

Appendix 11. MITA coded chemical list

【Phase I coded list for the MITA validation study in Sep 2016】

No.	Chemical	CASRN	MW	Supplier	Catalog No.	Content	Physical characteristics	Lot	Storage	Purity	LabA TOHOKU univ.	LabB AIST-TSUKUBA	LabC FDSC	LabD AIST-SHIKOKU
1	Dibutyl phthalate	84-74-2	278.34	Wako	021-06936	500mL	Liquid	TLN0112	RT	98.0+-% (Capillary GC)	MIA003A	MIB014A	MIC027A	MID036A
2	Hydrocortisone (for Cell Culture)	50-23-7	362.46	Wako	080-10194	50g	Solid	SAH3714	RT	97% (HPLC)	MIA004B	MIB017B	MIC026B	MID033B
											MIA007C	MIB016C	MIC023C	MID034C
											MIA005A	MIB017A	MIC029A	MID038A
											MIA007B	MIB019B	MIC028B	MID035B
											MIA009C	MIB018C	MIC025C	MID037C
3	Lead(II) acetate trihydrate ( Deleterious substances )	6080-56-4	379.33	Sigma- Aldrich	316512- 100G	100g	Solid	09901TS	RT	99.999% trace metals basis	MIA007A	MIB018A	MIC021A	MID310A
											MIA008B	MIB011B	MIC210B	MID037B
											MIA001C	MIB110C	MIC027C	MID038C
4	Zinc dimethylthiocarbamate (DMDTC)	137-30-4	305.82	Kanto Chemical	48028-31	25g x2	Solid	403N2204	RT	>95.0% (T)	MIA009A	MIB110A	MIC023A	MID037A
											MIA010B	MIB013B	MIC027B	MID039B
											MIA003C	MIB017C	MIC029C	MID310C
											MIA001A	MIB012A	MIC025A	MID034A
5	Nickel (II) sulfate hexahydrate	10101-97-0	262.85	Wako	146-01171	100g	Solid	LKQ2263	RT	99.0-102.0% (as NiSO4 · 6H2O) (Titration)	MIA002B	MIB015B	MIC024B	MID031B
											MIA005C	MIB014C	MIC021C	MID032C

MITA(Phase2) coded chemicals

	Chemical	Cas.no.	LabA TOHOKU univ.	LabB AIST-TSUKUBA	LabC FDSC	LabD AIST-SHIKOKU	Note	State	Storage	Supplier	Lot
1	2,4-Diaminotoluene	95-80-7	MIA401	MIB515	MIC618	MID702	Deleterious	S	RT	Wako	CFD0347
2	Benzo(a)pyrene	50-32-8	MIA413	MIB516	MIC601	MID703		S	RT	TCI	MDFD
3	Cadmium chloride	10108-64-2	MIA403	MIB502	MIC602	MID714	Deleterious	S	RT	Wako	DEE3332
4	Dibromoacetic acid	631-64-1	MIA406	MIB518	MIC610	MID720		S	RT	ALDRICH	BCBR5175V
5	Diethylstilbestol	56-53-1	MIA420	MIB509	MIC611	MID711		S	RT	SIGMA	BCBR9766V
6	Diphenylhydantoin	630-93-3	MIA412	MIB510	MIC615	MID704		S	RT	SIGMA	SLBB3874
7	Ethylene dibromide	106-93-4	MIA407	MIB507	MIC605	MID705	Deleterious	L	RT	Wako	KWG5479
8	Glycidol	556-52-5	MIA408	MIB505	MIC607	MID712		L	2-8°C	ALDRICH	MKBX5752V
9	Indomethacin	53-86-1	MIA409	MIB508	MIC609	MID715		S	RT	SIGMA	122K0718
10	Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide (Isoniazid)	54-85-3	MIA411	MIB517	MIC612	MID707		S	RT	Fluka	SLBF8371V
11	Nitrobenzene	98-95-3	MIA402	MIB519	MIC603	MID701	Deleterious	L	RT	Sigma-Aldrich	SHBG5577V
12	Urethane, Ethyl carbamate	51-79-6	MIA415	MIB520	MIC604	MID719		S	RT	Sigma-Aldrich	WXBC3505V
13	Tributyltin chloride	1461-22-9	MIA404	MIB506	MIC613	MID713	Deleterious	L	RT	TCI	2442A-1Q
14	Perfluorooctanoic acid	335-67-1	MIA414	MIB514	MIC614	MID718		S	RT	TCI	O3U70
15	Dichloroacetic acid	79-43-6	MIA416	MIB511	MIC606	MID716	Deleterious	L	RT	Sigma-Aldrich	SHBH3492V
16	Toluene	108-88-3	MIA417	MIB512	MIC616	MID706	Deleterious	L	RT	Sigma-Aldrich	J5136
17	Acetonitril	75-05-8	MIA405	MIB501	MIC617	MID708	Deleterious	L	RT	Wako	KWH4805
18	Mannitol	69-65-8	MIA418	MIB503	MIC619	MID717		S	RT	Wako	LKP4362
19	Vanadium pentoxide	1314-62-1	MIA419	MIB504	MIC608	MID709	Deleterious	S	RT	Wako	SAE6958
20	o-Benzyl-p-chlorophenol	120-32-1	MIA410	MIB513	MIC620	MID710		S	RT	Wako	KPQ0988

positive  
negative

Appendix 2.

Multi-Immuno Tox Assay protocol for THP-G1b  
(TGCHAC-A4) ver. 008.1E  
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# 1. Introduction

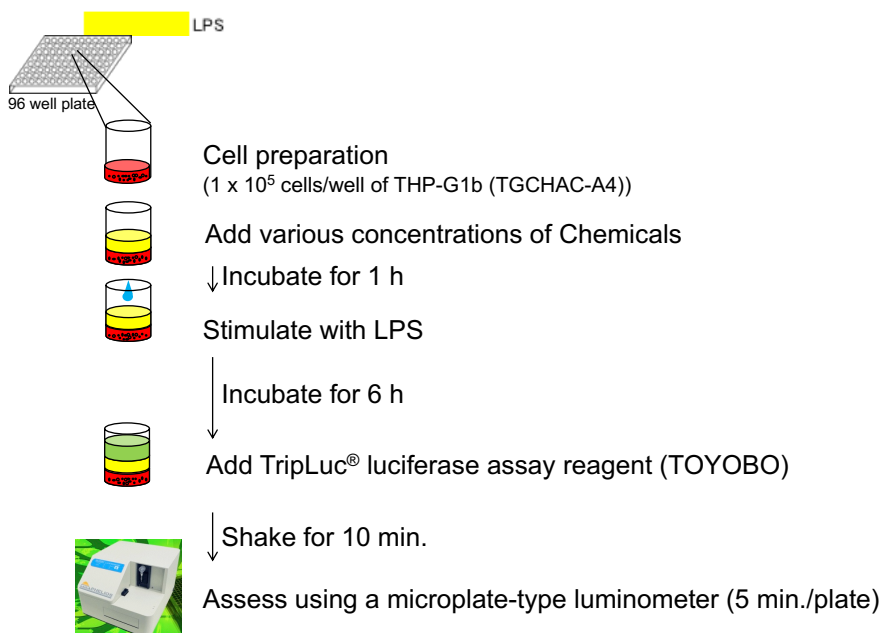
This protocol describes how to maintain the cells, how to prepare the test chemicals, and how to measure the luciferase activity of THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4), THP-1 cells transfected with 2 luciferase genes, stable luciferase orange (SLG) on the human artificial chromosome (HAC) vector and stable luciferase red (SLR), under the control of IL-1 $\beta$  and G3PDH promoters, respectively, for the Multi-Immuno Tox Assay.

