

Figure S1. Characterization of stable cell lines overexpressing different c-FLIP isoforms. (A) Total cellular lysates of HeLa wt, HeLa-CD95, HeLa-CD95-F_L, HeLa-CD95-p22, and HeLa-CD95-F_R cells were analyzed by Western blotting with antibodies against CD95 (C20), caspase-8 (C15), c-FLIP (NF6), FADD (1C4), and actin. (B) HeLa wt, HeLa-CD95, HeLa-CD95-F_L, and HeLa-CD95-F_R cells were labeled with anti-APO-1 antibody or isotype control antibody. CD95 expression was determined with flow cytometry. (C) Processing of procaspase-8 at the DISC of HeLa-CD95-F_R cells is impaired. HeLa-CD95-F_R cells were stimulated with 1 µg/ml LZ-CD95L for the indicated time points. CD95 DISCs were immunoprecipitated (IP) using anti-APO-1 antibodies and analyzed along with total cellular lysates using Western blotting with antibodies against caspase-8 (C15), c-FLIP (NF6), and CD95 (C20). (D) c-FLIP_L exhibits the same procaspase-8-activating effect in an independent HeLa-CD95-F_L clone. HeLa-CD95 and HeLa-CD95-F_L cells were stimulated with the indicated amounts of LZ-CD95L for 20 min. CD95 DISCs were immunoprecipitated using anti-APO-1 antibodies and analyzed along with total cellular lysates using Western blotting with antibodies against caspase-8 (C15), c-FLIP (NF6), and CD95 (C20).

