

**Catalog Number** WRHEK293A

**Source** Human embryonic kidney cell line

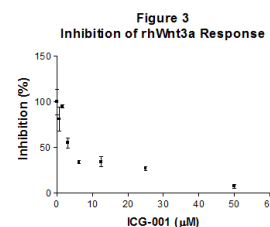
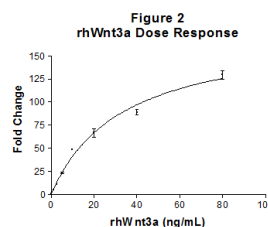
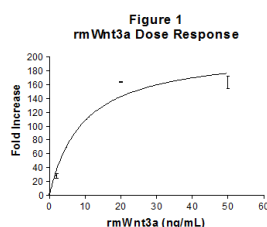
**Synonyms** Wnt reporter, TCF reporter, LEF reporter cell line

**Background** The WNT gene family consists of structurally related genes that encode secreted signaling proteins, membrane bound receptors, and signaling transduction proteins. These proteins have been implicated in oncogenesis, adipogenesis, etc. and in several other developmental processes, including regulation of cell fate and patterning during embryogenesis. Activity of the Wnt signaling pathway leads to nuclear translocation of  $\beta$ -catenin and the formation of TCF transcription factor complex. The TCF complex interacts with Wnt gene transcriptional response elements and leads to the expression of Wnt-responsive genes.

**Product Description** This Wnt reporter cell line is designed to monitor the activity of  $\beta$ -catenin-based Wnt signal transduction pathway. This human embryonic kidney cell line hosts CMV promoter, tandem repeats of the TCF transcriptional response element, luciferase gene, and GFP gene. GFP expressed constantly can serve as control of cell numbers.

**Activity** The luciferase activity from the Wnt reporter cell line increases 50- or 100-fold after 6- to 8-hour treatment with 10 ng/mL of recombinant human Wnt3a (Fig. 1) or recombinant mouse Wnt3a (Fig. 2),

respectively. The response to rhWnt3a can be inhibited by ICG-001 with an  $IC_{50}$  of 3  $\mu$ M (Figs. 3). The luciferase activity was normalized to endogenously expressed GFP and the inhibition data were processed by setting the luciferase activity from HEK293 Wnt reporter cell line-Mutant (Cat: WRHEK293M) as 0 and without inhibitor but with rhWnt3a as 100%.



**Handling and Storage** The cell line may be shipped in dry ice or RT in either 25 cm<sup>2</sup> flask or 15 mL tube. If the cell line is shipped in dry ice, after receiving, store the cells at -80°C or in liquid nitrogen or culture under standard culture conditions. The cells should be cultured in complete EMEM medium (Corning Ref: 10-010-CV plus 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 100 U/mL Penicillin-Streptomycin, and 10 % of fetal bovine serum).

**Luc Assay** Using normal tissue culture-treated plate: Seed 0.5 mL of cells into each well of 24 or 48 wells plate at a density of  $10 \times 10^4$  cells/mL in complete EMEM medium, incubate cell in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 37°C incubator overnight, replace complete EMEM with 198  $\mu$ L EMEM without serum, add 2  $\mu$ L of control buffer or Wnt3a (concentration range: 1 to 100 ng/mL), mix well and return plate into 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 37°C incubator and continue to incubate for 6 to 8 hours, suction out medium, lyse cells with 0.2 mL of cell lysis buffer (Promega, Cat: E1941), incubate for 10 min on rocking shaker at room temperature, transfer 50  $\mu$ L of cell lysate from each well into the wells of a 96 well black plate and add 50  $\mu$ L of lysis buffer into three wells of the same plate as fluorescent background, read fluorescent first, and then add 50  $\mu$ L of Luciferase substrate (Promega, Cat: E2610) into each well, read Luciferase activity within 15 min. Fluorescent reading can serve as control of cell numbers.

**Mycoplasma Detection** Negative. Detection Kit: Mycoplasma Detection Kit (PCR) from Southern biotech

**Reference** Molenaar M. XTcf-3 transcription factor mediates beta-catenin-induced axis formation in Xenopus embryos. Cell. 1996; 86:391-9  
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