(Kimura Y. et al. Evaluation of the Multi-Immuno Tox Assay composed of 3 human cytokine reporter cells by examining immunological effects of drugs *Toxicol in Vitro*, 28, 759-768, 2014)

Figure 1

Assay design

flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C	cont (distilled water or DMSO)	LPS only	A/2 <sup>9</sup>	A/2 <sup>8</sup>	A/2 <sup>7</sup>	A/2 <sup>6</sup>	A/2 <sup>5</sup>	A/2 <sup>4</sup>	A/2 <sup>3</sup>	A/2 <sup>2</sup>	A/2 <sup>1</sup>	A
D			$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	$\mu\text{g/mL}$
E			Chemical (common ratio of 2, 10 concentrations, n=4)									
F												
G												
H												



## 2. Materials

### 2-1 Cells

- THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) (IL1 $\beta$ -SLG, G3PDH-SLR)

The human macrophage-like cell line THP-1 was obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (Manassas, VA, USA). A THP-1-derived IL-1 $\beta$  reporter cell line, THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4), that harbors the SLG and SLR luciferase genes under the control of the IL-1 $\beta$  and G3PDH promoters, respectively, was established by the Dept. of Dermatology, Tohoku University School of Medicine and GPC laboratory Co. Ltd.

(Kimura Y. et al. Profiling the immunotoxicity of chemicals based on in vitro evaluation by a combination of the Multi-ImmunoTox assay and the IL-8 Luc assay. Archives of Toxicology, 92, 2043-2054, 2018)

### 2-2 Reagents and equipment

#### 2-2-1 For maintenance of the THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) cells

- RPMI-1640 (GIBCO Cat#11875-093, 500 mL)
- FBS (Biological Industries Cat#04-001-1E Lot: 715004)
- 100 X concentrated antibiotic and antimycotic (10,000 U/mL of penicillin G, 10,000  $\mu$ g/mL of streptomycin and 25  $\mu$ g/mL of amphotericin B in 0.85 % saline) (e.g., GIBCO Cat#15240-062)

#### 2-2-2 For chemical exposure, stimulation, positive control and solvents

- Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) from Escherichia coli K12 (Invivogen Cat#tlrl-eklps, Lot#: LEK-39-01)
- Dexamethasone (CAS:50-02-2, Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Cat#041-18861)
- Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) (CAS:67-68-5, Sigma Cat#D5879)
- Distilled water (GIBCO Cat#10977-015)

#### 2-2-3 For measurement of the luciferase activity

- Tripluc<sup>®</sup> Luciferase assay reagent (TOYOBO Cat#MRA-301)

#### 2-2-4 Expendable supplies

- T-75 flask tissue culture treated (e.g., Corning Cat#353136)
- 96 well black-flame and white-well plate (flat-bottom, for measurement of the luciferase activity, e.g. PerkinElmer B&W Isoplate-96 TC Cat#6005060)
- 96 well clear plate (round-bottom, for preparation of chemicals and stimulants)
- 96 well assay block, 2 mL (e.g., Costar Cat#3960)
- Seal for 96 well plate (e.g., Perkin Elmer TopSeal-A PLUS Cat#6050185, EXCEL Scientific SealMate Cat#SM-KIT-SP)
- Reservoir
- Pipette

#### 2-2-5 Equipment for measurement of luciferase activity

- Measuring device: a microplate-type luminometer with a multi-color detection system that can accept an optical filter  
e.g. Phelios AB-2350 (ATTO), ARVO (PerkinElmer), Tristar LB941 (Berthold)
- Optical filter: 600 nm long-pass filter, 600~700 nm band-pass filter

- Measuring time: set at 1~5 sec/well measuring time

#### **2-2-6 Others**

- Pipetman
- 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman (optimized for 10~100  $\mu\text{L}$ )
- Plate shaker (for 96 well plate)
- $\text{CO}_2$  incubator (37°C, 5%  $\text{CO}_2$ )
- Water bath
- Cell counter: hemocytometer, trypan blue



2-3 Culture medium

**2-3-1 A medium: for maintenance of THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) cells (500 mL, stored at 2-8°C)**

Reagent	Company	Concentration	Final concentration in medium	Required amount
RPMI-1640	GIBCO Cat #11875-093	-	-	445 mL
FBS	Biological Industries Cat#04-001-1E Lot: 715004	-	10 %	50 mL
Antibiotic-Antimycotic	e.g., GIBCO Cat #15240-062	100×	1×	5 mL

**2-3-2 B medium: for luciferase assay (30 mL, stored at 2-8°C)**

Reagent	Company	Concentration	Final concentration in medium	Required amount
RPMI-1640	GIBCO Cat #11875-093	-	-	27 mL
FBS	Biological Industries Cat#04-001-1E Lot: 715004	-	10 %	3 mL

2-4 Preparation of the stimulant of THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) cells

**2-4-1 Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) from Escherichia coli K12**

Reagent	Company	Concentration of the stock solution	Final concentration
Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) from Escherichia coli K12	Invivogen Cat#tlrl-eklps	1 mg/mL	100 ng/mL
Distilled water	GIBCO Cat#10977-015		

Dissolve 5 mg LPS using distilled water 5 mL, dispense at 5  $\mu$ L/tube and store at freezer at -30°C. Use these stocks within 6 months after dissolution.

### 3. Cell culture

#### 3-1 Thawing of THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) cells

Pre-warm 9 mL of A medium in a 15 mL polypropylene conical tube in a 37°C water bath (for centrifugation) and 15 mL of A medium in a T-75 Flask at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator (for culture). Thaw frozen cells (2x10<sup>6</sup> cells / 0.5 mL of freezing medium) in a 37°C water bath, then add to a 15 mL polypropylene conical tube containing 9 mL of pre-warmed A medium. Centrifuge the tube at 120-350 x g at room temperature for 5 min, discard the supernatant, and resuspend in 15 mL of pre-warmed A medium in a T-75 Flask. Cells are incubated at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### 3-2 Maintenance of THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) cells

3 or 4 days after thawing, pre-warm the A medium in a T-75 Flask at 37°C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. Count the number of cells, centrifuge the tube at 120-350 x g at room temperature for 5 min, discard the supernatant, and resuspend in the pre-warmed A medium in a T-75 Flask. Cells are passaged at 2-5x10<sup>5</sup>/mL, depending on the condition of the cells and incubated at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

The interval between subcultures should be 3~4 days. Cells can be used between one and six weeks after thawing.

## 4. Preparation of cells for assay

A cell passage should be done 2-4 days before the assay.

Use cells between 1 and 6 weeks after thawing.

Pre-warm the B medium in a 37°C water bath. Count the number of cells and collect the number of cells needed ( $5.0 \times 10^6$  cells are required, but to have some leeway,  $7.5 \times 10^6$  cells should be prepared), centrifuge the tube at 120-350 x g, 5 min. Resuspend in pre-warmed the B medium at a cell density of  $2 \times 10^6$ /mL. Transfer the cell suspension to a reservoir, and add 50  $\mu$ L of cell suspension to each well of a 96 well black-flame and white-well plate (flat bottom) using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman. (cf. Figure 2)

Figure 2

flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L	THP-G1b $1 \times 10^5$ B medium 50 $\mu$ L
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## 5. Preparation of chemicals and cell treatment with chemicals

