Lentiviral Vector Production
Streamlined gene delivery systems.

PRODUCTION METHODS

**Lentiviral Vector Construction:**
1. Clone gene of interest into a modified Lentiviral vector.
2. Purify the constructed Lentiviral vector plasmid and packaging plasmids.

**To Produce Lentiviral Particles by Transient Transfection In 10 mL Cell Culture Dish:**

1. Day 0: One day prior to the transfection, plate 293T cells in 10 mL DMEM/10% FBS at a density of 2 x 10^6 per 100-mm tissue culture plate. Incubate.
2. Day 1: On the day of transfection, change culture medium with 10 mL fresh medium 1 hour prior to the transfection.
3. Mix DNAs used for Lentiviral particle production in a sterile 6 mL polypropylene tube.
   - I. Adjust the volume to 437 µl with TE79/10.
   - II. Add 63 µl of 2 M CaCl_2 and mix well.
   - III. Add 500 µl of 2 x HBS with constant agitation.
   - IV. Sit the mixture at room temperature for 30 minutes to allow calcium phosphate-DNA to precipitate.
4. Add the precipitate by drop into tissue culture plates in which 293T cells are at least 80–90% confluent.
   
   **Tips to titer:** The cell density is critical for vector production. The best results are obtained when the plate is 90% confluent on the day of transfection. Vi-Cell for precise cell counting can help you reach the ideal cell confluence to increase titer.
5. After 6–8 hours, replace the culture medium with 6 mL fresh DMEM/10% FBS and continue the incubation.
6. Day 2–4: Collect the culture supernatant and replace by 6 mL fresh culture medium. Filter the collection through a sterile 0.4 µm syringe filter, and store at ultra-low temperature (ULT).

SUPPORTING PRODUCTS

**OPTIMA XPN-100**
with NVT rotors (100, 90, 65 & 65.5)

**MICROFUGE 16, GeXP**

**OPTIMA MAX-XP**
with MLA rotors (150 & 130) and TLA rotors (120.1 & 120.2)

**AVANTI J-26S XP**
with JA rotors (10, 14) and JLA rotors (16.250, 10.500), JA rotors (17, 20 & 25.5)

**ALLEGRA X-15R, ALLEGRA X-14, ALLEGRA X-30**

**VI-CELL**
**Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) Purifies and Concentrates Lentiviral Particles:**

1. Mix thawed collection with 40% PEG solution to a final PEG concentration of 10%. Incubate the mixture in ice for 3–6 hours.
2. Spin at 2,000 × g for 30 minutes.
3. Discard the supernatant, disperse viral particle pellet by gentle pipetting in 1/20 of the original harvest volume of PBS (Phosphate Buffered Saline) or media of your choice.
4. Place the tubes into buckets. Weigh and balance them.
5. Spin at 100,000 × g (24,500 RPM) at 4°C in a SW 32 Ti rotor for 90 minutes, in a Beckman Optima X Series ultracentrifuge.
6. Remove the supernatant by inversion of the tubes or pipetting; be careful not to dislodge the viral pellet.
7. Re-suspend the pellet in PBS or the media of your choice.
8. Pipette up and down or shake for a few minutes, if necessary, to fully dissolve the pellet.
9. Aliquot and store at desired temperature; ultra-low temperature (ULT) storage is recommended for long term.

**IMPROVED PROCESS:**

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*TLS and MLS rotors are used with the Optima MAX-XP tabletop ultracentrifuge.

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