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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATED TO ATCC CRL-1573™ (HEK 293)

1. ***Can a customer obtain exclusive commercial license of HEK 293?***

No, HEK 293 cells are available from several providers. Each provider offers their HEK 293 cells under their own trade name or brand name. Any licensing arrangement only includes HEK 293 cells obtained and licensed from that particular provider and no others.

ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293 original cells can only be obtained from ATCC or an authorized ATCC Distributor, and only ATCC can grant a valid commercial use license for these cells. ATCC does not grant exclusive licenses to its materials.

3. ***If a customer purchases ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293 cells from ATCC, can this customer approach another provider or source for a commercial license to ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293?***

No. HEK 293 purchased from ATCC is governed by the ATCC Material Transfer Agreement (MTA). A commercial use license for ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293 cells can be obtained only from ATCC.

No other party can release a purchaser of HEK 293 cells from ATCC from the commercial use restrictions of the ATCC MTA.

4. ***If a customer has already obtained commercial license from another provider or source, do they still need to obtain a commercial license from ATCC to purchase from ATCC?***

To purchase any product from ATCC, a customer must agree to the ATCC MTA which prohibits commercial use but allows for certain internal research uses, as specified in the ATCC MTA. Commercial use of biological materials from ATCC can be facilitated by obtaining a commercial use license from ATCC's Licensing professionals: [Commercial Use Licensing | ATCC](#).

A license from another provider of HEK 293 does not cover ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293 cells, has no effect on the restrictions of the ATCC MTA, and does not grant any commercial use rights to ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293 cells.

5. ***Are ATCC CRL-1573™ HEK 293 cells different from the HEK 293 cells from other providers or sources?***

ATCC's HEK 293 cells and HEK 293 cell lines sourced from other providers have been maintained separately for decades. Cell lines undergo genetic drift over time through differences in handling, preservation technology and storage techniques. ATCC has not undertaken to quantify the differences between its materials and corresponding materials from other collections.

5. ***During commercial negotiation between a customer and ATCC, does the original depositor get involved?***

No. Only ATCC has the right to enter non-exclusive commercial licenses for ATCC CRL-1573™.