

Human Recombinant Melatonin MT2 Receptor Stable Cell Line

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I. Introduction

Catalog Number: M00312

Cell Line Name: CHO-K1/MT2/Gα15

Gene Synonyms: MTNR1B

Expressed Gene: Genbank Accession Number NM_005959; no expressed tags

Host Cell: CHO-K1/Gα15

Quantity: 2 vial (3×10^6 per vial) frozen cells

Stability: 16 passages

Application: Functional assay for MT2 receptor

Freeze Medium: 45% culture medium, 45% FBS, 10% DMSO

Complete Culture Medium: Ham's F12, 10% FBS

Culture Medium: Ham's F12, 10% FBS, 400 µg/ml G418, 100 µg/ml Hygromycin B

Mycoplasma Status: Negative

Storage: Liquid nitrogen immediately upon delivery

II. Background

Melatonin is a neurohormone that plays a key role in the synchronisation of circadian and seasonal functions with cyclic environmental variations. In mammals, two melatonin receptors, MT1 and MT2, have been cloned. Activation of MT2 melatonin receptors phase shift circadian rhythms of neuronal firing in the suprachiasmatic nucleus, inhibit dopamine release in retina, induce vasodilation and inhibition of leukocyte rolling in arterial beds, and enhance immune responses.

III. Representative Data

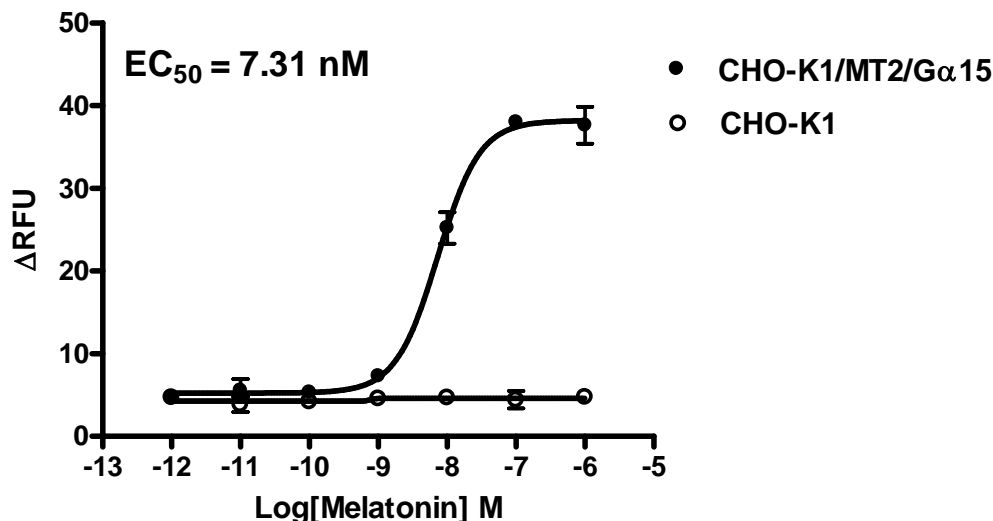


Figure Intracellular calcium response from CHO-K1 cells stably expressing human MT2 receptor and from untransfected control cells. Cells were loaded with Calcium-4 then stimulated with the indicated concentrations of Melatonin. Calcium responses were recorded on a FlexStation plate reader. Data represent the average \pm standard deviation of triplicate determinations.

IV. Thawing and Subculturing

Thawing: Protocol

1. Remove the vial from liquid nitrogen tank and thaw cells quickly in a 37°C water-bath.
2. 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.
3. Pellet cells by centrifugation at 200 x g force for 5 min, and discard the medium.
4. Resuspend the cells in complete growth medium.
5. Add 2 ml of the cell suspension per well in a 6 well-plate.
6. Add Hygromycin B and G418 to concentrations of 100 μ g/ml and 400 μ g/ml respectively the following day.

Subculturing: Protocol

1. Remove and discard culture medium.
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 to 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 clumping, do not agitate the cells by hitting or shaking the dish while waiting for the cells to detach. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal.
4. Add 6.0 to 8.0 ml of complete growth medium and aspirate cells by gently pipetting, centrifuge the cells 200 x g force for 5min, and discard the medium.
5. Resuspend the cells in complete growth medium with Hygromycin B and G418 and add appropriate aliquots of the cell suspension to new culture vessels.
6. Incubate cultures at 37°C.

Subcultivation Ratio: 1:3 to 1:8 weekly.
Medium Renewal: Every 2 to 3 days

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