

### **Cell line choice justification:**

The HEK293 cell line has been extensively used to study the cellular and molecular processes induced by GPCRs due to many desirable characteristics like possessing a high growth rate, a complete machinery for incorporating post-translational modifications into GPCRs and are a powerful vehicle for the expression of recombinant proteins due to their high transfection efficiency [61]. In our laboratory we have characterized at different levels the functions of Lphns using HEK293 cells as a heterologous model given that this cell line does not express functional latrophilins or any of their known ligands which makes them suitable to evaluate the effects induced by the expression of this family of aGPCRs [29-31]. Using HEK293 cells, we have characterized the effects of Lphn3 on actin cytoskeleton remodeling, resulting in our group reporting a distinct function of this receptor on the different actin-dependent extensions such as filopodia, lamellipodia and blebs as well as their coupling to G proteins. Interestingly HEK293 express epithelial and mesenchymal protein markers that are regulated during the epithelial-mesenchymal transition process where the involvement of the actin cytoskeleton is also crucial for carcinogenesis [65,66]. The HEK293 cell line has also been used as a model to evaluate pro-oncogenic characteristics induced by genes related to carcinogenesis [67,68]. In view of existing antecedents, the use of HEK293 cells solidifies our understanding of Lphn3 cancer-associated mutations in cellular events such as adhesion, signaling and migration, all of which actively involves the actin cytoskeleton and which undergo a strict regulation in oncogenesis. Therefore, we consider that the use of this cell line is justified and can be viewed as a tried-and-true system for the study of GPCRs.

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