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### DATA SHEET

**Reagent:** GHOST (3) CCR8+ Cells

**Catalog Number:** 3940

**Lot Number:** 098202

**Release Category:** C

**Provided:** 1 mL of cells  
Post thaw cell count =  $4 \times 10^6$  cells/mL  
Post thaw cell viability = 93%

**Cell Type:** HOS (human osteosarcoma) cells

**Propagation Medium:** High glucose DMEM, 90%; fetal bovine serum, 10%; 500 µg/mL G418; 100 µg/mL hygromycin; pen/strep; 1 µg/mL puromycin

**Freeze Medium:** Fetal bovine serum, 90%; DMSO, 10%

**Morphology:** Adherent Cell Line, Epithelial-like Cell Line

**Sterility:** Negative for mycoplasma, bacteria, and fungi

**Description:** Human osteosarcoma cells expressing CD4 and CCR8. This cell line has a tat-dependent HIV-2 LTR-GFP construct producing GFP in response to HIV infection.

**Special Characteristics:** GHOST (3) parental cells are derived from HOS (human osteosarcoma) cells that were stably transduced with a MV7neo-T4 retroviral vector as well as stably cotransfected with a HIV-2 LTR-GFP construct and the CMV IE driving hygro-resistance construct.

GHOST (3) CCR8+ Cells were generated by transduction of the parental cells GHOST (3) (Cat# 3679) with the retroviral MLV BABE-puro vector containing the human CCR8 gene. These cells are HIV indicator cells, they can be used to titer virus, determine the phenotypic properties and in drug/neutralization studies. For a full listing of the available

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GHOST (3) HIV indicator cells, please see Table 1 below.

GHOST (3) Parent Cell Line: Progenitor cell line used to develop GHOST (3) indicator panel.

GHOST Cell Transformants: Indicator cells for HIV-1, HIV-2, or SIV infection with uncloned, primary isolates, molecular clones, or pseudotyped virus. The puromycin-resistant cells are pools rather than clones for human coreceptor expression.

Table 1: GHOST (3) HIV Indicator Cells

Protocol: Care and use of GHOST (3) HIV indicator cells

**Recommended Storage:**

Keep the reagent in liquid nitrogen.

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**References:**

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**NOTE:**

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