# Firefly Luciferase Molm13 Cell Line

# Description

Recombinant Molm13 cells constitutively expressing the firefly (*Photinus pyralis*) luciferase reporter gene under the control of a CMV promoter.

## Background

Molm13 cells were established from the peripheral blood of a patient with acute myeloid leukemia. This cell line can be modified to express or knock-out specific cell surface receptors and offers a physiologically relevant platform to evaluate cancer-directed immunotherapies. The Firefly Luciferase Molm13 Cell Line makes an excellent target for CAR-T or NK cells.

## Application

- 1. Use as an internal control in CAR-T or NK co-culture killing assays
- 2. In vitro and in vivo Bioluminescence Imaging

## **Materials Provided**

Components	Format
2 vials of frozen cells	Each vial contains 2 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells in 1 ml of cell freezing
	medium (BPS Bioscience, #79796)

## Parental Cell Line

Molm13, human leukemia cell line derived from a patient with AML (acute myeloid leukemia), suspension

## Mycoplasma Testing

The cell line has been screened to confirm the absence of Mycoplasma species.

## **Materials Required but Not Supplied**



These materials are not supplied with the cell line but are necessary for cell culture and cellular assays. BPS Bioscience's reagents are validated and optimized for use with this cell line and are highly recommended for best results. Media components are provided in the Media Formulations section below.

#### Media Required for Cell Culture

Name	Ordering Information
Thaw Medium 2	BPS Bioscience #60184
Growth Medium 2D	BPS Bioscience #79639

#### **Storage Conditions**



Cells are shipped in dry ice and should immediately be thawed or stored in liquid nitrogen upon receipt. Do not use a -80°C freezer for long term storage. Contact technical support at support@bpsbioscience.com if the cells are not frozen in dry ice upon arrival.

#### **Media Formulations**

For best results, it is *highly recommended* to use these validated and optimized media from BPS Bioscience. Other preparations or formulations of media may result in suboptimal performance.





Note: Thaw Media do *not* contain selective antibiotics. However, Growth Media *do* contain selective antibiotics, which are used for maintaining the presence of the transfected gene(s) over passages. Cells should be grown at  $37^{\circ}$ C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. BPS Bioscience's cell lines are stable for at least 15 passages when grown under proper conditions.

## Media Required for Cell Culture

*Thaw Medium 2 (BPS Bioscience, #60184):* RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin.

## Growth Medium 2D (BPS Bioscience, #79639):

RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin plus 200  $\mu g/ml$  of Hygromycin B.

## **Cell Culture Protocol**

## Cell Thawing

- 1. Swirl the vial of frozen cells for approximately 60 seconds in a 37°C water bath. As soon as the cells are thawed (it may be slightly faster or slower than 60 seconds), quickly transfer the entire contents of the vial to a tube containing 10 ml of pre-warmed Thaw Medium 2 (no Hygromycin).
  - Leaving the cells in the water bath at 37°C for too long will result in rapid loss of viability.
- 2. Immediately spin down the cells at 300 x g for 5 minutes, remove the medium and resuspend the cells in 5 ml of pre-warmed Thaw Medium 2 (no Hygromycin).
- 3. Transfer the resuspended cells to a T25 flask and incubate at  $37^{\circ}$ C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator.
- 4. After 24 hours of culture, check for cell viability. For a T25 flask, add 3-4 ml of Thaw Medium 2 (no Hygromycin), and continue growing in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator at 37°C until the cells are ready to passage.
- 5. Cells should be passaged before they reach a density of 2 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml. At first passage and subsequent passages, use Growth Medium 2D (contains Hygromycin).

## Cell Passage

Dilute the cell suspension into new culture vessels before they reach a density of  $2 \times 10^6$  cells/ml, at no less than 0.2 x  $10^6$  cells/ml of Growth Medium 2D (contains Hygromycin). The sub-cultivation ratio should maintain the cells between 0.2 x  $10^6$  cells/ml and 2 x  $10^6$  cells/ml.

## Cell Freezing

- 1. Spin down the cells at 300 x g for 5 minutes, remove the medium and resuspend the cell pellet in 4°C Freezing Medium (BPS Bioscience #79796, or 10% DMSO + 90% FBS) at a density of ~2 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml.
- 2. Dispense 1 ml of cell aliquots into cryogenic vials. Place the vials in an insulated container for slow cooling and store at -80°C overnight.
- 3. Transfer the vials to liquid nitrogen the next day for storage.



Note: It is recommended to expand the cells and freeze at least 10 vials at an early passage for future use.



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# A. Validation Data

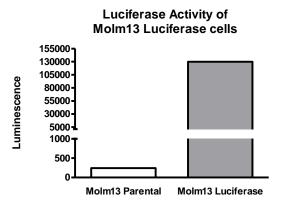


Figure 1. Luciferase activity in the Firefly Luciferase Molm13 Cell Line. Firefly Luciferase Molm13 cells or parental Molm13 cells were seeded in a 96-well plate at a density of 30,000 cells/well, and luciferase activity was measured using the ONE-Step<sup>™</sup> luciferase assay system (BPS Bioscience #60690)

## References

Matsuo Y. et al., Leukemia. 1997 Sep;11(9): 1469-77.

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# **Troubleshooting Guide**

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Products	Catalog #	Size
Firefly Luciferase K562 Cell Line	78621	2 vials
Firefly Luciferase – CHO Recombinant Cell Line	79725	2 vials
Firefly Luciferase – RPMI 8226 Recombinant Cell Line	79834	2 vials
Firefly Luciferase Raji Cell Line	78622	2 vials
Firefly Luciferase Jurkat Cell Line	78373	2 vials
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