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# Cell subculture

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## GUIDELINES

- For every 25cm<sup>2</sup> of surface area, fill with **5 mL** media
- Use about **10 mL** to **15 mL** of media for 75cm<sup>2</sup>
- PBS used is 1X
- 10% FBS in DMEM ( **50 mL** )
- 1% PenStrep in DMEM ( **5 mL** )

## MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
Trypsin	TB0626.SIZE.1g	Bio Basic Inc.
Fetal bovine serum		
Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline	D5652	Sigma Aldrich
Penicillin Streptomycin	15140 122	Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher
DMEM	11885	Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher









## BEFORE STARTING

- Thoroughly wipe down hood and any item introduced into the hood with 70% ethanol
- Carry out aseptic techniques while working

15m

**1** Pre-warm reagents to **37 °C** in water bath for about **00:15:00** .

**2** Aspirate spent culture media from cell culture vessel.

- 3 Wash cells once with PBS (  2 mL is enough to wash T25 flasks and maybe  5 mL for T75 flasks).
- 4 Aspirate PBS (from the side of the plate that does not have any cells, so as to avoid disturbing the cells).
- 5 Add  2 mL of Trypsin-EDTA (Add this volume for T25 flasks and accordingly about 5mL for T75 flasks) in the cell<sup>1m</sup> culture flasks; Incubate flasks for about  00:01:00 .
- 6 After incubation, examine cells under a microscope. Fully trypsinized cells should appear rounded up and no longer attached to the surface of the flask. A few taps can be applied onto the flask to make cells detach faster.
- 7 Once the cells have detached, add FBS/serum-containing medium to the flask in an equal ratio to the added trypsin. Trypsin will start acting on excess serum proteins instead of harming cells.
- 8 Collect harvested cells and pipette into an appropriate-sized centrifuge tube.
- 9 Centrifuge cells for  00:05:00 at 1500rpm. 5m
- 10 After centrifuging, aspirate media and trypsin.
- 11 Add  2 mL of fresh media into the tubes.
- 12 In each of the new flask (T25), add  5 mL of fresh media.
- 13 Add about  1 mL of cells from step 11 into each of the new flasks.

#### Rule of Thumb for ratio of splitting

- 14 - After the cells are 80% confluent, we should split them as they are in the log phase of growth  
- Refer to attached images for the rule of splitting

 [Screenshot 2020-10-20 at 13.34.28.png](#)

 [Screenshot 2020-10-20 at 13.35.08.png](#)