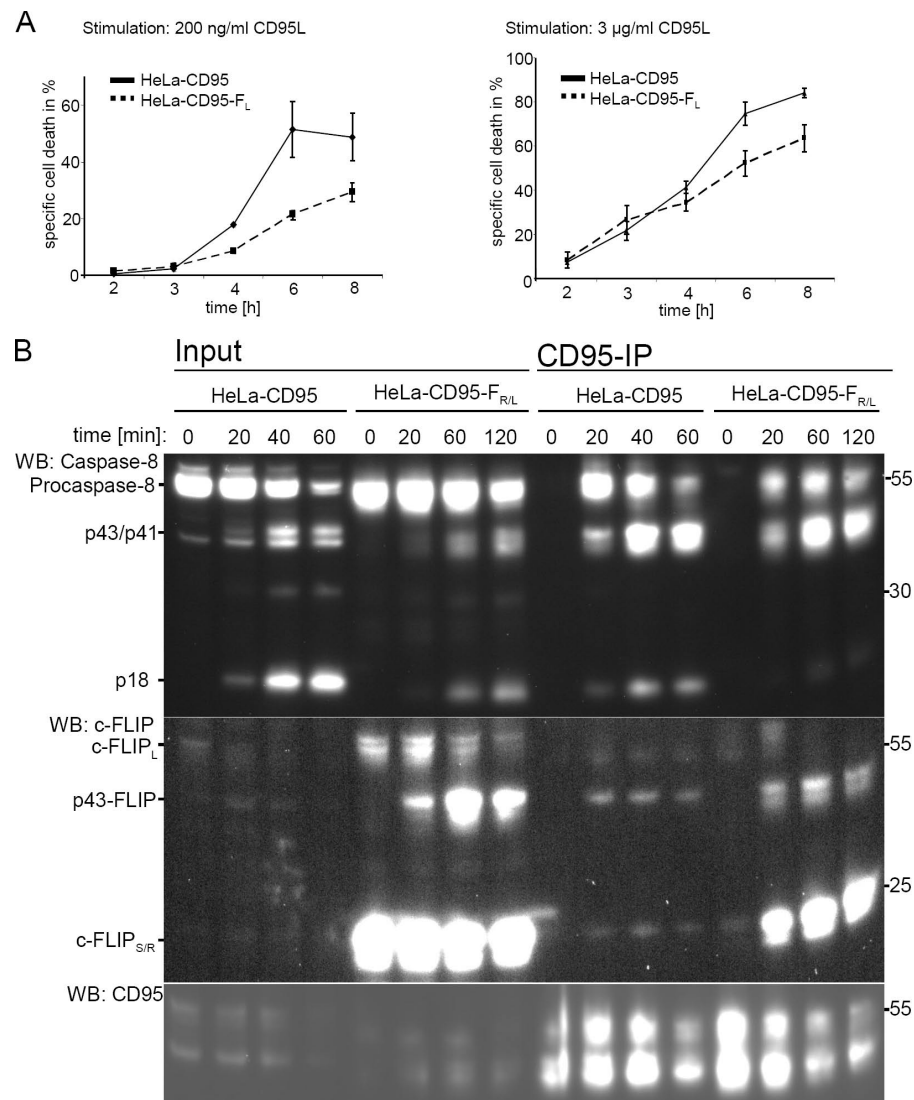


Figure S2. **Effect of c-FLIP_L on procaspase-8 processing and cell death.** (A) HeLa-CD95 and HeLa-CD95-FL cells were stimulated with 200 ng/ml (left) or 3 µg/ml (right) CD95L. Cell death was measured with PI stain at various time points after stimulation. Mean and SEM of three independent experiments are shown. (B) HeLa-CD95 and HeLa-CD95-FL cells were stimulated with 3 µg/ml LZ-CD95L for the indicated time points. CD95 DISCs were immunoprecipitated (IP) using anti-APO-1 antibodies and analyzed along with total cellular lysates using Western blotting (WB) with antibodies against caspase-8 (C15), c-FLIP (NF6), and CD95 (C20). One representative experiment out of three is shown. White lines indicate that intervening lanes have been spliced out.

