

Scapova™



**PVA Microcarriers
for cell mass culture**

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Development Concept

Microcarriers
for regenerative
medicine

SCAPOVA™ is Kuraray's PVA microcarriers.
SCAPOVA™ CL has collagen coated surface.
SCAPOVA™ CL can solve following issues in the
manufacturing cells for regenerative medicine.

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Obtain enough
number of cells

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Assure medical-
grade safety

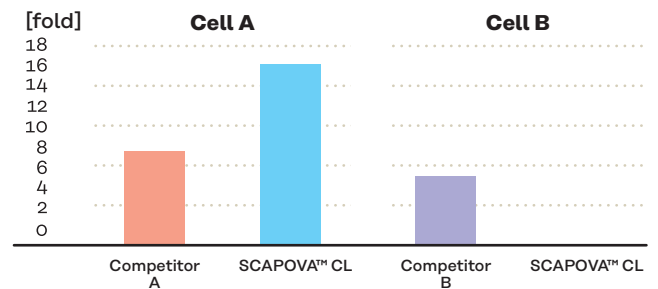
Characteristics of SCAPOVA™ CL

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High cell
proliferation rate

SCAPOVA™ CL can be applied
to cultivate therapeutic cells like MSCs.

Human cells cultured on each microcarriers for 7days.
Each bar shows the fold of the initial cell number.



2

Quality management
in accordance with
medical standards

SCAPOVA™ CL are made from Kuraray's PVA*.
We conduct strict quality management.
And there is no risk of contamination.

*Polyvinyl Alcohol

Safety test

Result

Cytotoxicity

Genotoxicity

Systemic acute toxicity

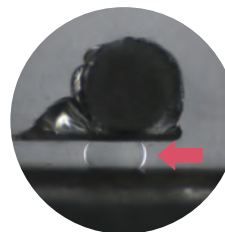
Implantation test

Negative
(Tested in accordance
with ISO 10993.)

Leachable

Extractable

Tested in accordance
with BPOG guideline.

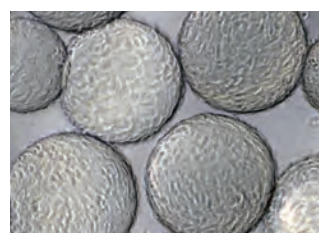


This image shows compression test of SCAPOVA™

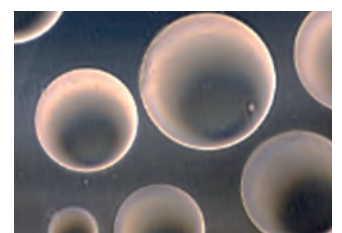
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Ease of handling

It is easy to harvest and observe cells
on SCAPOVA™ CL.
SCAPOVA™ CL improve efficiency of
mass cell production processes.



High transparency makes it easy
to observe cells by microscopy



Cells are easily detached from
SCAPOVA™ CL

Manufacturing Method of SCAPOVA™ CL



1 Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA)

It is resin with high elasticity and solubility. It also have high biocompatibility.



Partially modify the hydroxyl groups

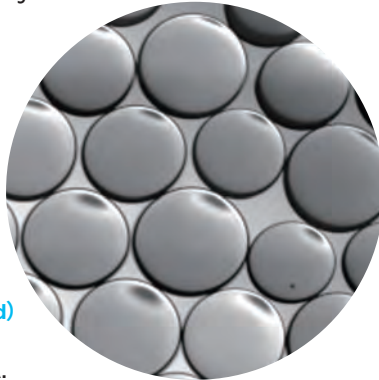
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3 Ink

Solution of new modified PVA.

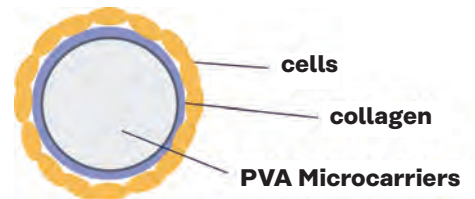
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PVA Microcarriers(non-coated)

Micron-sized hydrogel beads are made by cross-linking PVA.

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SCAPOVA™ CL


Collagen is coated on the surface of the microcarriers to allow cells to adhere.

Reference: PVA is used in...

- Polarizing film in LCD
- Water-soluble films for detergent



Product Information

Outline date of product	Particle size (D50)	200~250μm	
	Coating of the surface	Collagen	
	Surface Area [/g dry weight]	2600cm ²	
	Swelling Factor (in PBS)	10	
	Recommended amount [/ℓ for MSC]	1.54g	
	Sterilization	Gamma irradiation.	

※This product can be available only for research. Please contact us for clinical use.

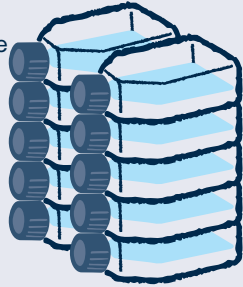
Price information	Product name and quantity		Price	Product code
	SCAPOVA™ CL	1g	\$35.00	M11018SAC1-01GB
	SCAPOVA™ CL	5g	\$175.00	M11018SAC1-05GB
	SCAPOVA™ CL	10g	\$335.00	M11018SAC1-10GB

What is a microcarrier?

Microcarriers are micron-sized beads for cell culture scaffolds. cells attached to the beads surface and proliferate on the beads.

Cell culture using flasks

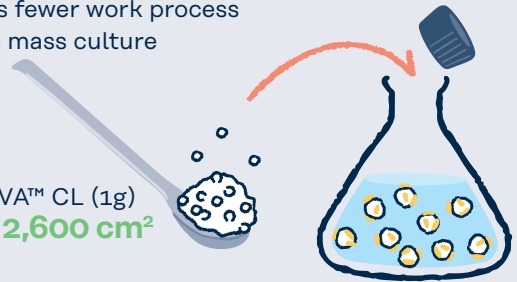
- Many flask take a lot of space.
- It takes lot of labor
- It doesn't suit for mass culture



T175 flasks(10 flasks)
about 1,750 cm²

Cell culture using microcarriers

- It saves space
- It takes fewer work process
- It suits mass culture



SCAPOVA™ CL (1g)
about 2,600 cm²

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Input

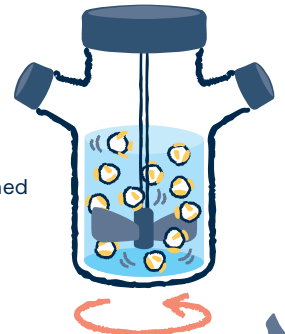
Weigh SCAPOVA™ and put them into culture medium. Any containers, such as flasks and bioreactors, can be used.



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Cell seeding

Seed cells and leave it for 24 hours (agitate at determined speed). After that, Agitate at suitable speed.



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Medium exchange

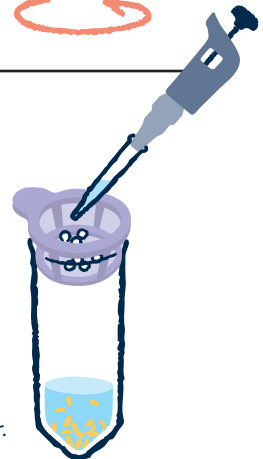
After stopping agitation, SCAPOVA™ settle down within few minutes. Change half of the medium every 3 or 4 days.



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Cell harvesting

Detach cells from SCAPOVA™ with Trypsin/EDTA solution. Separate cells and SCAPOVA™ by cell strainer.



How to use SCAPOVA™

Culturing experience : hMSC, VERO cells, human fibroblasts, mouse fibroblasts

We have application notes with details on how to use the microcarriers.

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