

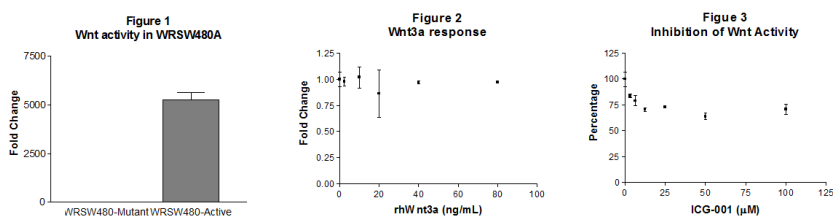
**Catalog Number:** WRSW480A  
**Source:** Human colorectal cancer cell line  
**Synonyms:** Wnt reporter, TCF reporter, LEF reporter cell line

**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.

Most colorectal carcinomas harbor genetic alterations that result in stabilization accumulation of  $\beta$ -catenin. colorectal carcinoma cell line SW480 expresses a truncated form of adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) that is a key player in  $\beta$ -catenin destruction complex. The mutation results in accumulation of  $\beta$ -catenin and expression of the oncogenes regulated by canonical Wnt signaling

**Product Description** Wnt reporter cell line is designed to monitor the activity of  $\beta$ -catenin-based Wnt signal transduction pathway. This human colorectal carcinoma cell line hosts the TCF transcriptional response element, luciferase gene, and GFP gene. Since this carcinoma cell lines harbors a truncated form of adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) and an accumulation of  $\beta$ -catenin, the cells have high endogenous Wnt signaling and the Wnt signaling cannot be stimulated further. GFP expressed constantly can serve as control of cell numbers.

**Activity:** This Wnt reporter cell line expresses 5000-fold higher luciferase activity than the control cell line-WRSW480M (Fig. 1). RhWnt3a is no longer able to activate the Wnt signaling even at a concentration up to 80 ng/mL (Fig. 2). A fraction of endogenous Wnt signaling can be inhibited by ICG-001 with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 3  $\mu$ M (Figs. 3). The inhibition data were processed by setting the luciferase activity from SW480 Wnt reporter cell line-Mutant (Catalog: WRSW480M) as 0 and without inhibitor as 100%.



**Handling and Storage** The cell line may be shipped in dry ice or room temperature 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 DMEM medium (Corning Catalog: 15-013-CV plus 2 mM L-glutamine, 10 % FBS, and 100 units/ml penicillin-streptomycin).

**Luc Assay** Using normal tissue culture-treated plate: Seed 0.5 mL of cells into each well of 24 wells plate (0.25 mL for wells of 48 wells plate) at a density of 20 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/mL in complete DMEM medium, incubate cell at 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 37°C incubator overnight. On second day, replace complete DMEM with 198  $\mu$ L DMEM without serum, add inhibitors into the culture, return plate back into the incubator and continue to incubate for 16 hours or overnight, 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.

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