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Abstract

1. A description is given of the events occurring in the alteration of a culture of primary human amnion cells to an established cell line (WISH). Photographic documentation of the event is presented.
2. Characteristics of the cell line are given with respect to virus spectrum, preservation at -70°C , and growth in suspended culture.
3. Evidence is presented which suggests that the initial alteration occurred *in vitro* and not from a pre-existing altered cell in the amnion.
4. A comparison is made between the events observed in the establishment of this cell line (WISH) and those described by other workers who have observed this phenomenon.

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