Pluripotent Stem Cell Medium
Gibco StemFlex Medium is a new pluripotent stem cell (PSC) medium that tests better than standard media on metrics important to novel stem cell applications. The medium achieves up to twofold-faster stem cell recovery following gene editing, and as much as fivefold improvement in clonal expansion following single-cell passaging in the absence of a ROCK inhibitor. It consistently maintains pluripotency with weekend-free feeding schedules, and can also be used for multiple matrices and passing reagents. With these gains in performance and flexibility, the medium enables progress in areas at the forefront of PSC research, including genome editing, single-cell analysis, and reprogramming.

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Organoid Progenitor Cells
Cultrex Organoid Progenitor Cells, derived from normal, healthy mouse small intestine tissue, are now available and suitable for gene editing. These cells can be expanded using reduced growth factor (RGF) BME-R1, and may be induced to express tissue-specific markers under differentiating conditions. Cultrex cells will be of particular interest to the large number of leading research groups worldwide that specialize in drug screening applications and use BME 2 organoid matrices. These cells are also ideally suited for use in common gene-editing techniques such as CRISPR/Cas9, for developing models for infectious disease and cancer, and for studying the normal intestine. Organoid 3D cultures are extracted directly from living tissue similar to primary cultures. Instead of using an artificial, tissue culture–treated plastic environment, stem cell populations are maintained using an extracellular matrix environment under nondifferentiating conditions. When subjected to differentiating conditions, these organoids exhibit expression of tissue-specific genes and differentiation of stem cells into tissue-specific architecture.

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Microfluidic Platform
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3D Microscope
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Live Cell Imaging System
The BioSpa Live Cell Imaging System brings together the BioSpa Automated Incubator and the Cytation 5 Cell Imaging Multi-Mode Reader to fully automate live cell imaging and analysis. Plate washing and reagent dispensing can be added to the system to automate the entire process, from sample prep through image analysis. Cytation 5 provides high-quality, powerful, data-rich image capture, processing, and analysis of live cell assays, up to 60x. BioSpa's temperature-, gas-, and humidity-controlled environment houses and protects cells in up to eight microplates or other labware. The robotic gripper moves the plate from the incubator drawers to Cytation 5 for kinetic imaging and analysis in Gen5 software. BioSpa's software seamlessly integrates imaging and liquid-handling protocols in an easy scheduling interface, and provides reporting and 24/7 monitoring of all processes. The BioSpa System has a compact footprint for use on benchtops and in biosafety cabinets.

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Live Cell Analysis
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