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DATA SHEET

Reagent:	Jurkat HIV-1 LTR-luciferase Cells (1G5)
Catalog Number:	1819
Lot Number:	110020
Release Category:	C
Provided:	4 x 10 ⁶ cells/mL. Viability 66%.
Cell Type:	Jurkat derivative.
Propagation Medium:	RPMI 1640, 90%; fetal bovine serum, 10%.
Freeze Medium:	RPMI 1640, 72.5%; fetal bovine serum, 20%; DMSO, 7.5%.
Growth Characteristics:	<p>This cell line can be difficult to grow. Viability tends to start low and will drop a few days after initial culture. Keep cells slightly crowded until the culture recovers. This may take a week or more.</p> <p>1G5 cells should be maintained at 1 x 10⁶ cells/ml. Doubling time is approximately 24 hours. Split 1:10 every five days. The cells grow in suspension as single cells or small clumps. The suggested medium for 1G5 cells is RPMI with 10% fetal bovine serum; however, 1G5 cells have also been grown in RPMI with 5% fetal bovine serum and DMEM with 10% fetal bovine serum without appreciable change in their characteristics.</p>
Morphology:	Characteristic T cell appearance; round, refractile with smooth edges.
Sterility:	Negative for bacteria, fungi, and mycoplasma.
Description:	1G5 Cells are a Jurkat derivative containing two copies of a stably integrated HIV-LTR-luciferase (firefly) construct.

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Special Characteristics: Cells were selected for low basal luciferase activity, HIV infectability, high responsiveness to *tat* expression, and high responsiveness to T-cell activation signals. Conditions can be established for quantitative analysis of LTR(HIV)-luciferase response to each of these conditions. A 10-1000-fold increase in luciferase activity can be achieved after transfection or infection of 1G5 with *tat*-expressing vectors or HIV. Equivalent levels of expression have also been detected after stimulation with T cell mitogens and stimulating environmental conditions. When used in conjunction with a *tat*-expressing vector, 1G5 provides a system for testing potential anti*tat* therapies without the use of live HIV. [HIV-TAT DRUG INTERACTION STUDIES USING 1G5 CELLS](#)

Recommended Storage: Liquid nitrogen.

Contributor: Dr. Estuardo Aguilar-Cordova and Dr. John Belmont.

References: Aguilar-Cordova E, Chinen J, Donehower L, Lewis DE, Belmont JW. A sensitive reporter cell line for HIV-1 *tat* activity, HIV-1 inhibitors, and T cell activation effects. *AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses* **10**:295-301, 1994.

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