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Lab Resource: Genetically-Modified Multiple Cell Lines



## Generation of four gene-edited human induced pluripotent stem cell lines with mutations in the *ATM* gene to model Ataxia-Telangiectasia

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### ABSTRACT

Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T) is an autosomal recessive multi-system disorder caused by mutations in the ataxia-telangiectasia mutated (*ATM*) gene, resulting, among other symptoms, in neurological dysfunction. *ATM* is known to be a master controller of signal transduction for DNA damage response, with additional functions that are poorly understood. CRISPR/Cas9 technology was used to introduce biallelic mutations at selected sites of the *ATM* gene in human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs). This panel of hiPSCs with nonsense and missense mutations in *ATM* can help understand the molecular basis of A-T.

Resource Table:		(continued)	
Unique stem cell line identifier	Cell line 1: PEIi019-A-13 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-13">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-13</a> Cell line 2: PEIi019-A-14 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-14">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-14</a> Cell line 3: PEIi019-A-15 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-15">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-15</a> Cell line 4: PEIi019-A-16 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-16">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-16</a>	Evidence of the reprogramming transgene loss (including genomic copy if applicable) The cell culture system used Type of the Genetic Modification	N/A Feeder-free when banked and since then also kept in feeder-free culture StemFlex™ Medium Cell line 1_PEIi019-A-13: Homozygous point mutation C->T in exon 3 at R35 in the <i>ATM</i> gene. Introduction of R35* stop codon Cell line 2_PEIi019-A-14: Homozygous point mutation A->C in exon 63 at K3016 in the <i>ATM</i> gene. Introduction of K3016Q Cell line 3_PEIi019-A-15: Homozygous point mutation T->C in exon 29 at L1465 in the <i>ATM</i> gene. Introduction of L1465P Cell line 4_PEIi019-A-16: Homozygous point mutation C->T in exon 63 at A3054 in the <i>ATM</i> gene. Introduction of A3054V Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T)
Alternative name(s) of stem cell line	Cell line 1: KOLF2-C1 ATM R35* Cell line 2: KOLF2-C1 ATM K3016Q Cell line 3: KOLF2-C1 ATM L1465P Cell line 4: KOLF2-C1 ATM A3054V	Associated disease	OMIM code: 208900 <i>ATM</i> gene/11q22.3
Institution	Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, Langen	Gene/locus	
Contact information of the reported cell line distributor	Wasifa Nurieva: <a href="mailto:wasifa.nurieva@pei.de">wasifa.nurieva@pei.de</a> Zoltán Ivics: <a href="mailto:zoltan.ivics@pei.de">zoltan.ivics@pei.de</a>		
Type of cell line	iPSC		
Origin	human		
Additional origin info (applicable for human ESC or iPSC)	Age: 55–59 Sex: male Ethnicity: European - White British		
Cell Source	Fibroblasts		
Method of reprogramming	Non-integrating Sendai virus reprogramming system		
Clonality	Clonal		

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**Table 1**  
Characterization and validation.

