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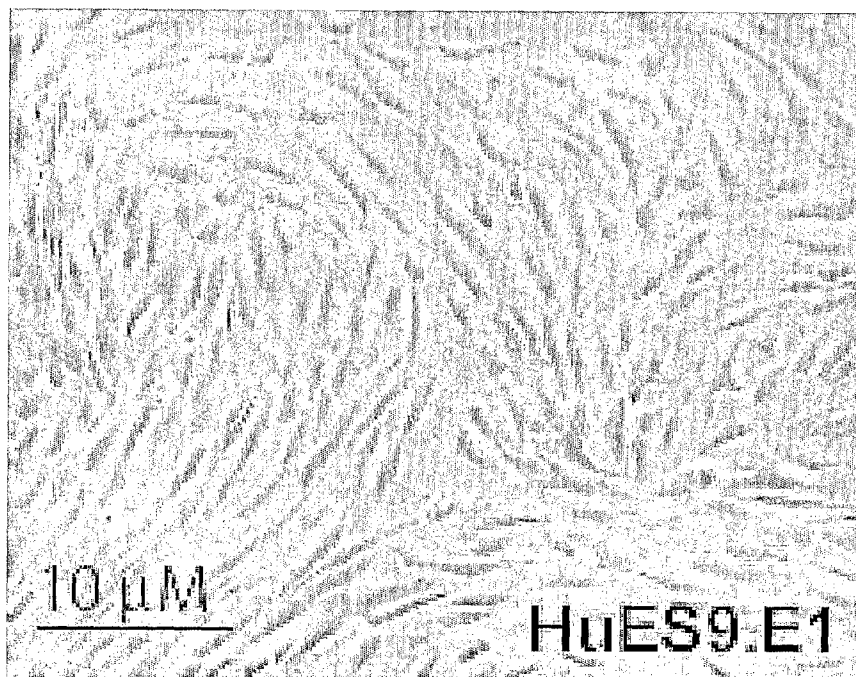
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(57) Abstract: We describe a method of obtaining a cell culture, the method comprising providing a cell obtained by dispersing a human embryonic stem cell (hESC) colony, or a descendent thereof, and propagating the cell in the absence of a feeder cell layer in a serum free medium comprising FGF2 and optionally PDGF AB. Preferably, the human embryonic stem cell (hESC) colony is dispersed with a dispersing agent which is trypsin.

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