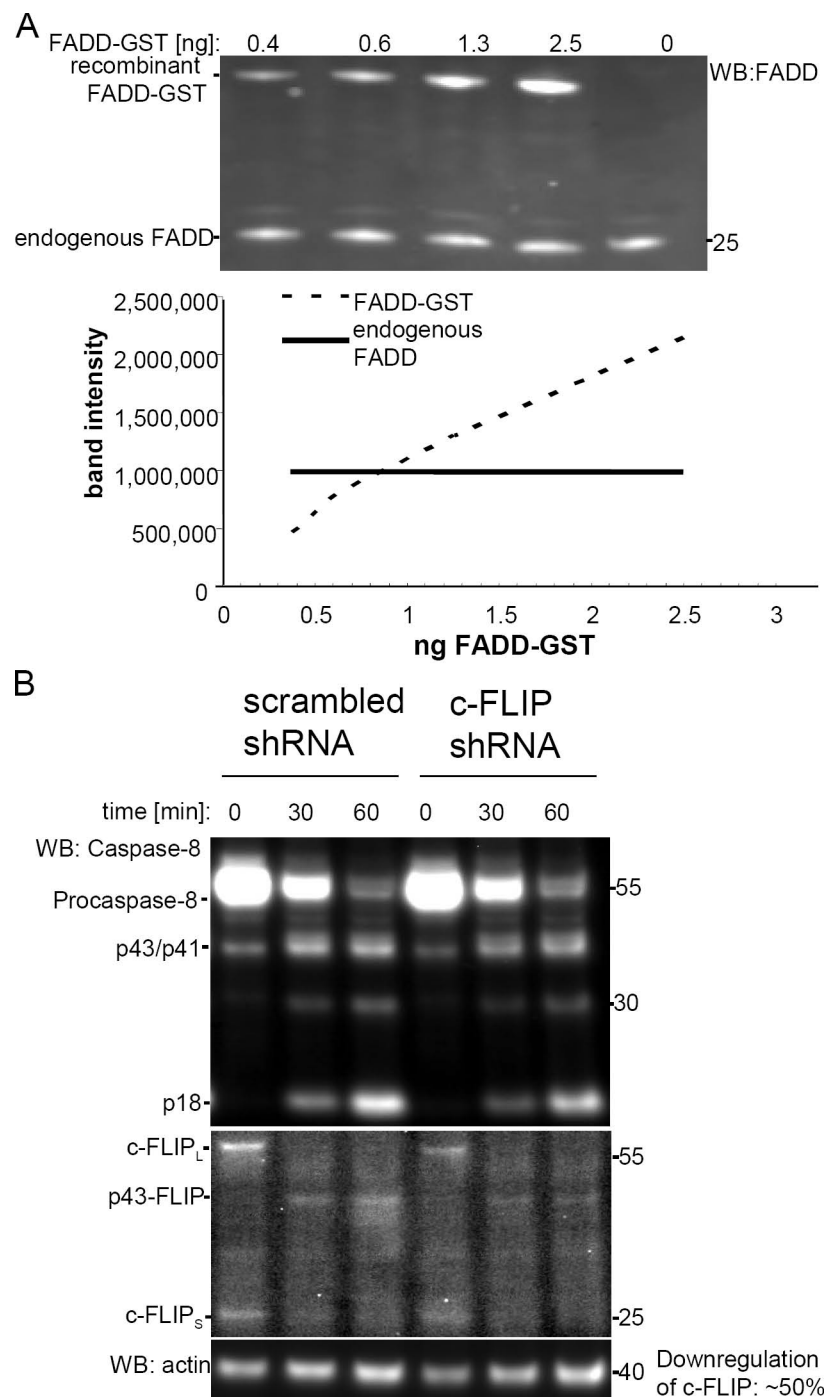


Figure S3. **Protein quantification with Western blots and the effect of c-FLIP down-regulation in HeLa-CD95 cells.** (A) Lysates from HeLa cells were loaded on a 4–12% Bis-Tris gel together with increasing amounts of recombinant FADD-GST (top). A Western blot (WB) against FADD (1C4 antibody) was performed, and intensities of the bands were measured. The amount of endogenous protein in comparison with recombinant protein was determined (bottom). (B) HeLa-CD95 cells were transfected with 1.5 µg pSilencer 3.1-H1 plasmid encoding c-FLIP shRNA or scrambled shRNA. 48 h after transfection, cells were stimulated with 3 µg/ml LZ-CD95L, and total cellular lysates were analyzed using Western blot with antibodies against caspase-8 (C15), c-FLIP (NF6), and actin. White lines indicate that intervening lanes have been spliced out.

