



Cell cryopreservation V.1

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GUIDELINES

- This protocol is for ADHERENT CELLS

MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
Cell counter		Thermo Fisher Scientific
DMSO	9224	J.T. Baker
Bright-Line Hemacytometer	02-671-5	Fisher Scientific
Trypan Blue Stain 0.4%		Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher

MATERIALS TEXT

- Use a DMSO bottle only for cell culture work; Open only in laminar flow hood

BEFORE STARTING

- Aseptic techniques
- Wipe down hood and any item introduced into the hood with 70% ethanol

- 1 Gently detach cells from the tissue culture flask in the following manner:


- 1.1 Aspirate media



- 1.2 Wash with  2 mL PBS, then aspirate.

1.3 Wash with  **2 mL** trypsin.

1.4 Incubate for  **00:05:00** at  **37 °C** .

5m


2 Resuspend the cells in  **10 mL** of DMEM with FBS. Aliquot into a centrifuge tube. Of course, if there is a T25 flask, resuspend in lesser volume.

3 Aliquot a small amount of the mixture (about  **200 µl**) for cell counting. Ideally, cell viability should be in excess of 90% in order to achieve a good recovery after freezing. Keep at  **-4 °C**
- We need 1×10^6 - 5×10^6 cells for freezing.

4 Centrifuge the cell suspensions at 1500rpm for  **00:05:00**

5m

5 Discard supernatant carefully

6 Add about  **3 mL** of freezing media into the tube and re-suspend.

6.1 Freezing media preparation:
- 10% DMSO and 90% appropriate cell culture medium
(e.g 500uL of DMSO + 4.5mL of cell culture medium with FBS and antibiotics)

7 Dispense the aliquots of cell suspension into the cryogenic storage vials.

8 Cool the vials gradually as follows:

1h

 **-20 °C** for  **01:00:00**

 **-80 °C** overnight

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