



## A549-GFP-luc

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*Instruction manual*

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### [ DESCRIPTION ]

A549 is an epithelial cell that was isolated from the lung of a 58-year-old, White male with carcinoma. A549 cells are widely used in cancer research. A549-GFP-luc cells carry GFP and luciferase genes through lentiviral transfection, and can stably express firefly luciferase and green fluorescent protein. The cell line was stable and could be cultured for 30 generations without adding antibiotics. It can be used as a positive control in the detection of firefly luciferase activity, and can also be used in live animal imaging experiments.

**Synonyms:** A549-GFP-luc; A549-GFP-LUC; A549/GFP/LUC; A549/GFP/luc

#### I. Introduction

**Host Cell:** A549

**Plasmid vector:** pLVX-Luc2-P2A-AcGFP1-puro

**Target Gene / Reporter(s):** Green Fluorescent Protein; Firefly Luciferase

**Resistance gene:** Puromycin

**Stability:** 30 passages(in-house test, that not means the cell line will be instable beyond the passages we tested.)

#### II. Description of Host Cell Line

**Organism:** Homo sapiens, human

**Tissue Source:** Lung

**Disease:** Carcinoma

**Gender:** Male

**Cell Type:** Epithelial

**Growth Properties:** Adherent

### [ PROPERTIES ]

**Cell activity:** >85% (Viability by Trypan Blue Exclusion).

**Formulation:** Frozen 1 mL or T25 flask.

**Biosafety:** Negative for HIV-1, HBV, HCV, mycoplasma, bacteria, yeast and fungi.

**Applications:** For research use only. It is not approved for human or animal use, or for application in clinical diagnostic procedures.

**Size:** >5×10<sup>5</sup>cell/vial



## [ STORAGE ]

Upon receiving, check all containers for leakage or breakage. directly and immediately transfer the cells from dry ice to liquid nitrogen and keep the cells in liquid nitrogen until they are needed for experiments.

**Form & Buffer:** Supplied as solution form in frozen stock solution, containing 90%FBS+10%DMSO.

**Storage conditions:** liquid nitrogen

## [ USAGE ]

### **Culture conditions:**

Complete growth medium: DMEM+10%FBS+1%Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution+3µg/ml Puromycin

Temperature: 37°C

Condition: 95% air, 5% carbon dioxide

### **Resistance screening:**

1. The cell was stably transfected with GFP+luc, and its fluorescence intensity gradually decreased with the increase of cell passage times. If the fluorescence intensity needs to be maintained, puromycin can be added for re-screening. The screening concentration of puromycin was 3µg/ml.
2. It is recommended to pass the cells for at least 3 generations after receiving them, and then screen them after freezing and retaining the species.
3. For initial cell screening, it is recommended to add complete medium with a final concentration of 1µg/ml puromycin for maintenance culture of 2-3 days. The concentration of puromycin was gradually increased to a maximum drug concentration of 3µg/ml, and the culture was maintained.

### **Cell recovery:**

1. Thaw the vial by gentle agitation in a 37°C water bath. To reduce the possibility of contamination, keep the cap out of the water. The thawing time is about 2 minutes.
2. Remove the vial from the water bath as soon as the contents are thawed, and decontaminate by spraying with 75% ethanol. All of the operations from this point on should be carried out under strict aseptic conditions.
3. Transfer the vial contents to a centrifuge tube containing 9.0mL complete culture medium, and centrifuge at approximately 1000 rpm for 5 minutes.
4. Resuspend cell pellet with the recommended complete medium . and dispense into a T25 culture flask.
5. Incubate the culture at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in a suitable incubator.

### **Cell passage:**

1. Cell passage when cell growth at 85-95%.
2. Remove and discard culture medium and wash with PBS 1-2 times.
3. Add 1.0 mL of Trypsin-EDTA solution to flask and observe cells under an inverted microscope until cell layer is dispersed (usually within 2 to 3 minutes. Cells that are difficult to detach may be placed at 37°C to facilitate dispersal). Stop digestion by adding 2-3 ml of complete medium containing 10% serum. Make it a single cell suspension.



4. Add the fresh medium to resuspend the cells. Unless otherwise stated, the recommended ratio of primary cells is 1/3-1/4.

**[ Shipping ]**

Dry ice.

**[ IMPORTANTNOTE ]**

1. This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic use.
2. To insure the highest level of viability, thaw the vial and initiate the culture as soon as possible upon receipt. If upon arrival, continued storage of the frozen culture is necessary, it should be stored in liquid nitrogen vapor phase and not at -70°C. Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability.
3. After cell recovery, please take regular microscopic examination and photos to record the growth status of cells.
4. Read the instructions carefully, and keep and operate in strict accordance with the instructions. If you observe abnormalities or have questions about cell culture operations, please contact us in time.