### 5-1 Dissolution by vehicle (cf. Figure 3)

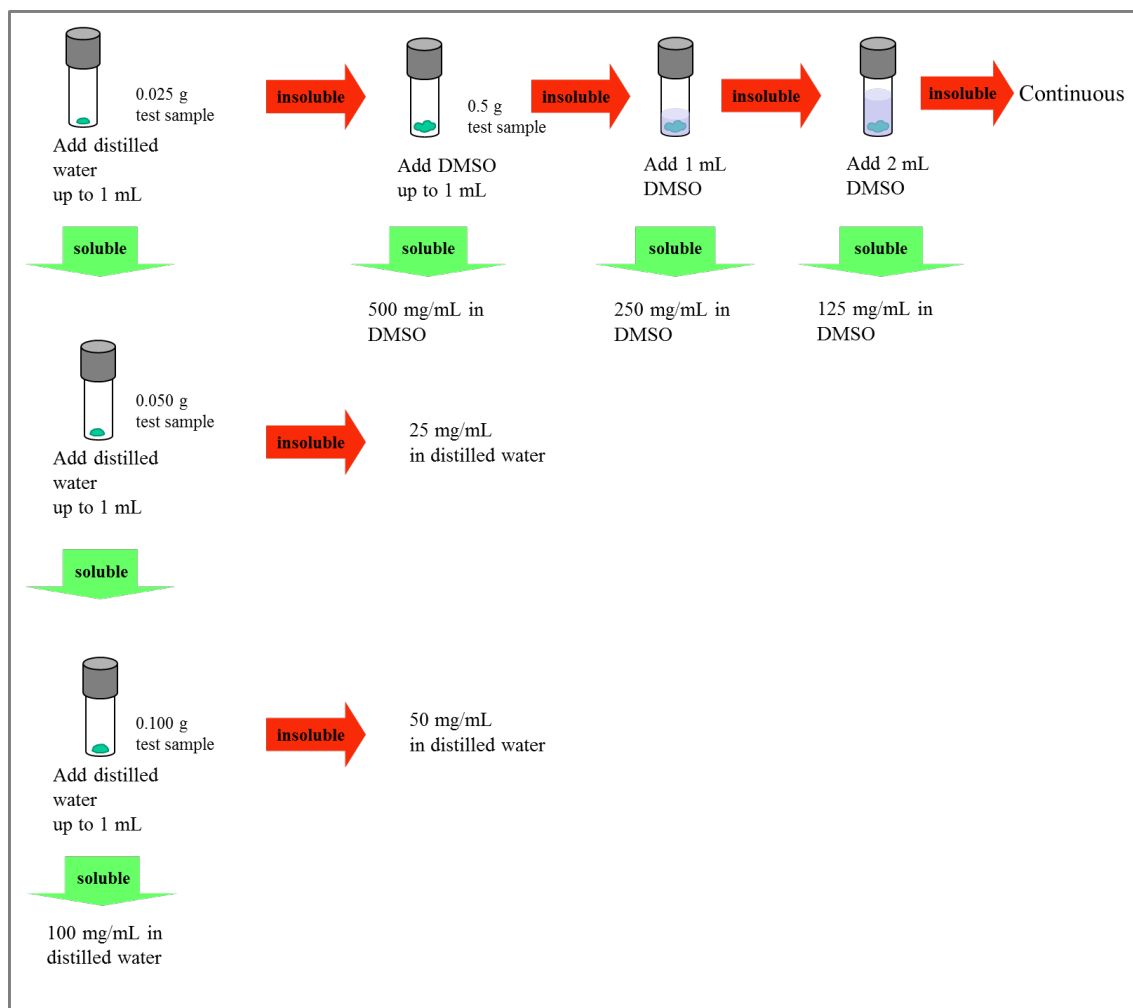
Dissolve the chemical first in distilled water. Namely, weigh 0.025 g of the test chemical in a volumetric flask and add distilled water up to 1 mL. If the chemical is soluble at 25 mg/mL, weigh 0.050 g of the test chemical in a volumetric flask and add distilled water up to 1 mL. If the chemical is not soluble at 50 mg/mL, 25 mg/mL is the highest soluble concentration. If the chemical is soluble at 50 mg/mL, weigh 0.100 g of the test chemical in a volumetric flask and add distilled water up to 1 mL. If the chemical is not soluble at 100 mg/mL, 50 mg/mL is the highest soluble concentration. If the chemical is soluble at 100 mg/mL, 100 mg/mL is the highest soluble concentration.

If the chemical is not soluble in water, the chemical should be dissolved in DMSO at 500 mg/mL. Namely, weigh 0.5 g of the test chemical in volumetric flask and add DMSO up to 1 mL.

If the chemical is not soluble at 500 mg/mL, the highest soluble concentration should be determined by diluting the solution from 500 mg/mL at a common ratio of two (250 mg/mL → 125 mg/mL → continued if needed) with DMSO.

Sonication and vortex may be used if needed, and attempt to dissolve the chemical for at least 5 minutes. Being soluble should be confirmed by centrifugation at 15,000 rpm ( $\approx 20,000 \times g$ ) for 5 min and absence of precipitation. The chemical should be used within 4 hours after being dissolved in distilled water or DMSO.

Figure 3



In the first experiment (1<sup>st</sup> experiment), when the chemical is prepared in distilled water, conduct 10 serial dilutions at a common ratio of 2 from the highest concentration using distilled water. When the chemical is prepared as a DMSO solution, conduct 10 serial dilutions at a common ratio of 2 from the highest concentration using DMSO.

In the second to fifth experiment (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> experiment), determine the minimum concentration at which I.I.-SLR-LA (mentioned later in **10**) became lower than 0.05 in the 1<sup>st</sup> experiment, use the concentration one step (2-times) higher than this determined concentration as the highest concentration of the chemical to examine, and conduct 10 serial dilutions at a common ratio of 2 from the highest concentration. If I.I.-SLR-LA did not become lower than 0.05 or became lower than 0.05 at the highest concentration in the 1<sup>st</sup> experiment, conduct 10 serial dilutions at a common ratio of 2 from the highest concentration in the 1<sup>st</sup> experiment.

For example, in Figure 3 below, the minimum concentration at which I.I.-SLR-LA became lower than 0.05 is 1.95 µg/ml. The highest concentration of the chemical to examine is the concentration one step (2-times) higher than 1.95 µg/ml, which is 3.91 µg/ml.

In Figure 4 below, I.I.-SLR-LA did not become lower than 0.05. In such a case, the highest concentration of the chemical to examine is the highest concentration in the 1<sup>st</sup> experiment, namely 125 µg/ml.

Inhibition index of SLR-LA (I.I.-SLR-LA)

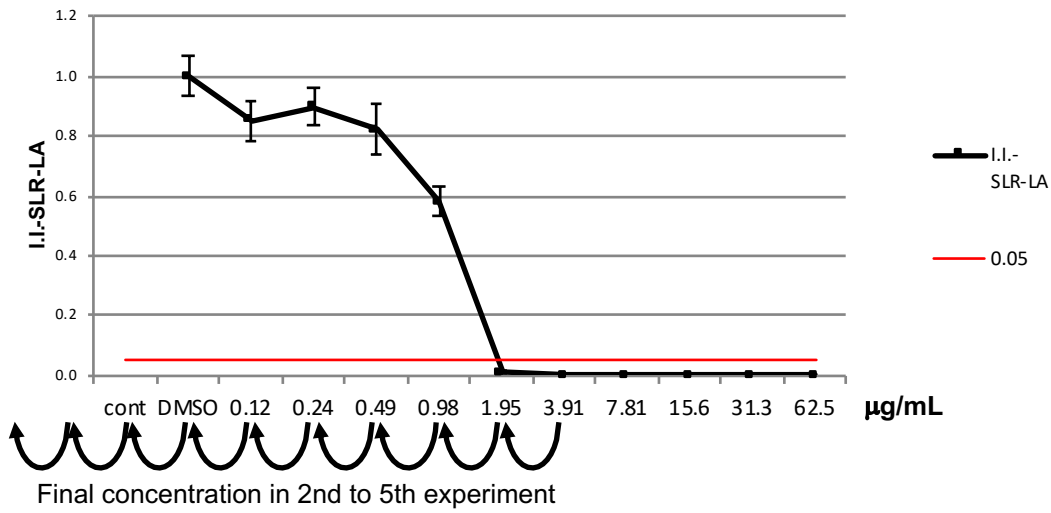


Figure 3.

