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MEF Transfection Protocol (Kit for Mouse Fibroblast Cells)

Catalog No. 1797 Size: 0.5 ml

Catalog No. 1798 Size: 1.5 ml

Catalog No. 7062 Size: 8.0 ml

Contents and Shipping:

MEF Transfection Kit includes MEF Transfection Reagent (0.5 ml / 1.5 ml / 8.0 ml), Transfection Enhancer (0.5 ml), and Complex Condenser (0.5 ml). MEF Transfection Reagent is supplied in liquid form at a concentration of 0.35 mg/ml, shipped at ambient temperature.

Description:

Nanoparticle-based liposome transfection reagent is a proprietary formulation optimized for transfection of DNA and RNA into MEF cells.

Product Qualification:

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

AltogenLabs.com

Recommended Transfection Protocols (for 24-well plate):

MEF Standard Transfection Protocol (24-well plate):	MEF Reverse Transfection Protocol (24-well plate):
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plate 15,000 - 20,000 MEF cells per well in 0.5 ml of complete growth medium 12–24 hours prior to transfection 2. Wash with 1xPBS and add 0.5 ml of fresh growth medium 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"> • 750 ng DNA (or mRNA), or • 30 nM - 50 nM of siRNA (or microRNA) <i>*Referred to a final volume including growth medium</i> 4. Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes 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 6. Add prepared transfection complexes to 0.5 ml of complete growth medium with MEF cells (from step 2) 7. Incubate cells at 37°C in a humidified CO₂ incubator 8. Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72 hours after transfection 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare MEF cell suspension: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trypsinize cells (0.05% Trypsin) for 3-5 minutes at 37°C b. Dilute in complete growth medium to 5 x 10⁴ cells/ml 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"> • 750 ng DNA (or mRNA), or • 30 nM - 50 nM of siRNA (or microRNA) <i>*Referred to a final volume including growth medium</i> 3. Incubate transfection complexes at RT for 15 - 30 minutes 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 5. Plate 25,000 - 35,000 cells per well in 0.5 ml of complete growth medium (from step #1) into culture plate 6. Add prepared transfection complexes (from step 3 or 4) 7. Incubate cells at 37°C in a humidified CO₂ incubator 8. Assay for phenotype or target gene expression 48 - 72 hours after transfection
<u>Optional</u> : Transfection efficiency can be increased by addition of Transfection Enhancer reagent. Add 2 µl of Transfection Enhancer reagent 12-24 hours after transfection	<u>Optional</u> : Transfection efficiency can be increased by addition of Transfection Enhancer reagent. Add 2 µl of Transfection Enhancer reagent 12-24 hours after transfection
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Scaling Up or Down Transfections:

Culture Vessel Surface Area (cm ²)	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 MEF cell density and amount of transfection reagent. High passage of MEF cells and use of antibiotics (or growth factors) may require using larger volumes of MEF transfection reagent per reaction.

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