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# GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> AVPR2 CHO-K1 DA and AVPR2-CRE-*bla* CHO-K1 Cell–Based Assay

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# **Product description**

GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> AVPR2-CRE-*bla* CHO-K1 cells contain the human Arginine Vasopressin Receptor 2 (AVPR2) stably-integrated into the CellSensor<sup>™</sup> CRE-bla CHO-K1 cell line. CellSensor<sup>™</sup> CRE-bla CHO-K1 cells contain a beta-lactamase reporter gene under control of a CRE response element. AVPR2-CRE-*bla* CHO-K1 cells have been functionally validated for Z'-Factor and EC<sub>50</sub> concentrations of [deamino-Cys1, D-Arg8]-Vasopressing acetate hydrate (dDAVP).

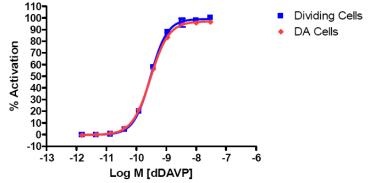


Table 1 Dose response of AVPR2 CHO-K1 DA division-arrested (DA) cells and AVPR2-CRE-*bla* CHO-K1 cells to [deamino-Cys1, D-Arg8]-Vasopressing acetate hydrate (dDAVP)

Parameter	DA cells	Dividing cells
EC <sub>50</sub>	0.3 nM	0.3 nM
Z'-factor at EC <sub>100</sub>	0.92	0.92

# Overview of GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> GPCR cell-based assays

The GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> GPCR cell-based assay provides a highly accurate, sensitive, and easy-to-use method of monitoring cellular response to drug candidates or other stimuli (Zlokarnik, 1998). The core of the GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> assay technology is a beta-lactamase (bla) fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) substrate that generates a ratiometric reporter response with minimal experimental noise. In addition to the dual-color (blue/green) readout of stimulated and unstimulated cells, this ratiometric method reduces the absolute and relative errors that can mask the underlying biological response of interest. Such errors include variations in cell number, transfection efficiency, substrate concentration, excitation path length, fluorescence detectors, and volume changes. The GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> GPCR assay technology has been proven in high-throughput screening (HTS) campaigns for a range of target classes, including G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs) (Kunapuli, 2003; Xing, 2000), nuclear receptors (Qureshi, 2003; Peekhaus, 2003; Chin, 2003), and kinase signaling pathways (Whitney, 1998). The utility of division-arrested (DA) cells in HTS has also been demonstrated (Fursov, 2005; Kunapuli, 2005; Digan, 2005; Vasudevan, 2005).



The GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> assay technology uses a mammalian-optimized bla reporter gene combined with a FRET-enabled substrate to provide reliable and sensitive detection in cells (Zlokarnik, 1998) (Figure 1). Cells are loaded with an engineered fluorescent substrate containing two fluorophores: coumarin and fluorescein. In the absence of bla expression, the substrate molecule remains intact. In this state, excitation of the coumarin results in fluorescence resonance energy transfer to the fluorescein moiety and emission of green fluorescent light. However, in the presence of bla expression, the substrate is cleaved, separating the fluorophores and disrupting energy transfer. Excitation of the coumarin in the presence of bla enzyme activity results in a blue fluorescence signal.

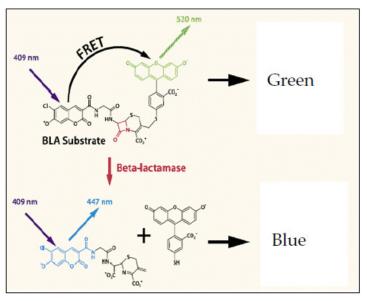


Figure 1 Fluorescent detection of beta-lactamase reporter gene response using a FRET-enabled substrate

After substrate loading, in the absence of beta-lactamase expression, cells appear green fluorescent. In the presence of beta-lactamase expression, the substrate is cleaved and cells appear blue fluorescent.

# Overview of dividing and division-arrested cells

Many Invitrogen<sup>™</sup> cell lines are available in two forms: dividing or division-arrested (DA). Invitrogen<sup>™</sup> division-arrest technology allows the use of frozen cells, made from the exact same cell line sold in its dividing form, as ordinary, cost-effective assay reagents for screening. DA cells exhibit response profiles similar to those of dividing cells, thus ensuring that you obtain the correct pharmacological profile.