Inhibition index of SLR-LA (I.I.-SLR-LA)

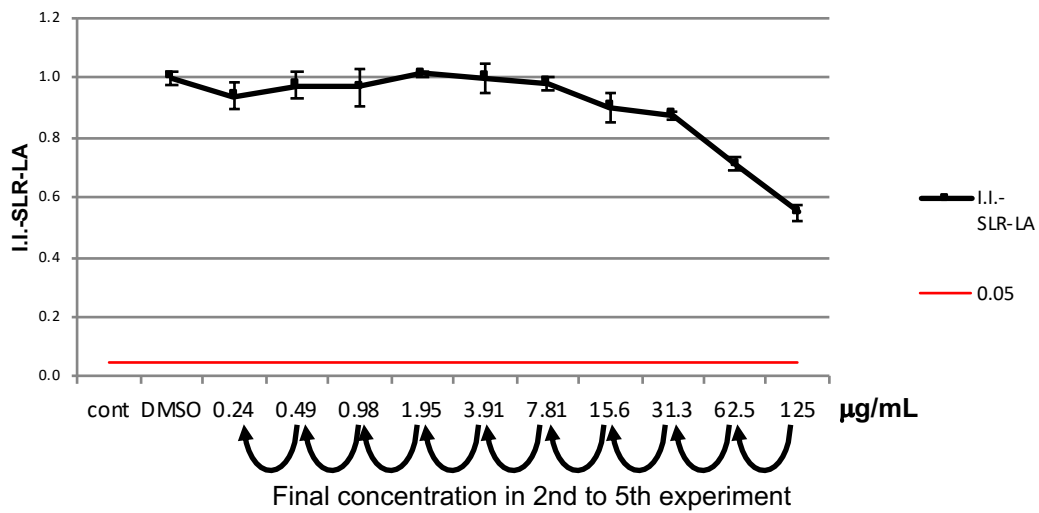


Figure 4

5-2 When the chemical is prepared in distilled water

If the chemical is prepared at a lower concentration, use the prepared concentration instead of the 100 mg/mL distilled water solution.

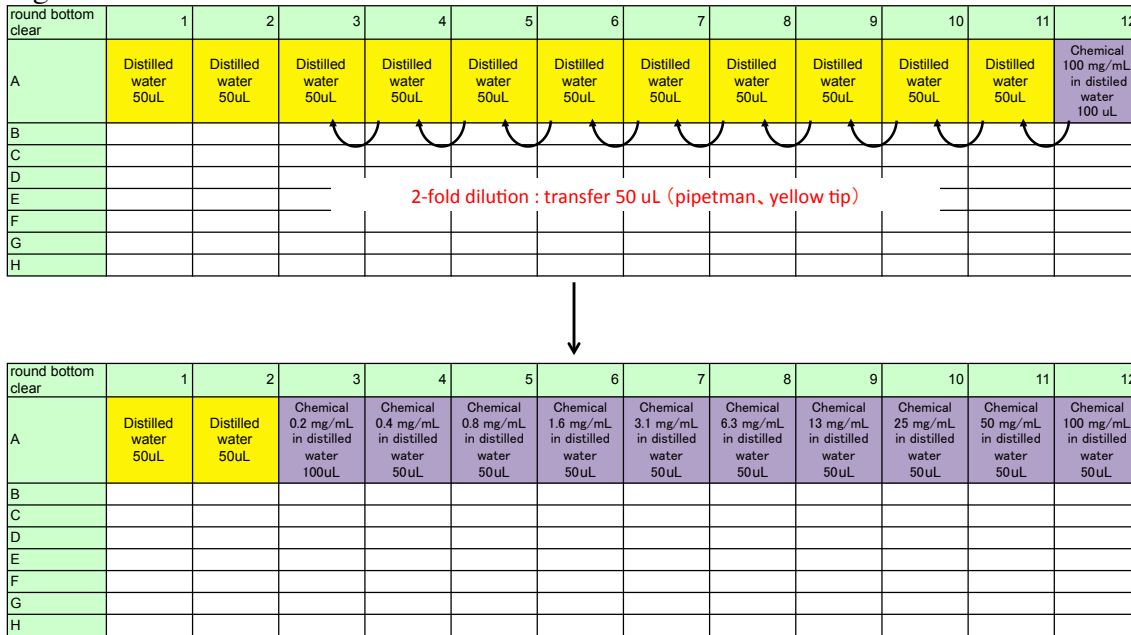
**5-2-1 Arrangement of chemicals and vehicle**

Add 100 µL of the 100 mg/mL distilled water solution of the chemical to well #A12, and 50 µL of the distilled water to wells #A1-#A11 of the 96 well clear plate (round bottom).

**5-2-2 Serial dilution**

Conduct 9 serial dilutions at a common ratio of 2 as indicated in Figure 4 from well #A11 to well #A3. Transfer 50 µL to the next (left) well. (cf. Figure 4)

Figure 4





### 5-2-3 2 step dilution

Add 20  $\mu$ L of the diluted chemical to 480  $\mu$ L of the B medium prepared in the assay block. And add 50  $\mu$ L to THP-G8 in a 96 well plate using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman after pipetting 20 times. Seal the plate, shake the plate with a plateshaker and incubate in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 1 hour (37°C, CO<sub>2</sub>, 5%) (cf. Figure 5-7).

Figure 5

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	Distilled water 50uL	Distilled water 50uL	Chemical 0.2 mg/mL in distilled water 100uL	Chemical 0.4 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 0.8 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 1.6 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 3.1 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 6.3 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 13 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 25 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 50 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL	Chemical 100 mg/mL in distilled water 50uL
B												
C												
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												

Assay Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL	B medium 480uL
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D												
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### 5-3-1 Arrangement of chemicals and vehicle

Add 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of the 500 mg/mL DMSO solution of the chemical to well #A12, 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of DMSO to wells #A1-#A11, and 90  $\mu\text{L}$  of the B medium to wells #B1-#B12 of the 96 well clear plate (round bottom)

### 5-3-2 Serial dilution

Conduct 9 serial dilutions at a common ratio of 2 as indicated in Figure 8 from well #A11 to well #A3. Transfer 50  $\mu\text{L}$  to the next (left) well. (cf. Figure 8)

Figure 8

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 500 mg/mL in DMSO 100 $\mu\text{L}$
B	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$
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D			2-fold dilution : transfer 50 $\mu\text{L}$ (pipetman, yellow tip)									
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round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 100% 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 1.0 mg/mL in DMSO 100 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 2.0 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 3.9 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 7.8 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 16 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 31 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 63 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 125 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 250 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$	Chemical 500 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu\text{L}$
B	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 90 $\mu\text{L}$
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### 5-3-3 Dilution of DMSO solution with the B medium

Dilute 10  $\mu$ L of the DMSO solution of the chemical in wells #A1-#A12 with 90  $\mu$ L of the B medium using an 8-12 channel pipetman. (cf. Figure 9)

Figure 9

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 100% 50uL	DMSO 100% 50uL	Chemical 1.0 mg/mL in DMSO 100uL	Chemical 2.0 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 3.9 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 7.8 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 16 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 31 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 63 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 125 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 250 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL	Chemical 500 mg/mL in DMSO 50uL
B	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL	B medium 90uL
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round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 100% 40uL	DMSO 100% 40uL	Chemical 1.0 mg/mL in DMSO 90uL	Chemical 2.0 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 3.9 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 7.8 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 16 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 31 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 63 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 125 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 250 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 500 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL
B	Chemical 0 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.10 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.20 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.39 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.78 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 1.6 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 3.1 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 6.3 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 12.5 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 25 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 50 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL
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### 5-3-4 2 step dilution

Add 10  $\mu$ L of the diluted chemical to 490  $\mu$ L of the B medium prepared in the assay block. And add 50  $\mu$ L to THP-G8 in a 96 well plate using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman after pipetting 20 times. Manipulate the procedures from 5-3-3 to 5-3-4 as quickly as you can, and do not leave a long time at step after 5-3-3 or Figure 10. Seal the plate, shake the plate with a plateshaker and incubate in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 1 hour (37°C, CO<sub>2</sub>, 5%) (cf. Figure 10-12).

