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Datasheet for HNSCC cell line [trio]:

CAL27 (FANCA+/+)
CAL27-c34 (FANCA-/-)
CAL27-c34-FANCA (FANCA+/+)

Description

- CAL27 is a *FANCA+/+* sporadic head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) cell line distributed by American Type Culture Collection (ATCC® CRL2095™). The line was established from squamous cell carcinomas of the tongue [1].

- *FANCA*-mutant cell line, CAL27-c34, was obtained from CAL27 cell line by CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing. Inactivating mutations were introduced in the *FANCA* gene by the generation of insertions/ deletions (indels) in parental cell line. This clone has frameshift indels in homozygosis and does not express FANCA protein.

- *FANCA*-mutant cell line, CAL27-c34, was complemented with wild type *FANCA* gene by retroviral infection to obtain CAL27-c34-FANCA.

The full description of the generation of the *FANCA* knockout CAL27 cells has been reported[2].

Source

Organism: Homo sapiens, human
Tissue: tongue
Disease: squamous cell carcinoma
Age: 56 years
Gender: male
HPV status: negative

Genomic data

The table list the top 25 driver genes in HNSCC and the mutational status in CAL27 cells [3 4].

Gene	Mutation	Gene	Mutation
TP53	+	*NFE2L2*	-
FAT1	-	*MYH9*	-
CDKN2A	+	*EPHA2*	-
NOTCH1	-	*TGFBR2*	-
PIK3CA	-	*KEAP1*	-
KMT2D	-	*HLA-A*	+
NSD1	-	*HLA-B*	-
CASP8	+	*ARID2*	-
HUWE1	-	*KDM6A*	+
FBXW7	-	*ZNF750*	-
EP300	-	*CUL3*	-
AJUBA	-	*FLNA*	-
HRAS	-		

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Additional information on cell line mutations and datasets on loss of function and drug profiling screen data can be found at the following links:

CCLE project genomic mutations data:
https://portals.broadinstitute.org/ccle/page?cell_line=CAL27_UPPER_AERODIGESTIVE_TRACT

COSMIC:
https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cell_lines/sample/overview?id=910916

Depmap Portal:
https://depmap.org/portal/cell_line/ACH-000832?tab=mutation

Genomics of Drug Sensitivity in Cancer
https://www.cancerrxgene.org/cellline/CAL-27/910916

Quality Control Testing

- Cells were tested for *Mycoplasma*. All cell lines came back negative for all.
- Cells were sent to CIMA Lab Diagnostics, at the Universidad de Navarra (Spain) to be authenticated using the AmpFLSTR® Identifiler® Plus PCR Amplification Kit.
- A Human species-specific STR marker profile was established for the cell line duos and used for comparative analysis with available published profiles to confirm their unique identity. The unique marker results from prior test and our recent analysis are listed in STR profiling panels below.

STR profiling

STR: ATCC CAL27	STR: CIMA CAL27	STR: CIMA CAL27-c34
	D8S1179: 13,15	D8S1179: 13,15
	D21S11: 28,29	D21S11: 28,29
D7S820: 10	D7S820: 10	D7S820: 10
CSF1PO: 10,12	CSF1PO: 10,12	CSF1PO: 10,12
	D3S1358: 16	D3S1358: 16
TH01: 6,9.3	TH01: 6,9.3	TH01: 6,9.3
D13S317: 10,11	D13S317: 10,11	D13S317: 10,11
D16S539: 11,12	D16S539: 11,12	D16S539: 11,12
	D2S1338: 23,24	D2S1338: 23,24
	D19S433: 14,15.2	D19S433: 14,15.2
vWA: 14,17	vWA: 14,17	vWA: 14,17
TPOX: 8	TPOX: 8	TPOX: 8
	D18S51: 13	D18S51: 13
AMEL: X	AMEL: X	AMEL: X
D5S818: 11,12	D5S818: 11,12	D5S818: 11,12
	FGA: 25	FGA: 25

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For the more detailed STR profiling data, please check the following publications:

1. Zhao M, et al. Assembly and initial characterization of a panel of 85 genomically validated cell lines from diverse head and neck tumor sites. Clin Cancer Res. 17(23): 7248-64, 2011. DOI: 10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-11-0690

2. Yu M, et al. A resource for cell line authentication, annotation and quality control. Nature. 520(7547): 307-11, 2015. DOI: 10.1038/nature14397

Protocols

Refer to the attached DMSZ data sheet for additional information on complete culture media, how to handle, expand and cryopreserve these cells.