DA cells can be plated and assayed within 24 hours of thawing. Cell numbers for DA cells increase only marginally after plating, thereby removing the variability caused by cell division during the course of an assay and providing more consistent results.

# Contents and storage

Note: Cat. No. K1329 and K1718 are sold as separate products.

#### Table 2 GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> AVPR2 CHO-K1 DA Assay Kit (Cat. No. K1329)

Contents	Cat. No.	Amount <sup>[1]</sup>	Storage
GeneBLAzer™ AVPR2 CHO-K1 DA cells	K1329A	1 tube	Liquid nitrogen, vapor phase
LiveBLAzer <sup>™</sup> -FRET B/G Loading Kit (70 µg) that includes the following reagents:			
LiveBLAzer <sup>™</sup> -FRET B/G Substrate (CCF4-AM) (Cat. No. K1089) <sup>[3]</sup>	K1427 <sup>[2]</sup>	1 kit	-20° <b>C</b>
DMSO for Solution A			Room temperature
Solution B			Room temperature
Solution C			Room temperature
Solution D	K1156	1 mL	Room temperature
Protocol and Certificate of Analysis			

<sup>[1]</sup> Each system contains sufficient DA cells and substrate to assay one 384-well plate.

<sup>[2]</sup> Additional kit sizes are available.

<sup>[3]</sup> Cat. No. K1089 can be purchased separately from the kit.

#### Table 3 GeneBLAzer<sup>™</sup> AVPR2-CRE-bla CHO-K1 cells (Cat. No. K1718)

Contents	Cat. No.	Amount	Storage
AVPR2-CRE-bla CHO-K1 cells	K1087	1 tube	Liquid nitrogen, vapor phase
Protocol and Certificate of Analysis		_	

**IMPORTANT!** Cells are shipped overnight on dry ice. Immediately upon receipt, either thaw for immediate use or store in liquid nitrogen, vapor phase. Cells stored for more than 1 day at –80°C quickly lose viability.

# **Product details**

Feature	Details
Shipping condition	Dry ice overnight
Growth properties of dividing cells	Adherent
Cell phenotype	Epithelial
Selection marker(s) for dividing cells	<ul> <li>Zeocin<sup>™</sup> 100 µg/mL</li> <li>Geneticin<sup>™</sup> 500 µg/mL</li> </ul>
Mycoplasma testing	Negative
Biosafety level	1

# Required materials not supplied

Unless otherwise indicated, all materials are available through **thermofisher.com**. "MLS" indicates that the material is available from **fisherscientific.com** or another major laboratory supplier.

#### Table 4 Required materials for dividing cells (Cat. No. K1718) and DA cells (Cat. No. K1329)

Item	Source			
Equipment				
Fluorescence plate reader with bottom-read capabilities	MLS			
Filters (if required for the plate reader)	Chroma Technologies			
<i>(Optional)</i> Mr. Frosty <sup>™</sup> Freezing Container	5100-0001			
(Optional) Epifluorescence- or fluorescence-equipped microscope (with appropriate filters)	MLS			
(Optional) Microplate centrifuge	MLS			
Consumables				
Black-wall, clear-bottom, 384-well assay plates (with low fluorescence background)	Corning 3764			
Compressed air	MLS			
Reagents				
DMEM, high glucose, GlutaMAX <sup>™</sup> Supplement, pyruvate	10569010			
DMSO (for compound preparation)	MP Biomedical 196055			
Fetal bovine serum (FBS), dialyzed, tissue-culture grade (Do Not Substitute.)	26400036			
MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution (100X)	11140050			
HEPES (1 M, pH 7.3)	15630080			
[deamino-Cys1, D-Arg8]-Vasopressing acetate hydrate (dDAVP)	Sigma V1005			
Zeocin <sup>™</sup> Selection Reagent	R25001			
Geneticin <sup>™</sup> Selective Antibiotic (G418 Sulfate) (50 mg/mL)	10131027			