Figure 10

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 100% 40uL	DMSO 100% 40uL	Chemical 1.0 mg/mL in DMSO 90uL	Chemical 2.0 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 3.9 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 7.8 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 16 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 31 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 63 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 125 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 250 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL	Chemical 500 mg/mL in DMSO 40uL
B	Chemical 0 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.10 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.20 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.39 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 0.78 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 1.6 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 3.1 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 6.3 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 12.5 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 25 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL	Chemical 50 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100uL
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Assay Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL	B medium 490uL
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## 6. Preparation of the stimulant (Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)) and addition to THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4)

6-1 Material

- 1 mg/mL LPS stock

6-2 Preparation of 1000 ng/mL LPS solution

Dilute 1 mg/mL LPS stock with distilled water as follows (1000 times, final concentration is 1000 ng/mL). Add distilled water as control to well #A1-#D1 of the 96 well clear plate (round bottom), and add 1000 ng/mL LPS solution to wells #A2-#D2 of the 96 well clear plate (round bottom).

1<sup>st</sup> step

1 mg/mL LPS	distilled water	Total	final concentration
5 $\mu$ L	995 $\mu$ L	1000 $\mu$ L	5 $\mu$ g/mL

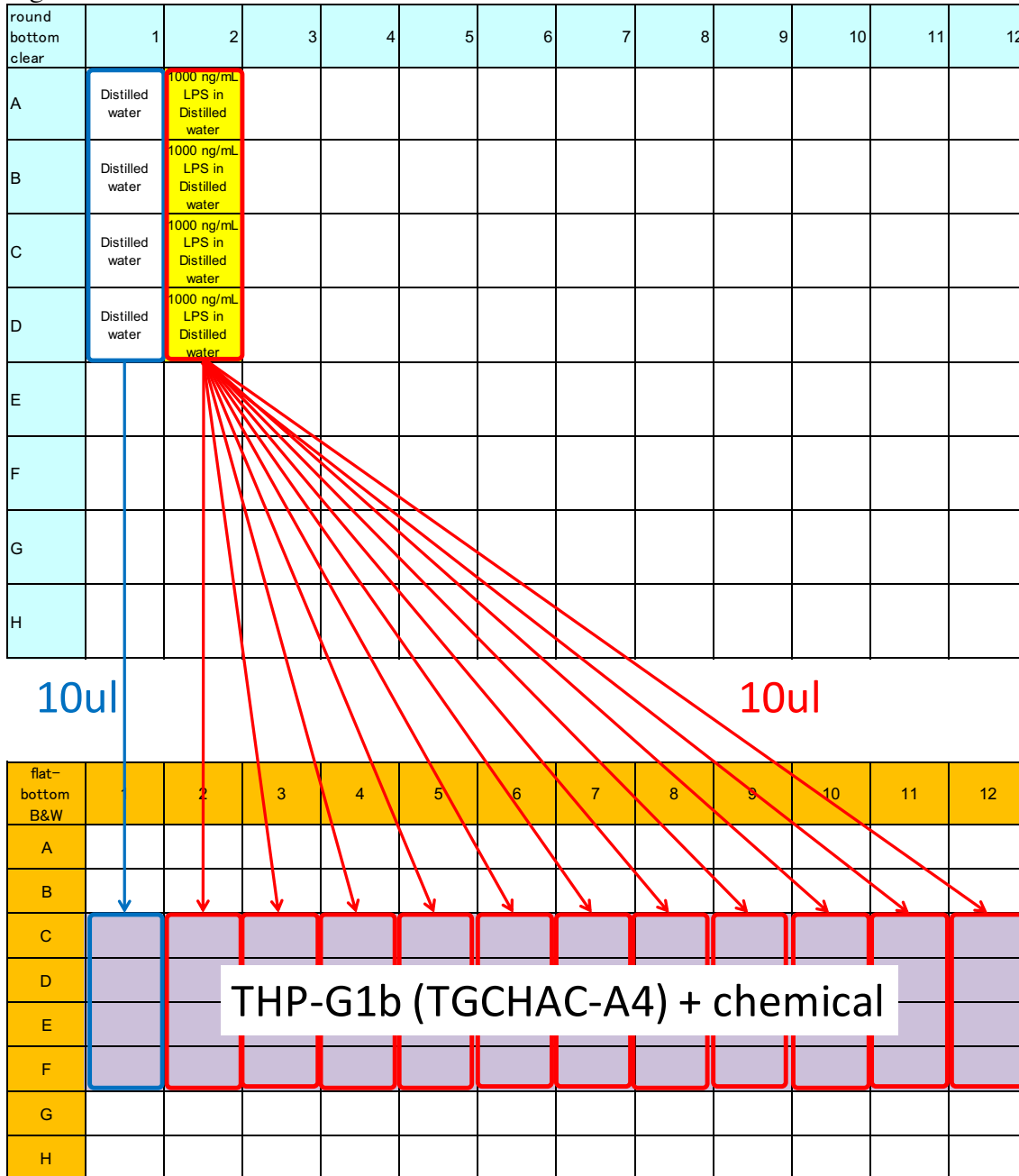
2<sup>nd</sup> step

5 $\mu$ g/mL LPS	distilled water	Total	final concentration
250 $\mu$ L	1000 $\mu$ L	1250 $\mu$ L	1000 ng/mL

6-3 Addition of LPS to THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4)

One hour after the addition of chemicals, add 10  $\mu$ L of control or 1000 ng/mL LPS solution to the cells (#C1-#F1 or #C2-#F12, respectively) using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman after pipetting 20 times. Make sure that the apex of the tip is dipped into the medium. Change tips every line you add. Seal the plate, shake the plate with a plateshaker and incubate in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 6 hours (37°C, CO<sub>2</sub>, 5%). (cf. Figure 13)

Figure 13





## 7. Positive control

7-1 Preparing control chemical (dexamethasone)

### 7-1-1 Preparing dexamethasone stock

Reagent	Company	Concentration of the stock solution	Preparing concentration	Final concentration
Dexamethasone	Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Cat#041-18861	100 mg/mL	10, 50, 100 mg/mL	10, 50, 100 µg/mL
Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	Sigma Cat#D5879			

Dissolve 1 g of Dexamethasone with DMSO 10 mL, dispense at 100 µL/tube and store at freezer at -30°C.

7-2 Preparation of cells for assay

A cell passage should be done 2-4 days before the assay.

Use cells between 1 and 6 weeks after thawing.

