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### Astrocyte Transfection Kit (for Astrocyte Cells)

**Catalog No. 1711** Size: 0.5 ml

**Catalog No. 1712** Size: 1.5 ml

**Catalog No. 1713** Size: 8.0 ml

#### Contents and Shipping:

Astrocyte Transfection Kit includes Astrocyte Transfection Reagent (0.5 ml / 1.5 ml / 8.0 ml), Transfection Enhancer (0.5 ml), and Complex Condenser (0.5 ml). Astrocyte Transfection Reagent is supplied in liquid form at a concentration of 0.25 mg/ml, shipped at ambient temperature.

#### Description:

Cationic lipid based reagent is a proprietary formulation optimized for transfection of DNA and RNA into Astrocyte cells.

#### Product Qualification:

Astrocyte Transfection Reagent is tested functionally by transfection of Astrocyte cells with a small interfering RNAs targeting 3 different genes (Lamin A/C, GAPDH, Cyclophilin B). Transfection Reagent is tested for absence of nuclease contamination and microbial contamination.

#### Storage:

Store reagent at 4°C upon receipt. If stored properly, reagent is stable for 6 months.

#### Intended Use:

For *in vitro* use only.

#### MSDS:

MSDS documents are available online at [www.altogen.com](http://www.altogen.com)

#### *In Vivo* Transfection Kits (for compound testing in rodents):

- Catalog #5010 / 5011 / 5012 - [Lipid \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)
- Catalog #5020 / 5021 / 5022 - [Polymer \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)
- Catalog #5030 / 5031 / 5032 - [Nanoparticle \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)
- Catalog #5040 / 5041 / 5042 - [PEG-Liposome \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)
- Catalog #5050 / 5051 / 5052 - [Pancreas \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)
- Catalog #5060 / 5061 / 5062 - [Liver \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)
- Catalog #5070 / 5071 / 5072 - [Kidney \*In Vivo\* Transfection Kit](#)

#### Transfection Controls and Recommended Products:

- Catalog #4060 - GFP-expressing plasmid DNA (25 ug)
- Catalog #4061 - Cell Cycle Arrest siRNA (5 nmol)
- Catalog #4062 - Apoptosis Inducing siRNA (5 nmol)

#### To Place an Order:

Both domestic (USA) and international orders can be placed online ([www.altogen.com](http://www.altogen.com)) using credit card payment. Purchase Order (PO) can be faxed at (702) 989-0841 (for USA only).

**Transfection Resource:** [www.altogen.com/transfection-resource](http://www.altogen.com/transfection-resource)

**Altogen Labs. GLP Compliant Pre-clinical CRO Laboratory Services:**

[www.altogenlabs.com](http://www.altogenlabs.com)

## Recommended Transfection Protocols (for 24-well plate):

<b>Astrocyte Standard Transfection Protocol (24-well plate):</b>	<b>Astrocyte Reverse Transfection Protocol (24-well plate):</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plate 7,500 - 12,000 Astrocyte cells per well in 0.5 ml of complete growth medium 12–24 hours prior to transfection</li> <li>2. Wash with 1xPBS and add 0.5 ml of fresh growth medium</li> <li>3. Prepare transfection complexes by mixing 40 µl of serum-free medium, 5.5 µl of transfection reagent, and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 750 ng DNA (or mRNA), or</li> <li>• 30 nM - 50 nM of siRNA (or microRNA)</li> </ul> <i>*Referred to a final volume including growth medium</i> </li> <li>4. Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes</li> <li>5. <u>Optional</u>: Add 2 µl of Complex Condenser. This reagent reduces the size of transfection complex, therefore increasing transfection efficiency; however it may increase cell toxicity</li> <li>6. Add prepared transfection complexes to 0.5 ml of complete growth medium with Astrocyte cells (from step 2)</li> <li>7. Incubate cells at 37°C in a humidified CO<sub>2</sub> incubator</li> <li>8. Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72 hours after transfection</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare Astrocyte cell suspension: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Trypsinize cells (0.05% Trypsin) for 3-5 minutes at 37°C</li> <li>b. Dilute in complete growth medium to 5 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/ml</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Prepare transfection complexes by mixing 40 µl of serum-free medium, 5.5 µl of transfection reagent, and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 750 ng DNA (or mRNA), or</li> <li>• 30 nM - 50 nM of siRNA (or microRNA)</li> </ul> <i>*Referred to a final volume including growth medium</i> </li> <li>3. Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes</li> <li>4. <u>Optional</u>: Add 2 µl of Complex Condenser. This reagent reduces the size of transfection complex, therefore increasing transfection efficiency; however it may increase cell toxicity</li> <li>5. Plate 15,000 - 25,000 cells per well in 0.5 ml of complete growth medium (from step #1) into culture plate</li> <li>6. Add prepared transfection complexes (from step 3 or 4)</li> <li>7. Incubate cells at 37°C in a humidified CO<sub>2</sub> incubator</li> <li>8. Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72 hours after transfection</li> </ol>
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## Scaling Up or Down Transfections:

Culture Vessel Surface Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Volume of Growth Medium (ml)	Transfection Reagent (µl)	Complex Condenser (µl)	Transfection Enhancer (µl)
96-well, 0.3 cm x cm	0.12	1.5	0.3	0.3
24-well, 2 cm x cm	0.5	5.5	2	2
12-well, 4 cm x cm	1	12	4	4
6-well, 10 cm x cm	3	35	12	12
60-mm, 20 cm x cm	5	60	20	20
10-cm, 60 cm x cm	15	180	60	60

## Optimizing Transfection:

To obtain the highest transfection efficiency, optimize transfection conditions by varying Astrocyte cell density and amount of transfection reagent. High passage of Astrocyte cells and use of antibiotics (or growth factors) may require using larger volumes of Astrocyte transfection reagent per reaction.

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