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# Data Sheet NF-кB-Luciferase Reporter HCT-116 Cell Line Catalog #60623

## Description

NF- $\kappa$ B luciferase reporter construct is stably integrated into the genome of HCT-116 cells. The firefly luciferase gene is controlled by 4 copies of NF- $\kappa$ B response element located upstream of the TATA promoter. Following activation by stimulants, endogenous NF- $\kappa$ B transcription factors bind to the DNA response elements to induce transcription of the luciferase gene.

#### Application

The NF- $\kappa$ B-luciferase/HCT-116 cell line is suitable for monitoring the activity of NF- $\kappa$ B signaling in response to stimulants such as the cytokines TNF $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$ , pathogen-associated molecular pattern (PAMP) (i.e. flagellin) or endogenous damage-associated molecular pattern (DAMP) molecules (i.e. NOD1 ligand) (see application references). It is also suitable for establishing cell-based screens for inhibitors that target specific NF- $\kappa$ B stimulating molecules. This cell line can be further modified to allow investigation of downstream NF- $\kappa$ B activities as a result of targeted genetic mutation(s).

#### Host Cell

HCT-116 Human Colorectal Carcinoma Cell line. Adherent epithelial cells.

#### Format

Each vial contains  $\sim 3 \times 10^6$  cells in 1 mL of 10% DMSO in FBS.

#### Storage

Store in liquid nitrogen immediately upon receipt.

#### **Culture Medium**

**Thaw Medium 7 (BPS #60185):** McCoy's 5A medium (Hyclone #SH30200.01) with 10% FBS (Life technologies #26140-079), 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin (Hyclone SV30010.01)

Growth Medium 7A (BPS #79543): Thaw Medium 7 (BPS Cat. #60185) plus 1 mg/ml Geneticin (G418) (Thermo Fisher, Cat. #11811031).

#### **Recommended Culture conditions**

*Frozen Cells*: Prepare T-75 culture flask with 20 ml of pre-warmed Thaw Medium 7 (**no G418**). Quickly thaw cells in a 37°C water bath with constant and slow agitation. After cleaning the outside of the vial with 70% ethanol, immediately transfer the entire content to Thaw Medium 7 (**no G418**). Avoid pipetting up and down, and gently rock the flask to distribute the cells. Incubate the cells in a humidified 37°C incubator with 5%  $CO_2$ . 24-48 hours after incubation,

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change to fresh Growth Medium 7A (contains G418), without disturbing the attached cells. Continue to change medium every 2-3 days until cells reach desired confluency. If slow cell growth occurs during resuscitation, increase FBS to 15% for the first week of culture.

Subculture: When cells reached 90% confluency, remove the medium and wash twice with PBS (without Magnesium or Calcium). Treat cells with 2-3 ml of 0.25% trypsin/EDTA and incubate for 2-3 minutes at 37°C. After confirming cell detachment by light microscopy, add 10 mL pre-warmed medium and gently pipette up and down to dissociate cell clumps. Transfer cells to a 15 ml conical tube and centrifuge at 200 x g for 5 minutes. Remove the medium and resuspend cells in 10 ml pre-warmed growth medium. Dispense 2 mL of the cell suspension into a new T75 flask containing pre-warmed 18 ml complete medium (a subcultivation ratio of 1:2 to 1:10 is recommended). Incubate cells in a humidified 37°C incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. To freeze cells, re-suspend cell pellet in freezing medium (10% DMSO in FBS). Cells have been demonstrated to be stable for at least 15 passages; BPS recommends preparing frozen stocks so cells are not used beyond passage 20.

## Mycoplasma Testing

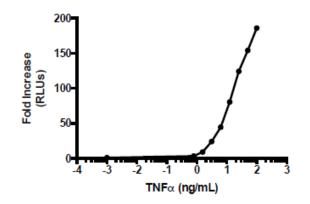
This cell line has been screened using the MycoAlert<sup>™</sup> Mycoplasma Detection Kit (Lonza, Cat. #LT07-118) to confirm the absence of Mycoplasma contamination. MycoAlert Assay Control Set (Lonza, Cat. #LT07-518) was used as a positive control.

#### **Application References**

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**Figure 1.** Analysis of NF- $\kappa$ B / HCT-116 reporter activity in response to TNF $\alpha$ . NF- $\kappa$ B-Luciferase HCT-116 cells were seeded on a white opaque 96-well plate overnight at 5000 cells/ well in complete growth medium. Cells were treated with human TNF $\alpha$  in growth medium and incubated for 7 hours at 37°C before the addition of luciferin according to manufacturer's protocol (ONE-Step<sup>TM</sup> Luciferase assay system, BPS Bioscience, Cat. #60690-2). Luminescence was read using a luminometer and readings were normalized to wells that only contain medium to obtain the Relative Luminescence Units (RLUs). Error bar = standard deviation (SD), n=3.

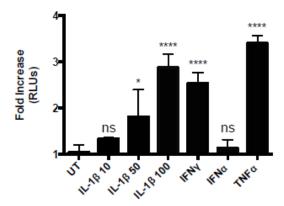


Figure 2. Analysis of NF-κB / HCT-116 reporter activity in response to cytokine stimulation. NF-κB-Luciferase HCT-116 cells were seeded on a white opaque 96-well plate overnight at 5000 cells/ well in complete growth medium. Cells were treated with human cytokines in growth medium (IL-1β, 10, 50, or 100 ng/ml; IFNγ, 2 µg/ml; IFNα, 10<sup>4</sup> U/ml; TNFα, 0.8 ng/ml) and incubated for 7 hours at 37°C, followed by the addition of luciferinaccording to manufacturer's protocol (ONE-Step<sup>™</sup> Luciferase assay system, BPS Bioscience, Cat. #60690-2). Luminescence was read using a luminometer and readings were normalized to wells containing only medium to determine the Relative Luminescence Unit (RLU). Fold increase is calculated with respect to untreated control cells (UT). Error bar = standard deviation (SD), n=3. \* P < 0.05, \*\*\*\* P < 0.0001, ns = not significant. One way ANOVA.

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#### Vector

NF-κB-Luciferase was cloned into the MCS of pCDNA3.1<sup>™</sup> (+) vector (Invitrogen, Cat. #V79020).

## **Related Products**

Product	<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Size</u>
Thaw Medium 7	60185	100 ml
ONE-Step <sup>™</sup> Luciferase Assay System	60690-1	10 ml
ONE-Step <sup>™</sup> Luciferase Assay System	60690-2	100 ml
NF-κB (Luc) Reporter CHO-K1 Cell Line	60622	2 vials
NF-κB reporter (Luc) - HEK293 Cell line	60650	2 vials
NF-кВ Reporter Kit (NF-кВ Signaling Pathway)	60614	500 rxns

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