A more detailed description of the protocols to generate isogenic pairs and phenotype characterization has been published [2].

The following molecular, biochemical and phenotypic assays were used to verify the generated *FANCA* knockout.

Graphical workflow

Figure 1.

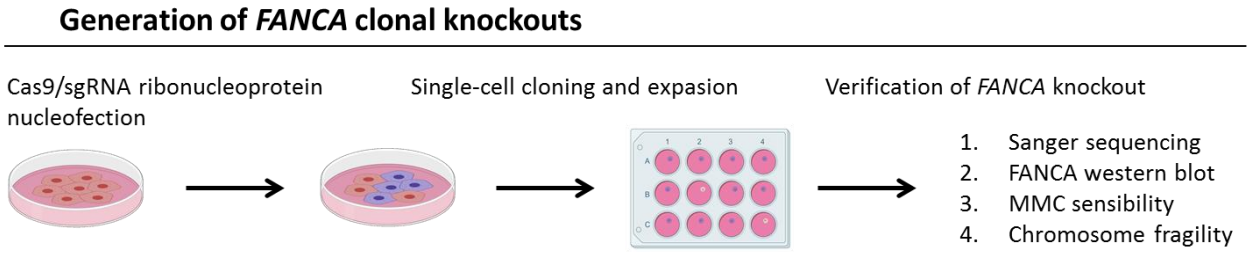

Figure 1: Workflow for generating and characterizing *FANCA*-mutant cells starting from sporadic HNSCC cell line CAL27.

Figure 2.

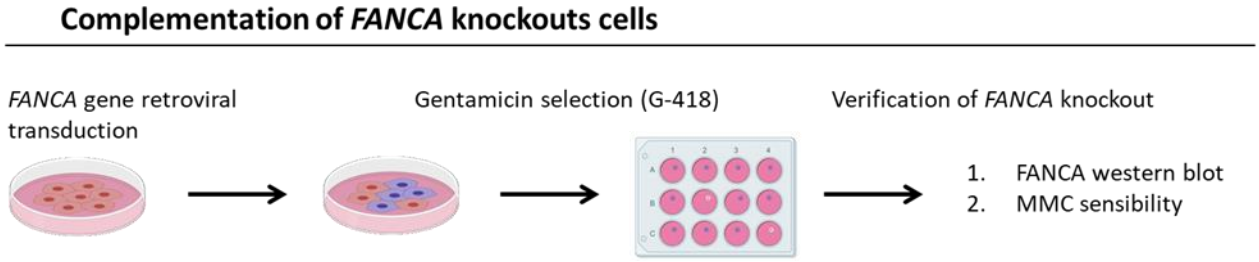

Figure 2: Workflow for complementation of *FANCA*-mutant cell line, CAL27-c34.

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Molecular analysis using PCR/Sanger sequencing

For detection of FANCA wild type (WT) and knockout (KO) alleles:

Primers used:

- Forward primer sequence: 5' TGCTCCTTTTGTGTCATGGGA 3´
- Reverse primer sequence: 5' TGCTGGTGTCTTACTCTCTGC 3´
- Sanger seq primer sequence: 5'-CCTTTGCATCTATTCTCCCCGT-3'

PCR conditions:

- 95ºC, 10 minutes
- Number of cycles: 40 — Denaturation: 95ºC, 20 seconds; Annealing: 60ºC, 20 seconds; Extension: 72ºC, 30 seconds
- 72ºC, 30 seconds

