## Validation data for Cholesterol Crystals

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Cholesterol crystals are the hallmark of atherosclerosis. They strongly stimulate the NLRP3 inflammasome-dependent induction of pro-inflammatory cytokines, including interleukin  $1\beta$  (IL- $1\beta$ ). The ability of InvivoGen's cholesterol crystals to induce the NLRP3 inflammasome has been validated using THP1-Null2 and THP1 KO-NLRP3 cells. The production and release of IL- $1\beta$  was measured using HEK-Blue<sup>M</sup> IL- $1\beta$  cells. The treatment with cholesterol crystals induced IL- $1\beta$  secretion in a dose-dependent manner (Figure 2).

## Microscopic evaluation of cholesterol crystals

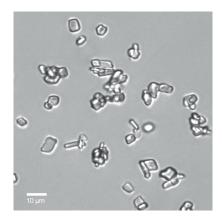


Figure 1. Microscopic analysis of Cholesterol Crystals. Cholesterol crystal particles resuspended in sterile water.

## NLRP3 inflammasome activation by cholesterol crystals

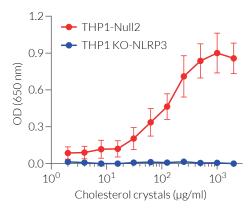


Figure 2. NLRP3-dependent IL-1 $\beta$  secretion upon treatment with cholesterol crystals. THP1-Null2 and THP1 KO-NLRP3 cells were primed for 3 hours with LPS-EK (1 µg/ml) prior to incubation with increasing concentrations of cholesterol crystals. After overnight incubation, the IL-1 $\beta$  secretion was assessed in the culture supernatant using HEK-Blue<sup>TM</sup> IL-1 $\beta$  sensor cells and the SEAP detection reagent QUANTI-Blue<sup>TM</sup> Solution. Data is shown as optical density (OD) at 650 nm (mean  $\pm$  SD).



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