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### **Brain *In Vivo* Transfection Reagent**

Cat. No. 5090	Size: 0.25 ml	Cat. No. 5091	Size: 0.75 ml
Cat. No. 5092	Size: 2.0 ml	Cat. No. 5093	Size: 8.0 ml

#### **Contents and Shipping:**

Brain *in vivo* transfection reagent is supplied in liquid form at a concentration of 1.8 mg/ml. Shipped at ambient temperature. Transfection Enhancer reagent is supplied in liquid form at a concentration of 1 mg/ml.

#### **Description:**

Brain transfection reagent is a liposome lipid-based formulation optimized for *in vivo* administration targeting astrocytes. Brain *in vivo* transfection reagent is a proprietary, animal-origin-free formulation with high transfection efficiency of RNA (siRNA, shRNA, microRNA) and plasmid DNA (pDNA).

#### **Storage:**

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

#### **Product Qualification:**

Reagents are tested for functional activity, absence of nuclease contamination and microbial contamination.

#### **Reagent Properties:**

Transfection complexes are stable in serum for at least 16 hours.  
Efficient delivery into the brain tissue and U87 orthotopic tumor via systemic administration.  
Minimal toxicity.

#### **Recommended Modes of Administration:**

Tail vein systemic intravenous (i.v.) injection.

#### **Intended Use:**

For research use only. Not intended for any diagnostic or therapeutic use.

#### **SDS:**

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

## General Guidelines:

Handle animals and conduct experiments according to national regulations and approvals by the local IACUC and ethics committee. Please note that mouse tail vein injection may require skills, experience, and associated equipment (e.g. restraining device). All persons handling animals should be properly trained.

## Guidelines for Small RNA (siRNA, shRNA, microRNA) Administration:

Prepare siRNA stock solution in DNase- and RNase-free water.

Recommended dose of siRNA (per injection):

100-150 µg siRNA with chemical modification (resistant to nuclease degradation *in vivo*), or  
300-400 µg standard, non-modified siRNA, or  
40-50 µg of plasmid DNA

## Recommended Protocol for Systemic (iv) Administration (for 1 injection):

1. Dilute 50 µg of plasmid DNA and/or 150 µg of siRNA in 115 µl RNase-/DNase-free water. Vortex gently.
2. Add 115 µl of diluted DNA (and/or siRNA) to the sterile tube containing 25 µl Transfection Reagent.
3. Incubate for 15-20 minutes at room temperature.
4. Add 10 µl of Transfection Enhancer Reagent. Vortex gently.
5. Incubate for 1-2 minutes at room temperature.
6. Add required amount of sterile solution of 5% glucose (w/v):

Animal body weight	Transfection reagent per injection	Final injection volume (ml)
10-20 g	25 µl	0.2
20-50 g	35 µl	0.3
50-100 g	50 µl	0.4
100-150 g	100 µl	0.5
150 - 300 g	150 µl	0.6

7. Inject animals. Please note that delivery efficiency can be significantly increased by performing secondary injection (within 12-24 hours after first injection).
8. Assay for target gene expression. Maximum mRNA expression effect is typically observed 12-36 hours after injection, while maximum effect on protein level is achieved 36-72 hours post-injection.

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