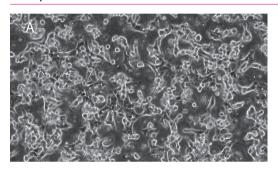
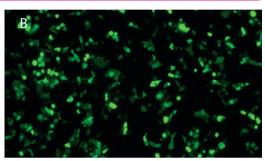
# Amaxa® Cell Line Nucleofector® Kit V

## For HCT 116

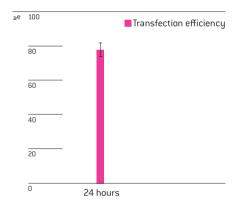
Human colorectal carcinoma; epithelial cells

#### Example for Nucleofection® of HCT 116 cells





HCT 116 cells were transfected with the Cell Line Nucleofector® Kit V, Program D-032 and 2 µg of pmaxGFP® Vector. Cells were analyzed 24 hours post Nucleofection® using light (A) and fluorescence microscopy (B).



Average transfection efficiency of HCT 116 cells. HCT 116 cells were transfected with program D-032 and 2  $\mu g$  of pmaxGFP® Vector. Cells were analyzed 24 hours post Nucleofection® by flow cytometry. Cell viability (compared to non-transfected control) is around 50% 24 hours post Nucleofection®.

## **Product Description**

Cat. No.		VCA-1003
Size (reactions)		25
Cell Line Nucleofector® Solution V		2.25 ml (2.05 ml + 10% overfill)
Supplement		0.5 ml (0.45 ml + 10% overfill)
pmaxGFP® Vector (0.5 μg/μl in 10 mM Tris pH 8.0)		30 µg
Certified cuvettes		25
Plastic pipettes		25
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Store Nucleofector® Solution, Supplement and pmaxGFP® Vector at 4°C. For long-term storage, pmaxGFP® Vector is ideally stored at -20°C. The expiration date is printed on the solution box. Once the Nucleofector® Supplement is added to the Nucleofector® Solution it is stable for three months at 4°C.

## Optimized Protocol for HCT 116 Cell Line

## **Required Material**

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Please make sure that the entire supplement is added to the Nucleofector® Solution. The ratio of Nucleofector® Solution to supplement is 4.5:1. For a single reaction use 82  $\mu$ l of Nucleofector® Solution plus 18  $\mu$ l of supplement to make 100  $\mu$ l of total reaction volume.

- Nucleofector® Device; Software requirements: version V2.3 or higher for Nucleofector® I Device; version
   S3-4 or higher for Nucleofector® II Device
- Supplemented Nucleofector® Solution at room temperature
- Supplied certified cuvettes
- Supplied plastic pipettes
- Supplied pmaxGFP® Vector
- Substrate of interest, highly purified, preferably by using endotoxin-free kits; A260: A280 ratio should be at least 1.8
- 6-well culture dish or culture system of your choice
- For detaching cells: 0.5 mg/ml Trypsin and 0.2 mg/ml EDTA in PBS and supplemented culture media or PBS/0.5% BSA
- Culture medium: McCoy's 5a medium with 1.5 mM L-glutamine, 90% and fetal bovine serum, 10%
- Prewarm appropriate volume of culture medium to 37°C (1.5 ml per sample)
- Appropriate number of cells (1 x  $10^6$  cells per sample; lower or higher cell numbers may influence transfection results)

## 1. Pre Nucleofection®

#### Cell culture recommendations

- 1.1 Replace media every 2 3 days
- 1.2 Passage cells 3 times a week. A subcultivation ratio of 1:3 to 1:8 is recommended. Use early passages for Nucleofection®. Do not passage more than 20 times
- 1.3 Subculture 2 days before Nucleofection®

#### **Trypsinization**

- 1.4 Remove media from the cultured cells and wash cells once with PBS; use at least same volume of PBS as culture media
- 1.5 For harvesting, incubate the cells ~5 minutes at 37°C with indicated trypsinization reagent (please see required material)
- 1.6 Neutralize trypsinization reaction with supplemented culture medium or PBS/0.5% BSA once the majority of the cells (>90%) have been detached

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#### 2. Nucleofection®

#### One Nucleofection® Sample contains

1 x 106 cells

2  $\mu$ g plasmid DNA (in 1 – 5  $\mu$ l H $_2$ 0 or TE) or 2  $\mu$ g pmaxGFP® Vector or 30 – 300nM siRNA (3 – 30 pmol/sample)

100 µl Cell Line Nucleofector® Solution V

- 2.1 Please make sure that the entire supplement is added to the Nucleofector® Solution
- 2.2 Prepare 6-well plates by filling appropriate number of wells with 1 ml of supplemented culture media and pre-incubate/equilibrate plates in a humidified  $37^{\circ}\text{C}/5\%$  CO<sub>2</sub> incubator
- 2.3 Harvest the cells by trypsinization (please see 1.4 1.6)
- 2.4 Count an aliquot of the cells and determine cell density
- 2.5 Centrifuge the required number of cells  $(1 \times 10^6)$  cells per sample) at 90xg for 10 minutes at room temperature. Remove supernatant completely
- 2.6 Resuspend the cell pellet carefully in 100 µl room-temperature Nucleofector® Solution per sample

Note Avoid leaving the cells in Nucleofector® Solution for extended periods of time (longer than 15 minutes), as this may reduce cell viability and gene transfer efficiency.

- 2.7 Combine 100  $\mu$ l of cell suspension with 2  $\mu$ g DNA, 2  $\mu$ g pmaxGFP® Vector or 30 nM 300 nM siRNA (3 30 pmol/sample) or other substrates
- 2.8 Transfer cell/DNA suspension into certified cuvette (sample must cover the bottom of the cuvette without air bubbles). Close the cuvette with the cap
- 2.9 Select the appropriate Nucleofector® Program D-032 (D-32 for Nucleofector® I Device)
- 2.10 Insert the cuvette with cell/DNA suspension into the Nucleofector® Cuvette Holder and apply the selected program by pressing the X-button
- 2.11 Take the cuvette out of the holder once the program is finished
- 2.12 Immediately add  $\sim$ 500  $\mu$ l of the pre-equilibrated culture medium (indicate which if more than one is used) to the cuvette and gently transfer the sample into the prepared 6-well plate (final volume 1.5 ml media per well). Use the supplied pipettes and avoid repeated aspiration of the sample

## 3. Post Nucleofection®

3.1 Incubate the cells in humidified  $37^{\circ}$ C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator until analysis. Gene expression or down regulation, respectively, is often detectable after only 4-8 hours

### Additional Information

For an up-to-date list of all Nucleofector® References, please refer to: www.lonza.com/nucleofection-citations

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