# STEMdiff™ Cardiomyocyte Differentiation and Maintenance Kits

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

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## **Product Description**

STEMdiff<sup>TM</sup> 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 [hPSCs]) into cardiomyocytes (cardiac troponin T-positive [cTnT+]), 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<sup>TM</sup>1 (Catalog #85850) or TeSR<sup>TM</sup>-E8<sup>TM</sup> (Catalog #05990). Greater than 80% of these cells will be cTnT+. An average of 1 x 10^6 cells can be harvested from a single well of a 12-well plate.

STEMdiff<sup>TM</sup> 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 <sup>TM</sup> Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Supplement A (10X)*	05012	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 2 years from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.	
STEMdiff <sup>™</sup> Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Supplement B (10X)*	05013	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 2 years from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.	
STEMdiff <sup>™</sup> Cardiomyocyte Differentiation Supplement C (10X)*	05014	20 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 2 years from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.	
STEMdiff <sup>TM</sup> Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Basal Medium	05015	490 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C.	Stable for 12 months from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.	
STEMdiff <sup>™</sup> Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Supplement (50X)*	05016	10 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable for 2 years 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 2 years from date of manufacture (MFG) on label.	

<sup>\*</sup>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 05990
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.

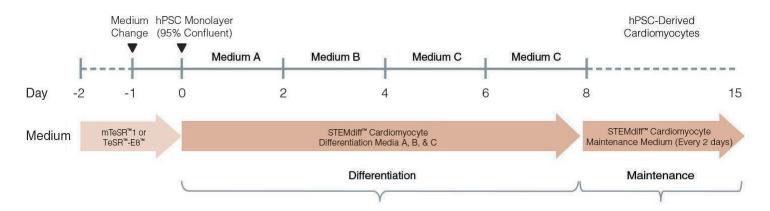
- Thaw Differentiation Supplement A at room temperature (15 25°C). Mix thoroughly.
   NOTE: If not used immediately, aliquot Supplement and store at -20°C. Do not exceed the shelf life of the Supplement. Once aliquots are thawed, do not re-freeze.
- Add 10 mL of Differentiation Supplement A to 90 mL 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.

- 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.
- 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<sup>TM</sup>1 or TeSR<sup>TM</sup>-E8<sup>TM</sup> 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<sup>TM</sup>1 or TeSR<sup>TM</sup>. and for coating plates with Corning® Matrigel®, refer to the Technical Manual: Maintenance of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells in mTeSR<sup>TM</sup>1 (Document #28315) or TeSR<sup>TM</sup>-E8<sup>TM</sup> (Document #DX20809), available at www.stemcell.com or contact us to request a copy.

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- 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++).
- Aspirate the wash and add 1 mL/well of Gentle Cell Dissociation Reagent.
- 4. Incubate at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> 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.
- 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 10^5 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.
- 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.
- 5. Assess cells for confluency.
  - **CRITICAL**: Cells must reach > 95% confluency before starting the differentiation protocol (48 hours after seeding). If cells are < 95% confluent, do not continue incubation. Repeat steps 1 5, seeding cells at a higher density than previously used.
- 6. Once > 95% confluency is achieved, 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.

- 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.

NOTE: Small areas of beating cardiomyocytes may be visible.

- 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.
- 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<sup>TM</sup> Cardiomyocyte Maintenance Medium. Incubate at 37°C for 2 days.
  - 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.
- Day 15: hPSC-derived cardiomyocytes 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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