

## **Certificate of Analysis**

# Strain C57BL/6 Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells with GFP

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Cryopreservation Date: 2009-7-10 Passage Number: 23

#### Viability

Cells are assayed for viability post-thaw using vital staining assay with trypan blue. Specification: Cells should exhibit  $\geq 80\%$  viability.

#### Sterility

Bacterial and Fungal Contamination: Samples are inoculated and cultured in blood agar plate, thioglycolate broth, tryptocase soy broth and sabouraud dextrose agar. Specification: No growth must be observed.

Mycoplasma: Samples are tested for mycoplasma contamination using a PCR-based assay and direct culture.

Specification: Results must be negative.

Endotoxin: Samples are tested for endotoxin contamination with LAL test. Specification: Results must show  $\leq 25$ EU/ml.

#### Karyotype

Cells are analyzed for karyotype by performing  $\geq 20$  metaphase spreads.

Specification: Results must be indicated that the cells possess 40 chromosomes (20 diploid pairs) plus 2 sex chromosomes (X, Y). The profile must match the published profile of Strain C57BL/6 mouse with no gross abnormalities.

### **GFP Expression**

Expression of constitutive GFP is assayed by visual inspection of GFP fluorescence signal. Specification:  $\geq$ 90% of the cells in each colony express GFP at high levels after 5 passages when cultured at normal proliferation conditions.

#### Verification of Undifferentiated State

Cells are analyzed for expression of cell-specific markers after cryopreservation. Cells are immunostained with fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies specific to OCT-4, SSEA-1, Nanog, SSEA-3 and SSEA-4.

Specification: Cells must be shown to remain undifferentiated when cultured on mouse embryonic feeder cells after cryopreservation. Results must indicate that  $\ge 90\%$  of colonies in a plate and  $\ge 90\%$  of



cells in each colony are positive for OCT-4, SSEA-1 and Nanog, while  $\leq$ 5% of colonies in a plate and  $\leq$ 5% of cells in each colony are positive for SSEA-3 and SSEA-4.

#### **Differentiation Potential**

Cells are assayed after cryopreservation for their ability to differentiate into embryoid bodies and express cell-specific markers indicative of the three germ layers.

Specification: Results must indicate positive expression of  $\beta$ 3-tubulin or nestin (ectoderm-specific markers), smooth muscle actin (mesoderm-specific marker), and AFP (endoderm-specific marker).

#### **Results:**

All specifications have been met.

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