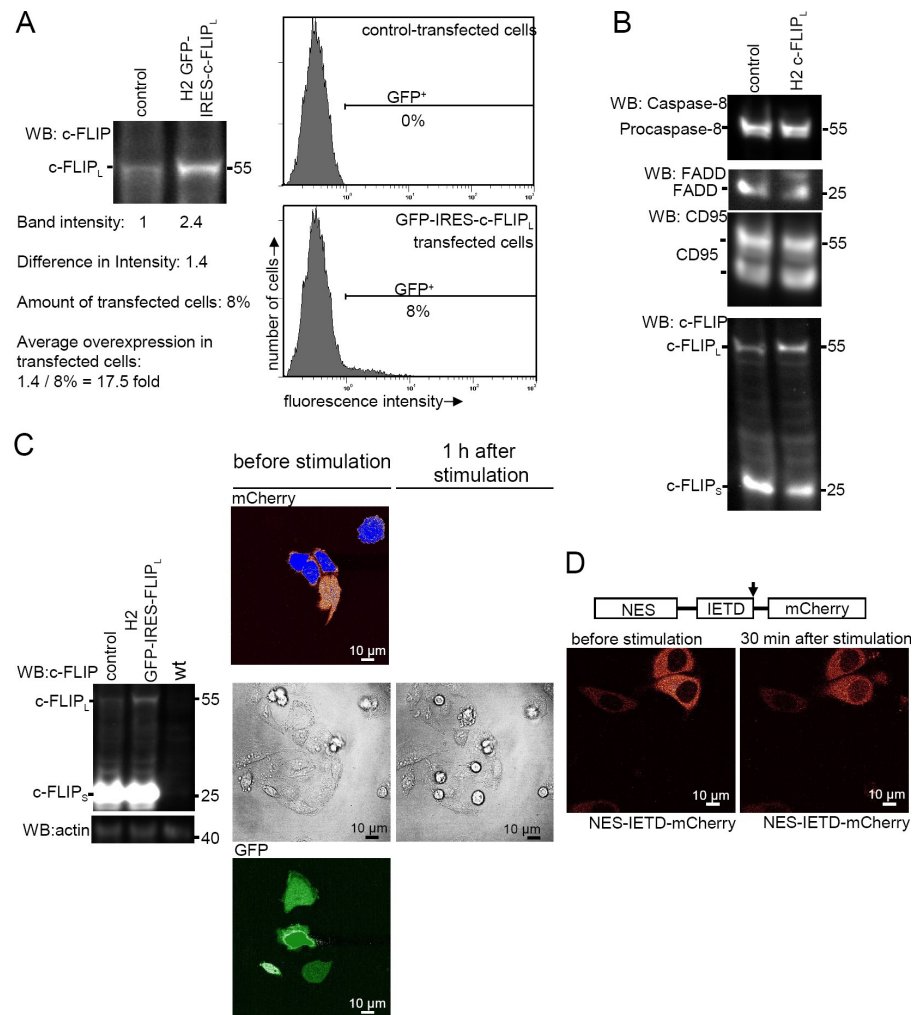


Figure S4. Live cell imaging of HeLa-CD95 cells. (A) Transfection with an H2 GFP-IRES-c-FLIP_L plasmid leads to an ~20-fold c-FLIP_L overexpression. HeLa-CD95 cells were transfected with 1.5 µg of an H2 GFP-IRES-c-FLIP_L or empty control plasmid. The amount of c-FLIP_L overexpression was estimated with quantitative Western blotting (WB). The percentage of transfected cells was determined by flow cytometry. (B) Transfection with an H2 GFP-IRES-c-FLIP_L plasmid did not influence CD95, caspase-8, or FADD expression. HeLa-CD95 cells were transfected with 1.5 µg of an H2 GFP-IRES-c-FLIP_L or empty control plasmid. Total cellular lysates were analyzed by Western blotting against CD95 (C20), caspase-8 (C15), c-FLIP (NF6), and FADD (1C4) 48 h after transfection. White lines indicate that intervening lanes have been spliced out. (C) Analysis of cell death with live cell imaging. HeLa cells were transfected with an H2 GFP-IRES-c-FLIP_L, CMV c-FLIP_L-IRES-GFP, or mCherry-encoding control plasmid. At the beginning of an experiment, fluorescence images were taken to determine transfected cells. GFP⁺ and mCherry⁺ cells were followed in time-lapse microscopy. Cell death of GFP⁺ and mCherry⁺ cells was measured with live cell imaging. (D) The NES-IETD-mCherry caspase-8 activity probe is shown. (top) Scheme of the caspase-8 activity probe. The probe is a fusion protein consisting of an NES followed by the caspase-8 cleavage sequence IETD fused to mCherry. The arrow indicates the caspase-8 cleavage site. (bottom) HeLa cells were transfected with an NES-IETD-mCherry caspase-8 activity probe. This probe resides in the cytoplasm of unstimulated cells. When cleaved by caspase-8, mCherry is free to translocate to the nucleus. mCherry translocation to the nucleus was measured with confocal time-lapse microscopy.

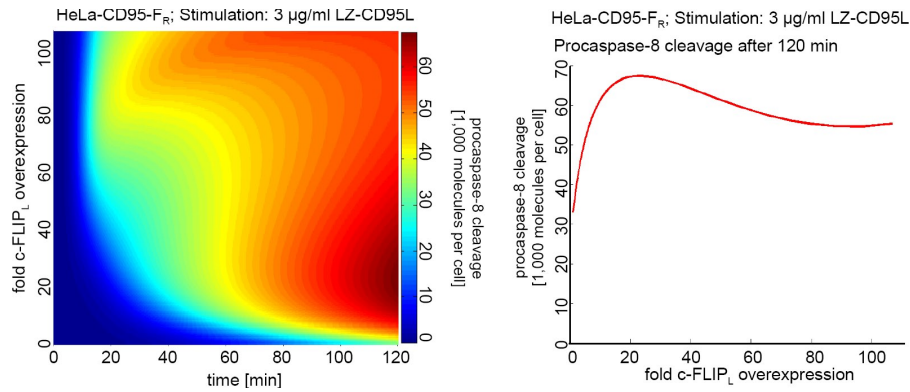


Figure S5. **The model predicts an increase in procaspase-8 processing upon c-FLIP_L overexpression in HeLa-CD95-F_R cells.** (left) Prediction of the amount of procaspase-8 processing depending on time and the amount of c-FLIP_L at a stimulation with 3 µg/ml CD95L in HeLa-CD95-F_R cells. The number of cleaved procaspase-8 molecules is given in thousands of molecules per cell. (right) Prediction of the amount of procaspase-8 processing dependent on the amount of c-FLIP_L after 120 min of stimulation with 3 µg/ml CD95L in HeLa-CD95-F_R cells.

