

# MethoCult™ H4431

## Methylcellulose-based medium with agar-LCM and EPO for human cells

Catalog # 04431 100 mL



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## Product Description

### Complete Methylcellulose-Based Medium for Colony-Forming Unit (CFU) Assays for Human Cells

MethoCult™ H4431 is formulated for the detection and quantification of human hematopoietic progenitor cells in bone marrow and peripheral blood samples using CFU assays. It is also suitable for detection of progenitor cells in mobilized peripheral blood and cord blood samples, and suitable for use with CD34+ enriched cells, mononuclear cells, and cells isolated by other purification methods.

MethoCult™ H4431 is formulated to support the growth of erythroid progenitor cells (CFU-E and BFU-E), granulocyte-macrophage progenitor cells (CFU-GM, CFU-G, and CFU-M), and multipotential granulocyte, erythroid, macrophage, megakaryocyte progenitor cells (CFU-GEMM). MethoCult™ H4431 contains agar leukocyte conditioned medium (agar-LCM) as a source of colony-stimulating factors, plus recombinant human erythropoietin (EPO). It is suitable for use as a control medium for detection of "EPO-independent" erythroid progenitor cells using MethoCult™ H4531 (Catalog #04531).

## Properties

**Storage:** Store at -20°C.

NOTE: Product may be shipped with dry ice or ice packs and may be received thawed.

**Shelf Life:** Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.

**Contains:**

- Methylcellulose in Iscove's MDM
- Fetal bovine serum
- Bovine serum albumin
- 2-Mercaptoethanol
- Agar-LCM
- Recombinant human erythropoietin (EPO)
- Supplements

This product contains material derived from human plasma. Donors have been tested and found negative for HIV-1 and -2, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C prior to donation. However, this product should be considered potentially infectious and treated in accordance with universal handling precautions.

## Handling/Directions for Use

NOTE: If product is received partially thawed, place immediately at -20°C or thaw and aliquot as described below.

NOTE: Do not use pipettes to dispense methylcellulose as the volume dispensed will not be accurate. Syringes and large bore blunt-end needles should be used for accurate dispensing of viscous methylcellulose medium and to prevent needle-stick injuries.

### THAWING AND DISPENSING BOTTLES

1. Thaw MethoCult™ H4431 at room temperature (15 - 25°C) or overnight at 2 - 8°C. Do not thaw at 37°C.
2. Shake vigorously for 1 - 2 minutes and then let stand for at least 5 minutes to allow bubbles to rise to the top before aliquoting.
3. Using a luer lock syringe (3 mL [Catalog #28230] or 6 mL) attached to a 16 Gauge Blunt-End Needle (Catalog #28110), aliquot as follows:
  - 3 mL per tube for 1.1 mL duplicate cultures
  - 4 mL per tube for 1.1 mL triplicate cultures

NOTE: Tubes can be used immediately, stored at 2 - 8°C for up to 1 month, or stored at -20°C. Do not exceed the shelf life of the medium. After thawing aliquoted tubes, mix well and use immediately. Do not re-freeze.

For recommended cell plating concentrations, setup of human CFU assays, and counting and classification of colonies, refer to the Technical Manual: Human Colony-Forming Unit (CFU) Assays Using MethoCult™ (Document #10000005589), available at [www.stemcell.com](http://www.stemcell.com), or contact us to request a copy.

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