

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes; Neonatal (HEKn)

SKU: TDC-P1202

### Product Details

**Catalog Number:** TDC-P1202

**Organism:** *Homo Sapiens*, Human

**Cell Type:** keratinocyte

**Tissue:** Skin

**Age:** Neonate

**Gender:** Male

**Clinical Information:** Healthy (with no known disease phenotypes)

**Package Size:** 5 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells/vial

**Passage Number:** P1

**Growth Properties:** Adherent

**Associated Media:** Keratinocyte Growth Medium (Cat. # TDM-1016)

### Storage Conditions & Shipment

**Product Format/Shipped:** Cryopreserved / Dry ice

**Storage:** Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

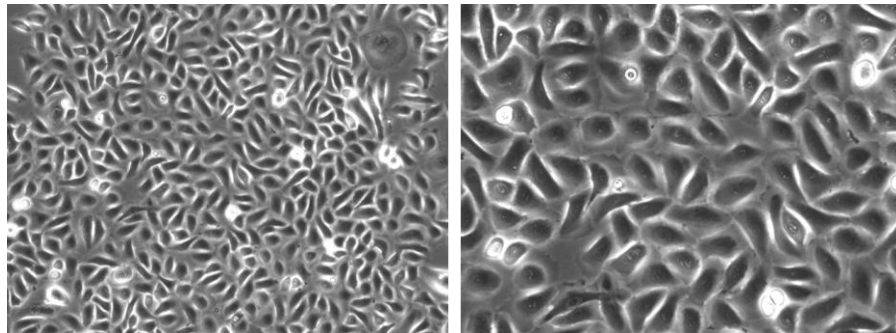
### Safety Precaution

**PLEASE READ BEFORE HANDLING ANY FROZEN VIALS.** *Please wear appropriate Personal*

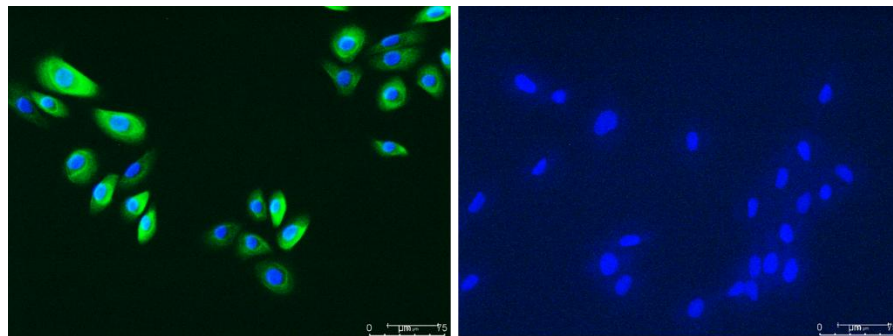
## Description

Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes neonatal (HEKn) are primary cells that exhibit a rounded, cobblestone-like appearance. Isolated from neonatal foreskin, HEKn serve as an optimal cell system for cultivating keratinocytes under serum-free conditions. These cells are cryopreserved at the first passage to maintain maximum viability and plating efficiency. HEKn can be utilized in a wide range of research areas, including toxicology, wound healing, skin cancer, response to UV radiation, psoriasis, eczema, viral infections, gene delivery systems, and cellular differentiation.

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**Figure 1: Phase contrast images of Primary Epidermal Keratinocytes neonatal (HEKn),** Keratinocytes were grown in Keratinocyte Growth Medium (Cat. # TDM-1016). The images above show the morphology and cellular arrangement of the keratinocytes. The cells exhibit typical polygonal shapes with well-defined borders and distinct nucleus visibility.



**Figure 2, Staining of HEKn with Cytokeratin and Vimentin:** Cytoplasmic cytokeratin is shown in green; nuclei were counterstained with Dapi and are shown in blue (Left). Staining of keratinocytes with anti-vimentin: no staining was observed with this antibody. Nuclei are shown in blue (Right). Scale bar=75um.

