

2D Keratinocyte Differentiation

CnT-Prime medium (CnT-PR) is designed to provide strong proliferation and extended longevity in a fully defined environment.

It is a Progenitor Cell Targeted (PCT) medium, which contains additional factors to improve retention of keratinocytes in a proliferative progenitor phenotype, thereby improve proliferation and longevity.

PCT factors may retard the differentiation process. For this reason, it is recommended to switch to CnT-PR-D differentiation medium when cells are induced to differentiate.

In addition, two other factors are important to obtain strong differentiation: confluency, and calcium.

In view of the above, the following protocol is recommended to induce terminal differentiation of keratinocytes growing in CnT-Prime medium:

1. Seed keratinocytes as usual in CnT-PR
2. Allow cells to proliferate until they approach confluency
3. One day before confluency, change the medium to CnT-PR-D
4. At confluency add 1.2 mM Ca^{2+} , to drive differentiation

Due to the similarity of the CnT-PR and CnT-PR-D formulations, cells can be easily switched between these media.

Following the achievement of confluency, cells will already begin to differentiation within 24 hours. The differentiation process will continue to progress for a further 7-10 days.

For induction of differentiation in 3D (airlift) cultures, please see the corresponding protocols in the resources section of www.cellntec.com

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