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Data Sheet

Woodchuck PD-L1 / TCR activator - CHO Recombinant Cell line Cat. #: 79457

Product Description

Recombinant CHO-K1 cells constitutively expressing woodchuck (groundhog, *Marmota monax*) PD-L1 (Programmed Cell Death 1 Ligand 1, CD274, B7 homolog 1 (B7- H1), GenBank accession # HQ403651) and an engineered T cell receptor (TCR) activator.

Background

The binding of Programmed Cell Death Protein 1 (PD-1), a receptor expressed on activated T-cells, to its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, negatively regulates immune responses. The PD-1 ligands are found on most cancers, and PD-1:PD-L1/2 interaction inhibits T cell activity and allows cancer cells to escape immune surveillance. The PD-1:PD-L1/2 pathway is also involved in regulating autoimmune responses, making these proteins promising therapeutic targets for a number of cancers, as well as multiple sclerosis, arthritis, lupus, and type I diabetes.

Applications

- Screen for activators or inhibitors of PD-1 signaling in a cellular context
- Screen PD-L1 antibodies for binding affinity
- Characterize the biological activity of PD-1 interactions with PD-L1

Format

Each vial contains ~2.5 x 10⁶ cells in 1 ml of 10% DMSO

Storage

Immediately upon receipt, store in liquid nitrogen.

Mycoplasma Testing

The cell line has been screened using the PCR-based Venor[®]GeM Mycoplasma Detection kit (Sigma-Aldrich, #MP0025) to confirm the absence of *Mycoplasma* species.

General Culture Conditions

Thaw Medium 3 (BPS Bioscience #60186): Ham's F-12 medium (Hyclone # SH30526.01) supplemented with 10% FBS (Thermo Fisher, #26140079), 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin (Hyclone SV30010.01).

Growth Medium 3A (BPS Bioscience #60188): Thaw Medium 3, 1 mg/ml of Geneticin (Thermo Fisher, #11811031) and 500 µg/ml of Hygromycin B (Thermo Fisher, #10687010).

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Cells should be grown at 37°C with 5% CO₂ using Growth Medium 3A. PD-L1 /TCR activator – CHO cells should exhibit a typical cell division time of ~24 hours.

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 3 (**no Geneticin and Hygromycin B**), spin down cells, and re-suspend cells in pre-warmed Thaw Medium 3 (**no Geneticin and Hygromycin B**). Transfer re-suspended cells to a T25 flask and culture in 37°C CO₂ incubator overnight. The next day, replace the medium with fresh Thaw Medium 3 (**no Geneticin and Hygromycin B**), and continue growing culture in a CO₂ incubator at 37°C until the cells are ready to be split. Cells should be split before they reach complete confluence. At first passage switch to Growth Medium 3A (**contains Geneticin and Hygromycin B**).

To passage the cells, rinse cells with phosphate buffered saline (PBS), detach cells from culture vessel with 0.05% Trypsin/EDTA, add Growth Medium 3A transfer to a tube, spin down cells, re-suspend cells and seed appropriate aliquots of cell suspension into new culture vessels. Subcultivation ration: 1:10 to 1:20 twice a week.

To freeze down the cells, rinse cells with phosphate buffered saline (PBS), and detach cells from culture vessel with 0.05% Trypsin/EDTA. After detachment, add Thaw Medium 3 (**no Geneticin or Hygromycin B**) and count the cells, then transfer to a tube, spin down cells, and resuspend in 4°C Freezing Medium (10% DMSO + 90% FBS) at ~2 x 10⁶ cells/ml. Dispense 1 ml of cell aliquots into cryogenic vials. Place vials in an insulated container for slow cooling and store at -80°C overnight. Transfer to liquid nitrogen the next day for storage. It is recommended to expand the cells and freeze down more than 10 vials of cells for future use at early passage.

Functional Validation and Assay Performance

Expression of woodchuck PD-L1 in CHO-K1 cells was confirmed by FACS.

The functionality of the cell line was validated using a woodchuck PD-1:PD-L1 cell-based assay. In this assay, Jurkat T cells expressing NFAT reporter with constitutive expression of woodchuck PD-1 (woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter/Jurkat, BPS Bioscience #79456) are used as effector cells; woodchuck PD-L1/TCR activator- CHO cells are used as target cells. When these two cells are co-cultivated, TCR complexes on effector cells are activated by TCR activator on target cells, resulting in expression of the NFAT luciferase reporter. However, PD1 and PD-L1 ligation prevents TCR activation and suppresses the NFAT-responsive luciferase activity. This inhibition can be specifically reversed by anti-PD1 or anti-PD-L1 antibodies. PD1/PD-L1 neutralizing antibodies block PD1:PD-L1 interaction and promote T cell activation, resulting in reactivation of the NFAT responsive luciferase reporter.

