LN229-Luc

305692

GENERAL INFORMATION

Description

LN229-Luc is a bioluminescent derivative of the human LN229 glioblastoma cell line, engineered to stably express a firefly luciferase reporter gene. The parental LN229 cell line was established from a glioblastoma of the right frontal parieto-occipital cortex in a 60-year-old female patient and is widely used as a preclinical model of glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). LN229 cells exhibit epithelial morphology and harbor key molecular alterations characteristic of glioblastoma, including PTEN loss and activation of the PI3K/AKT signaling pathway, while retaining wild-type EGFR status. These features make LN229 a valuable model for studying GBM pathogenesis, signaling pathway dependencies, and responses to targeted and cytotoxic therapies.

The stable luciferase integration in LN229-Luc enables sensitive, noninvasive bioluminescence imaging (BLI) of tumor burden in orthotopic intracranial and subcutaneous xenograft models in immunocompromised hosts. The emitted luminescent signal correlates with viable tumor cell number, supporting longitudinal monitoring of tumor engraftment, intracranial growth, and therapeutic response without repeated invasive procedures. LN229-Luc is particularly suited for evaluating blood-brain barrier-penetrant agents, temozolomide combinations, targeted PI3K/mTOR inhibitors, and immunotherapy approaches in preclinical GBM research.

LN229-Luc retains the established biological and molecular properties of the parental LN229 line, providing a relevant platform for glioblastoma drug development and mechanistic studies. The luciferase reporter substantially enhances experimental sensitivity and enables real-time longitudinal pharmacodynamic assessment of treatment efficacy in live animal models. Researchers should validate luciferase activity, growth kinetics, and molecular phenotype under their specific experimental conditions prior to large-scale preclinical use.

Tissue	Brain, right frontal parieto-occipital cortex
Disease	Glioblastoma

Synonyms

- LN 229
- LN229
- LNT-229

CLASSIFICATION

Organism	Human
Sex	Female
Growth properties	Adherent
GMO status	GMO-S1

GMO status details

GMO-S1: This cell line contains a stably integrated firefly luciferase reporter cassette (Luc2, codon-optimized) introduced via replication-incompetent lentiviral transduction. The resulting polyclonal cell population was maintained under puromycin selection (1–5 µg/mL). S1 containment is required. This classification applies only within Germany and may differ elsewhere.

Biosafety level	1

CHARACTERISTICS

Morphology	Epithelial

IDENTIFIERS

Citation

LN229-Luc (Cytion catalog number 305692)

NCBI TaxID	9606
Cellosaurus	CVCL_0393

EXPRESSION AND SUSCEPTIBILITY

Protein expression

Luc

Antigen expression

Luc2 (firefly, codon-optimized)

HANDLING AND CULTURE

Culture medium

DMEM, w: 4.5 g/L Glucose, w: 4 mM L-Glutamine, w: 3.7 g/L NaHCO3, w: 1.0 mM Sodium pyruvate (Cytion article number 820300a)

Incubation atmosphere	37°C, 5% CO_2, humidified atmosphere.

Supplements

Supplement the medium with 10% FBS

Dissociation reagent	Accutase

Subculturing

Remove the old medium from the adherent cells and wash them with PBS that lacks calcium and magnesium. For T25 flasks, use 3-5 ml of PBS, and for T75 flasks, use 5-10 ml. Then, cover the cells completely with Accutase, using 1-2 ml for T25 flasks and 2.5 ml for T75 flasks. Let the cells incubate at room temperature for 8-10 minutes to detach them. After incubation, gently mix the cells with 10 ml of medium to resuspend them, then centrifuge at 300xg for 3 minutes. Discard the supernatant, resuspend the cells in fresh medium, and transfer them into new flasks that already contain fresh medium.

Split ratio	1 to 3
Seeding density	2-4*10^4/cm²
Fluid renewal	2 to 3 times per week

Thawing and culturing

Confirm that the vial remains deeply frozen upon delivery, as cells are shipped on dry ice to maintain optimal temperatures during transit. Upon receipt, either store the cryovial immediately at temperatures below -150°C to ensure the preservation of cellular integrity, or proceed to step 3 if immediate culturing is required.
For immediate culturing, swiftly thaw the vial by immersing it in a 37°C water bath with clean water and an antimicrobial agent, agitating gently for 40-60 seconds until a small ice clump remains.
Perform all subsequent steps under sterile conditions in a flow hood, disinfecting the cryovial with 70% ethanol before opening.
Carefully open the disinfected vial and transfer the cell suspension into a 15 ml centrifuge tube containing 8 ml of room-temperature culture medium, mixing gently.
Centrifuge the mixture at 200 x g for 5 minutes, carefully discard the supernatant containing freezing medium.
Follow the procedure described under Post-Thaw Recovery

QUALITY CONTROL AND CRYOPRESERVATION

Freeze medium	As a cryopreservation medium, we use complete growth medium + 10% DMSO for adequate post-thaw viability.

Storage conditions

For long-term preservation, place vials in vapor-phase liquid nitrogen at about −150 to −196 °C. Storage at −80 °C is acceptable only as a short interim step before transfer to liquid nitrogen.

Shipping conditions

Cryopreserved cell lines are shipped on dry ice in validated, insulated packaging with sufficient refrigerant to maintain approximately −78 °C throughout transit. On receipt, inspect the container immediately and transfer vials without delay to appropriate storage.

DONOR

Donor age	60 years
Ethnicity	European

LEGAL AND SAFETY

Safety precautions

When planning to store a cryovial in liquid nitrogen for future thawing, it is mandatory to adhere to stringent safety measures. Appropriate protective gloves and clothing are essential, and the use of a face mask or safety goggles is required during the transfer of frozen samples to or from the liquid nitrogen tank. This is to mitigate the risk of injury from potential cryovial explosions upon removal, which can result in the projection of sharp fragments.

Warranty

At Cytion, we stand behind the quality and viability of our products.
We guarantee that our cells will be viable at the start of culture for
60 days after shipment from our facilities.
We assure that all materials conform to the specifications described in the
Certificate of Analysis and/or Product Sheet.
For full details, please refer to our
Warranty Statement.

Material Transfer Agreement required	Yes

PRODUCT DETAILS

Composition table