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Essential 8™ Medium is a xeno-free and feeder-free medium specially formulated for the growth and expansion of human pluripotent stem cells (PSCs). Originally developed by Guokai Chen et al. in the laboratory of James Thomson (published as 'E8') and validated by Cellular Dynamics International, Essential 8™ Medium has been extensively tested and proved to maintain pluripotency in multiple iPSC lines. In addition, Essential 8™ Medium has been used to scale up production of iPSCs and shown to support iPSC growth for >50 passages without any signs of karyotypic abnormalities, along with maintaining the ability of

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- Consistent—reduced variability compared to existing feeder-free culture media
- Robust—reliable and robust cultures with a xeno-free, cGMP, 8-component medium
- Cost effective—economical and scalable PSC culture compared to other feeder-free media

Reduced Variability

Essential 8™ Medium is xeno-free and contains only the 8 essential components needed for stem cell culture. Unlike other media that contain over 20 highly variable ingredients, Essential 8™ Medium is produced under cGMP and has an optimized formulation and growth factor levels to help ensure maximum cell health, pluripotency, and growth, with minimal variability.

Reliable and Robust Cultures

Essential 8™ Medium has been shown to support pluripotent stem cell growth and provide cultures with superior morphology and growth kinetics compared to other feeder systems.

Cost Effective

Essential 8™ Medium is provided in a convenient two-component kit (500 ml basal medium & 10 ml supplement), and when used with [vitronectin \(VTN-N\)](#), provides a cost effective, defined system for feeder-free culture of human pluripotent stem cells (PSCs).

Essential 8™ Medium is commercialized in partnership with Cellular Dynamics International.

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

Specifications	
Cell Type	Embryonic Stem Cells (ESCs), Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSCs)
Classification	Xeno-free
Culture Type	Feeder-free Stem Cell Culture (Human, iPS - Induced Pluripotent Stem, Embryonic)
Form	Liquid
Product Type	Stem Cell Media
Serum Level	Serum-free
With Additives	Phenol Red
Manufacturing Quality	cGMP for medical devices, 21 CFR Part 820 and ISO 13485
Product Line	Essential 8™
Quantity	500 mL
Shipping Condition	Supplement - dry ice, Basal - ambient
Species	Human
Unit Size	500 mL

Contents & Storage

- 500 mL basal medium (store at 2–8°C and protect from light)
- 10 mL supplement (store at -5 to -20°C and protect from light)

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-  [User Guide: Adaptation of hPSCs from Different Culture Systems to Essential 8 Medium or Essential 8 Flex Medium](#)
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-  [Generation of Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells \(hiPSCs\) from Fibroblasts using Episomal Vectors](#)
-  [Culturing Pluripotent Stem Cells \(PSCs\) in Essential 8™ Medium](#)

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

- What media do you recommend for standard single-cell cloning of iPSCs? 
- When should I start feeding my cells with Gibco Essential 8 Flex Medium? 
- Can I frequently change the feeding schedule with Gibco Essential 8 Flex Medium? 
- How has the original Gibco Essential 8 Medium formulation been modified to enable a more flexible culture schedule with Gibco Essential 8 Flex Medium? 
- What other dissociation reagents have been tested with Gibco Essential 8 Flex Medium? 

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Abstract

'We have previously provided the first genetic evidence that angiotensin converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) is the critical receptor for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV), and ACE2 protects the lung from injury, providing a molecular explanation for the severe lung failure and death due to SARS-CoV infections. ACE2 has now ... [More](#)

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