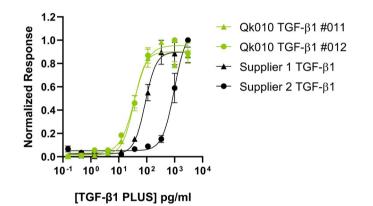
# Qkine animal origin-free TGF-β1 PLUS

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## Technote

### TGF-β1 PLUS (Qk010)



Transforming growth factor beta-1 (TGF- $\beta$ 1) is a common component of human pluripotency maintenance media. However, as TGF- $\beta$ 1 is a highly complex protein, it is difficult to manufacture in microbial expression systems.

Qk010 TGF- $\beta1$  PLUS is the world's first animal origin-free TGF- $\beta1$ , manufactured for highly reproducible results.

#### **TGF-β1 Bioactivity**

TGF- $\beta$ 1 PLUS (Qk010) was bioactive in a quantitative luciferase assay with an EC50 of 1.4 pM (lots #011 and #012).

This was more bioactive compared to mammalian expressed TGF- $\beta$ 1 from alternative suppliers, which had EC50s of 3.5 pM (supplier 1) and 38 pM (supplier 2).

TGF- $\beta$ 1 PLUS shows exceptional lot-to-lot consistency, providing a reliable source of highly active TGF- $\beta$ 1.

Qkine animal origin-free TGF- $\beta$ 1 PLUS was shown to be more bioactive than mammalian expressed alternatives. Qkine recombinant proteins are more cost effective, highly pure and animal origin-free, giving exceptional lot-to-lot consistency in bioactivity for long-term reproducible culture of stem cells.

#### Qkine TGF- $\beta$ 1 PLUS was found to be more bioactive than TGF- $\beta$ 1 from alternative suppliers.

Bioactivity was determined using a TGF-β1-responsive (CAGA) firefly luciferase reporter in transiently transfected HEK293T cells. Cells were treated with a serial dilution of TGF-β1 PLUS (Qk010, green) or TGF-β1 from two alternative supplier (black) for 6 hours in triplicate. Firefly luciferase activity was measured and normalized to the control, Renilla luciferase.

