

#### **PRODUCT DATASHEET**

# ChemiBrite CXCR3 Chemokine Receptor Stable Cell Line

#### CATALOG NUMBER: HTS003L

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

**STORAGE**: Vials are to be stored in liquid N<sub>2</sub>.

#### BACKGROUND

ChemiBrite cell lines are constructed in the HEK293 host, which supports high levels of functional receptor expression on the cell surface. HEK293 cells contain high endogenous levels of Gα15, a promiscuous G protein, allowing most receptors to couple to the calcium signaling pathway.

CXCR3 is a 7-TM GPCR that is selective for the CXC chemokines IP10, I-TAC and MIG (Loetscher *et al.*, 1996). Binding of IP10 and MIG to CXCR3 induces Ca2+ mobilization, chemotaxis and inflammatory responses of T lymphocytes, and also act as potent inhibitors of angiogenesis. CXCR3 is highly expressed in IL-2-activated T lymphocytes in vitro (Loetscher *et al.*, 1996), and in T lymphocytes present in inflamed tissues in rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis (Balashoy *et al.*, 1999; Qin *et al.*, 1998). In vivo, neutralization of CXCR3 inhibits experimentally induced type I diabetes (Frigerio *et al.*, 2002), peritonitis (Xie *et al.*, 2003), and post-lung transplantation bronchiolitis obliterans syndrome (Belperio *et al.*, 2002). Cloned CXCR3 receptor-expressing ChemiBrite cells were constructed by stable transfection of HEK293 cells with ChemiBrite clytin, the receptor and a promiscuous G protein to couple the receptor to the calcium signaling pathway. These stability-tested cells are ready for fluorescence-based assays for agonists, antagonists and modulators at the CXCR3 receptor.

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

Calcium Flux Assays: Luminescent Mode and Fluorescent Mode

#### **APPLICATION DATA**

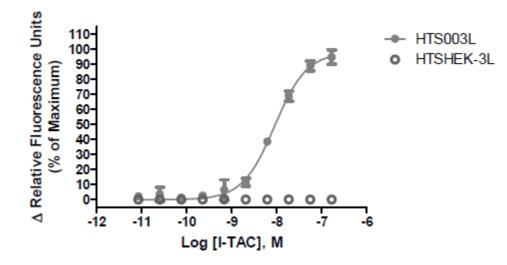


Figure 1. Representative data for activation of the CXCR3 receptor stably expressed in HEK293 cells induced by I-TAC using a fluorescent calcium flux assay. CXCR3–expressing HEK293 cells were seeded at 50,000 cells per well into a 96-well plate, and the following day the cells were loaded with a fluorescent 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<sup>TETRA</sup>® with ICCD camera. Maximal fluorescence signal obtained in this experiment was 12,000 RLU.



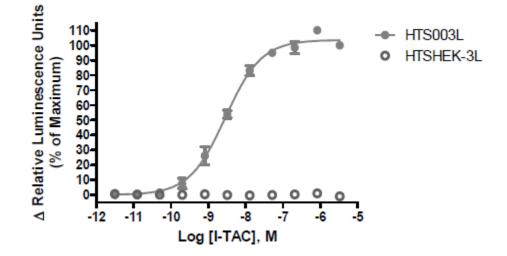


Figure 2. Representative data for activation of CXCR3 receptor stably expressed in HEK293 cells induced by I-TAC using a luminescent calcium flux assay. CXCR3 –expressing HEK293 cells were loaded with 10 µM coelenterazine for 3 h at room temperature and calcium flux in response to the indicated ligand was determined on a Molecular Devices FLIPR<sup>TETRA®</sup> with ICCD camera in 96-well format with a final concentration of 0.5% DMSO. Luminescence signal obtained in this experiment was 80,000 RLU (Relative Light Units) as measured by AUC (are under curve) for 80 s post agonist addition using the provided protocol. Similarly parental cells (catalog #: HTSHEK-3L) were tested to determine the specificity of the resulting signal.

Table 1. EC<sub>50</sub> values of CXCR3-expressing HEK293 cells.

| LIGAND   | ASSAY                       | POTENCY EC <sub>50</sub> (nM) | REFERENCE              |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| I-TAC  | Calcium Flux - Fluorescence | 9.0                           | Eurofins Internal Data |  |  |  |
| I-TAC  | Calcium Flux - Luminescence | 2.9                           | Eurofins Internal Data |  |  |  |
| * The cell line was tested and found to have equivalent EC <sub>50</sub> and signal at 1, 3 and 6 weeks of continuous culture by |                             |                               |                        |  |  |  |
| calcium flux fluorescence. The Z' value, as defined with response to 166 nM I-TAC, was 0.7.                                      |                             |                               |                        |  |  |  |

## **CELL CULTURE**

Table 2. Recommended Cell Culture Reagents (not provided)

| Description         | Component                         | Concentration | Supplier and Product Number |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Basal Medium        | DMEM/F12 Medium                   | -             | Millipore: DF-041-B         |
|                     | Dialyzed, Heat Inactivated<br>FBS | 10%           | Hyclone: SH30079.03         |
|                     | Non-Essential Amino Acids (NEAA)  | 1X            | Millipore: TMS-001-C        |
| Selection<br>Medium | Basal Medium (see above)          | -             |                             |
|                     | Puromycin                         | 1 µg/ml       | Merck EMD: 400053           |
|                     | Geneticin (G418)                  | 200 µg/ml     | Merck EMD: 345812           |
|                     | Hygromycin                        | 100 µg/ml     | Merck EMD: 540411           |
| Dissociation        | Sterile PBS                       | -             | Millipore: BSS-1006A        |
|                     | 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA                | -             | Millipore: SM-2002-C        |
| CryoMedium          | Basal Medium (see above)          | 40%           |                             |
|                     | Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)          | 50%           | Gibco: 16000                |
|                     | Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)         | 10%           | Merck EMD: 317275           |



