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PRODUCT DATASHEET

ChemiScreen™ MC_2 Melanocortin Receptor Stable Cell Line

CATALOG NUMBER: HTS021C

CONTENTS: 2 vials of mycoplasma-free cells, 1 mL per vial.

STORAGE: Vials are to be stored in liquid N_2.

BACKGROUND

ChemiScreen cell lines are constructed in the Chem-1 host, which supports high levels of functional receptor expression on the cell surface. Chem-1 cells contain high endogenous levels of Gα15, a promiscuous G protein, allowing most receptors to couple to the calcium signaling pathway.

The melanocortins, α-, β- and g-melanocyte-stimulating hormones (MSHs) and adrenocorticotropin (ACTH), are peptides derived from a precursor protein POMC. The MSH peptides and ACTH bind to a family of five Class 1 G_s-coupled seven transmembrane receptors ($MC_{1\text{-}5}$) and play important roles in energy balance, reproductive function, pigmentation and inflammation (Gantz and Fong, 2003). MC_2, the ACTH receptor, is a member of this family but is the only one that does not bind the MSHs, it instead binds ACTH exclusively. MC_2 is expressed mainly in cells of the adrenal cortex, where it signals cells in the adrenal cortex to synthesize and secrete glucocorticoids (Clark A. *et al.*, 2006). Mutations in MC_2 lead to familial glucocorticoid deficiency, or ACTH insensitivity. Familial glucocorticoid deficiency can lead to increased pigmentation and increased longitudinal bone growth (Clark A, *et al.* 1993, Imamine H, *et al.* 2005). In addition to mutations in MC_2 leading to Familial glucocorticod deficiency, it has also been shown that mutations in a protein called MC2-R accessory protein (MRAP) also lead to this disorder (Clark A, 2005). Expression of MC_2 on the cell surface has been found to be dependent on the interaction of MC_2 with MRAP. This interaction helps to move MC_2 from the endoplasmic reticulum to the cell surface. The cloned human MC_2-MRAP double stable cell line is made in the Chem-1 host, which supports high levels of recombinant MC_2 expression on the cell surface and contains high levels of the endogenous promiscuous G protein Gα15 to couple the receptor to the calcium signaling pathway. Thus, the cell line is an ideal tool for screening for antagonists of interactions between MC_2 and its ligands.

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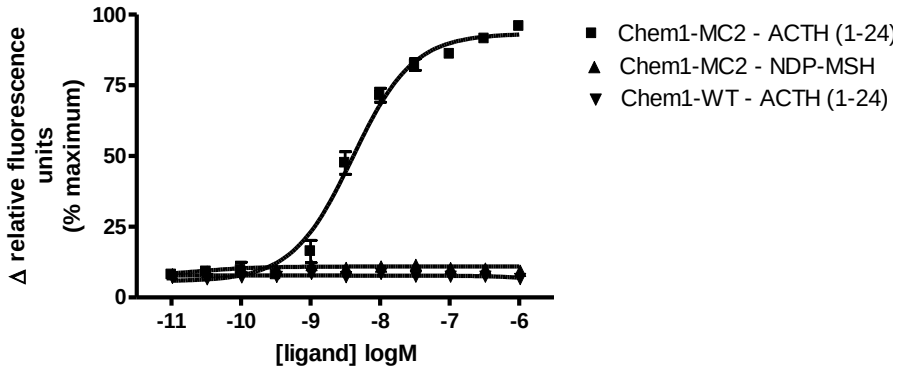

Figure 1. Representative data for activation of the MC_2 receptor stably expressed in Chem-1 cells induced by ACTH (1-24) using a fluorescent calcium flux assay. MC_2–expressing Chem-1 cells were seeded at 50,000 cells per well into a 96-well plate, and the following day the cells were loaded with a fluorescent calcium indicator. Calcium flux in response to the indicated ligand with a final concentration of 0.5% DMSO was determined on a Molecular Devices FLIPR^{TETRA}® with ICCD camera. Maximal fluorescence signal obtained in this experiment was 7,000 RLU. Similarly parental cells (catalog #: HTSCHEM-1) were tested to determine the specificity of the resulting signal.

Table 1. EC_{50} value of MC_2-expressing Chem-1 cells.

LIGAND	ASSAY	POTENCY EC_{50} (nM)	REFERENCE
ACTH (1-24)	Calcium Flux - Fluorescence	4	Eurofins Internal Data

* The cell line was tested and found to have equivalent EC_{50} and signal at 1, 3 and 6 weeks of continuous culture by calcium flux fluorescence.