#### Table 5 Additional materials required for dividing cells (Cat. No. K1718)

Item	Source
Reagents	
LiveBLAzer <sup>™</sup> -FRET B/G Loading Kit: • LiveBLAzer <sup>™</sup> -FRET B/G Substrate (CCF4-AM) (Cat. No. K1089) <sup>[1]</sup> • DMSO for Solution A • Solution B • Solution C	K1095 <sup>[2]</sup>
Solution D	K1156
Recovery <sup>™</sup> Cell Culture Freezing Medium	12648010
DPBS, no calcium, no magnesium	14190136
0.05% Trypsin-EDTA	25300054
Zeocin <sup>™</sup> Selection Reagent	R25001
Geneticin™ Selective Antibiotic (G418 Sulfate) (50 mg/mL)	10131027

<sup>[1]</sup> Cat. No. K1089 can be purchased separately from the kit.

<sup>[2]</sup> Additional kit sizes are available.

#### Cell culture conditions

Note: DA cells have different thawing procedures than dividing cells. Refer to the instructions below for your particular application.

Note: Refer to Media Requirements for specific media recipes.

#### Media requirements

Unless otherwise indicated, equilibrate all media and solutions to 37°C (recommended) or room temperature before adding to the cells.

**IMPORTANT!** Do not make media substitutions. The cell lines have been validated for optimal assay performance using the media indicated. For dividing cells, we recommend storing an aliquot of cells for back-up in case of contamination or loss of cell supply.

Component	DA and dividing cells	Dividing cells only		
Component	Assay Medium	Growth Medium	Thawing Medium	Freezing Medium
DMEM	99%	90%	90%	_
Dialyzed FBS (Do not substitute.)	1%	10%	10%	_
NEAA	0.1 mM	0.1 mM	0.1 mM	_
Hepes (pH 7.3)	25 mM	25 mM	25 mM	_
Penicillin (antibiotic)	100 U/mL	100 U/mL	100 U/mL	_
Streptomycin (antibiotic)	100 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	_
Recovery <sup>™</sup> Cell Culture Freezing Medium	_	—	_	100%
Hygromycin-B	—	600 µg/mL	—	_
Blasticidin	_	5 µg/mL	_	_
Geneticin <sup>™</sup> antibiotic	_	500 µg/mL	_	_

#### DA cells

#### Thawing method

Note: Once cells are thawed per the instructions below, cells must be counted and the density adjusted to the appropriate level as specified in "Assay procedure" on page 6, prior to analysis.

- 1. Rapidly thaw the vial of cells by placing at 37°C in a water bath with gentle agitation for 1–2 minutes. Do not submerge vial in water.
- 2. Decontaminate the vial by wiping with 70% ethanol before opening in a Class II biological safety cabinet.
- 3. Transfer the vial contents drop-wise into 10 mL of Assay Medium in a sterile 15-mL conical tube.
- 4. Centrifuge cells at  $200 \times g$  for 5 minutes.
- Aspirate supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in 1 mL fresh Assay Medium. (For the 1 × 384-well plate size of cells, dilute in 1 mL.)
- 6. Count the cells.
- Adjust the cell density with Assay Medium to the appropriate cell density as specified (see "Assay procedure" on page 6).
   For guidance on using cells in an assay, proceed to "Assay procedure" on page 6.

#### Dividing cells

#### Thawing method

Note: The cells are shipped on dry ice and may require a short recovery period before normal growth.

- 1. Place 14 mL of Thawing Medium into a T75 flask.
- 2. Place the flask in a humidified 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 15 minutes to allow the medium to equilibrate to the proper pH and temperature.
- 3. Remove the vial of cells to be thawed from liquid nitrogen, then rapidly thaw by placing the vial in a 37°C water bath with gentle agitation for 1–2 minutes. Do not submerge the vial in water.
- 4. Decontaminate the vial by wiping with 70% ethanol before opening in a Class II biological safety cabinet.
- 5. Transfer the vial contents, drop-wise, into 10 mL of Thawing Medium in a sterile 15-mL conical tube.
- 6. Centrifuge the cells at  $200 \times g$  for 5 minutes.
- 7. Aspirate the supernatant, then resuspend the cell pellet in 1 mL of fresh Thawing Medium.
- 8. Transfer the contents to the T75 tissue culture flask containing pre-equilibrated Thawing Medium, then place the flask in the humidified 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator.
- 9. At first passage, switch to Growth Medium.