Classification	Test	Result	Data
<b>Morphology</b>	Photography bright field, 10x magnification	Normal	Fig. 1 Panel B
<b>Pluripotency status evidence for the described cell line</b>	Qualitative analysis (i.e. immunocytochemistry, Western blotting)	Positive staining of pluripotency markers: NANOG & TRA-1-60	Fig. 1 Panel F
<b>Karyotype</b>	Quantitative analysis flow cytometry Karyotype (G-banding)	SSEA3 & TRA 1-60 positive cells: >99 % 46XY, Resolution 450-500 bhps	Fig. 1 Panel H Fig. 1 Panel E
<b>Genotyping for the desired genomic alteration/allelic status of the gene of interest</b>	PCR across the edited site or targeted allele-specific PCR	PCR + Sanger sequencing	Fig. 1 Panel C
	Evaluation of the - (homo-/hetero-/hemi-) zygous status of introduced genomic alteration(s)	SNP Sanger sequencing	Supplementary Fig. S1
	Transgene-specific PCR (when applicable)	N/A	N/A
<b>Verification of the absence of random plasmid integration events</b>	PCR/Southern	N/A	N/A
<b>Parental and modified cell line genetic identity evidence</b>	STR analysis	Short tandem repeat (STR) analysis of 16 allele loci showed identical results in parental cell line and newly generated hiPS cells. 16 independent PCR systems D8S1179, D21S11, D7S820, CSF1PO, D3S1358, TH01, D13S317, D16S539, D2S1338, AMEL, D5S818, FGA, D19S433, vWA, TPOX and D18S51 were investigated (Thermo Fisher, AmpFLSTR® Identifier® Plus PCR Amplification Kit). In parallel, positive and negative controls were carried out yielding correct results.	Supplementary Files
<b>Mutagenesis / genetic modification outcome analysis</b>	Sequencing (genomic DNA PCR or RT-PCR product) PCR-based analyses Southern Blot or WGS; western blotting (for knock-outs, KOs)	Homozygous mutations N/A N/A	Fig. 1, Panel C N/A N/A
<b>Specific pathogen-free status</b>	Mycoplasma	Negative	Supplementary Fig. S2
<b>Off-target nuclease activity analysis</b>	PCR across top 5/10 predicted top likely off-target sites, whole genome/exome sequencing [Optional but highly-recommended if Cas editing is used]	N/A	N/A
<b>Multilineage differentiation potential</b>	Directed trilineage differentiation	Trilineage differentiated cells showed expression of lineage-specific markers in all four cell lines.	Fig. 1, Panel D
<b>Donor screening (OPTIONAL)</b>	HIV 1 + 2, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C	N/A	N/A
<b>Genotype - additional</b>	Blood group genotyping	N/A	N/A
<b>histocompatibility info (OPTIONAL)</b>	HLA tissue typing	N/A	N/A

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Method of modification / user-customisable nuclease (UCN) used, the resource used for design optimisation	CRISPR/Cas9 Alt-R® S.p. HiFi Cas9 Nuclease V3, (IDT) Integrated DNA Technologies #1081061
User-customisable nuclease (UCN) delivery method	RNP, nucleofection with Amaxa 4D Nucleofector (Lonza)
All double-stranded DNA genetic material molecules introduced into the cells	Single-stranded HDR donor template
Analysis of the nuclease-targeted allele status	Sanger sequencing
Method of the off-target nuclease activity prediction and surveillance	N/A
Descriptive name of the transgene	N/A
Eukaryotic selective agent resistance cassettes (including inducible, gene/cell type-specific)	N/A
Inducible/constitutive expression system details	N/A
Date archived/stock creation date	Cell line 1: PEIi019-A-13 – 25.07.2021 Cell line 2: PEIi019-A-14 – 07.02.2022 Cell line 3: PEIi019-A-15 – 31.01.2022 Cell line 4: PEIi019-A-16 – 13.04.2022
Cell line repository/bank	Cell line 1: PEIi019-A-13 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-13">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-13</a> Cell line 2: PEIi019-A-14 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-14">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-14</a> Cell line 3: PEIi019-A-15 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-15">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-15</a>

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	i019-A-15 Cell line 4: PEIi019-A-16 <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-16">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/PEIi019-A-16</a>
Ethical/GMO work approvals	Paternal cell line WTSi018-B obtained from HipSci (HUMAN INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL INITIATIVE) <a href="https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/WTSi018-B-1">https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/WTSi018-B-1</a>
Addgene/public access repository	N/A
recombinant DNA sources' disclaimers (if applicable)	

## 1. Resource utility

Understanding the molecular basis of A-T has been hampered by the lack of appropriate animal and cell culture models that accurately reflect the disease phenotypes. *In vitro* generation of neurons can provide valuable insights into mechanisms of A-T-associated neurodegeneration, which may provide novel targets for future therapies.

