when injected into immunocompromised mice. These cells harbor a single base-pair deletion in the *BRCA2* allele, which results in the expression of a truncated and dysfunctional protein. In addition, they have an oncogenic mutation in K-Ras (G12V) and an inactivating mutation in p53. These cells express elevated levels of the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) and do not express SMAD4 protein (i.e., SMAD4-null). The Capan-1 cells are useful both as a xenograft model for pancreatic cancer and as a cell system to study the effects of BRCA2-deficiency.

Source

This cell line was established in 1974 from a metastatic site (liver) in a 40-year-old Caucasian male with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.

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