Table S1. **Mean protein numbers per cell in HeLa-CD95 and c-FLIP-overexpressing HeLa-CD95 cells**

Cell type	FADD	c-FLIP _{R/S}	c-FLIP _L	Pro-caspase-8
HeLa-CD95	130,000 ± 14,000	530 ± 100	320 ± 80	250,000 ± 25,000
HeLa-CD95-F _L	130,000 ± 14,000	530 ± 100	32,000 ± 4,000	250,000 ± 25,000
HeLa-CD95-F _R	130,000 ± 14,000	90,000 ± 10,000	320 ± 80	250,000 ± 25,000

***** MODEL NAME

CD95 signaling model

***** MODEL NOTES

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***** MODEL STATES

$d/dt(\text{CD95L}) = -\text{RCD95LBindCD95R}$

$d/dt(\text{CD95R}) = -\text{RCD95LBindCD95R}$

$d/dt(\text{FADD}) = -\text{RFADDBindCD95RL}$

$d/dt(\text{C8}) = -\text{RC8BindCD95FADD} + \text{RFADDC8Dissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{FL}) = -\text{RFLBindCD95FADD}$

$d/dt(\text{FS}) = -\text{RFSBindCD95FADD} + \text{RFADDFSDissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{CD95RL}) = \text{RCD95LBindCD95R} - \text{RFADDBindCD95RL}$

$d/dt(\text{CD95FADD}) = \text{RFADDBindCD95RL} - \text{RC8BindCD95FADD} - \text{RFLBindCD95FADD} - \text{RFSBindCD95FADD} + 2 \times (\text{Rp43homodimerCleavep43homodimer} + \text{Rp43heterodimerCleavep43homodimer}) + \text{RFADDFSDissociate} + \text{RFADDC8Dissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{FADDC8}) = \text{RC8BindCD95FADD} - 2 \times \text{RFADDC8BindFADDC8} - \text{RFADDFLBindFADDC8} - \text{RFADDFSBindFADDC8} + 2 \times \text{RC8homodimerDissociate} + \text{RC8FSdimerDissociate} - \text{RFADDC8Dissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{FADDFL}) = \text{RFLBindCD95FADD} - \text{RFADDFLBindFADDC8}$

$d/dt(\text{FADDFS}) = \text{RFSBindCD95FADD} - \text{RFADDFSBindFADDC8} + \text{RC8FSdimerDissociate} - \text{RFADDFSDissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{C8heterodimer}) = \text{RFADDFLBindFADDC8} - \text{RC8heterodimerCleaveC8heterodimer} - \text{RC8homodimerCleaveC8heterodimer} - \text{Rp43homodimerCleaveC8heterodimer} - \text{Rp43heterodimerCleaveC8heterodimer}$

$d/dt(\text{C8homodimer}) = \text{RFADDC8BindFADDC8} - \text{RC8homodimerCleaveC8homodimer} - \text{RC8heterodimerCleaveC8homodimer} - \text{Rp43homodimerCleaveC8homodimer} - \text{Rp43heterodimerCleaveC8homodimer} - \text{RC8homodimerDissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{C8FSdimer}) = \text{RFADDFSBindFADDC8} - \text{RC8FSdimerDissociate}$

$d/dt(\text{p43heterodimer}) = \text{RC8heterodimerCleaveC8heterodimer} + \text{RC8homodimerCleaveC8heterodimer} + \text{Rp43homodimerCleaveC8heterodimer} + \text{Rp43heterodimerCleaveC8heterodimer}$

$d/dt(\text{p43homodimer}) = \text{RC8heterodimerCleaveC8homodimer} + \text{RC8homodimerCleaveC8homodimer} + \text{Rp43homodimerCleaveC8homodimer} + \text{Rp43heterodimerCleaveC8homodimer} - \text{Rp43homodimerCleavep43homodimer} - \text{Rp43heterodimerCleavep43homodimer}$

$d/dt(\text{p18}) = \text{Rp43homodimerCleavep43homodimer} + \text{Rp43heterodimerCleavep43homodimer}$

$d/dt(\text{apoptosissubstrate}) = -\text{Rp43homodimerCleaveApoptosisSubstrate} - \text{Rp43heterodimerCleaveApoptosisSubstrate} - \text{Rp18CleaveApoptosisSubstrate}$

$d/dt(\text{cleavedsubstrate}) = \text{Rp43homodimerCleaveApoptosisSubstrate} + \text{Rp43heterodimerCleaveApoptosisSubstrate} + \text{Rp18CleaveApoptosisSubstrate}$

%% Protein amounts are given in thousand molecules per cell.

