

## 14-134ACL: CRE Reporter – HEK293 Cell Line

**Application :** Functional Assay

### Description

The CRE reporter cell line is a stably transfected HEK 293 cell line which expresses Renilla luciferase reporter gene under the transcriptional control of the cAMP response element (CRE). The CRE reporter cell line is designed to monitor the cAMP/PKA signaling pathways and can be used for studying GPCR-linked cAMP/PKA signaling pathways as well as screening of agonists, antagonists or signaling inhibitors related with the cAMP/PKA signaling pathways. Functional activity of the cell line has been validated by serum stimulation assay (Figure 1).

### Product Info

<b>Amount :</b>	1 Vial
<b>Content :</b>	Each vial contains $2 \sim 3 \times 10^6$ cells in 1 ml of 90% FBS + 10% DMSO.
<b>Storage condition :</b>	Immediately upon receipt, store in liquid nitrogen.

### Application Note

#### Application:

- Monitor the GPCR-linked cAMP/PKA signaling pathway.
- Screen for activators or inhibitors of the GPCR-linked cAMP/PKA signaling pathway.

#### Culture conditions:

Cells should be grown at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> using DMEM medium (w/ L-Glutamine, 4.5g/L Glucose and Sodium Pyruvate) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated FBS and 1% Pen/Strep, plus 3 µg/ml of Puromycin (Note: Puromycin can be omitted during the reporter cell assays).

It is recommended to quickly thaw the frozen cells upon receipt or from liquid nitrogen in a 37°C water-bath, transfer to a tube containing 10 ml of growth medium without Puromycin, spin down cells, resuspend cells in pre-warmed growth medium without Puromycin, transfer resuspended cells to T25 flask and culture in 37°C-CO<sub>2</sub> incubator.

Leave the T25 flask in the incubator for 1~3 days without disturbing or changing the medium until cells completely recover viability and become adherent. Once cells are over 90% adherent, remove growth medium and passage the cells through trypsinization and centrifugation. At first passage, switch to growth medium containing Puromycin. Cells should be split before they reach complete confluence.

To passage the cells, detach cells from culture vessel with Trypsin/EDTA, add complete growth medium and transfer to a tube, spin down cells, resuspend cells and seed appropriate aliquots of cells suspension into new culture vessels. Subcultivation ration = 1:10 to 1:20 weekly. To achieve satisfactory results, cells should not be passaged over 16 times.

#### Functional validation:

##### A. Response of CRE Reporter™ – HEK293 cells to Forskolin.

1. Harvest CRE Reporter™ – HEK293 cells and seed cells into a white solid-bottom 96-well microplate in 100 µl of

growth medium at  $5 \times 10^4$  cells/well.

2. Incubate cells at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for overnight.
3. The next day, stimulate cells with various concentrations of Forskolin.
4. Incubate at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 16 hours.
5. Equilibrate the plate to room temperature for 10 minutes.
6. Add 50 µl of luciferase assay reagent (Abeomics, Cat #17-1101; Refer to the reagent datasheet for the detailed luciferase assay protocol) per well.
7. Read the plate in 1-5 minutes to measure luminescence using a microplate luminometer.

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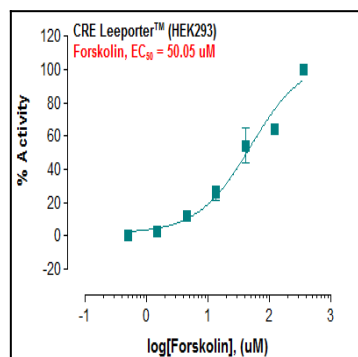


Fig-1: Induction of CRE activity by forskolin in CRE Looporter™ – HEK293 cells.