## Applications

1. Toxicology
2. Wound healing
3. Epithelial function and disease
4. Skin Regeneration and Tissue Engineering
5. Inflammation and Immune Response
6. Photodamage and UV radiation

## Ordering Information

Product	Catalog Number
Human Epidermal Keratinocytes, neonatal (HEKn)	TDC-PI202
Keratinocyte Growth Medium	TDM-1016
Keratinocyte Culture Supplement	TDM-1016A

## Protocols

### 1. Recovering HEKn

- 1) Coat the plates with Collagen I at least one hour at RT.
- 2) Wash the plates twice with PBS before dry in the hood with lid open.
- 3) Remove one vial of from liquid nitrogen storage and thaw the cells by gentle agitation in a 37°C water bath.  
*Note: To reduce the possibility of contamination, keep the O-ring and cap out of the water.*
- 4) Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are thawed, and decontaminate by dipping in or spraying with 70% ethanol.  
*Note: Thawing should be rapid (approximately 1 minute).*
- 5) Add the appropriate volume of Keratinocyte Growth Medium [volume = (1 mL x number of flasks to be seeded) into a sterile conical tube.
- 6) Using a sterile pipette, transfer the cells from the cryovial to the conical tube. Gently pipette the cells to homogenize the suspension. Do not centrifuge.
- 7) Count the cells with trypan blue. Seed the cells at density of 2500 cells/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 8) Place the seeded culture flasks in the incubator at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and incubate for at least 24 hours before processing the cells further.

### 2. Culturing HEKn

- 1) Passage HEKn when the culture has reached approximately 70% to 80% confluence.
- 2) For each flask, carefully aspirate the media and rinse the cells one time with 3 to 5 mL DPBS.
- 3) Add pre-warmed trypsin-EDTA solution (1 to 2 mL for every 25 cm<sup>2</sup>) to each flask. Gently rock each flask to ensure complete coverage of the trypsin-EDTA solution over the cells, and then aspirate the excess fluid off of the monolayer.
- 4) Observe the cells under the microscope. When the cells pull away from each other and round up (typically within 3 to 6 minutes), remove the flask from the microscope and gently tap it from several sides to promote detachment of the cells from the flask surface.  
*Note: If cells are difficult to detach, incubate each flask containing cells and the trypsin-EDTA solution at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.*
- 5) When the majority of cells appear to have detached, quickly add an equal volume of the Neutralizing Solution. Gently pipette or swirl the culture to ensure all of the trypsin-EDTA solution has been neutralized.
- 6) Transfer the dissociated cells to a sterile centrifuge tube. Add 3 to 5 mL DPBS to the tissue culture flask to collect any additional cells that might have been left behind.
- 7) Transfer the cell and DPBS suspension to the centrifuge tube and centrifuge the cells at 150 x g for 3 to 5 minutes.
- 8) Aspirate neutralized dissociation solution from the cell pellet and resuspend the cells in 2 to 8 mL fresh, pre-warmed, Keratinocyte Growth Medium.
- 9) Count the cells and seed new culture flasks at a density of 2,500 to 5,000 cells per cm<sup>2</sup>. Place newly seeded flasks in a 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for at least 24 to 48 hours before processing the cells further.

### 3. Maintenaning HEKn

- 1) Before beginning, pre-warm Keratinocyte Growth Medium in a 37°C water bath. If using a small volume of medium (50 mL or less), warm only the volume needed in a sterile conical tube. Avoid warming Keratinocyte Growth Medium multiple times.
- 2) 24 hours after seeding, remove the cells from the incubator and view each flask under the microscope to determine percent cellular confluence. Carefully remove the spent media without disturbing the monolayer.
- 3) Add 5 mL of fresh, pre-warmed Keratinocyte Growth Medium per 25 cm<sup>2</sup> of surface area and return the flasks to the incubator. After 24 to 48 hours, view each flask under the microscope to determine percent cellular confluence.
- 4) If not ready to passage, repeat steps 3 and 4 as described above. When cultures have reached approximately 80% confluence, and are actively proliferating (many mitotic figures are visible), it is time to subculture. Keratinocytes will begin to terminally differentiate once they become 100% confluent.

## **Disclaimers**

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic use.