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## Data Sheet

### NFAT Reporter – Hek293 Cell line *PKC/ Ca<sup>2+</sup> Pathway* Catalog #: 79298

#### Background

The protein kinase c (PKC)/ Ca<sup>2+</sup> response pathway leads to activation of the transcription factor nuclear factor of activator T cells (NFAT). NFAT is regulated by Ca2+ and the Ca2+/calmodulin-dependent serine phosphatase calcineurin. NFAT proteins are phosphorylated and reside in the cytoplasm in resting cells; upon stimulation, they are dephosphorylated by calcineurin, translocate to the nucleus, and induce gene expression.

#### **Product Description**

The NFAT Reporter – Hek293 cell line contains a firefly luciferase gene under the control of NFAT response element stably integrated into Hek293 cells. This cell line is validated for the response to the stimulation of phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA) with ionomycin.

#### Application

- Monitor intracellular calcium levels.
- Screen for activators or inhibitors of the PKC/ Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway.

#### Format

Each vial contains  $\sim 2 \times 10^6$  cells in 1 ml of 10% DMSO.

#### Storage

Immediately upon receipt, store in liquid nitrogen.

#### **Functional Validation and Assay Performance**

The following assays are designed for 96-well format. To perform the assay in different tissue culture formats, the cell number and reagent volumes should be scaled appropriately.

#### Mycoplasma testing

The cell line has been screened using the PCR-based VenorGeM<sup>®</sup> Mycoplasma Detection kit (Sigma-Aldrich, #MP0025) to confirm the absence of Mycoplasma species.



#### Culture Conditions:

**Thaw Medium 1 (BPS Bioscience, #60187)**: Optimized cell culture medium for thawing and plating HEK293 cells. Includes 10% FBS, non-essential amino acids, sodium pyruvate and 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin.

**Growth Medium 1B (BPS Cat. #79531):** Thaw Medium 1 (BPS Bioscience, #60187) with 400 µg/ml of Geneticin (Life Technologies #11811031).

Cells should be grown at 37°C with 5%  $CO_2$  using Growth Medium 1B. It may be necessary to adjust the percentage of  $CO_2$  in the incubator depending on the NaHCO<sub>3</sub> level in the basal medium.

It is recommended to quickly thaw the frozen cells from liquid nitrogen in a 37°C water-bath, transfer to a tube containing 10 ml of Thaw Medium 1, spin down cells, remove supernatant and resuspend cells in pre-warmed Thaw Medium 1. Transfer the resuspended cells to a T25 flask and incubate at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. At first passage, switch to Growth Medium 1B. Cells should be split before they reach 100% confluence. To passage the cells, rinse cells with phosphate buffered saline (PBS), detach cells from culture vessel with Trypsin/EDTA, add Growth Medium 1B and transfer to a tube, spin down cells, resuspend cells and seed appropriate aliquots of cell suspension into new culture vessels.

<u>Note</u>: Just after thawing and at low density, the cells may grow at a slower rate. It is recommended to split the cells with ~ 1:4 ratio at the beginning of culturing. After several passages, the cell growth rate increases and the cells can be split with 1:8 -1:20 ratio weekly.

#### **Functional Validation and Assay Performance**

The following assays are designed for 96-well format. To perform the assay in different tissue culture formats, the cell number and reagent volumes should be scaled appropriately.

#### Materials Required but Not Supplied

- PMA (LC Laboratories, #P1680) Prepare stock solution in DMSO.
- Ionomycin (Sigma, #I3909) Prepare stock solution in DMSO.
- Assay medium: Thaw Medium 1 (no Geneticin)
- Growth Medium 1B (BPS Cat. #79531)
- 96-well tissue culture plate or 96-well tissue culture-treated white clear-bottom assay plate
- RO-31-8220 (EMD Millipore, #557520) or other PKC inhibitor
- ONE-Step Luciferase Detection Reagents (BPS Bioscience, #60690) for measuring firefly luciferase activity.
- Luminometer



#### A. Response of NFAT Reporter – Hek293 cells to TCR crosslinkers.

- Harvest NFAT Reporter Hek293 cells from culture in Growth Medium 1B and seed cells at a density of ~ 30,000 cells per well into white clear-bottom 96-well microplate in 45 µl of assay medium.
- 2. Incubate the plate at  $37^{\circ}$ C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator overnight (~18-24 hours).
- 3. Dilute TCR crosslinker (PMA with ionomycin) into assay medium at 10x desired final concentration and add 5  $\mu$ l of dilution to each well. (We recommend a starting concentration around 30 nM PMA and 1  $\mu$ M lonomycin.) The final DMSO concentration can be up to 0.5%.