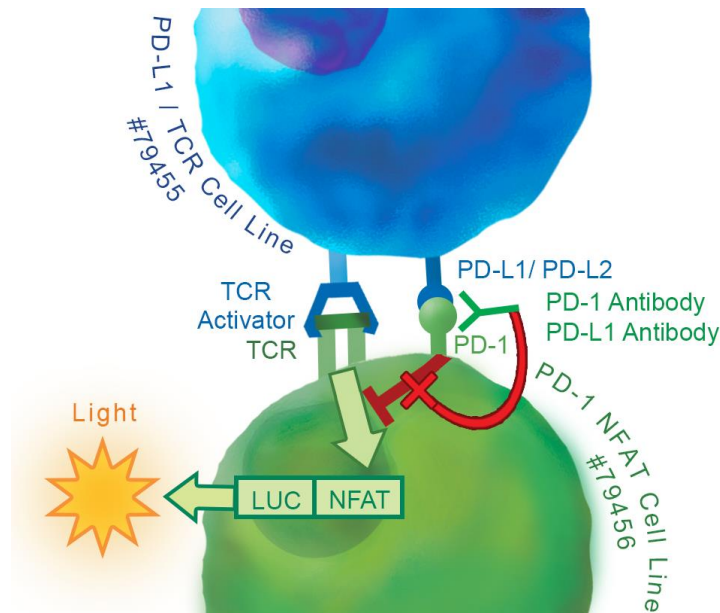
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Assay Principle



Materials Required but Not Supplied

- Woodchuck PD-1/ NFAT reporter-Jurkat cell line (BPS Bioscience #79456)
- Assay medium: RPMI1640 + 10% FBS + 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin (Thaw Medium 2, BPS Bioscience #60184)
- Thaw Medium 3 (BPS Bioscience #60186)
- Growth Medium 3B (BPS Bioscience #60188)
- 96-well tissue culture-treated white clear-bottom assay plate
- One-Step luciferase assay system (BPS Bioscience #60690) or other luciferase reagents for measuring firefly luciferase activity
- Luminometer
- Anti-woodchuck PD-1 or PD-L1 neutralizing antibodies. We have successfully used anti-mouse PD-L1 antibody (Fisher Scientific #50-146-65, clone #MIH5).

Protocol

1. Harvest woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator -CHO cells from culture and seed cells at a density of 35,000 cells per well into white clear-bottom 96-well microplate in 100 μ l of Thaw Medium 3. Incubate cells at 37°C in a CO₂ incubator for overnight. Cells should reach ~80% confluency by the next day (do not allow cells to reach confluency at this step).

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2. Next day, prepare serial dilution of anti-PD-1 antibody or anti-PD-L1 antibody in assay medium (the concentration of antibody here is 2x of the final treatment concentration of antibody). Harvest the woodchuck PD-1/NFAT-reporter-Jurkat cells by centrifugation and resuspend in assay medium. Dilute cells to 4×10^5 /ml in assay medium.

To test anti-PD-1 antibody, preincubate the woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter- Jurkat cells (4×10^5 /ml) with diluted anti-PD-1 antibody (1:1 in volume) for 30 min. After incubation, remove the medium from PD-L1/TCR activator -CHO cells and add 100 μ l of woodchuck PD-1/NFAT reporter – Jurkat cells / anti-PD-1 antibody mixture to the wells. (Note: *Mix the woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter- Jurkat cells with antibody thoroughly immediately before adding to woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator-CHO cells.*)

To test the anti-PD-L1 antibody, remove the medium from woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator-CHO cells, add 50 μ l of diluted anti-PD-L1 antibody to the wells and incubate for 30 min. After incubation, add 50 μ l of woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter- Jurkat cells (4×10^5 / ml) to the wells. (Note: *Mix the woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter- Jurkat cells thoroughly immediately before adding to woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator-CHO cells.*)

Final cell density of woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter- Jurkat cells is 2×10^4 /well. Set up each treatment in at least triplicate.

Add 100 μ l of assay medium to cell-free control wells (for determining background luminescence).

Incubate the plates at 37°C in a CO₂ incubator for 5 to 6 hours.

3. After ~5 to 6 hour incubation, perform luciferase assay using the ONE-Step luciferase assay system following recommended protocol. Add 100 μ l of One-Step Luciferase reagent per well and rock gently at room temperature for ~30 minutes. Measure luminescence using a luminometer.
4. 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 treated well / average background-subtracted luminescence of untreated control wells.