**[ Figure ]**

1. A549-GFP-luc cells screened by puromycin could still stably express GFP at a high level after 30 generations of continuous culture in complete medium without puromycin, and there was no significant difference in cell morphology between A549-GFP-luc cells and untransfected cells.

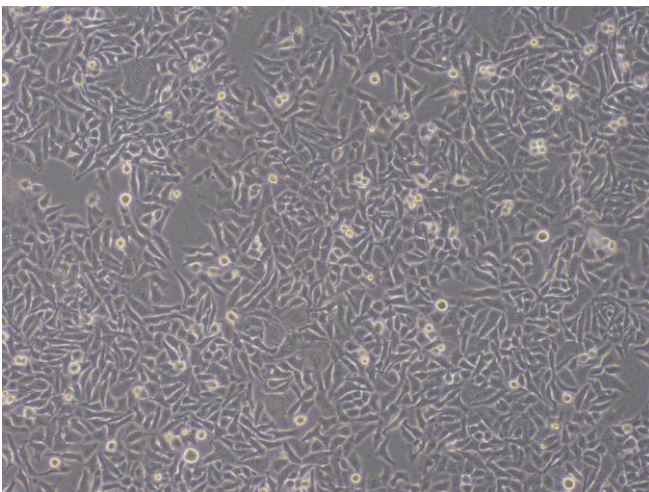


Figure 1

Figure 1 Morphology of A549-GFP-luc (Optical microscope,100x)

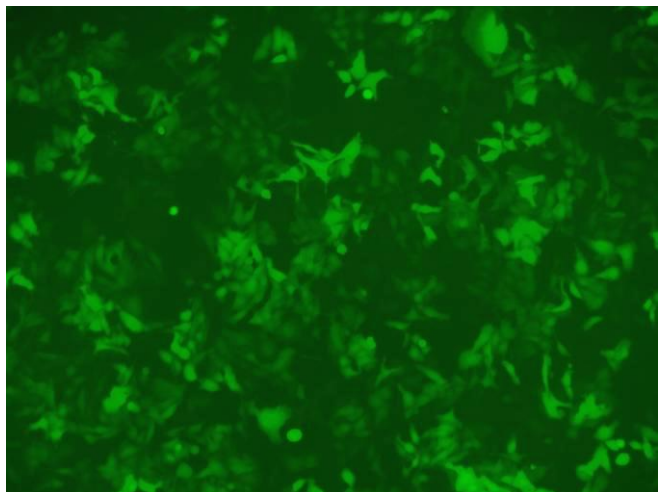


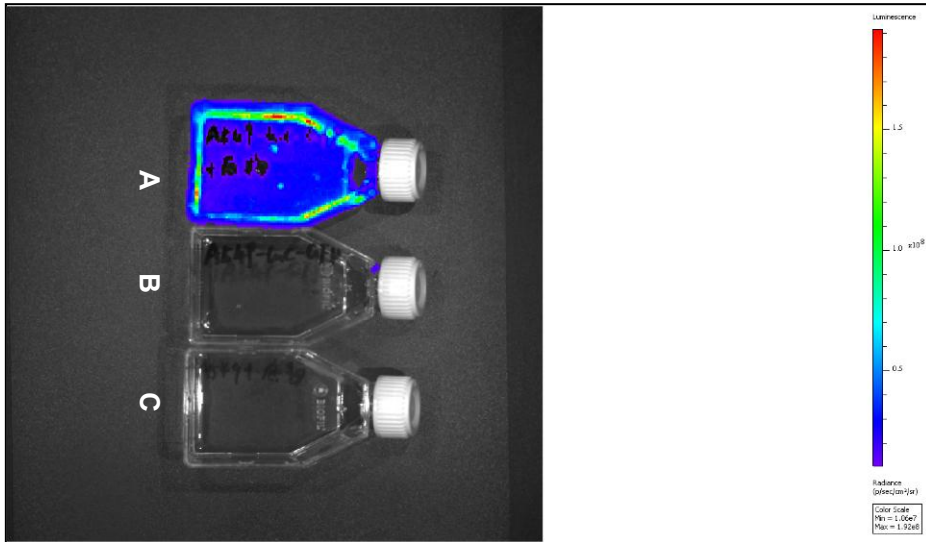
Figure 2

Figure 2 Morphology of A549-GFP-luc (Fluorescence microscope,100x)



## 2. Assay of luciferase activity in vitro

A549 and A549-GFP-luc cells were taken, supernatant medium was removed, and 2ml of D-Luciferin working solution was added into the cells respectively. The luminescence was detected and image analysis was performed. The results showed that A549-GFP-luc cells could stably and highly express luciferase.



- A: A549-GFP-luc+D-Luciferin, Sodium Salt
- B: A549-GFP-luc+PBS
- C: A549+D-Luciferin, Sodium Salt

Figure 3 Bioluminescence in vitro of A549-GFP-luc