

# Data Sheet IL-2-Luciferase Reporter (Luc) - Jurkat Cell Line Catalog # 60481

# **Description**

Human IL-2 reporter construct is stably integrated into the genome of Jurkat T-cells. The firefly luciferase gene is controlled by a human IL-2 promoter.

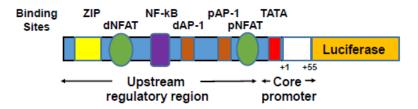


Figure 1. Illustration of IL-2 promoter region with representative transcription factor binding site.

# **Background**

Interleukin-2 (IL-2) is a key cytokine important for proliferation and differentiation of T cells into effector T cells through interaction with the IL-2 receptor.

## **Host Cell**

Human Acute T-Cell Leukemic Cell Line (Clone E61). Suspension cells.

#### **Format**

Each vial contains ~2 x 106 cells in 1 ml of 10% DMSO in FBS.

#### Storage

Store in liquid nitrogen immediately upon receipt.

#### **Culture Medium**

**Thaw Medium 2 (Cat. #60184):** RPMI1640 medium (Life Technologies #A10491-01) supplemented with 10% FBS (Life Technologies #26140-079), 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin (Hyclone #SV30010.01)

**Complete Growth Medium:** Thaw Medium 2 (Cat. #60184) supplemented with 1 mg/mlG418 (Thermo Fisher, Cat. No.11811031).

#### **Recommended Culture conditions**

Frozen Cells: Prepare a 50 ml conical tube and a T-25 culture flask with 5 ml of pre-warmed Thaw Medium 2. Quickly thaw cells in a 37°C water bath with constant and slow agitation. Clean the outside of the vial with 70% ethanol and immediately transfer the entire contents to the

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conical tube with Thaw Medium 2 (**no G418**) and rock the tube gently. Centrifuge the cells at 200 x g for 3 minutes. Re-suspend the cells in 5 ml of pre-warmed growth media and transfer the entire content to the T25 culture flask containing Thaw Medium 2 (**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<sub>2</sub>. Forty-eight hours after incubation, centrifuge cells at 250 x g for 5 minutes and re-suspend to fresh Thaw Medium 2 (**no G418**). Continue to monitor growth for 2-3 days and change medium to remove dead debris. If slow cell growth occurs during resuscitation, increase FBS to 15% for the first week of culture. Begin adding **G418** to Thaw Medium 2 (**complete growth medium**) after multiple cell colonies (in clumps) start to appear (indicative of healthy cell division). We recommend passing cells for 3 passages after thawing before using them in the luciferase assay.

Subculture: When cells reached  $\sim 2.5 \times 10^6$  cells/ml, transfer cells to a 50 ml conical tube and centrifuge cells at 200 x g for 5 minutes. Wash cells once with PBS (without Magnesium or Calcium) and re-suspend cells in 10 ml pre-warmed medium; gently pipette up and down to dissociate cell clumps. Dispense cell suspension at a 1:5 to 1:10 ratio into a new T-75 flask containing pre-warmed 15-20 ml medium. Incubate cells in a humidified 37°C incubator with 5%  $CO_2$ . Cells have been demonstrated to be stable for at least 15 passages; we recommend 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 (Cat. No. LT07-118) to confirm the absence of Mycoplasma contamination. MycoAlert Assay Control Set (Cat. No. LT07-518) was used as a positive control.

#### **Application**

The IL-2-luciferase Jurkat reporter cell line is suitable for monitoring the transcription activity of IL-2 in response to stimulants, and establishing cell-based screens for inhibitors that target specific IL-2 stimulating molecules. This reporter cell line has been tested and validated using stimuli including a combination of phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA) with ionomycin (**Figure 2**), anti-human CD3 antibody (**Figure 3**) and TCR activator / CHO-K1 cell line (**Figure 4**). This cell line is sensitive to stimuli at 2- 4 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells/ ml in 100 µl of serum free medium in a 96 well plate. For optimal sensitivity, we recommend using the provided protocols.

### **Application References**

- 1. Weaver JR *et.al.* (2007) Characterization of the sequence and architectural constraints of the regulatory and core regions of the human interleukin-2 promoter. *Mol. Immunol.* **44**: 2813-2819.
- 2. Hughes CCW and Pober JS (1996) Transcriptional Regulation of the Interleukin-2 Gene in Normal Human Peripheral Blood T Cells. *J. Biol. Chem.* **271**: 5369-5377.

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# **Assay Protocol**

# A) Analysis of IL-2 Jurkat reporter activity in response to PMA/ionomycin

- 1. In a white opaque 96- well plate, seed cells at 2 4x10<sup>4</sup> cells/well (100 µl per well) in serum free RPMI medium. Cells should be growing at log phase at time of seeding.
- Prepare fresh working solution of PMA (Fisher, Cat # BP685-1) at 10 ug/ml (from 1mg/ml stock in DMSO) and ionomycin (Fisher, Cat # BP25271) at 5 μg/ml (from 1 mg/ml stock in DMSO) in PBS.
- 3. Immediately treat 100 μl of cells with 10 μl of working solution of PMA and ionomycin for 24 hours at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> (Figure 2). We used a starting concentration at 1 μg /ml for PMA and did a 3-fold serial dilution in PBS containing a constant level of ionomycin at 500 ng/ml (final concentration).
- 4. Add ONE-Step™ Luciferase Assay System (Cat. No. 60690) to each well, according to recommended protocol.
- Read luminescence using a luminometer. Normalize luminescence to wells that contain only medium to obtain the Relative Luminescence Units (RLUs).

