# 293-hNOD1 Cells

# 293 cells expressing the human NOD1 gene

Catalog # 293-hnod1

# For research use only

Version # 10E24-MM

# PRODUCT INFORMATION

#### **Contents and Storage**

- 1 vial of 293-hNOD1 Cells (5-7 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells) in Freezing Media <u>IMPORTANT:</u> Cells are shipped frozen. If cells are not frozen upon arrival, contact InvivoGen immediately.
- 100 μl Blasticidin selective antibiotic (10 mg/ml). Store at -20°C.
   Product is stable for 1 year when stored at -20°C.
- 1 ml Normocin™ (50 mg/ml). Normocin™ is a formulation of three antibiotics active against mycoplasmas, bacteria and fungi. Store at -20°C. Product is stable for 18 months when stored at -20°C.

# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

293-hNOD1 Cells are designed for studying the stimulation of human NOD1 (hNOD1). 293-hNOD1 cells were obtained by stable transfection of the hNOD1 gene into HEK293 cells. HEK293 cells express endogenous levels of TLR3, TLR5 and NOD1. *Note: The control cell line for 293-hNOD1 cells is 293-null cells (expression levels of hNOD1 in 293-null cells are 100-fold lower than in 293-hNOD1 Cells)*.

NOD1 (CARD4) is a member of the family of Nod-like receptors (NLRs, also known as CATERPILLER), characterized by a nucleotide-oligomerization domain (NOD) and ligand-recognizing leucine-rich repeats. NOD1 is an intracellular pattern-recognition molecules involved in the recognition of peptidoglycan (PGN). It detects specific motifs within the PGN. NOD1 senses the iE-DAP dipeptide which is found in PGN of all Gram-negative and certain Gram-positive bacteria. It signals via the serine/threonine RIP2 (RICK, CARDIAK) kinase which interacts with IKK leading to the activation of NF-κB and the production of inflammatory cytokines such as TNF-α and IL-6<sup>1</sup>. In addition to the NF-κB pathway, NOD1 stimulation induces the activation of MAPKs². The physiological importance of NOD1 in immune responses is evident from the linkage of their mutations with inflammatory diseases in humans. Several NOD1 polymorphisms are linked to the development of atopic eczema and asthma⁴.

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## **Handling Cells Upon Arrival**

We strongly recommend that you propagate the cells, using the provided procedure, as soon as possible. This will ensure the best cell viability and assay performance. Frozen cells may be placed in liquid nitrogen until you are ready to thaw and propagate them, however, this may reduce cell viability.

## **Product Warranty**

InvivoGen warrants that cells shall be viable upon shipment from InvivoGen for a period of thirty days, provided they have been properly stored and handled during this period.

#### **Cell Line Stability**

Cells will undergo genotypic changes resulting in reduced responsiveness over time in normal cell culture conditions. Genetic instability is a biological phenomenon that occurs in all stably transfected cells. Therefore, it is critical to prepare an adequate number of frozen stocks at early passages.

293-hNOD1 Cells should not be passaged more than 20 times to remain fully efficient. 293-hNOD1 Cells should be maintained in Growth Medium as described below in the presence of Normocin™ (100 µg/ml) and the selective antibiotic, Blasticidin (10 µg/ml). Antibiotic pressure with Blasticidin is required to maintain the plasmid coding for hNOD1.

## **Quality control**

Expression of the human NOD1 gene was confirmed by RT-PCR. 293-hNOD1 Cells were stimulated by NOD1 agonists. These cells are guaranteed mycoplasma-free.

# **USE RESTRICTIONS**

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## HANDLING PROCEDURES

# **Required Cell Culture Medium**

- Growth Medium: DMEM, 4.5 g/l glucose, 10% (v/v) fetal bovine serum, 50 U/ml penicillin, 50  $\mu$ g/ml streptomycin, 100  $\mu$ g/ml Normocin<sup>m</sup>, 2 mM L-glutamine
- Freezing Medium: DMEM, 4.5 g/l glucose, 20% (v/v) fetal bovine serum, 50 U/ml penicillin, 50 μg/ml streptomycin, 100 μg/ml Normocin<sup>™</sup>, 2 mM L-glutamine, 10% (v/v) DMSO
- Test Medium: DMEM, 4.5 g/l glucose, 50 U/ml penicillin, 50  $\mu$ g/ml streptomycin, 100  $\mu$ g/ml Normocin $^{\infty}$ , 2 mM L-glutamine, 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (30 min at 56°C)





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#### **Initial Culture Procedure**

The first propagation of cells should be for generating stocks for future use. This ensures the stability and performance of the cells for subsequent experiments.

- 1- Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a 37°C water bath. To reduce the possibility of contamination, keep the O-ring and cap out of the water. Thawing should be rapid.
- 2- Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are thawed, and decontaminate by dipping in or spraying with 70% (v/v) ethanol. *Note:* All steps from this point should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
- 3- Transfer cells in a larger vial containing 15 ml of pre-warmed Growth Medium. **Do not add selective antibiotics until the cells have been passaged twice.**
- 4- Centrifuge vial at 1000-1200 RPM (RCF 200-300 g) for 5 minutes.
- 5- Remove supernatant containing the cryoprotective agent and resuspend cells with 1 ml of Growth Medium without selective antibiotics.
- 6- Transfer the vial contents to a 25 cm<sup>2</sup> tissue culture flask containing 5 ml of Growth Medium without selective antibiotics.
- 7- Place the culture at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

## Frozen Stock Preparation

1- Resuspend cells at a density of  $5-7 \times 10^6$  cells/ml in Freezing Media freshly prepared with cold Growth Medium.