CELL CULTURE

Table 2. Recommended Cell Culture Reagents (not provided)

Description	Component	Concentration	Supplier and Product Number
Basal Medium	DMEM high glucose Medium (4.5g/L)	-	Hyclone: SH30022
	Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	10%	Hyclone: SH30070.03
	Non-Essential Amino Acids (NEAA)	1X	Hyclone: SH30238.01
	HEPES	1X	EMD Millipore: TMS-003-C
Selection Medium	Basal Medium (see above)	-	
	Geneticin (G418)	250 µg/ml	Invivogen: ant-gn-5
	Hygromycin	500 µg/ml	Invivogen: ant-hg-5
Dissociation	Sterile PBS	-	Hyclone: SH30028.03
	0.25% Trypsin-EDTA	-	Hyclone: SH30042.01
CryoMedium	Basal Medium (see above)	40%	
	Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	50%	Hyclone: SH30070.03
	Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)	10%	Sigma: D2650

Cell Handling

1. Upon receipt, directly place cells in liquid nitrogen storage. Consistent cryopreservation is essential for culture integrity.
2. Prepare Basal Medium. Prepare 37ºC Water Bath. Thaw cells rapidly by removing from liquid nitrogen, and immediately immersing in a 37ºC water bath, until 90% thawed. Immediately sterilize the exterior of the vial with 70% ethanol.
3. Add vial contents to 15 mL Basal Medium in T75 Tissue Culture Treated Flask. Gently swirl flask and place in a humidified, tissue culture incubator, 37ºC, 5% CO_2.
4. 18-24 Hours Post–Thaw, all live cells should be attached. Viability of the cells is expected to be 60-90%, At this time, exchange Basal Medium with Selection Medium.
5. When cells are approximately 80% confluent, passage the cells. It is suggested that user expand culture to create >20 vial Master Cell Bank at low passage number. *Cells should be maintained at less than 80% confluency for optimal assay results.*
6. Cell Dissociation: Aspirate Culture Medium. Gently wash with 1x Volume PBS. Add 0.1x Volume Warm Trypsin-EDTA. Incubate 4 min, 37°C, until cells dislodge. *If cells do not round up, place in 37º C incubator for additional 2 min*. Neutralize Trypsin and collect cells in 1x Volume Basal Medium.
7. Seed Cells for expansion of culture. It is recommended that cell lines are passaged at least once before use in assays.

Table 3. Cell Culture Seeding Suggestions: *User should define based on research needs.*

Flask Size (cm^2)	Volume (mL)	Total Cell Number ($x10^6$)	Growth Period (hrs)
T75	15	5.0	24
T75	15	2.0	48
T75	15	0.45	72

ASSAY SETUP

Fluorescence

Table 4. Settings for FLIPR^{TETRA}® with ICCD camera option

Option	Setting
Read Mode	Fluorescence
Ex/Em	Ex470_495 / Em515_575
Camera Gain	2000
Gate Open	6 %
Exposure Time	0.53
Read Interval	1s
Dispense Volume	50 µl (25 µl for 384-well)
Dispense Height	95 µl (50 µl for 384-well)
Dispense Speed	50 µl/sec
Expel Volume	0 µl
Analysis	Subtract Bias Sample 1

Table 5. Assay Materials (Not provided)

Description	Supplier and Product Number
HBSS	Invitrogen: 14025
HEPES 1M Stock	EMD Millipore: TMS-003-C
Probenicid	Sigma: P8761
Quest Fluo-8™, AM	AAT Bioquest: 21080
ACTH (1-24) ligand	Bachem: H-1150
Non-Binding 96/384 well Plates (for ligand prep)	Corning: 3605/ 3574
Black (clear Bottom) cell assay plates	Corning: 3904/ 3712
Coelenterazine-h (250µg). Prepare to 10mM	Promega: S2011

Assay Protocol – Fluorescence

1. Dissociate Culture as Recommended. Collect in Basal Medium. Document Cell Count and Viability
2. Centrifuge the cell suspension at 190 x g for six min
3. Remove supernatant. Gently resuspend the cell pellet in Basal Medium. *It is suggested that end user optimize cell plating based on individual formats.* (Default: Resuspend in volume to achieve $5x10^5$cells/ml *(i.e, if collected 5e6 TC,* $^{5e6/}_{5e5/ml}$ *=10 mL volume)*
4. Seed cell suspension into black, clear bottom plate (100 µL/well for 96-well plate). *When seeding is complete, place the assay plate at room temperature for 30 min.*
5. Move assay plate to a humidified 37ºC 5% CO_2 incubator for 18-24 h.
6. Next day, prepare Assay buffer (HBSS, 20mM HEPES, 2.5 mM Probenicid, pH 7.4) and Loading buffer (Assay buffer with 5 mM Fluo8 Dye). *Note: Please prepare Fluo8 stock according to Manufacturer's Recommendations*
7. Remove medium from assay plate and wash 1X with Assay Buffer.
8. Add Loading buffer to assay plate (100 µL/well for 96-well plate). Incubate plate for 1.5 h at room temperature, protected from light.
9. Prepare ligands in assay buffer at 3x final concentration in non-binding plates. Use Buffer Only Control Wells for Background Subtraction.
10. Create protocol for ligand addition. Please refer to FLIPR^{TETRA}® settings provided in Table 2. Set time course for 180 s, with ligand addition at 10 s.
11. After the run is complete, apply subtract bias on sample 1. We recommend using Negative Control Correction with Buffer Only Wells. Export data to according to research needs. For most Calcium Flux analysis using Export of Max Signal to end of run is sufficient.

HOST CELL

Chem-1, an adherent cell line expressing the promiscuous G-protein, Gα15.

EXOGENOUS GENE EXPRESSION

Human MC_2 cDNA (Accession Number: NM_000529) and promiscuous G protein are expressed in a bicistronic vector

RELATED PRODUCTS

Product Number	Description
HTSCHEM-1	ChemiScreen™ Chem-1 Parental Cell Line (control cells)
HTS021M	ChemiScreen™ MC_2 Melanocortin Receptor Membrane Prep

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