Figure 1. Woodchuck PD-1/PD-L1 cell-based assay using the woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter-Jurkat cells and woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR Activator CHO cells. Woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator-CHO cells were seeded in 96-well plate. The next day, woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator-CHO cells were incubated with anti-PD-L1 neutralizing antibody and woodchuck PD-1/NFAT Reporter-Jurkat cells (BPS Bioscience #79456; Figure 1B) or control NFAT Reporter – Jurkat cells (BPS Bioscience #60621; Figure 1A). After incubation, ONE-Step™ Luciferase reagent (BPS Bioscience #60690) was added to the cells to measure NFAT activity. As shown in Figure 2, anti-mouse PD-L1 (Fisher Scientific #50-146-65, clone #MIH5) and anti-woodchuck

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PD-L1 neutralizing antibodies can block the woodchuck PD-1/PD-L1 interaction while anti-human PD-L1 (BPS Bioscience.#71213) cannot.

The fold induction is equal to background-subtracted luminescence of antibody-treated well/background-subtracted luminescence of untreated-control wells of each respective cell line.

Figure 1A

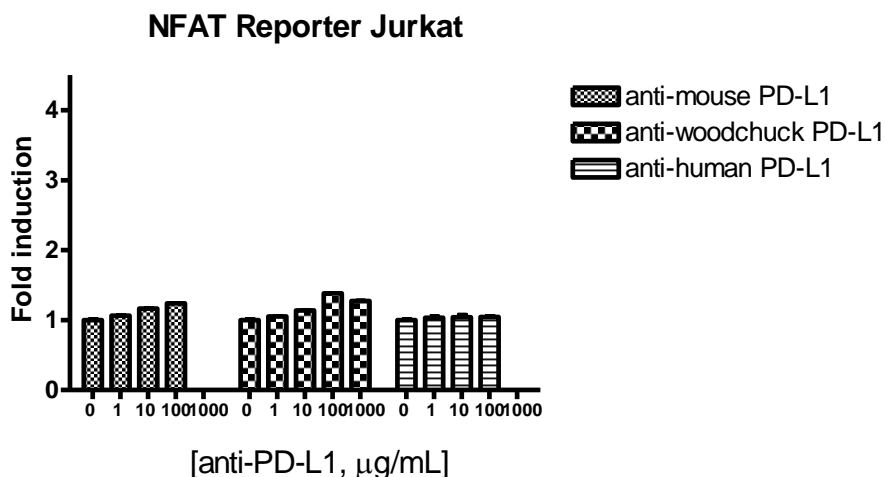
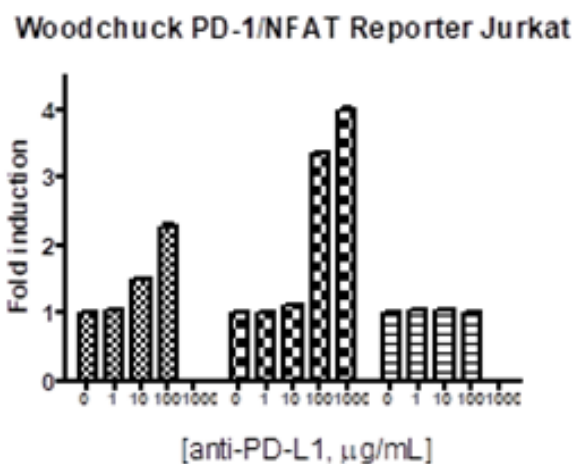
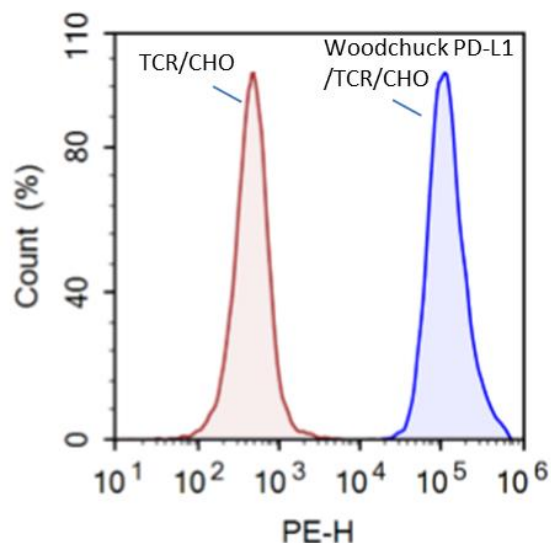


Figure 1B



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Figure 2. FACS analysis of cell surface expression of PD-L1 in woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR Activator-CHO cells. Woodchuck PD-L1/ TCR activator-CHO (blue) or parental CHO-K1 cells (pink) were stained with PE-labeled anti-PD-L1 antibody (Fisher Scientific #50-112-9385, clone MIH5) and analyzed by FACS. Y-axis shows the cell count. X-axis shows the intensity of PE fluorescence.



Sequence

Woodchuck PD-L1 sequence (accession number HQ403651)

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