Pre-warm the B medium in a 37°C water bath. Count the number of cells and collect the number of cells needed (2.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells are required, but to have some leeway, 3 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells should be prepared), centrifuge the tube at 120-350 x g, 5 min. Resuspend in pre-warmed the B medium at a cell density of 2x10<sup>6</sup>/mL. Transfer the cell suspension to a reservoir, and add 50 µL of cell suspension to each well of a 96 well black-flame and white-well plate (flat bottom) using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman. (cf. Figure 14)

Figure 14

flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
B	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
C	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
D	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
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7-3 Arrangement of chemicals and vehicle

Add DMSO 50  $\mu$ L to #A1-2, 10 mg/mL dexamethasone 50  $\mu$ L to #A3, 50 mg/mL dexamethasone 50  $\mu$ L to #A4, 100 mg/mL dexamethasone 50  $\mu$ L to #A5 and B medium 90  $\mu$ L to #B1-5 of the 96 well clear plate (round bottom). (cf. Figure 15)

7-4 Dilution with the B medium

Dilute DMSO in #A1-2 and dexamethasone DMSO solution in #A3-5 by adding 10  $\mu$ L to the B medium in #B1-5. (cf. Figure 15)

Figure 15

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 50 $\mu$ L	DMSO 50 $\mu$ L	DEX 10 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu$ L	DEX 50 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu$ L	DEX 100 mg/mL in DMSO 50 $\mu$ L							
B	B medium 90 $\mu$ L	B medium 90 $\mu$ L	B medium 90 $\mu$ L	B medium 90 $\mu$ L	B medium 90 $\mu$ L							
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round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 40 $\mu$ L	DMSO 40 $\mu$ L	DEX 10 mg/mL in DMSO 40 $\mu$ L	DEX 50 mg/mL in DMSO 40 $\mu$ L	DEX 100 mg/mL in DMSO 40 $\mu$ L							
B	DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu$ L	DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu$ L	DEX 1 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu$ L	DEX 5 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu$ L	DEX 10 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu$ L							
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7-5 2 step dilution

Add 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of the diluted DMSO or dexamethasone to 490  $\mu\text{L}$  of the B medium prepared in the assay block. And add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  to THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) in a 96 well plate using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman after pipetting 20 times. Manipulate the procedures from 7-4 to 7-5 as quickly as you can, and do not leave a long time at step after 7-4 or Figure 16. Seal the plate, shake the plate with a plateshaker and incubate in a  $\text{CO}_2$  incubator for 1 hour ( $37^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , 5%). (cf. Figure 16-18)

Figure 16

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 40 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 40 $\mu\text{L}$	DEX 10 mg/mL in DMSO 40 $\mu\text{L}$	DEX 50 mg/mL in DMSO 40 $\mu\text{L}$	DEX 100 mg/mL in DMSO 40 $\mu\text{L}$							
B	DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu\text{L}$	DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu\text{L}$	DEX 1 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu\text{L}$	DEX 5 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu\text{L}$	DEX 10 mg/mL DMSO 10% in B medium 100 $\mu\text{L}$							
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Assay Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	B medium 490 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 490 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 490 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 490 $\mu\text{L}$	B medium 490 $\mu\text{L}$							
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Figure 17

Assay Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	DMSO 0.2% B medium 500uL	DMSO 0.2% B medium 500uL	DEX 20 ug/mL DMSO 0.2% in B medium 500uL	DEX 100 ug/mL DMSO 0.2% in B medium 500uL	DEX 200 ug/mL DMSO 0.2% in B medium 500uL							
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flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
B	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
C	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
D	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> B medium 50uL							
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Figure 18 Final constituents of each well of the plate

flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 10 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 50 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 100 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL							
B	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 10 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 50 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 100 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL							
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7-6 Addition of LPS to THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4)

One hour after the addition of dexamethasone, add 10 µL of distilled water or 1000 ng/mL LPS solution prepared in §6 to the cells (#A1-#D1 or #A2-#D5, respectively) using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman after pipetting 20 times. Make sure that the apex of the tip is dipped into the medium. Change tips every line you add. Seal the plate, shake the plate with a plateshaker and incubate in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 6 hours (37°C, CO<sub>2</sub>, 5%). (cf. Figure 19)

Figure 19

round bottom clear	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	Distilled water	1000 ng/mL LPS in Distilled water										
B	Distilled water	1000 ng/mL LPS in Distilled water										
C	Distilled water	1000 ng/mL LPS in Distilled water										
D	Distilled water	1000 ng/mL LPS in Distilled water										
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flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 10 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 50 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 100 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL							
B	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 10 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 50 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 100 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL							
C	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 10 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 50 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL	THP-G1b 1x10 <sup>5</sup> cell DEX 100 ug/mL DMSO 0.1% B medium 100uL							
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## 8. Calculation of the transmittance factors

Color discrimination in multi-color reporter assays is generally achieved using detectors (luminometer and plate reader) equipped with optical filters, such as sharp-cut (long-pass) filters and band-pass filters. The transmittance factors of these filters for each bio-luminescence signal color must be calibrated prior to all experiments by following the protocols below.

### 8-1 Reagents

- Single reference samples:  
Lyophilized luciferase enzyme reagent for stable luciferase green (SLG)  
Lyophilized luciferase enzyme reagent for stable luciferase red (SLR)
- Assay reagent:  
Tripluc<sup>®</sup> Luciferase assay reagent (TOYOBO Cat#MRA-301)
- B medium: for luciferase assay (30 mL, stored at 2 – 8°C)

Reagent	Company	Concentration	Final concentration in medium	Required amount
RPMI-1640	GIBCO #11875-093	-	-	27 mL
FBS	Biological Industries Cat#04-001-1E Lot:715004	-	10 %	3 mL

### 8-2 Preparation of luminescence reaction solution

Thaw Tripluc<sup>®</sup> Luciferase assay reagent (Tripluc) and keep it at room temperature either in a water bath or at ambient air temperature. Power on the luminometer 30 min before starting the measurement to allow the photomultiplier to stabilize.

Add 200 µL of 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH8.0) contains 10 % glycerol to each tube of lyophilized reference sample to dissolve the enzymes, divide into 10 µL aliquots in 1.5 mL disposable tubes and store in a freezer at -80°C. The stored frozen solution of the reference samples can be used for up to 6 months.

Add 1 mL of the B medium to each tube of frozen reference sample (10 µL sample per tube). Keep the reference samples on ice to prevent deactivation.

### 8-3 Bioluminescence measurement

Transfer 100 µL of the diluted reference samples to a 96 well black-flame and white-well plate (flat bottom) as shown below (the SLG reference sample to #B1, #B2, #B3, the SLR reference sample to #D1, #D2, #D3).

Figure 20.

flat-bottom B&W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B	SLG 100 $\mu$ L	SLG 100 $\mu$ L	SLG 100 $\mu$ L									
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D	SLR 100 $\mu$ L	SLR 100 $\mu$ L	SLR 100 $\mu$ L									
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Transfer 100  $\mu$ L of pre-warmed Tripluc to each well of the plate containing the reference sample using a pipetman. Shake the plate for 10 min at room temperature (about 25°C) using a plate shaker. Remove bubbles in the solutions in wells if they appear. Place the plate in the luminometer to measure the luciferase activity. Bioluminescence is measured for 3 sec each in the absence (F0) and presence (F1) of the optical filter. An example of the raw output data is shown below.



Figure 21. An example of the raw output data

Measurement without Filter												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B	3757015	3716611	3810382									
C												
D	2465453	2207572	2077689									
E												
F												
G												
H												

Measurement with Filter												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B	236478	234079	240876									
C												
D	1585258	1420099	1339265									
E												
F												
G												
H												

Two transmittance factors of the optical filter were calculated as follow:

$$\text{Transmittance factor } (\kappa_{G_{R60}}) = \frac{\#B1 \text{ of F1} + \#B2 \text{ of F1} + \#B3 \text{ of F1}}{\#B1 \text{ of F0} + \#B2 \text{ of F0} + \#B3 \text{ of F0}}$$

$$\text{Transmittance factor } (\kappa_{R_{R60}}) = \frac{\#D1 \text{ of F2} + \#D2 \text{ of F2} + \#D3 \text{ of F2}}{\#D1 \text{ of F0} + \#D2 \text{ of F0} + \#D3 \text{ of F0}}$$

In the case shown above,

$$\text{Transmittance factors } (\kappa_{G_{R60}}) = \frac{236478 + 234079 + 240876}{3757015 + 3716611 + 3810382} = 0.063$$

$$\text{Transmittance factors } (\kappa_{R_{R60}}) = \frac{1585258 + 1420099 + 1339265}{2465453 + 2207572 + 2077689} = 0.644$$

Calculated transmittance factors are used for all the measurements executed using the same luminometer.