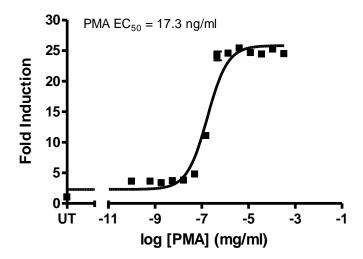


Figure 2. Response to PMA and Ionomycin Stimulation. IL-2 Jurkat reporter cells were seeded at  $3 \times 10^4$  cells/well (100  $\mu$ l per well) in serum free RPMI medium and treated with ionomycin and PMA. Error bar = standard deviation (SD), n=3.

# B) Analysis of IL-2 Jurkat reporter activity in response to anti-CD3 antibody

- In a white opaque 96- well plate, seed cells at 1 4x10<sup>4</sup> cells/well (100 μl per well) in serum free RPMI medium overnight. Cells should be growing at log phase at time of seeding; do not use cells that have grown beyond 5 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells/ml in a T25 flask. Passage cells a day prior to seeding if cells are at high density.
- 2. The next day, immediately treat cells with anti-CD3 antibody for 24 hours at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> (**Figure 3**). We used a starting concentration at 10 μg/ml, with subsequent three fold serial dilutions.
- 3. Add ONE-Step™ Luciferase Assay System (Cat. No. 60690) to each well, according to recommended protocol.
- 4. Read luminescence using a luminometer. Normalize luminescence to wells that contain only medium to obtain the Relative Luminescence Units (RLUs).

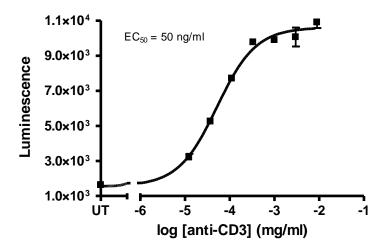


Figure 3. Response to Anti-human CD3 Antibody.

IL-2 Jurkat reporter cells were seeded at 1  $\times$ 10<sup>4</sup> cells/well (100  $\mu$ l per well) in serum free RPMI. Cells were treated with LEAF<sup>TM</sup> Purified anti-human CD3 antibody (clone OKT3, Biolegend Cat. No. 317325; Cat. No.71274) over the indicated concentration range for 24 hours at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Error bar = standard deviation (SD), n=3.

# C) Analysis of IL-2 Jurkat reporter activity in response to TCR-Activator CHO Recombinant Cells.

- 1. In a white opaque 96- well plate, seed 1-4 x 10<sup>4</sup> TCR-Activator CHO cells in complete medium (10% FBS in F-12). Gently shake the plate to ensure cells are evenly distributed. Cells should be 60-80% confluent the next day. Do not use cells that are >90% confluent.
- 2. The next day, remove medium from each well, and add 2 4 x 10<sup>4</sup> IL-2 Jurkat reporter cells (100 µl per well) in serum free RPMI for ~24 hours at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> (**Figure 4**).
- 3. Add ONE-Step™ Luciferase Assay System (Cat. No. 60690) to each well, according to recommended protocol.
- 4. Read luminescence using a luminometer. Normalize luminescence to wells that contain only medium to obtain the Relative Luminescence Units (RLUs).

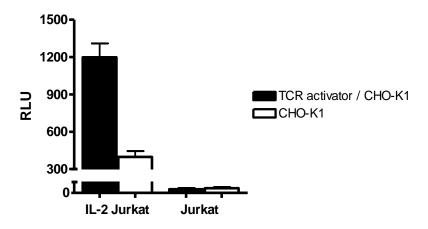


Figure 4. Response to TCR Activator - CHO Recombinant Cells.

4 x 10<sup>4</sup> TCR Activator - CHO Recombinant Cells (Cat. No. 60539) or naive CHO cells were co-cultured with IL-2 reporter Jurkat or naive Jurkat cells. Error bar = standard deviation (SD), n=9.

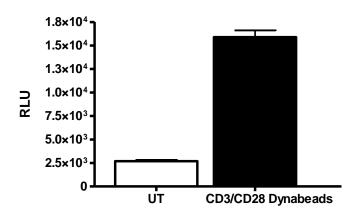


Figure 5. Response to Human T-Activator CD3/CD28 Dynabeads

IL-2 Jurkat cells were seeded on a white opaque 96-well plate at 2 x  $10^4$  cells/well (100  $\mu$ l per well) in serum-free hybridoma medium. Cells were treated with anti-human CD3/CD28 Dynabeads (Thermo Fisher Cat. No. 1132D) at 4  $\mu$ l per well for ~24 hours at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, and compared to untreated cells. Error bar = standard deviation (SD), n=3.

# **Related Products**

<u>Product</u>	<u>Cat. #</u>	<u>Size</u>
ONE-Step <sup>™</sup> Luciferase Assay System	60690-1	10 ml
ONE-Step <sup>™</sup> Luciferase Assay System	60690-2	100 ml
Jurkat Cell Thawing Medium	60184	100 ml
TCR Activator/ CHO Cell Line	60539	2 vials
NFAT- Luc Jurkat Cell Line	60621	2 vials
Anti-CD3 Antibody	71274-2	100 ug

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