$\text{CD95L}(0) = 1,500$ %% amount ligand

$\text{CD95R}(0) = 170.999$ %% amount CD95

$\text{FADD}(0) = 133.165$ %% amount FADD

$\text{C8}(0) = 200.168$ %% amount Procaspase-8

$\text{FL}(0) = 0.49995$ %% amount FLIP-Long

$\text{FS}(0) = 0.422$ %% amount FLIP-Short

$\text{CD95RL}(0) = 0$ %% amount of CD95-CD95L complexes

$\text{CD95FADD}(0) = 0$ %% amount of CD95-FADD complexes

$\text{FADDC8}(0) = 0$ %% amount Procaspase-8 bound to FADD

$\text{FADDFL}(0) = 0$ %% amount c-FLIPL bound to FADD

$\text{FADDFS}(0) = 0$ %% amount c-FLIPS bound to FADD

$\text{C8heterodimer}(0) = 0$ %% amount Procaspase-8/c-FLIPL heterodimers

$\text{C8homodimer}(0) = 0$ %% amount Procaspase-8 homodimers

$\text{C8FSdimer}(0) = 0$ %% amount Procaspase-8/c-FLIPS heterodimers

$\text{p43heterodimer}(0) = 0$ %% amount p43/p41-Procaspase-8/p43-FLIP heterodimers

$\text{p43homodimer}(0) = 0$ %% amount p43/p41-Procaspase-8 homodimers

$\text{p18}(0) = 0$ %% amount p18 formed

$\text{apoptosissubstrate}(0) = 100$

$\text{cleavedsubstrate}(0) = 0$ %% amount cleaved apoptosis substrate

***** MODEL PARAMETERS

***** MODEL VARIABLES

$\text{p18total} = 2 \times \text{p18}$

$p43Casp8total = 2 \times p43homodimer + p43heterodimer$
 $procaspase8total = C8 + FADDC8 + C8heterodimer + 2 \times C8homodimer + C8FSdimer$
 $c8total = p43Casp8total + procaspase8total + 2 \times p18$
 $cleavedC8 = c8total - procaspase8total$
 $celldeath = cleavedsubstrate / 0.10875\%$ Model readout: percentage of dead cells
 ***** MODEL REACTIONS
 $RC95LBindCD95R = 7.0980e-002 \times CD95L \times CD95R$
 $RFADDBindCD95RL = 0.0844211 \times CD95RL \times FADD$
 $RC8BindCD95FADD = 0.00319838 \times CD95FADD \times C8$
 $RFLBindCD95FADD = 0.0693329 \times CD95FADD \times FL$
 $RFSBindCD95FADD = 0.0694022 \times CD95FADD \times FS$
 $RFADDC8Dissociate = 0.1 \times FADDC8$
 $RFADDFS8Dissociate = 0.08 \times FADDFS$
 $RFADDC8BindFADDC8 = 1.18581 \times FADDC8 \times FADDC8$
 $RFADDFLBindFADDC8 = 4.83692 \times FADDC8 \times FADDFL$
 $RFADDFSBindFADDC8 = 2.88545 \times FADDC8 \times FADDFS$
 $RC8FSdimerDissociate = 1 \times C8FSdimer$
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 $Rp43heterodimerCleaveApoptosisSubstrate = 1.66747e-005 \times p43heterodimer \times apoptosissubstrate$
 $Rp43homodimerCleaveApoptosisSubstrate = 6.97394e-005 \times p43homodimer \times apoptosissubstrate$
 $Rp18CleaveApoptosisSubstrate = 4.79214e-08 \times p18 \times apoptosissubstrate$
 ***** MODEL FUNCTIONS