

Protocol of TSHR-Hek293 Cell-based Assay for High-throughput Screening

DOCUMENT: TSHR-Hek293_TOX21_SLP

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ASSAY REFERENCES:

| Assay Target | Cell Lines | Species | Tissue of Origin | Assay Readout | Assay Provider | Toxicity Pathway |
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| Thyroid Stimulating Hormone Receptor (TSHR), LBD | Hek293 | Human | Embryonic kidney cells | Fluorescence | Codex | Gs-coupled TSHR signaling |

QUALITY CONTROL PRECAUTIONS:

1. Cells should be grown to reach 80 to 90% confluence.
- 2.

MATERIALS and INSTRUMENTS:

| Supplies/Medium/Reagent | Vender | Catalog Number |
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| DMEM, (high-glucose) | Invitrogen | 10995 |
| Fetal bovine serum | Invitrogen | 26140 |
| Penicillin/Streptomycin | Invitrogen | 15140 |
| DPBS | Invitrogen | 14190 |
| 0.05% Trypsin/EDTA | Invitrogen | 25300 |
| Puromycin | Invitrogen | A11138 |
| DMSO | AMRESCO | KD Medical, RGE-3070 |
| Recovery™ Cell Culture Freezing Medium | Invitrogen | 12648 |
| TSH | Fitzgerald | 30-AT09 |
| Ro20-1724 | Sigma | B8279 |
| cAMP dynamic 2 | Cisbio | 62AM4PEC |
| White-solid bottom, 1536-well assay plates | Greiner Bio-One | Greiner, 789093 |
| PinTool | Kalypsys | |
| BioRAPTR™, Microfluidic Workstation | Beckmen | |
| EnVision plate reader | Perkin Elmer | |

PROCEDURE:

1. Cell handling:
 - 1.1. Medium Required

| Component | Growth Medium | Assay Medium | Thaw Medium | Freezing Medium |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| DMEM | 90% | 90% | 90% | - |
| FBS | 10% | 10% | 10% | - |
| Penicillin-Streptomycin | 100 U/mL-100 µg/mL | 100 U/mL-100 µg/mL | 100 U/mL-100 µg/mL | - |
| Puromycin | 1 µg/mL | - | - | - |

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| Recovery™ Cell Culture Freezing Medium | - | - | - | 100% |
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1.2. Thawing method

- 1.21 Place 14 mL of pre-warmed thaw medium into a 15 mL of conical tub.
- 1.22 Remove the vial of cells to be thawed from liquid nitrogen and thaw rapidly by placing at 37°C in a water bath with gentle agitation for 1-2 minutes.
- 1.23 Decontaminate the vial by wiping with 70% ethanol before opening in a biological safety cabinet.
- 1.24 Transfer the vial contents drop-wise into 14 mL of thaw medium in a sterile 15-mL conical tub.
- 1.25 Centrifuge cells at 900 rpm for 4 minutes and resuspend in thaw medium.
- 1.26 Transfer contents to the T75 tissue culture flask containing Thaw Medium and place flask in a humidified 37°C/5% CO₂ incubator.
- 1.27 Switch to growth medium at first passage.

1.3. Propagation method

- 1.31 Aspirate medium, rinse once in DPBS, add 0.05% Trypsin/EDTA and swirl to coat the cell evenly.
- 1.32 Add an equal volume of Growth Medium to inactivate Trypsin after 2-3 minutes incubation at 37°C.
- 1.33 Centrifuge cells at 900 rpm for 4 minutes and resuspend in growth medium.
- 1.34 Cell should be passage or fed at least twice a week.

2. Assay protocol for agonist mode

- 2.1 Harvest cells and resuspend in assay medium.
- 2.2 Dispense 800cells/4µL/well into 1536-well tissue treated white-solid-bottom plates using a Multi-drop dispenser.
- 2.3 After the cells were incubated at 37°C for 18 hours, 23 nL of compounds dissolved in DMSO, positive controls or DMSO were transferred to the assay plate by a PinTool resulting in a 217-fold dilution.
- 2.4 Followed by 1 µl assay medium containing Ro 20-1724 (final concentration is 25 µM) and TSH (final concentration is 1.5 ng/mL) to each well.
- 2.5 Incubate the plates for 0.5 hours at room temperature.
- 2.6 Add 2.5 µL of cAMP-d2, and then add 2.5 µl of anti cAMP-Cryptate to each well using a BioRAPTR dispenser.
- 2.7 After one hour incubation at room temperature, measure fluorescence intensity at 665 and 620 nm emission and 340 nm excitation by an Envision detector. Data is expressed as the ratio of 665nm/620nm emissions.

3. Assay Performance

| TSHR-cAMP Antgonist | Online Validation (Mean ± SD) |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| EC50 | N/A |
| S/B | 2.55± 0.11 (n = 23) |
| CV (%) | 5.71 ± 1.00 (n=23) |
| Z' | 0.53 ± 0.10 (n = 23) |