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DATA SHEET

Reagent:	HLCD4-CAT Cells
Catalog Number:	1299
Lot Number:	97090
Release Category:	C
Provided:	1 x 10^7 cells/vial.
Propagation Medium:	DMEM (4500 mg/L glucose), 90%; fetal bovine serum, 10%.
Freeze Medium:	DMEM, 70%; fetal bovine serum, 20%; DMSO, 10%.
Growth Characteristics:	Split twice weekly 1:3 to 1:5. HLCD4-CAT cells are stable and do not need to be maintained in selection medium. If growth in selection medium is desired, propagation medium containing 500 µg/ml G418 and 250 µg/ml hygromycin should be used.
Sterility:	Negative for bacteria, fungi, and mycoplasma.
Description:	HLCD4-CAT cells are a HeLa derivative that contains stably integrated, silent copies of the HIV-1 LTR promoter linked to the CAT gene.
Special Characteristics:	This cell line was generated by cotransfection of HeLa T4+ cells (catalog #154) with the plasmids pL3CATt[2] and pRSVhygro. Clone HLCD4-CAT was selected in hygromycin for high-level CAT activation after infection by HIV-1. Cocultivation with the Env-producing cell line HL2/3 (catalog #1294) resulted in efficient fusion within 6-12 hours[1]. Upon fusion, Tat produced by the HL2/3 cells activates CAT gene expression in HLCD4-CAT. Fusion efficiency can be quantitated by assaying for CAT gene expression. HLCD4-CAT can be infected by HIV-1, and CAT expression assayed to quantitate the extent of infection. Contains LTR sequences to +80 in the R region. Contains the entire U3 region, but lacks U5 sequences.

Recommended Storage:	Liquid nitrogen.
Contributor:	Dr. Barbara K. Felber and Dr. George N. Pavlakis.
References:	[1]Ciminale V, Felber BK, Campbell M, Pavlakis GN. A bioassay for HIV-1 based on Env-CD4 interaction. *AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses* **6**:1281-1287, 1990. [2]Wright CM, Felber BK, Paskalis H, Pavlakis GN. Expression and Characterization of the trans-activator of HTLV-III/LAV virus. *Science* **234**:988-992, 1986.
NOTE:	Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through the NIH AIDS Reagent Program, Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH: HLCD4-CAT Cells from Dr. Barbara K. Felber and Dr. George N. Pavlakis." Also include the references cited above in any publications. **Corporate requests should be directed in writing to: B.K. Felber or G.N. Pavlakis, National Cancer Institute, FCRDC, ABL-Basic Research Program, P.O. Box B/Building 539, Room 121, Frederick, Maryland 21702-1201. Phone: (301) 846-1474, FAX (301) 846-5991.**
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