#### Propagation method

- Passage or feed cells at least twice a week.
- Maintain cells between 5% and 95% confluence. Do not allow cells to reach confluence.
- To passage cells, aspirate medium, rinse once in PBS, add 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA (3 mL for a T75 flask, 5 mL for a T175 flask, and 7 mL for T225 flask), then swirl to coat the cells evenly. The cells usually detach after approximately 2–5 minutes exposure to 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA.
- 2. Add an equal volume of Growth Medium to inactivate 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA.
- 3. Verify under a microscope that cells have detached and clumps have completely dispersed.
- 4. Centrifuge the cells at  $200 \times g$  for 5 minutes, then resuspend in Growth Medium.

#### Freezing method

- 1. Harvest the cells as described (see "Propagation method" on page 5). After detachment, count the cells, centrifuge at  $200 \times g$  for 5 minutes, then resuspend the cells in 4°C Freeze Medium at a density of  $2 \times 10^6$  cells/mL.
- 2. Transfer 1.0-mL aliquots into cryogenic vials.
- 3. Place in an insulated container for slow cooling (we recommend Mr. Frosty<sup>™</sup> Freezing Container, Cat. No. 5100-0001), then store overnight at -80°C.
- 4. Transfer to liquid nitrogen the next day for long-term storage.

## Assay procedure

The following instructions outline the recommended procedure for determining activity of compounds as modulators of AVPR2 using LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate as the readout. If alternative substrates are used (for example, ToxBLAzer<sup>™</sup> DualScreen or LyticBLAzer<sup>™</sup> Loading kits), follow the loading protocol provided with the product.

#### Procedural guidelines

- Work on a dust-free, clean surface.
- Do not touch the bottom of the 384-well, black-wall, clear-bottom assay plate. Always handle the assay plate by the sides.
- If pipetting manually, briefly centrifuge the plate at room temperature (at 14 × g for 1 minute) after adding all assay components to ensure the reagents are on the bottom of the wells.
- Plate layouts and experimental outlines will vary. In screening mode, we recommend using at least three wells for each control: Unstimulated Control, Stimulated Control, and Cell-Free Control.
- Some solvents may affect assay performance. Assess the effects of solvents before screening. The cell stimulation procedure
  described in the following sections is carried out in the presence of 0.1% DMSO to simulate the effect that a Test Compound's
  solvent can have on the assay. If other solvents and/or solvent concentrations are used, optimize the assay conditions appropriately.

#### Quick assay reference guides

For a more detailed assay protocol, see the next section.

#### Table 6 Agonist Assay Quick Reference Guide

	Unstimulated Control wells	Stimulated Control wells	Cell-Free Control wells	Test Compound wells
Step 1: Plate cells, incubate	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)	32 μL Assay Medium (no cells)	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)
	Incubate cells at 37°C/ 5%CC	D <sub>2</sub> for 16–20 hours.		
Step 2: Add Agonist or Test Compounds	8 μL Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	8 μL 5X Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	8 μL Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	8 μL 5X Test Compounds with 0.5% DMSO
Step 3: Incubate cells	Incubate in a humidified 37°C/5% CO <sub>2</sub> incubator for 5 hours.			
<b>Step 4:</b> Prepare 6X Substrate Mixture	<ol> <li>Combine 6 µL of 1 mM LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G (CCF4-AM) (Solution A) + 60 µL of Solution B, then vortex.</li> <li>Add 904 µL of Solution C, then vortex.</li> <li>Add 30 µL of Solution D, then vortex.</li> </ol>			
<b>Step 5:</b> Add Substrate Mixture	Add 8 µL per well.			
<b>Step 6:</b> Incubate Substrate Mixture with cells	Incubate at room temperature for 2 hours in the dark.			
Step 7: Detect activity	See "Detection" on page 9.			
Step 8: Analyze data	See "Data analysis" on page 9.			

