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## **Data Sheet**

### ***NF-κB Reporter (Luc) – NIH/3T3 Cell Line***

**Catalog #: 79469**

#### **Product description**

The NF-κB reporter (Luc)-NIH/3T3 cell line is designed for monitoring nuclear factor Kappa B (NF-κB) signal transduction pathways. It contains a firefly luciferase gene driven by four copies of the NF-κB response element located upstream of the minimal TATA promoter. After activation by pro-inflammatory cytokines or stimulants of lymphokine receptors, endogenous NF-κB transcription factors bind to the DNA response elements, inducing transcription of the luciferase reporter gene.

#### **Application**

- Monitor NF-κB signaling pathway activity.
- Screen for activators or inhibitors of NF-κB signaling pathway.

#### **Format**

Each vial contains ~2 x 10<sup>6</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>GeM Mycoplasma Detection kit (Sigma-Aldrich, #MP0025) to confirm the absence of *Mycoplasma* species.

#### **General Culture Conditions**

**Thaw Medium 5 (BPS Cat. #60182):** DMEM (Hyclone #SH30243.01), supplemented with 10% Calf Bovine Serum (Hyclone #SH3007203), 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin (Hyclone #SV30010.01).

**Growth Medium 5A (BPS Cat. #79534):** Thaw Medium 5 (BPS Cat. #60186) and 600 μg/ml of Geneticin (Life Technologies #11811031).

Cells should be grown at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> using Growth Medium 5A.

NF-κB reporter (Luc) – NIH/3T3 cells should exhibit a typical cell division time of 24 hours.

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**To thaw the cells**, it is recommended to quickly thaw the frozen cells from liquid nitrogen in a 37°C water-bath, then transfer the entire contents of the vial to a tube containing 10 ml of Thaw Medium 5 (**no Geneticin**). Spin down the cells, remove supernatant and resuspend cells in pre-warmed Thaw Medium 5 (**no Geneticin**). Transfer the resuspended cells to a T75 flask and incubate at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. After 24 hours of culture, add an additional 3 – 4 ml of Thaw Medium 5 (**no Geneticin**). At first passage, switch to Growth Medium 5A (**contains Geneticin**).

**To passage the cells**, rinse cells with phosphate buffered saline (PBS), detach cells from culture vessel with 0.05% Trypsin/EDTA, add Growth Medium 5A and transfer to a tube. Spin down cells, resuspend cells and seed appropriate aliquots of cell suspension into new culture vessels. Subcultivation ratio: 1:5 to 1:10, twice a week.

**To freeze down the cells**, rinse cells with phosphate buffered saline (PBS), and detach cells from culture vessel with Trypsin/EDTA. Add Growth Medium 5A and transfer to a tube, spin down cells, and resuspend in freezing medium (10% DMSO + 90% FBS). Place at -80°C overnight and place in liquid nitrogen the next day. Alternatively, vials may be placed directly in liquid nitrogen.

### 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 volume should be scaled appropriately.

### Materials Required but Not Supplied

- Mouse TNF $\alpha$  (BioLegend #754402-10  $\mu$ G)
- Assay medium: Thaw Medium 5 (BPS Bioscience #60182) or
  - DMEM medium (Hyclone #SH30243.01) + 10% Calf Bovine Serum (Hyclone #SH3007203) + 1% Pen/Strep (Hyclone #SV30010.01)
- Growth Medium 5A (BPS Cat. #79534)
- 96-well tissue culture treated white clear-bottom assay plate (Corning #3610)
- One-Step luciferase assay system (BPS Bioscience #60690)
- Luminometer

### A. TNF $\alpha$ dose response

1. Harvest NF- $\kappa$ B reporter (Luc)-NIH/3T3 cells from culture in Growth Medium 5A and seed cells at a density of ~25,000 cells per well into white opaque 96-well microplate in 50  $\mu$ l of assay medium. Incubate cells at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> overnight.
2. Prepare threefold serial dilution of TNF $\alpha$  in assay medium. Add 50  $\mu$ l of diluted TNF $\alpha$  to TNF $\alpha$ -stimulated wells.

Add 50  $\mu$ l of assay medium to the unstimulated control wells (for measuring uninduced level of NF- $\kappa$ B reporter activity).

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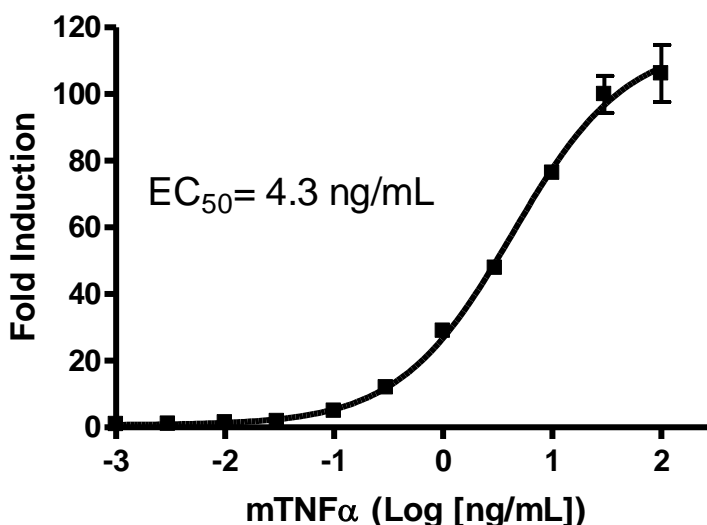
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Add 100  $\mu$ l of assay medium to cell-free control wells (for determining background luminescence).

5. Incubate at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for ~3-6 hours.
6. Prepare ONE-Step™ Luciferase Assay reagent as directed. Add 100  $\mu$ l of ONE-Step™ reagent per well. Incubate at room temperature for ~15 to 30 minutes and measure luminescence using a luminometer.
7. Data Analysis: Subtract the average background luminescence (cell-free control wells) from the luminescence reading of all wells. The fold induction of NF- $\kappa$ B luciferase reporter expression = background-subtracted luminescence of stimulated well / average background-subtracted luminescence of unstimulated control wells.

**Figure 1. TNF $\alpha$  dose response in NF- $\kappa$ B reporter (Luc)-NIH/3T3 cells.** Cells were treated with TNF $\alpha$  for ~ 6 hours. The results were shown as fold induction of luciferase reporter expression. Fold induction was determined by comparing values against the mean value for control cells without TNF $\alpha$  treatment.

The EC<sub>50</sub> of mTNF $\alpha$  in this cell line is ~4.3 ng/ml.



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NF- $\kappa$ B reporter (Luc) - CHOK1 Cell line	60622	2 vials
NF- $\kappa$ B reporter (Luc) – A549 Cell line	60625	2 vials
ONE-Step™ Luciferase Assay System	60690-1	10 ml
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