#### **Cell Handling**

- 1. Upon receipt, directly place cells in liquid nitrogen storage. Consistent cryopreservation is essential for culture integrity.
- 2. Prepare Basal Medium. Prepare 37°C Water Bath. Thaw cells rapidly by removing from liquid nitrogen, and immediately immersing in a 37°C 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, 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 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 37°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.

| Flask Size (cm <sup>2</sup> ) | Volume (mL) | Total Cell Number (x10 <sup>6</sup> ) | Growth Period (hrs) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| T75                           | 15          | 2.0                                   | 24                  |
| T75                           | 15          | 1.5                                   | 48                  |
| T75                           | 15          | 1.0                                   | 72                  |
| T150                          | 30          | 4.0                                   | 24                  |
| T150                          | 30          | 3.0                                   | 48                  |
| T150                          | 30          | 2.0                                   | 72                  |

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

## **ASSAY SETUP**

#### Luminescence

Table 4. Settings for FLIPR<sup>TETRA</sup>® with ICCD camera option

| Option          | Setting                    |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Read Mode       | Luminescence               |
| Ex/Em           | None/None                  |
| Camera Gain     | 280,000                    |
| Gate Open       | 100 %                      |
| Exposure Time   | 0.9 sec                    |
| Read Interval   | 1 sec.                     |
| 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    |
| BSA (Protease Free). Prepare to 1% in H2O, filter | Merck EMD: 126609           |
| I-TAC ligand                                      | Peprotech: 300-46           |
| Non-Binding 96/384 well Plates (for ligand prep)  | Corning: 3605/ 3574         |
| Black (clear Bottom) cell assay plates            | Corning: 3904/ 3712         |
| Coelenterazine (250µg). Prepare to 10mM           | Merck EMD: 233900           |

#### **Assay Protocol – Luminescence**

| 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, $\frac{5e6}{5e5/ml} = 10 \text{ mL volume}$ )  |
| 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 37°C 5% CO <sub>2</sub> incubator for 18-24 h.   |
| 6. | Next day, prepare Assay buffer (HBSS, 20mM HEPES, 0.1% BSA, pH 7.4) and Loading buffer (Assay buffer with 10µM coelenterazine). Note: Please prepare coelenterazine stock according to Manufacturer's Recommendations at 10mM to allow for 1:1000 dilution into Loading buffer (10uM final concentration). It is critical that coelenterazine solution is prepared at room temperature and is protected from light. |
| 7. | Remove medium from assay plate by inverting and tapping/flicking plate. Blot plate.   |
| 8. | Add Loading buffer to assay plate (100 µL/well for 96-well plate). Incubate plate for 3 h at room temperature,  |

- protected from light.
- 9.
- Prepare ligands in assay buffer at 3x final concentration in non-binding plates. Create protocol for ligand addition. Please refer to FLIPR<sup>TETRA®</sup> settings provided in Table 4. Set time 10. course for 180 s, with ligand addition at 10 s.
- After the run is complete, apply subtract bias on sample 1. Export data to analyze using the area under the 11. curve statistic.



## **HOST CELL**

HEK293

#### **EXOGENOUS GENE EXPRESSION**

Human CXCR3 cDNA (Accession Number: NM\_001504.1; see CODING SEQUENCE below) and a proprietary mutant clytin photoprotein and promiscuous G protein expressed in a bicistronic vector

#### **CODING SEQUENCE**

|          |          | CTT<br>L             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---|
|          |          | GAC<br>D             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
|          |          | CGG<br>R             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | AAC<br>N |          | GCG<br>A |          |   |
|          |          | CTG<br>L             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | TTC<br>F |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | GAC<br>D |   |
|          |          | GTG<br>V             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | CAG<br>Q |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | TGC<br>C |   |
| V<br>CTG | A<br>AAC | GGT<br>G<br>ATA<br>I | A<br>GTT | L<br>CAT | F<br>GCC | N<br>ACC | I<br>CAG | N<br>CTC | F<br>TAC | Y<br>CGC | A<br>CGG | G<br>GGG | A<br>CCC | L<br>CCG | L<br>GCC | L<br>CGC | A<br>GTG | C<br>ACC | I<br>CTC | S<br>ACC | F<br>TGC | D<br>CTG | R<br>GCT | Y |
|          |          | CTC<br>L             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | GAC<br>D |          | CGC<br>R |          | AAC<br>N |   |
|          |          | TGC<br>C             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
|          |          | CTG<br>L             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | CAG<br>Q |          |   |
|          |          | GCC<br>A             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
|          |          | GAC<br>D             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
|          |          | ACC<br>T             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
|          |          | CGG<br>R             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |   |
| TCC<br>S |          | CGG<br>R             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | TGA      |          |          |          |          |          |   |

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#### **RELATED PRODUCTS**

| Product Number | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| HTSHEK-3L      | ChemiBrite™ HEK293 Parental Stable Cell Line with Gαqi                 |
| HTS003M        | ChemiScreen <sup>™</sup> CXCR3 Chemokine family receptor membrane prep |
| HTS003RTA      | Ready-to-Assay™ CXCR3 Chemokine receptor frozen cells                  |
| HTSCHEM-1RTA   | Ready-to-Assay™ Chem-1 host frozen cells (control cells)               |

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