a full medium change every 2 days with 2 mL of STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium per well of a 12-well plate.

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