

# Protocol of ESRE HeLa Cell-based Assay for High-throughput Screening

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## ASSAY REFERENCES:

| Assay Target       | Cell Lines | Species | Tissue of Origin | Assay Readout           | Assay Provider | Toxicity Pathway |
|--------------------|------------|---------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ATF6 (Recombinant) | HeLa       | Human   | Cervix           | Beta lactamase reporter | Invitrogen     | Stress response  |

## QUALITY CONTROL PRECAUTIONS:

1. -Cell culture is maintained by passaging twice a week and should not reach more than 90% confluence
2. -The assay should be performed in black-clear bottom 1536 well plates, so the bottom of the plates should not be touched

## MATERIALS and INSTRUMENTS:

| Supplies/Medium/Reagent                | Manufacturer     | Vender/Catalog Number   |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| -DMEM+Glutamax                         | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/10569       |
| -Opti-MEM                              | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/11058       |
| -Dialyzed FBS                          | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/26400       |
| -NEAA                                  | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/11140       |
| -Sodium pyruvate                       | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/11360       |
| -HEPES                                 | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/15630       |
| -Penn-strep                            | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/15140       |
| -Blasticidin S HCl                     | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/A11139-03   |
| -Recovery Cell Culture Freezing Medium | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/12648       |
| -0.05% Trypsin-EDTA                    | -Invitrogen      | -Invitrogen/25300       |
| -17-Allylamino-geldanamycin (17-AAG)   | -LC Laboratories | -LC Laboratories/A-6880 |
| -Tetraoctyl ammonium bromide           | -Sigma           | -Sigma/294136           |

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|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| -LiveBLAzer B/G FRET substrate                                   | -Invitrogen                  | -Invitrogen/K1028            |
| -CellTiter-Glo One Solution Assay                                | -Promega                     | -Promega/G8462               |
| -Black-clear bottom 1536 well plates                             | -Greiner                     | -Greiner/789092F             |
| -BioRAPTR FRD dispenser  | -Beckman Coulter             | -Beckman Coulter             |
| -Multidrop COMBI   | -Thermo Electron Corporation | -Thermo Electron Corporation |
| -Envision Plate Reader   | -Perkin Elmer                | -Perkin Elmer                |
| -ViewLux Plate Reader  | -Perkin Elmer                | -Perkin Elmer                |
| -17-AAG or 17-Allylamino-geldanamycin (Agonist control compound) | -LC Laboratories             | -LC Laboratories/A-6880      |

## PROCEDURE:

### 1. Cell handling:

#### 1.1. Media Required:

| Component                              | Growth Medium     | Assay Medium      | Thaw Medium       | Freezing Medium |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| -DMEM+Glutamax                         | -90%              | -                 | -90%              | -               |
| -Opti-MEM                              | -                 | -99.5%            | -                 | -               |
| -Dialyzed FBS                          | -10%              | -0.5%             | -10%              | -               |
| -NEAA                                  | -0.1mM            | -0.1mM            | -0.1mM            | -               |
| -Sodium pyruvate                       | -                 | -1mM              | -                 | -               |
| -HEPES                                 | -25mM             | -                 | -25mM             | -               |
| -Penn-strep                            | -100U/ml-100ug/ml | -100U/ml-100ug/ml | -100U/ml-100ug/ml | -               |
| -Blasticidin S HCl                     | -5 ug/mL          | -                 | -                 | -               |
| -Recovery Cell Culture Freezing Medium | -                 | -                 | -                 | -100%           |

#### 1.2. Thawing method

1.2.1 -1ml frozen cells of ESRE bla HeLa were taken in pre-warmed 10ml of thaw medium for centrifuging.

1.2.2 -2-3ml of the thaw medium is taken to resuspend the pellet

1.2.3 -The cells were seeded in T-75 flask at 2 million cells

#### 1.3. Propagation method

1.3.1 -Rinse the cells with DPBS and detach them by using 0.05% Trypsin and centrifuge

1.3.2 -The cells are further passaged at a density of 3 million cells per T-225 flask

## 2. Assay Protocol

- 2.1 -Trypsinize cells from the culturing flask and centrifuge and then resuspend cells in assay medium at a density of  $0.25 \times 10^6$  cells/mL
- 2.2 -Plate the cells in black-clear bottom 1536 well plate at 1500/well/6uL of assay medium through 8 tip of a plate dispenser (Multi drop)
- 2.3 -Incubate at 37C for an overnight (18hrs)
- 2.4 -Transfer 23nL of compounds from the library collection and positive control through Pintool
- 2.5 -Incubate at 37C for 5hrs
- 2.6 -Add 1uL of CCF4 dye using a single tip of a plate dispenser (Bioraptr)
- 2.7 -Incubate at room temperature for 2hrs
- 2.8 -Read the fluorescence intensity through Envision plate reader
- 2.9 -Add 4uL of CellTiter-Glo reagent using a single tip of a plate dispenser (Bioraptr)
- 2.10 -Incubate at room temperature for 30 min
- 2.11 -Read the luminescence through ViewLux plate reader

## 3. Assay Performance

| <b>EndoR<br/>(17-AAG; Agonist control)</b> | <b>Online Validation<br/>Agonist<br/>(Mean <math>\pm</math> SD)</b> | <b>Online Validation<br/>Viability<br/>(Mean <math>\pm</math> SD)</b> |
|--|---|---|
| EC50                                       | 0.69 $\pm$ 0.05 $\mu$ M<br>(n = 27)                                 | NA  |
| S/B  | 2.95 $\pm$ 0.08   | 30.94 $\pm$ 2.07  |
| CV (%) <sup>*</sup>                        | 3.31 $\pm$ 0.23<br>(n = 18)   | 8.57 $\pm$ 1.50<br>(n = 18)   |
| Z'   | 0.70 $\pm$ 0.05   | 0.69 $\pm$ 0.11   |

<sup>\*</sup>CV values shown represent average of DMSO plates and low concentration plates only.