#### Table 7 Antagonist Assay Quick Reference Guide

	Unstimulated Control wells	Stimulated Control wells	Antagonist Control wells	Cell-Free Control wells	Test Compound wells
Step 1: Plate cells, incubate	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)	32 µL Assay Medium (no cells)	32 µL cells in Assay Medium (10,000 cells/well)
	Incubate cells at 37°C/ 5	5%CO <sub>2</sub> for 16–20 hours.			
<b>Step 2:</b> Add Antagonist or Test Compounds, incubate	4 μL Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL 10X Antagonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL 10X Test Compounds in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO
	Incubate plate with Antagonist for 30 minutes before proceeding.				
Step 3: Add Agonist	4 μL Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL 10X Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL 10X Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL 10X Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO	4 μL 10X Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO
Step 4: Incubate cells	Incubate in a humidified 37°C/5% CO <sub>2</sub> incubator for 5 hours.				
<b>Step 5:</b> Prepare 6X Substrate Mixture	<ol> <li>Combine 6 µL of 1 mM LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G (CCF4-AM) (Solution A) + 60 µL of Solution B, then vortex.</li> <li>Add 904 µL of Solution C, then vortex.</li> <li>Add 30 µL of Solution D, then vortex.</li> </ol>				
Step 6: Add Substrate Mixture	Add 8 µL per well.				
Step 7: Incubate Substrate Mixture with cells	Incubate at room temperature for 2 hours in the dark.				
Step 8: Detect activity	See "Detection" on page 9.				
Step 9: Analyze data	See "Data analysis" on page 9.				

#### Detailed assay protocol

Plate cells

- 1. Thaw DA cells/harvest dividing cells, then resuspend in Assay Medium to a density of 312,500 cells/mL.
- Add 32 µL per well of Assay Medium to the Cell-Free Control wells. Add 32 µL per well of the cell suspension to the Test Compound wells, the Unstimulated Control wells, and Stimulated Control wells.
- 3. Incubate cells at 37°C/ 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 16–20 hours.
- 4. Proceed to the appropriate assay procedure.
  - For the Agonist assay—see "Agonist assay plate setup" on page 7.
  - For the Antagonist assay—see "Antagonist assay plate setup" on page 8.

#### Agonist assay plate setup

This section provides directions for performing an Agonist assay. See the next section for performing an Antagonist assay.

- 1. Prepare a stock solution of 0.5% DMSO in Assay Medium.
- 2. Prepare a 5X stock of Test Compounds in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO.
- 3. Prepare a 5X stock of Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO.

Note: We recommend running a dose response curve to determine the optimal concentration of the Agonist solution.

- 4. Add 8 µL of Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO (prepared in step 1) to the Unstimulated Control and Cell-Free Control wells.
- 5. Add 8  $\mu L$  of the 5X Agonist stock solution to the Stimulated Control wells.

- 6. Add 8 µL of the 5X Test Compound stock solution to the Test Compound wells.
- Incubate the Agonist assay plate in a humidified 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 5 hours. Then proceed to "Substrate preparation, loading, and incubation" on page 8.

Antagonist assay plate setup

This section provides directions for performing an Antagonist assay. See the previous section for performing an Agonist assay.

- 1. Prepare a stock solution of 0.5% DMSO in Assay Medium.
- 2. Prepare a 10X stock of Test Compounds in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO.
- 3. Prepare a 10X stock of Agonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO.

Note: We recommend running a dose response curve to determine the optimal Agonist concentration. For Antagonist assays, we recommend stimulating cells initially with an Agonist concentration in the  $EC_{50}$ - $EC_{80}$  range.

4. Prepare a 10X stock of Antagonist in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO.

Note: We recommend running a dose response curve to determine the optimal inhibition concentration for the Antagonist solution.

- 5. Add 4  $\mu$ L of the 10X Test Compound stock solution to the Test Compound wells.
- Add 4 μL of the stock solution of 0.5% DMSO in Assay Medium to the Stimulated Control wells, the Unstimulated Control wells, and the Cell-Free Control wells.
- 7. Add 4 µL of the 10X Antagonist stock solution in Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO to the Antagonist Control wells.
- (Optional) If desired, incubate the Test Compounds with the cells in a humidified 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator before proceeding. A 30minute incubation is typically sufficient.
- Add 4 μL of the 10X Agonist stock solution to the Test Compound wells, the Stimulated Control wells, and the Antagonist Control wells.
- 10. Add 4 µL of Assay Medium with 0.5% DMSO (prepared in step 1) to the Unstimulated Control and Cell-Free Control wells.
- 11. Incubate the Antagonist assay plate in a humidified 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 5 hours. Then proceed to "Substrate preparation, loading, and incubation" on page 8.

