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# H9C2 Transfection Protocol (Kit for Rat Embryonic Myocardium Cells, CRL-1446)

Catalog No. 6805 Size: 0.5 ml Catalog No. 6806 Size: 1.5 ml Catalog No. 7040 Size: 8.0 ml

# **Contents and Shipping:**

H9C2 Transfection Kit includes H9C2 Transfection Reagent (0.5 ml / 1.5 ml / 8.0 ml), Transfection Enhancer (0.5 ml), and Complex Condenser (0.5 ml). H9C2 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 H9C2 cells.

#### **Product Qualification:**

H9C2 Transfection Reagent is tested functionally by transfection of H9C2 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 12 months.

#### **Intended Use:**

For *in vitro* use only.

## **Safety Data Sheet (SDS):**

SDS documents are available online at https://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 (<a href="https://altogen.com">https://altogen.com</a>) using credit card payment. Purchase Order (PO) can be faxed at (702) 989-0841 (for USA only).

**Transfection Resource:** altogen.com/transfection-resource

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

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

#### **H9C2 Standard Transfection Protocol (24-well plate): H9C2** Reverse Transfection Protocol (24-well plate): 1. Plate 10,000 - 15,000 H9C2 cells per well in 0.5 ml of 1. Prepare H9C2 cell suspension: complete growth medium 12-24 hours prior to transfection a. Trypsinize cells (0.05% Trypsin) for 3-5 minutes at 37°C 2. Wash with 1xPBS and add 0.5 ml of fresh growth medium **b.** Dilute in complete growth medium to 5 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/ml 3. Prepare transfection complexes by mixing 40 µl of serum-2. Prepare transfection complexes by mixing 40 µl of serumfree medium, 5 µl of transfection reagent, and free medium, 5 µl of transfection reagent, and • 600 ng DNA (or mRNA), or • 600 ng DNA (or mRNA), or • 30 nM - 50 nM of siRNA (or microRNA) • 30 nM - 50 nM of siRNA (or microRNA) \*Referred to a final volume including growth medium \*Referred to a final volume including growth medium **4.** Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes 3. Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes 5. Optional: Add 2 µl of Complex Condenser. This reagent 4. Optional: Add 2 µl of Complex Condenser. This reagent reduces the size of transfection complex, therefore increasing reduces the size of transfection complex, therefore increasing transfection efficiency; however it may increase cell toxicity transfection efficiency; however it may increase cell toxicity **6.** Add prepared transfection complexes to 0.5 ml of **5.** Plate 20,000 - 30,000 cells per well in 0.5 ml of complete complete growth medium with H9C2 cells (from step 2) growth medium (from step #1) into culture plate 7. Incubate cells at 37°C in a humidified CO<sub>2</sub> incubator **6.** Add prepared transfection complexes (from step 3 or 4) **8.** Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72 7. Incubate cells at 37°C in a humidified CO<sub>2</sub> incubator hours after transfection **8.** Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72 hours after transfection Optional: Transfection efficiency can be increased by Optional: Transfection efficiency can be increased by addition of Transfection Enhancer reagent. Add 2 µl of addition of Transfection Enhancer reagent. Add 2 µl of Transfection Enhancer reagent 12-24 hours after transfection Transfection Enhancer reagent 12-24 hours after transfection If the viability of H9C2 cells being transfected is affected at If the viability of H9C2 cells being transfected is affected at 16 - 24 hours post-transfection, the level of cytotoxicity can 16 - 24 hours post-transfection, the level of cytotoxicity can be decreased by changing the growth medium and be decreased by changing the growth medium and eliminating redundant exposure of cells to transfectant eliminating redundant exposure of cells to transfectant

## **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	1.4	0.3	0.3
24-well, 2 cm x cm	0.5	5	2	2
12-well, 4 cm x cm	1	10	4	4
6-well, 10 cm x cm	3	30	12	12
60-mm, 20 cm x cm	5	50	20	20
10-cm, 60 cm x cm	15	160	60	60

## **Optimizing Transfection:**

To obtain the highest transfection efficiency, optimize transfection conditions by varying H9C2 cell density and amount of transfection reagent. High passage of H9C2 cells and use of antibiotics (or growth factors) may require using larger volumes of H9C2 transfection reagent per reaction.

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