Input the transmittance factors to #G4-5 of the “Data Input” sheet of the Data sheet as follow.

Figure 22

MultiReporter Assay System –Tripluc®– Calculation Sheet			
Input transmittance factors of filter for SLG and SLR			
Input measured data (counts)	TF		SLG SLR
	SLG	$\kappa_{G_{R60}}$	
SLR	$\kappa_{R_{R60}}$		

## 9. Measurement

Please refer Appendix 1 for the principle of measurement of luciferase activity.

Thaw Tripluc<sup>®</sup> Luciferase assay reagent (Tripluc) and keep it at room temperature either in a water bath or at ambient air temperature. Power on the luminometer 30 min before starting the measurement to allow the photomultiplier to stabilize.

Transfer 100  $\mu$ L of pre-warmed Tripluc from the reservoir to each well of the plate containing the reference sample using an 8 channel or 12 channel pipetman. Shake the plate for 10 min at room temperature (about 25°C) using a plate shaker. Remove bubbles in the solutions in the wells if they appear. Place the plate in the luminometer to measure the luciferase activity. Bioluminescence is measured for 3 sec each in the absence (F0) and presence (F1) of the optical filter. In case alternative settings are used, e.g., depending on the model of luminometer used, these settings should be justified.

1<sup>st</sup>. Add the information regarding the name of laboratory, the round of experiments if multiple experimental sets are performed, the experiment number, date, the operator, chemical codes, dissolved in distilled water or DMSO, the prepared concentration and comments if any to Face Sheet of the data sheet.

Figure 23 “Face Sheet” of the data sheet

<b>Multi-ImmunoTox Assay Datasheet for THP-G1b cells</b>					
Ver. 007					
<b>Laboratory</b>				<b>Round</b>	
<b>Exp.</b>					
<b>Date:</b> <small>(YYYY/MM/DD)</small>				<b>Operator:</b>	
<b>Code</b>		<b>Dissolution</b>		<b>mg/mL in</b>	
<b>FInSLO-LA</b>	#NUM!	#NUM!			
<b>Comment:</b>					

2<sup>nd</sup>. Copy the results of the F0 and F1 measurements (values are expressed as counts) and paste them into the appropriate area in the “Data Input” sheet of the data sheet shown below (Figure 28). In addition, input the transmittance factors calculated in chapter 5. Calculation of the transmittance factors to TF of the “Data Input” sheet (Figure 24).

Figure 24 “Data Input” sheet of the data sheet

MultiReporter Assay System - Triplic <sup>®</sup> - Calculation Sheet												
Input transmittance factors of filter for SLG and SLR												
Input measured data (counts)		TF		Null		TF		inversion matrix				
		SLG		SLG	1	0	SLG	#NUM!	#NUM!			
		SLR		SLR	1	0	SLR	#NUM!	#NUM!			
Data without filter												
Null	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C												
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												
Data using Filter												
F	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C												
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												

Next, the calculated results for the parameters of the Multi-Immuno Tox assay for each concentration, e.g., SLG-LA, SLR-LA, nSLG-LA, the mean  $\pm$  SD of SLG-LA, the mean  $\pm$  SD of SLR-LA, %suppression and graphs will automatically appear on the "Result Format" sheet of the data sheet.

Figure 25 "Result Format" sheet of the data sheet



## 10. Data analysis

Definition of the parameters used in the Multi-Immuno Tox assay

- SLG-luciferase activity (SLG-LA): Luciferase activity of stable luciferase orange  
(Under the control of IL-1 $\beta$  promoter)
- SLR-luciferase activity (SLR-LA): Luciferase activity of stable luciferase red  
(Under the control of G3PDH promoter)
- Normalized SLG-LA (nSLG-LA):  $=(\text{SLG-LA})/(\text{SLR-LA})$
- Inhibition index of SLR-LA (I.I.-SLR-LA): The cytotoxic effect of chemicals  
 $=(\text{SLR-LA of THP-G1b treated with chemicals})/(\text{SLR-LA of untreated THP-G1b})$
- %suppression: The effect of chemicals on IL-8 promoter  
 $=(1-(\text{nSLG-LA of THP-G1b treated with chemicals})/(\text{nSLG-LA of non-treated THP-G1b})) \times 100$

## 11. Criteria

11-1 Acceptance criteria

The following acceptance criteria should be satisfied when using the Multi-Immuno Tox Assay method.

- If Fold induction of nSLG-LA of LPS wells without chemicals ( $=(\text{nSLG-LA of THP-G1b cells treated with LPS}) / (\text{nSLG-LA of non-treated THP-G1b cells})$ ) demonstrate less than 5, the results obtained from the plate containing the control wells should be rejected.
- **If the number of concentrations which satisfy I.I.-SLR-LA  $\geq 0.05$  is less than 6, the experiment, only if viable wells satisfy the following positive criteria is accepted and then, the following experiments should be done using the concentration described in 5-1.**

11-2 Criterion

The experiments are repeated until two consistent positive (negative) results or two consistent “no effect results” are obtained. When two consistent results are obtained, the chemicals are judged as the obtained consistent results.

Identification of immunotoxicant is evaluated by the mean of %suppression and its 95% simultaneous confidence interval.

In each experiment, when the chemicals clear the following 3 criteria, they are judged as suppressive or stimulatory. Otherwise, they are judged as no effect chemicals.

1. The ~~mean-of~~ %suppression is  $\geq 20$  (suppressive) or  $\leq -20$  (stimulatory) with statistical significance. **The statistical significance is judged when the 95% confidence interval does not include 0.**
2. The result shows two or more consecutive statistically significant positive (negative) data or one statistically significant positive (negative) data with a trend in which at least 3 consecutive data increase (decrease) in a dose dependent manner. In the latter case, the trend can cross 0, as long as only one data point shows the opposite effect without statistical significance.
3. The results are judged using only data obtained in the concentration at which I.I.-SLR-LA is  $\geq 0.05$

## 12. Update record

Ver. 008.1E for THP-G1b (TGCHAC-A4) 2019.2.7

Change the Acceptance criteria

Change the criteria

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Addition of thresholds to the criteria.

Change the composition of the culture medium

Change the preparation of the dexamethasone solution

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Change the criteria

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Change the preparation of chemicals

Change the acceptance criteria

Change the criteria

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Correction of the preparation of PMA and ionomycin

Change the preparation of PMA and ionomycin

Change the preparation of controls

Addition of Acceptance criteria

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Changes after the VMT meeting

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Translation to English

Addition of appendix

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Change the preparation of chemicals (same method to the IL-8 Luc assay)

Delete the alteration in Ver. 005.0J

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Change to use SLR-LA of THP-G8 at the calculation of nSLG-LA of TGCHAC-A4

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Change the cellular concentration at cell passage

Modify figure 16, 17

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For the validation study at AIST, FDSC and Tohoku university (chemicals: Sodium Bromate ( $\text{NaBrO}_3$ ), Nickel (II) sulfate ( $\text{NiSO}_4$ ), Dibutyl phthalate (DP), 2-Mercaptobenzothiazole (2-MBT))

Change THP-G1b cells to TGCHAC-A4 cells

Change cell number of THP-G8 and TGCHAC-A4  $5 \times 10^4$ /well to  $1 \times 10^5$ /well

Change concentration of chemicals 11 steps to 10 steps

Change final concentration of LPS (THP-G8 : 25 ng/mL, TGCHAC-A4 : 1 ng/mL)

Change the way of addition of LPS (2 mL/well to 10 mL/well)

Change the criteria

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For the validation study at AIST and FDSC (chemicals:  $\text{CoCl}_2$ ,  $\text{NiSO}_4$ , Isophorone diisocyanate, 2-Mercaptobenzothiazole)

Change the common ratio 3 to 2

Change the concentration of LPS 100 ng/mL to 25 ng/mL

Add description about the control (dexamethasone)

Delete the appendix about THP-G8 cell

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Add the appendix about THP-G8 cell

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## Appendix 1 Principle of measurement of luciferase activity

MultiReporter Assay System -Tripluc- can be used with a microplate-type luminometer with a multi-color detection system, which can equip an optical filter. (e.g. Phelios AB-2350 (ATTO), ARVO (PerkinElmer), Tristar LB941 (Berthold)) The optical filter used in measurement is 600 ~ 620 nm long or short pass filter, or 600~700 nm band pass filter.