## 2. Resource details

The *ATM* gene encodes a serine-threonine protein kinase that is responsible for detecting and signaling the presence of genomic DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs). When DNA damage occurs, the ATM

**Table 2**  
Reagents details.

<b>Antibodies and stains used for immunocytochemistry/flow-cytometry/western blot</b>			
	<b>Antibody</b>	<b>Dilution</b>	<b>Company Cat # and RRID</b>
Pluripotency markers	Mouse anti-Tra1-60	1:100	Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 41-1000, RRID: AB_2533494
	Rat SSEA3	1:100	Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank Cat# MC-631, RRID: AB_528476
	Rabbit anti-NANOG	1:800	Cell Signaling Technology Cat# 3580, RRID:AB_2150399
Western blot	Rabbit anti-ATM	1:1000	Cell Signaling Technology Cat# 2873, RRID:AB_2062659
Differentiation markers	Anti-GAPDH Mouse	1:1000	Millipore Cat# CB1001, RRID:AB_2107426
	Rabbit anti-Nestin	1:200	Abcam Cat# ab105389, RRID:AB_10859398
	Rabbit anti-Brachyury	1:1000	Abcam Cat# ab209665, RRID:AB_2750925
	Rabbit anti-Sox17	1:1000	Abcam Cat# ab92494, RRID:AB_10585428
Secondary antibodies	Goat anti-Rat IgG (H + L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ 488	4 µg/mL	Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A-11006, RRID: AB_2534074
	F(ab') <sub>2</sub> -Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H + L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, Alexa Fluor™ 594	4 µg/mL	Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A-11020, RRID: AB_2534087
	Mouse anti-Rabbit IgG (H + L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, HRP	1:10.000	Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 31464, RRID: AB_228378
	Goat anti-Mouse IgG F(ab') <sub>2</sub> Secondary Antibody, HRP	1:10.000	Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 31436, RRID:AB_228313
Nuclear stain	DAPI	2 µg/mL	Invitrogen Cat #D1306
<b>Site-specific nuclease</b>			
Nuclease information	Alt-R® S.p. HiFi Cas9 Nuclease V3		IDT SpCas9 Hi-Fi v.3, 1081061
Delivery method	Nucleofection		Lonza; 4D-Nucleofector™ core Unit + X Unit P3 Primary Cell 4D-Nucleofector™ X Kit L Pulse code: CA-137
Selection/enrichment strategy	Single cell-derived colonies		Analyzed by Sanger sequencing
<b>Primers and Oligonucleotides used in this study</b>			
	<b>Target</b>		<b>Forward/Reverse primer (5'-3')</b>
Genotyping (desired allele/transgene presence detection)	Mycoplasma detection		GPO-3 Primer: 5' - GGGAGCAAACAGGATTAGATACCCT - 3' MGSO Primer: 5' - TGCACCATCTGTACTCTGTAACTC - 3'
	PCR specific for the targeted R35 locus		Forward primer: 5' - TCCTGCTACTACTGCAAGCAA - 3' Reverse primer: 5' - GCATCAACCCTGTTGCCAC - 3' Annealing temperature 67 °C
	PCR specific for the targeted K3016 locus		Forward primer: 5' - GAGGAAGAATTGGCCCTACA - 3' Reverse primer: 5' - GAAAGCAGAGATGTTCCCTTAAGAC - 3' Annealing temperature 64 °C
	PCR specific for the targeted L1465 locus		Forward primer: 5' - ATGAGAACAGAATCTTGTGACACT - 3' Reverse primer: 5' - TGTTTCCCAGGCAAGTAGCG - 3' Annealing temperature 64 °C
	PCR specific for the targeted A3054 locus		Forward primer: 5' - GAGGAAGAATTGGCCCTACA - 3' Reverse primer: 5' - GAAAGCAGAGATGTTCCCTTAAGAC - 3' Annealing temperature 64 °C
	PCR specific for the targeted SNP rs186556743 locus		Forward primer: 5' - ACTACAAGAGCACACTACCAC - 3' Reverse primer: 5' - TGGGAGGATCACAAGGTGAG - 3' Annealing temperature 65 °C
sgRNA oligonucleotide	PCR specific for the targeted SNP rs559077054 locus		Forward primer: 5' - AGCGAGACCCTATCTATAAAC - 3' Reverse primer: 5' - AAAATAGAGCAGATGCCATCC - 3' Annealing temperature 63 °C
	R35 locus		TTGTTTCAGGATCTCGAATCAGG (reversed)
	K3016 locus		AGACTACAAGAGAACTGAAAGG
	L1465 locus		AATAACGTCTCGAAGAACAAGG (reversed)
A3054 locus		CACACCAAGCTTTCATCCTGG (reversed)	