Note: A T-75 culture flask typically yields enough cells for preparing 3-4 frozen vials.

- 2- Aliquot 1 ml cells into cryogenic vials.
- 3- Place vials in a freezing container (Nalgene) and store at -80°C overnight.
- 4- Transfer vials to liquid nitrogen for long term storage. Note: If properly stored, cells should remain stable for years.

#### Cell maintenance

- 1- Maintain and subculture the cells in growth medium supplemented with  $10~\mu g/ml$  of Blasticidin.
- 2- Renew growth medium 2 times a week.
- 3- Cells should be passaged when a 70-80% confluency is reached, detach the cells in presence of PBS by tapping the flask or by using a cell scraper. Do not let the cells grow to 100% confluency.

<u>Note:</u> The response of 293-hNOD1 Cells can be altered by the action of trypsin. Do not use trypsin to detach 293-hNOD1 Cells.

## **NOD1 Stimulation**

NOD1 stimulation can be assessed by determining the levels of IL-8 using an ELISA kit or by measuring the activation of NF- $\kappa$ B. InvivoGen has developed a simple and convenient method to evaluate TLR stimulation through NF- $\kappa$ B activation based on the use of an NF- $\kappa$ B-inducible SEAP reporter system (pNiFty-SEAP) and QUANTI-Blue<sup> $\infty$ </sup>, a SEAP detection medium. Alternatively, Invivogen provides HEK-Blue<sup> $\infty$ </sup> hNOD1 Cells (cat. code hkb-hnod1), a SEAP reporter cells line expressing the hNOD1 gene.

#### Day 1: Transfection of 293-hNOD1 cells with pNiFty-SEAP

1- Prepare pNiFty-SEAP/LyoVec™ complexes following the instructions provided in the technical data sheet of LyoVec™.

<u>Note:</u> If using another transfection reagent, perform transfection according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

- 2- Seed 50,000 cells per well of a flat-bottom 96-well plate in 200  $\mu l$  Growth Medium.
- 3- Add 10 µl of pNiFty(2)-SEAP/LyoVec<sup>™</sup> complexes per well.
- 4- Incubate the plate at 37°C in a CO2 incubator for 20-24 h.

## Day 2: NOD1 Stimulation

- Remove medium and replace with 180  $\mu$ l of fresh Growth Medium which contains 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated FBS.

<u>Note:</u> Some fetal bovine serum (FBS) may contain alkaline phosphatases that can interfere with SEAP quantification. To ensure that these thermosensitive enzymes are inactive, use heat-inactivated FBS (30 min at 56°C). Heat-inactivated FBS is also commercially available.

- Add 20 µl of each sample per well of a 96-well plate.
- Add 20 µl of a positive control (such as iE-DAP, 10 µg/ml) in one well.
- Add 20  $\mu l$  of a negative control (such as sterile, endotoxin-free water) in one well.
- Incubate the plate at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 16-20 h.

## Day 3: Detection and Quantification of SEAP

- Prepare QUANTI-Blue™ following the instructions on the pouch.
- Add 180 µl of resuspended QUANTI-Blue™ per well of a flat-bottom 96-well plate.
- Add 20 µl of induced 293-hNOD1 cells supernatant.
- Incubate the plate at 37°C incubator for 1-3 h.
- Determine SEAP levels using a spectrophotometer at 620-655 nm. <u>Note:</u> For faster reading or high-throughput applications we recommend the use of the one step HEK-Blue™ Detection growth medium. This medium allows for the combined growth of your cells and reading of SEAP activity.

#### Specificity of 293-hNOD1 cells

As HEK293 cells express endogenous levels of TLR3, TLR5 and NOD1, 293-hNOD1 cells will respond to TLR3, TLR5 and NOD1 ligands. To ensure the specificity of the hNOD1 activation, we recommend that you perform experiments with the control cell line 293-null cells. This will avoid misleading results, due to direct activation of the reporter gene via a non-hNOD1 pathway (e.g. TNF $\alpha$  activation of NF- $\kappa$ B). In non-saturating conditions, the response to NOD1 ligands in 293-hNOD1 cells is normally between 10 and 100-fold higher than in 293-null cells.

# RELATED PRODUCTS

Product	Catalog Code
Blasticidin (100 mg) QUANTI-Blue™ (5 pouches) HEK-Blue™ Detection (2 pouches) Normocin™ C12-iE-DAP (NOD1 ligand) iE-DAP (NOD1 ligand) iE-Lys (Negative control for NOD1) Tri-DAP (NOD1 ligand) 293/null Cells	ant-bl-1 rep-qb1 hb-det1 ant-nr-1 tlrl-c12dap tlrl-dap tlrl-lys tlrl-tdap 293-null