Expected results:

The PCR products using these primer sequences include a 422 base pair (bp) intact band (FANCA WT) and 420 edited band (CAL27-c34). Sanger sequencing performed on the PCR with the indicated primer will result in the following chromatograms:

CAL27-c34

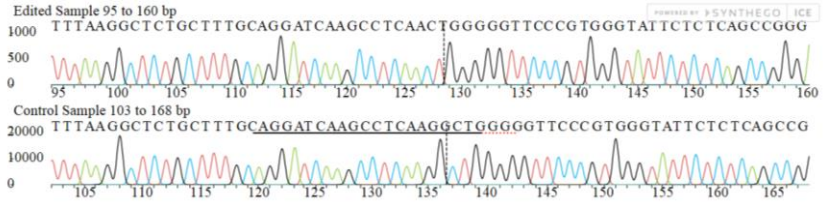

Figure 3. Chromatograms of parental CAL27 cells (Control sample) and *FANCA*-ko CAL27-c34 (Edited Sample) after PCR amplification and Sanger sequencing on genomic DNA using Forward, Reverse and Sanger seq primers indicated above.

Biochemical analysis using a FANCA Western Blot

Antibodies used:

FANCA primary antibody: Rabbit polyclonal, Abcam, ab5063

Secondary antibody: Donkey anti-rabbit IgG, HRP conjugated, Amersham, NA934

Expected results:

The CAL27 and CAL27-c34-FANCA cells will have a band indicating the presence of full-length wild type *FANCA*, whereas in CAL27-c34 cells will be no detection of the full length wild type FANCA protein due to the deletion in the *FANCA* gene.

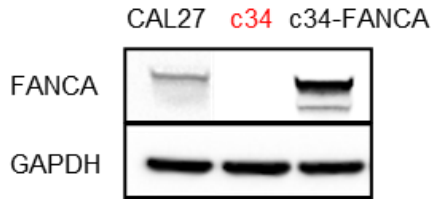

Figure 4. Representative immunoblot result for detection of FANCA protein in 40 µg of whole cell lysates from CAL27, CAL27-c34 (c34) and CAL27-c34-FANCA (-c34-FANCA) cells.

Phenotypic analysis using a Mitomycin C sensitivity assay

Reagents:

- Mitomycin C (MMC) from Streptomyces caespitosus (Sigma Cat. M0503)

Procedure:

1. 40,000 cells are seeded per well in 6-well plates.
2. Cells are treated for 1 hour with increasing concentrations of MMC ranging from 0nM to 38.4µM in PBS.
3. Incubate for 5 days.
4. Cells are stained with crystal violet and then eluted with 33% acetic acid to quantify cell viability.
5. Cell viability is determined using the Genius Pro (Tecan) microplate reader.

Expected results:

CAL27-c34 will show hypersensitivity to MMC when compared to wild type CAL27 and complemented CAL27-c34-FANCA cells.

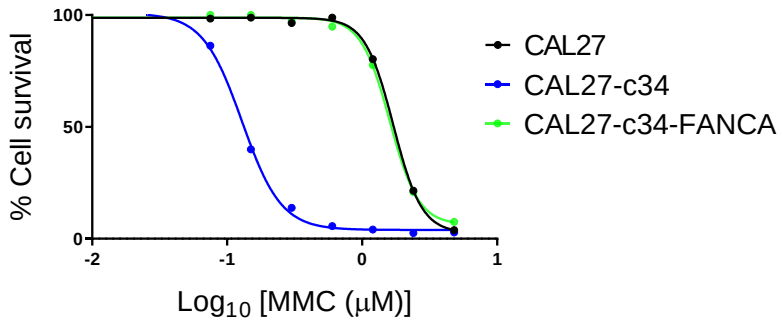

Figure 5. Assessment of cell survival 5 days after 1 hour of exposure to mitomycin C (MMC).

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