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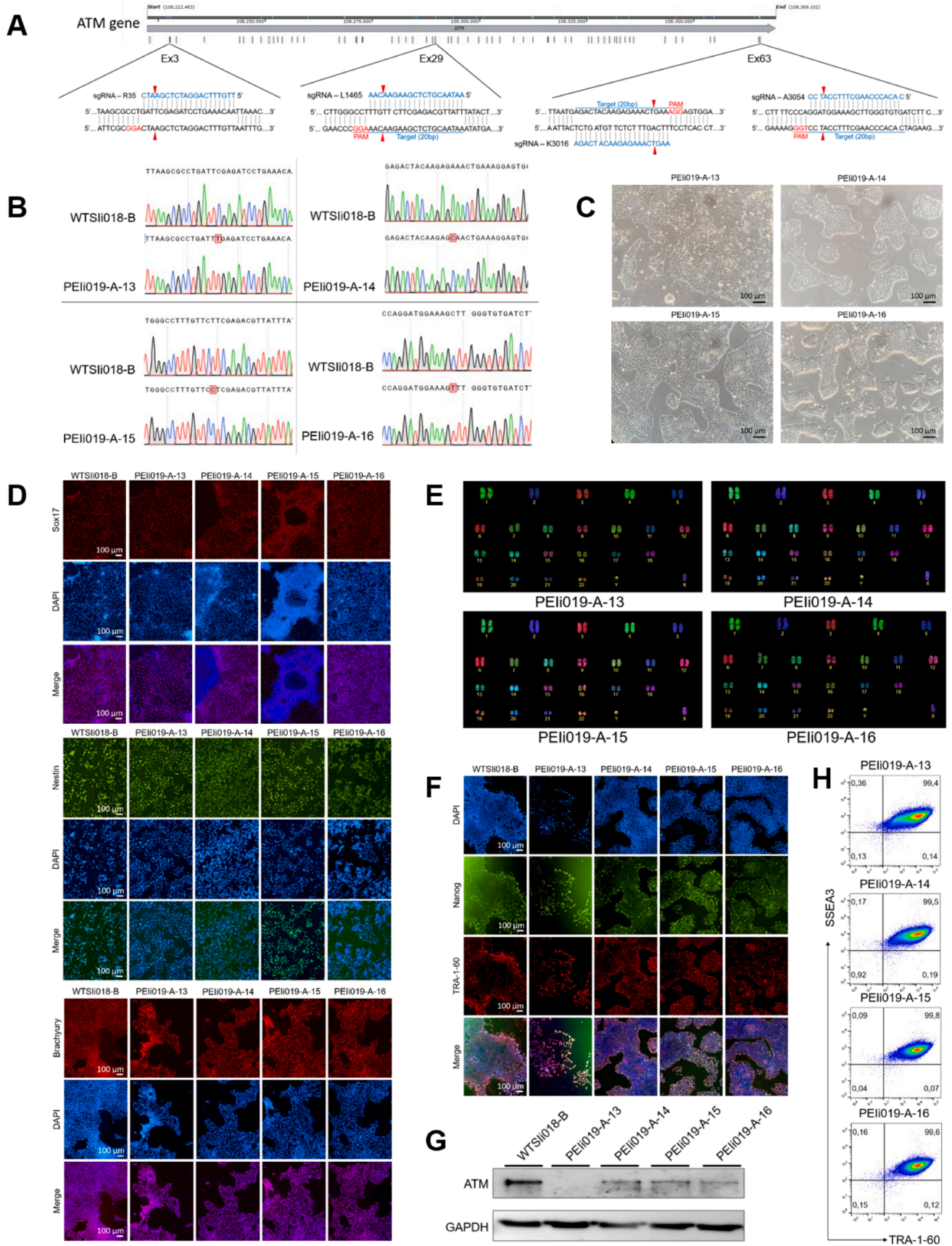


