

KREAvital Prenatal Medium (Complete)

Complete Medium for Human Amniotic Fluid and Chorionic Villi Samples

Cat. No: KBI-90012 (100 ml)
KBI-92012 (500 ml)
Store at: -20°C

Product Description

The *in vitro* cultivation of amniotic fluid cells and chorionic villi is an essential part of every diagnostic cytogenetics laboratory, since the preparation of metaphase chromosome spreads is dependent upon obtaining cells in division. Amniocentesis and chorionic villi sampling are the major invasive diagnostic procedures used for the detection of fetal chromosomal abnormalities. KREAvital Prenatal Medium is specifically optimized for the primary culture of human amniotic fluid cells and chorionic villi samples used in prenatal diagnostic testing. The medium is supplied frozen and contains serum, glutamine and antibiotics.

Precaution and Disclaimer

1. For *in vitro* diagnostic use. The medium is not intended for therapeutic use.
2. Do not use if a visible precipitate is observed in the medium.
3. Use of KREAvital Prenatal Medium does not guarantee the successful outcome of any chromosome analysis testing.
4. Do not use KREAvital Prenatal Medium beyond the expiration date indicated on the product label.

Storage and Stability

KREAvital Prenatal Medium should be kept frozen at -20°C. After thawing, the medium should be stored at 2 - 8°C. The medium should be used within 7 days after thawing. Protect the medium from light.

Instructions for Use

Thaw KREAvital Prenatal Medium at refrigerator temperatures (2 - 8°C). Mix gently after thawing.

Note that the medium already contains L-Glutamine and antibiotics.

Procedure

KREAvital Prenatal Medium may be used for:

- Primary culture of amniotic fluid cells
- Culture of passaged amniotic fluid cells
- Propagation of chorionic villi cells

The medium may be used in both open and closed culture systems.

The following protocol and the volumes indicated are only general guidelines for use.

In Situ Culture of Amniotic Fluid Cells

1. Centrifuge 20 ml of amniotic fluid at 750 rpm for 10 minutes.
2. Carefully decant the amniotic fluid from the cell pellet into a sterile test tube.
3. Re-suspend the cell pellet with 2 ml of amniotic fluid.
4. Add 2 ml of KREAvital Prenatal Medium and swirl gently.
5. Culture 0.5 ml of the cell suspension on each coverslip in a tissue culture dish.
6. Incubate cultures at 37°C in 5% CO₂ atmosphere.
7. Flood cultures on day 2 with 1.5 ml of KREAvital Prenatal Medium.
8. After 5 days, check the cultures for the presence of colonies.
9. After the colonies first appear (5-7 days), replace the medium with fresh KREAvital Prenatal Medium.
10. When the cultures have colonies of sufficient size, proceed with harvesting. It is recommended to use cells from 2.5 ml of amniotic fluid per one coverslip.

Flask Method Culture of Amniotic Fluid Cells – Open and Closed Systems

Use the same procedure as for the *in situ* culture, with the following adaptations:

1. Re-suspend the cell pellet with 4 ml of amniotic fluid. Add 16 ml of KREAvital Prenatal Medium and swirl gently.
2. Culture 5 ml per each T25 flask. Place the cap loosely on the flask and incubate undisturbed at 37°C in 5% CO₂ atmosphere.
3. For closed systems: Flush each culture flask with 5% CO₂ – 95% air through 0.2µm sterile filter for 20 seconds. Tighten the caps and incubate the flasks at 37°C.
4. Check all flasks for growth after 5 days.

Quality Control

KREAvital Prenatal Medium is tested for sterility, pH, osmolality and endotoxin concentrations. In addition, each batch is tested for cell growth using primary human amniotic fluid cells.

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