Validation data for HEK-Blue[™] IFN-λ cells

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HEK-BlueTM IFN- λ cells allow the detection of bioactive type III interferons IFN- λ by monitoring the activation of the JAK/STAT/ISGF3 pathway. These cells were generated by the stable transfection of HEK293 cells with the human *IFNLR* and *IL10R* receptor genes, along with *hSTAT2* and *IRF9* to obtain a fully active IFN- λ signaling pathway. They also express a SEAP reporter gene under the control of the IFN-inducible ISG54 promoter. These cells respond strongly human and/or murine interleukin-28a (IL-28a; IFN- λ 2), IL-28b (IFN- λ 3) and IL-29 (IFN- λ 1) (Figures 1 & 2). Of note, HEK-BlueTM IFN- λ cells do not respond to either type I IFNs (IFN- α/β) or type II IFN (IFN- γ) (Figure 3). These cells can also be used to screen for molecules that inhibit type III IFNs signaling, such as antibodies targeting hIL-29 (Figure 4).





Figure 1. Dose-response of HEK-Blue^m IFN- λ cells to human recombinant type III IFNs. Cells were stimulated with increasing concentrations of recombinant human (h) interleukin (IL-)28a (hIFN- λ 2), hIL-28b (hIFN- λ 3), and hIL-29 (hIFN- λ 1). After overnight incubation, the SEAP activation was determined by measuring the optical density (OD) at 630 nm (mean ± SEM).

Response profile of HEK-Blue[™] IFN-λ cells



Figure 3. Response of HEK-Blue[™] IFN- λ cells to a panel of cytokines. Cells were stimulated with various human recombinant cytokines: 1000 U/ml hIFN- α 2b, hIFN- β -1a, 100 ng/ml hIFN- γ , or 100 pg/ml hIL-28a, hIL-28b, hIL-29, mIL-28a, or mIL-28b. After overnight incubation, SEAP activity was assessed using QUANTI-Blue[™] Solution. The optical density (OD) at 630 nm is shown as mean ± SEM.

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Dose-response to murine type III IFNs



Figure 2. Dose-response of HEK-Blue^M IFN- λ cells to murine recombinant type III IFNs. Cells were stimulated with increasing concentrations of recombinant murine (m)IL-28a (hIFN- λ 2) and mIL-28b (mIFN- λ 3). After overnight incubation, the SEAP activation was determined by measuring the optical density (OD) at 630 nm (mean ± SEM).

Neutralization of IFN- λ response using anti-hIL29 mAb



Figure 4. Dose-dependent inhibition of HEK-BlueTM IFN- λ cell response using InvivoGen's anti-hIL-29-IgG mAb. A serial dilution of Anti-hIL-29-IgG monoclonal antibody (mAb) was incubated with 0.25 ng/ml of recombinant hIL-29 for 30 minutes prior to the addition of the HEK-BlueTM IFN- λ cells. After 24h, the SEAP activation was determined. Data is shown as the percentage of neutralization (mean ± SEM).