Fig. 1. Characterization of hiPSC lines with ATM mutations.

### 3.2. 4D nucleofection of hiPSCs

Nucleofection was performed on  $10^6$  cells following the Skarnes et al., 2019 protocol for delivery of Cas9 RNP and oligo using the Amaxa 4D Nucleofector. hiPSCs were nucleofected for each clones with a mix of 16  $\mu\text{g}$  of sgRNA and 20  $\mu\text{g}$  of recombinant Cas9 protein (20  $\mu\text{g}$  HiFi Cas9 nuclease v3; IDT), then reseeded on Synthemax-coated 6-well plates in StemFlex™ containing Revitacell (100X stock solution, Life Technologies, A26445-01) with addition of HDR enhancer (IDT, 1081073) to a 30  $\mu\text{M}$  final concentration. The medium was replaced the next day without Revitacell and HDR enhancer. After cells reached  $\sim 80\%$  confluency, they were dissociated by using Accutase (Stemcell, 07920) and replated for single clone expansion.

### 3.3. Immunofluorescence

Immunofluorescence was performed using standard protocols (Reprocell) at passage 5 with the antibodies listed in Table 2.

### 3.4. Western blotting

Cell lysates of each hiPSC line and the parental wild type line were prepared with RIPA buffer containing a protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche, 11697498001). Western blotting and RIPA buffer preparation were performed using the standard protocol for Western blots by Abcam. Antibodies are listed in Table 2.

### 3.5. Flow cytometry

For flow cytometry analysis,  $10^6$  hiPS cells (passage 10) were dissociated into single cells with Accutase, washed with 2% FCS in PBS and resuspended and stained in the primary antibody solution (SSEA3-AF488 and TRA-1-60-AF647, Table 2) at 4 °C for 2 h. They were then washed twice and treated with secondary antibodies at room temperature for 2 h. After staining, the cells were analyzed with the MACS-Quant® and the FlowJo software.

### 3.6. Mycoplasma detection

Mycoplasma detection was performed with PCR testing. Primers are listed below in Table 2.

### 3.7. Genotyping

Isolation of genomic DNA and PCR followed by Sanger sequencing (Eurofins Genomics) was used to determine the genotype of the clones as described in Skarnes et al., 2019. Additionally, SNP sequencing was

performed targeting heterozygous SNPs previously identified in the WTSli018-B cell line. Primers are listed in Table 2. PCR was done by using Q5® High-Fidelity DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs) with the following cycle parameters: 98 °C 30 sec, followed by 35 cycles of 98 °C 10 sec, primer annealing 30 sec, 72 °C 30 sec, and completed by 72 °C 2 min.

### 3.8. Karyotyping

Karyotyping was performed at the Leiden University Medical Center as previously described by Szuhai and Tanke, 2006.

### 3.9. Trilineage differentiation

Each cell line was differentiated into the three germ layers by using the STEMdiff™ Trilineage Differentiation Kit (Stemcell Technologies, 05230) according to manufacturer's instructions.

### 3.10. STR analysis

STR analysis was performed by Multiplexion GmbH.

## Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare no financial interests/personal relationships which may be considered as potential competing interests.

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## Appendix A. Supplementary data

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