Add 5  $\mu$ I of assay medium with same concentration of DMSO but without the crosslinker to the unstimulated control wells.

Add 50 µl of assay medium with DMSO to cell-free control wells (for determining background luminescence).

Set up each treatment in at least triplicate.

- 4. Incubate cells at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator overnight (~18 hours).
- 5. The next day, perform luciferase assay using the ONE-Step luciferase assay system: Add 50 µl of ONE-Step Luciferase reagent per well and rock at room temperature for ~15 minutes. Measure luminescence using a luminometer.
- 6. Data Analysis: Subtract the average background luminescence (cell-free control wells) from the luminescence reading of all wells.

The fold induction of NFAT luciferase reporter expression = background-subtracted luminescence of stimulated well / average background-subtracted luminescence of unstimulated control wells.



## Figure 1. NFAT Reporter (Luc) – Hek293 cell response to TCR Crosslinker lonomycin with PMA.

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#### B. Response of NFAT Reporter – Hek293 cells to Inhibitors of TCR crosslinkers.

- Harvest NFAT Reporter Hek293 cells from culture in Growth Medium 1B and seed cells at a density of ~ 30,000 cells per well into white clear-bottom 96-well microplate in 45 µl of assay medium.
- 2. Incubate the plate at  $37^{\circ}$ C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator overnight (~18-24 hours).
- Dilute inhibitor (RO-31-8220) into assay medium to 10x desired final concentration and add 5 µl of dilution to each well. The final DMSO concentration can be up to 0.5%. Add 5 µl of assay medium with same concentration of DMSO but without the inhibitor to the un-inhibited control wells.
- Dilute TCR crosslinker (PMA with ionomycin) into assay medium to 10x desired final concentration (We recommend a starting concentration around 30 nM PMA and 1 μM lonomycin) and add 5 μl of dilution to each well. The final DMSO concentration can be up to 0.5%.
   Add 5 μl of assay medium with same concentration of DMSO but without the crosslinker.

Add 5  $\mu$ I of assay medium with same concentration of DMSO but without the crosslinker to the unstimulated control wells.

Add 55 µl of assay medium with DMSO to cell-free control wells (for determining background luminescence).

Set up each treatment in at least triplicate.

5. Incubate cells at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator overnight (~18 hours).

The next day, perform luciferase assay using the ONE-Step luciferase assay system: Add 55  $\mu$ I of One-Step Luciferase reagent per well and rock at room temperature for ~15 minutes. Measure luminescence using a luminometer.

6. Data Analysis: Subtract the average background luminescence (cell-free control wells) from the luminescence reading of all wells.

The percent luminescence of NFAT luciferase reporter expression is calculated by dividing each condition by the background-subtracted luminescence of the stimulated well. The background-subtracted luminescence of cells stimulated with 1  $\mu$ M lonomycin and 30 nM PMA in the absence of RO-31-8220 was set at 100%.

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## Figure 2. Inhibition of PKC by RO-31-8220 in PMA and Ionomycin induced NFAT reporter (Luc)-HEK293 cells.

The results are shown as percentage of luminescence. The background-subtracted luminescence of cells stimulated with 1  $\mu$ M lonomycin and 30 nM PMA in the absence of RO-31-8220 was set at 100%.



#### **Related Products**

Product Name	Catalog #	<u>Size</u>
NFAT Reporter (Luc) – Jurkat Recombinant Cell Line	60621	2 vials
TIGIT / NFAT Reporter - Jurkat Cell Line	60538	2 vials
PD-1 / NFAT Reporter - Jurkat Recombinant Cell Line	60535	2 vials
LAG3 / NFAT Reporter - Jurkat Recombinant Cell Line	71278	2 vials
PKCα (PKCalpha), GST-tag	40157	10 µg
PKCβ I (PKCbeta1), GST-tag	40158	10 µg
PKCβ II (PKCbeta1), GST-tag	40159	10 µg
PKCγ (PKCgamma), GST-tag	40160	10 µg
ERK Signaling Pathway SRE Reporter – HEK293 Cell Line	60406	2 vials
Hedgehog Pathway Gli Reporter – NIH3T3 Cell Line	60409	2 vials
JAK/STAT Signaling Pathway ISRE Reporter – HEK293 Cell Line	60510	2 vials
JNK Signaling Pathway AP1 Reporter – HEK293 Cell Line	60405	2 vials
NK-kB Reporter (Luc) – HEK293 Cell Line	60650	2 vials
RARalpha Reporter (Luc) – HEK293 Cell Line	60503	2 vials
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