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# HEK293 Transfection Protocol (Kit for Epithelial Kidney Cells, CRL-1573)

Catalog No. 1763	Size: 0.5 ml
Catalog No. 1764	Size: 1.5 ml
Catalog No. 7046	Size: 8.0 ml

## **Contents and Shipping:**

HEK293 Transfection Kit includes HEK293 Transfection Reagent (0.5 ml / 1.5 ml / 8.0 ml), Transfection Enhancer (0.5 ml), and Complex Condenser (0.5 ml). HEK293 Transfection Reagent is supplied in liquid form at a concentration of 0.3 mg/ml, shipped at ambient temperature.

## **Description:**

Two component lipid-based proprietary formulation optimized for HEK293 cells transfection.

## **Product Qualification:**

HEK293 Transfection Reagent is tested functionally by transfection of HEK293 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 (<u>https://altogen.com</u>) 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: <u>AltogenLabs.com</u>

# **Recommended Transfection Protocols (**<u>for 24-well plate</u>):

HEK293 Standard Transfection Protocol (24-well plate):	HEK293 Reverse Transfection Protocol (24-well plate):		
<b>1.</b> Plate 10,000 - 15,000 HEK293 cells per well in 0.5 ml of	1. Prepare HEK293 cell suspension:		
complete growth medium 12–24 hours prior to transfection	<b>a.</b> Trypsinize cells (0.05% Trypsin) for 3-5 minutes at 37°C		
<b>2.</b> Wash with 1xPBS and add 0.5 ml of fresh growth medium	<b>b.</b> Dilute in complete growth medium to $5 \ge 10^4$ cells/ml		
<b>3.</b> Prepare transfection complexes by mixing 40 µl of serum-	2. Prepare transfection complexes by mixing 40 µl of serum-		
free medium, 4.5 µl of transfection reagent, and	free medium, 4.5 µl of transfection reagent, and		
• 500 ng DNA (or mRNA), or	• 500 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		
<b>4.</b> Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes	<b>3.</b> Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes		
<b>5.</b> <u>Optional</u> : 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		
<b>6.</b> Add prepared transfection complexes to 0.5 ml of	<b>5.</b> Plate 20,000 - 30,000 cells per well in 0.5 ml of complete		
complete growth medium with HEK293 cells (from step 2)	growth medium (from step #1) into culture plate		
<b>7.</b> Incubate cells at $37^{\circ}$ C in a humidified CO <sub>2</sub> incubator	<b>6.</b> Add prepared transfection complexes (from step 3 or 4)		
<b>8.</b> Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72	<b>7.</b> Incubate cells at $37^{\circ}$ C in a humidified CO <sub>2</sub> incubator		
hours after transfection	<b>8.</b> 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 HEK293 cells being transfected is affected	If the viability of HEK293 cells being transfected is affected		
at 16 - 24 hours post-transfection, the level of cytotoxicity	at 16 - 24 hours post-transfection, the level of cytotoxicity		
can be decreased by changing the growth medium and	can 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	1.2	0.3	0.3
24-well, 2 cm x cm	0.5	4.5	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	150	60	60

## **Optimizing Transfection:**

To obtain the highest transfection efficiency, optimize transfection conditions by varying HEK293 cell density and amount of transfection reagent. High passage of HEK293 cells and use of antibiotics (or growth factors) may require using larger volumes of HEK293 transfection reagent per reaction.

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