

## bioGenous™ Mammary Epithelial Organoid Kit (Serum-free)

Catalog: K2050-ME

### Product Description:

bioGenous™ Mammary Epithelial Organoid Kit is a serum-free cell culture medium for human mammary epithelial organoids. This culture medium provides with the essential nutrients needed to self-renewal and self-organization while retaining the ability their original mammary epithelial function. Mammary organoids display all hallmarks of the ductal epithelium in terms of architecture, cell type composition, and self-renewal dynamics. The significant expression of biomarkers of mammary stem cells, ductal cells, and progenitor cells indicating the retention of the original Breast properties. Mammary organoids hold great promise for unprecedented studies of human mammary duct regeneration and disease modelling.

### Product Information:

Component	Cat#	Volume	Storage & Stability
bioGenous Mammary Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium	K2050-ME-A100/A500	100mL/500mL	2-8°C, 12 months
bioGenous Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement B (50x)	K2050-ME-B100/B500	2mL/10mL	-20°C, avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles, 12 months
bioGenous Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement C (250x)	K2050-ME-C100/C500	0.4mL/2mL	-20°C, avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles, 12 months

### Materials & Reagents Required But Not Included:

Manufacturer	Materials	Catalog#
bioGenous™	Primary Tissue Storage Solution	K601005
bioGenous™	Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium	B213151
bioGenous™	Organoid Dissociation Solution	E238001
bioGenous™	Tissue Digestion Solution	K601008
bioGenous™	Anti-Adherence Rinsing Kit	E238002
bioGenous™	Organoid Cryopreservation Medium (Serum Free)	E238023
bioGenous™	Organoid Culture ECM (Reduced Growth Factor)	M315066
	DPBS (1X), liquid, contains no calcium or magnesium	-
	Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	-

### Preparation of Human Mammary Organoid Complete Medium

Use a sterile technique to reconstitute the Human Mammary Organoid Complete Medium. The following example is for preparing a 10 mL Medium. If preparing other volumes, adjust accordingly.

1. Thaw Human Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement B (50x), and Human Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement C (250x) on ice. Mix thoroughly.  
**NOTE:** Once thawed, use immediately or aliquot and store at -20°C for not more than 10 months. After thawing the aliquots, use them immediately. Do not re-freeze.
2. Add 200 µL Human Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement B (50x), 40 µL Human Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement C (250x) to 9.76 mL Human Mammary Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium. Mix thoroughly.  
**NOTE:** If not used immediately, store the complete medium at 2-8°C for not more than 2 weeks. bioGenous Mammary Epithelial Organoid Supplement B contains fungicides and antibiotics (50x).

### Protocol for Establishing Human Mammary Organoids

**CAUTION** Studies involving primary human tissue material must follow all relevant institutional and governmental regulations. Informed consent must be obtained from all subjects before the collection of the primary human tissue material.

#### Establishment of Mammary Organoids from Primary Tissue

1. Collect primary human mammary tissues immediately after surgical excision in an ice-cold Primary Tissue Storage Solution (K601005) in conical tubes at 4°C. Keep on ice until ready for processing.
2. Assess whether the obtained tissue pieces consist purely of epithelium or if they also contain fat or muscle tissues. If so, remove non-epithelial components as much as possible using surgical scissors or scalpels and forceps under a dissection microscope. If no fat or muscle tissue is present, continue to the next step immediately.
3. Rinse the mammary tissue with Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium(B213151) or DPBS until the supernatant is clear.
4. Before ducts isolation, thaw bioGenous™ Organoid Culture ECM on ice and keep it cold.
5. Mince the tissue into small fragments of 5 mm<sup>3</sup> in a cell culture dish using surgical scissors or scalpels.  
**CRITICAL** The dissected samples must be small enough to pass through the tip of a 10 mL pipette.

Digest the tissue fragments with 10mL of Tissue Digestion Solution(K601008) in a 15mL conical tube at 37°C, with a variable incubation period ranging from 50 min to 1 h. Carefully monitor the digestion process by mixing the content of the tube every 5-10 min by shaking vigorously and pipetting the mixture up and down.

**CRITICAL** To prevent over-digestion, one should examine the cells under the microscope if the epithelium cell clusters appear during digestion.