#### Substrate preparation, loading, and incubation

This protocol is designed for loading cells with LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate Mixture (CCF4-AM) Substrate Mixture. If you use alternative substrates, follow the loading protocol provided with the substrate.

**IMPORTANT!** Prepare LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate Mixture (CCF4-AM) Substrate Mixture and load cells in the absence of direct, strong lighting. Turn off the light in the hood.

1. Prepare Solution A: 1 mM LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate (CCF4-AM) Substrate Mixture in dry DMSO by adding 912 μL of DMSO per mg of dry substrate. Store aliquots of the stock solution at −20°C until use.

Note: The molecular weight of the LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate (CCF4-AM) is 1096 g/mol.

- 2. Prepare 6X Substrate Mixture.
  - a. Add 6  $\mu$ L of Solution A to 60  $\mu$ L of Solution B, then vortex.
  - b. Add 904  $\mu L$  of Solution C to the above solution, then vortex.
  - c. Add 30  $\mu$ L of Solution D to the above solution, then vortex.
- 3. Remove the assay plate from the humidified  $37^{\circ}C/5\%$  CO<sub>2</sub> incubator.

Note: Handle the plate gently. Do not touch the bottom of the assay plate.

4. Add 8 µL of 6X Substrate Mixture to each well.

- 5. Cover the plate to protect it from light and prevent evaporation.
- 6. Incubate at room temperature for 2 hours.

#### Detection

Measure fluorescence at room temperature from the bottom of the wells.

Before reading the plate, use compressed air to remove any dust from the bottom of the plate.

Instrumentation, filters, and plates

- Use a fluorescence plate reader with bottom-reading capabilities.
- Use the following recommended filters for the fluorescence plate reader:
  - Excitation filter: 409/20 nm
  - Emission filter: 460/40 nm
  - Emission filter: 530/30 nm

#### Read an assay plate

- 1. Set the fluorescence plate reader to bottom-read mode with optimal gain and 5 reads.
- 2. Allow the lamp in the fluorescence plate reader to warm up for at least 10 minutes before making measurements.
- 3. Use the following filter selections.

	Scan 1 <sup>[1]</sup>	Scan 2 <sup>[2]</sup>
Excitation filter	409/20 nm	409/20 nm
Emission filter	460/40 nm	530/30 nm

<sup>[1]</sup> Measures fluorescence in the Blue channel.

<sup>[2]</sup> Measures FRET signal in the Green channel.

# Data analysis

#### Subtract the background, then calculate the emission ratio

We recommend subtracting the background for both emission channels (460 nm and 530 nm).

- 1. Use the assay plate layout to identify the location of the Cell-Free Control wells. These control wells are used for background subtraction.
- 2. Determine the average emission from the Cell-Free Control wells at both 460 nm (Average Blue Background) and 530 nm (Average Green Background).
- 3. Subtract the Average Blue Background from all of the Blue emission data.
- 4. Subtract the Average Green Background from all of the Green emission data.
- 5. Calculate the Blue/Green Emission Ratio for each well by dividing the background-subtracted Blue emission values by the background-subtracted Green emission values.

Visual observation of intracellular beta-lactamase activity using LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate (CCF4-AM)

**Note:** Microscopic visualization of cells will cause photobleaching. Always read the assay plate in the fluorescence plate reader before performing microscopic visualization.

An inverted microscope equipped for epifluorescence and with either a xenon or mercury excitation lamp can be used to view the LiveBLAzer<sup>™</sup>-FRET B/G Substrate (CCF4-AM) signal in cells. To visually inspect the cells, you will need a long-pass filter passing blue and green fluorescence light, so that your eye can visually identify whether the cells are fluorescing green or blue.

The following recommended filter set for observing beta-lactamase activity is available from Chroma Technology (www.chroma.com).

#### Chroma Complete Filter Set (41031):

- Excitation filter-HQ405/20x (405 ± 10)
- Dichroic mirror-425 DCXR
- Emission filter-HQ435LP (435 long-pass)

Filter sizes vary for specific microscopes and need to be specified when the filters are ordered. For epifluorescence microscopes, a long-pass dichroic mirror is needed to separate excitation and emission light and should be matched to the excitation filter (to maximally block the excitation light around 405 nm, yet allow good transmission of the emitted light).

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