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**Recombinant Melanin-concentrating Hormone Receptor 2 Stable Cell Line**  
**Cat. No. M00280** **Version 07282020**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Catalog Number: M00280

Cell Line Name: CHO-K1/MCH2

Gene Synonyms: GPR145

Expressed Gene: Genbank Accession Number NM\_032503; no expressed tags

Host Cell: CHO-K1

Culture Properties: Adherent

Quantity: Two vials of frozen cells (>1×10<sup>6</sup> per vial)

Stability: More than 16 passages

Application: Functional assay for MCH2 receptor (calcium flux assay)

Freeze Medium: 45% culture medium, 45% FBS (Cat. #10099-141, Gibco), 10% DMSO (Cat. #D2650, Sigma)

Complete Growth Medium: Ham's F-12K (Kaighn's) (Cat. #21127, Life Technologies), 10% FBS

Culture Medium: Ham's F-12K (Kaighn's), 10% FBS, 400 µg/ml G418 (Cat. #10131-035, Gibco)

Mycoplasma Status: Negative\*

Storage: Liquid nitrogen immediately upon receipt

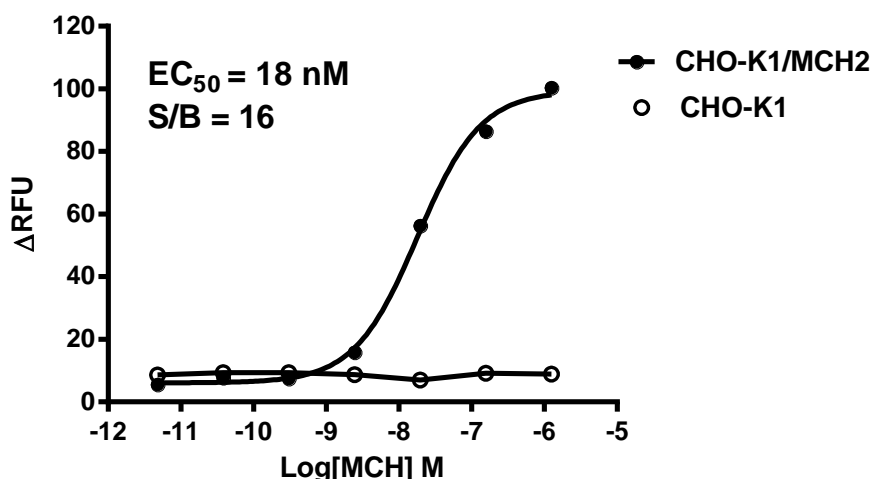
## **II. BACKGROUND**

Coupled exclusively with Gq, MCH2 is a receptor for melanin-concentrating hormone. Other than regulating skin color, two subtypes (MCHR1 and MCHR2) are involved in energy homeostasis and social behaviors. In contrast to MCHR1 that is conserved among all mammals, functional MCHR2 is only expressed in carnivores and primates, but not in rodents.

\* The mycoplasma test was performed with MycoAlert™ PLUS Mycoplasma Detection Kit of Lonza

### III. REPRESENTATIVE DATA

Concentration-dependent stimulation of intracellular calcium mobilization by MCH in CHO-K1/MCH2 cells



**Figure 1.** MCH-induced concentration-dependent stimulation of intracellular calcium mobilization in CHO-K1/MCH2 cells. The cells were loaded with Calcium-4 prior to being stimulated with the agonist MCH. The intracellular calcium change was measured by FLIPR. The relative fluorescent units (RFU) were normalized and plotted against the log of the cumulative doses (5-fold dilution) of MCH (Mean  $\pm$  SD, n = 2). The EC<sub>50</sub> of MCH on this cell was 18 nM.

#### Notes:

- EC<sub>50</sub> value is calculated with four parameter logistic equation:  

$$Y = \text{Bottom} + \frac{(\text{Top} - \text{Bottom})}{(1 + 10^{-(\text{LogEC}_{50} - X) \cdot \text{HillSlope}})}$$
 X is the logarithm of concentration. Y is the response  
 Y is RFU and starts at Bottom and goes to Top with a sigmoid shape.
- Signal to background Ratio (S/B) = Top/Bottom

### IV. THAWING AND SUBCULTURING

#### Thawing Protocol

- Remove the vial from liquid nitrogen tank and thaw cells quickly in a 37°C water-bath.
- Just before the cells are completely thawed, decontaminate the outside of the vial with 70% ethanol and transfer the cells to a 15 ml centrifuge tube containing 9 ml of complete growth medium.
- Pellet cells by centrifugation at 200 x g force for 5 min, and remove the medium.
- Resuspend the cells in complete growth medium.
- Transfer the cell suspension to a 10 cm dish with 10 ml of complete growth medium.
- Grow the cells in incubator with 37°C, 5 %CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Add antibiotic in the following day.

### Sub-culturing Protocol

1. Remove the culture medium from cells.
2. Wash cells with PBS (pH=7.4) to remove all traces of serum that contains trypsin inhibitor.
3. Add 2.0 ml of 0.05% (w/v) Trypsin- EDTA (GIBCO, Cat No. 25300) solution into 10 cm dish and observe the cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually within 3 to 5 minutes).

**Note:** To avoid cells clumping, do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the dish while waiting for the cells detach. If cells are difficult to detach, please place the dish in 37°C incubator for ~2 min.

4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 ml of complete growth medium into dish and aspirate cells by gently pipetting.
5. Centrifuge the cells at 200 x g force for 5min, and remove the medium.
6. Resuspend the cells in culture medium and add the cells suspension to new culture dish.
7. Grow the cells in incubator with 37°C, 5 %CO<sub>2</sub>.

Subcultivation Ratio: 1:3 to 1:8

Medium Renewal: Every 2 to 3 days

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