

Culture medium consisted of Dulbecco's modified Eagles medium (no pyruvate, high glucose formula; Specialty Media, Lavallette, NJ) supplemented with 20% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Specialty Media), 1 mM glutamine, 0.1 mM b-mercaptoethanol (Specialty Media), 1% nonessential amino acid stock (Specialty Media), and 0.1 mg/mL human leukemia inhibitory factor (Sigma, St. Louis).