6. Add FBS to the tissue digestion mixture to a final concentration of 2% and filter using a 100 µm cell strainer.
7. Collect and centrifuge the filtered cells at 250g for 3 min at 4 °C. In case of a visible red pellet, aspirate the supernatant, and resuspend the pellet using 2mL of Red Blood Cell Lysis Solution (E238010) to lyse the erythrocytes at room temperature for 3 min and centrifuge at 250g for 3 min at 4°C.
8. Aspirate the supernatant and resuspend the pellet in Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium, centrifuge at 250g for 3 min at 4°C, and repeat this step one more time.
9. Aspirate the supernatant and resuspend the pellet in ECM. ECM should be kept on ice to prevent it from solidifying; thus, work quickly. The amount of ECM depends on the size of the pellet. Approximately 20-100 ducts should be plated in 25 µL of ECM.  
**CRITICAL** Do not dilute ECM too much (ECM should be >70% (ECM vol/Total vol)) to ensure the formation of solid droplets.
10. Plate the ECM containing organoids on the bottom of 24-well cell culture plates in droplets of ~30 µL each around the center of the well.  
**CRITICAL** Once the organoids are resuspended in ECM, proceed with plating as quickly as possible, as the ECM may solidify in the tube or pipette tip. Do not let the ECM touch the wall of the wells.
11. Place the culture plate into a humidified incubator at 37 °C and 5% (vol/vol) CO<sub>2</sub> for 15-25 min to let the ECM solidify.
12. Prepare the required amount of bioGenous™ Human Mammary Epithelia Organoid Medium.
13. Once the ECM droplets are solidified (15-25 min), open the plate and carefully add 500 µL of Organoid Complete Medium to each well.  
**CRITICAL** Do not add the medium directly on top of the ECM droplets, as this might disrupt the droplets.
14. Place the culture plate in a humidified incubator at 37 °C and 5% (vol/vol) CO<sub>2</sub>.
15. Change the medium every 3 days by carefully aspirating the medium from the wells and replacing it with fresh, pre-warmed Human Mammary Epithelia Organoid Medium.
16. Closely monitor organoid formation. Ideally, human mammary epithelia organoids should be passaged for the first time between 5 and 8 days after initial plating.

### **Passaging of Human Mammary Organoids**

17. Pipette the culture medium up and down to disrupt the ECM and transfer the organoid suspension into a 1.5 mL conical tube.
18. Pipette the organoid suspension up and down to mix thoroughly. Use the bottom of the tube to create pressure to aid the removal of ECM.
19. Centrifuge the organoid suspension at 300g for 3 min at room temperature.
20. Aspirate the supernatant and split the organoids by mechanical disruption or using Organoid Dissociation Solution (E238001). For mechanical disruption, resuspend the pellet in 1 mL of Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium. Pipette the organoid suspension up and down 30 times. Use the bottom of the tube to create pressure to aid in organoid disruption. In the case of using Organoid Dissociation Solution, resuspend the pellet in 0.2 mL of Organoid Dissociation Solution, pipette up and down and incubate at 37 °C until organoids fall apart. Pipette up and down with a filter tip for ≥10 times every 1 min to aid in the disruption of the organoids. Monitor the digestion closely to keep the incubation time in Organoid Dissociation Solution to a minimum.  
**CRITICAL** Do not dissociate in Organoid Dissociation Solution for >3 mins, as this may result in poor organoid outgrowth or even loss of the culture. As a rule of thumb, digestion is complete if a mixture of small lumps of cells (consisting of 10–50 cells) can be observed.
21. After completely disrupting the organoids, wash once by adding 1 mL of Epithelial Organoid Basal Medium and centrifuge at 200g for 3 min at room temperature.
22. Aspirate the supernatant and resuspend the organoid pellet in 70% (vol/vol) ECM and plate organoids in droplets on the bottom centre of a culture plate as described in Steps 10. After plating is complete, transfer the plate into a humidified incubator at 37 °C and 5% (vol/vol) CO<sub>2</sub> for 15–20 mins.
23. Pre-warm Human Mammary Epithelia Ductal Organoid Complete Medium at 37 °C.
24. After the ECM droplets have solidified (15–20 min), carefully pipette the pre-warmed medium into the wells.
25. Incubate culture plates in a humidified incubator at 37 °C and 5% (vol/vol) CO<sub>2</sub> until the organoids are needed for further experiments.

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