(1) Measurement of two-color luciferases with an optical filter.

This is an example using Phelios AB-2350 (ATTO). This luminometer equips a 600 nm long pass filter (600 nm LP (Filter 1); R60 HOYA Co.), for splitting SLG and SLR luminescence.

To determine transmission coefficients of the 600 nm LP, first, using purified SLG and SLR luciferase enzymes, measure i) the intensity of SLG and SLR bioluminescence intensity without filter (F0), ii) the SLG and SLR bioluminescence intensity that passed through 600 nm LP (Filter 1), and calculate the transmission coefficients of 600 nm LP for SLG and SLR listed below.

Transmission coefficients		Abbreviation	Definition
SLG	Filter 1 Transmission coefficients	$\kappa G_{R60}$	The filter's transmission coefficient for the SLG
SLR	Filter 1 Transmission coefficients	$\kappa R_{R60}$	The filter's transmission coefficient for the SLR

When the intensity of SLG and SLR in test sample are defined as G and R, respectively, i) the intensity of light without filter (all optical): F0 and ii) the intensity of 600 nm LP (Filter 1) transmitted light are described as below.

$$F0=G+R$$

$$F1=\kappa G_{R60} \times G + \kappa R_{R60} \times R$$

These formulas can be rephrased as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} F0 \\ F1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \kappa G_{R60} & \kappa R_{R60} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G \\ R \end{pmatrix}$$

Then using calculated coefficient factors ( $\kappa G_{R60}$  and  $\kappa R_{R60}$ ) and measured F0 and F1, you can calculate G and R-value as follows.

$$\begin{pmatrix} G \\ R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \kappa G_{R60} & \kappa R_{R60} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} F0 \\ F1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This calculation can be performed using the functions "MINVERSE" and "MMULT" in Microsoft Excel. These calculations are integrated in the Data sheet for MITA THP-G1b.



## Appendix 2 Validation of reagents and equipment

### 1 Measurement of transmittance of optical filter for multicolor measurement

For color discriminations in the multi-color reporter assay, detectors (luminometer and plate reader) are usually equipped with optical filters, such as sharp-cut (long-pass) filters and band-pass filters. The transmittance factors of these filters for each bioluminescence signal color have to be calibrated prior to all experiments by following the protocols below.

#### 1-1 Reagents

▪ Single reference samples:

Lyophilized luciferase enzyme reagent of SLG

Lyophilized luciferase enzyme reagent of SLR

▪ Assay reagent:

Tripluc® Luciferase assay reagent (TOYOBO Cat#MRA-301)

▪ B medium: for luciferase assay (30 mL, stored at 2–8°C)

Reagent	Company		Final conc. in medium	Required amount
RPMI-1640	GIBCO #11875-093	-	-	27 mL
FBS	Biological Industries Cat#04-001-1E Lot: 715004	-	10 %	3 mL

#### 1-2 Calibration

##### 1-2-1 Preparation of luminescence reaction solution

Thaw Tripluc® Luciferase assay reagent (Tripluc) and keep it at room temperature by bathing in water or ambient air. Start the luminometer 30 min before starting the measurement for stabilization of the photomultiplier.

Add 200  $\mu$ L of 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH8.0) contains 10% glycerol to each tube of the lyophilized reference samples to dissolve the enzymes, followed by separating them into 1.5 mL disposable tubes at 10  $\mu$ L each and storing in a freezer at -80°C. The stored frozen solution of the reference samples can be used for one half year.

Add 1 mL of B medium to each tube of the frozen reference sample (10  $\mu$ L in a tube) and label them as SLG1/1, SLR1/1, and SLG/SLR1/1. Keep the reference samples on ice to prevent deactivation.

Prepare dilution series of the single reference samples of SLG and SLR as follows. Dilute 0.3 mL of each 1/1 solution with 0.9 mL of B medium to make SLG1/4 and SLR1/4. In the same manner, prepare 1/16 and 1/64 solution of each. Keep diluted reference samples on ice.

##### 1-2-2 Bioluminescence measurement

Transfer 100  $\mu$ L of the diluted reference samples to a 96-well flat-bottom black plate as shown below.

Figure 26.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B	SLG 1/1	SLG 1/1	SLG 1/1	SLG 1/4	SLG 1/4	SLG 1/4	SLG 1/16	SLG 1/16	SLG 1/16	SLG 1/64	SLG 1/64	SLG 1/64
C												
D	SLR 1/1	SLR 1/1	SLR 1/1	SLR 1/4	SLR 1/4	SLR 1/4	SLR 1/16	SLR 1/16	SLR 1/16	SLR 1/64	SLR 1/64	SLR 1/64
E												
F												
G												
H												

Transfer 100  $\mu$ L of pre-warmed Tripluc to each well containing the reference samples of the plate using a pipetman. Shake the plate for 10 min at room temperature (about 20°C) with a plate shaker. Remove bubbles on the solutions in wells if they appear. Place the plate into the luminometer of the under-test to measure the luciferase activity. Bioluminescence is measured for 3 sec each in the absence (F0) and presence (F1) of the optical filter. The example of the raw output data was shown below.

Figure 32.

Measurement without Filter												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B	9689	9691	9677	2402	2388	2412	704	689	721	177	189	182
C												
D	8588	8444	8462	2281	2128	2239	609	578	690	150	132	129
E												
F												
G												
H												
Measurement with Filter												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B	2022	1945	2067	502	496	510	143	149	153	37	49	45
C												
D	5722	5756	5721	1523	1459	1589	413	397	468	102	108	97
E												
F												
G												
H												

Copy the results of the F0 and F1 measurement (values are expressed as counts) and paste it to the appropriate area in the “Data Input” sheet of the data sheet for data analyses shown below.

Figure 33.

MultiReporter Assay System -Tripluc®- Calculation Sheet

Input measured data (counts)

Data without filter

Null	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C												
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												

Input

Data using Filter 2

F2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A												
B												
C												
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												

Input

Record all

the results for quality control.

2 Quality control of equipment

In order to confirm the detector stability as the quality control, the reference luciferase sample, optical property, the protocol described hereafter should be performed at the beginning of the experiments every day using reference LED light source plates equipped with stabilized LEDs. LED plate data typically fluctuates up to 1.5% ( $\sigma$ ). Disagreement to the old data should be less than  $3 \times \sigma$  (= 4.5%). Here describes an example using a commercially available reference light source, TRIANT® (wSL-0001) by ATTO (Tokyo, Japan).

Start LED plate and select “PMT” mode.

Select three-color (BRG) mode and adjust light intensity to 1/10 ( $10E-1$ ).

Place the LED plate into the luminometer. Light intensity is measured for 3 sec each in the absence (F0) and presence (F2) of the optical filter.

Read and record the data at the position of #F6, #E6, and #D6 that are LEDs of blue, green, and red LEDs, respectively.

LED plate data typically fluctuates up to 1.5% ( $\sigma$ ). Disagreement to the old data should be less than  $3 \times \sigma$  (= 4.5%).