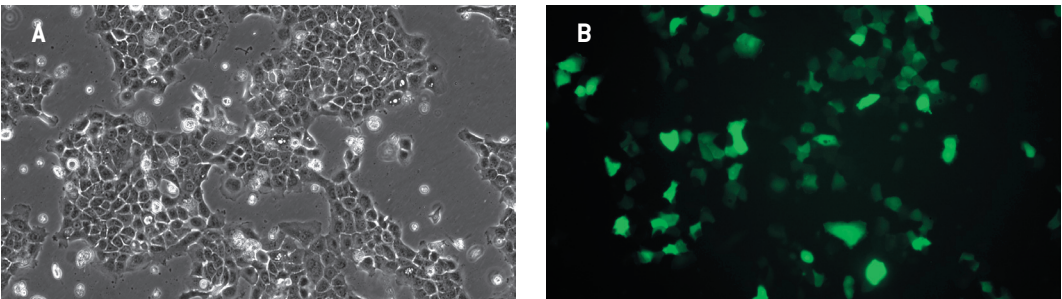


Amaxa® Cell Line Nucleofector® Kit T

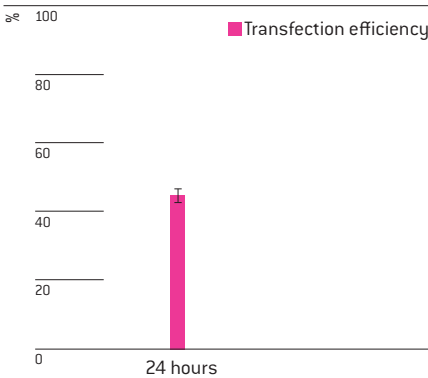
For A-431

Human epidermoid carcinoma; epithelial cells

Example for Nucleofection® of A-431 cells



A-431 cells were transfected with the Cell Line Nucleofector® Kit T, Program X-001 and 2 µg of pmaxGFP® Vector. Cells were analyzed 24 hours post Nucleofection® using light (A) and fluorescence microscopy (B).



Average transfection efficiency of A-431 cells. A-431 cells were transfected with program X-001 and 2 µg of pmaxGFP® Vector. Cells were analyzed 24 hours post Nucleofection® by flow cytometry. Cell viability (% PI negative) is around 95% 24 hours post Nucleofection®.

Product Description

Cat. No.	VCA-1002
Size (reactions)	25
Cell Line Nucleofector® Solution T	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
Storage and stability	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.

Required Material

Note 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 µl of Nucleofector® Solution plus 18 µl of supplement to make 100 µl 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:** 2.5 mg/ml Trypsin and 1.0 mg/ml EDTA in PBS (5x concentrated) and supplemented culture media or PBS/0.5% BSA
- **Culture medium:** Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium with 4 mM L-glutamine adjusted to contain 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate and 4.5 g/L glucose, 90%; fetal bovine serum, 10%
- Prewarm appropriate volume of culture medium to 37°C (1.5 ml per sample)
- Appropriate number of cells (1 x 10⁶ 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 : 2 to 1 : 5 is recommended
- 1.3 Seed out 1 – 2 x 10⁶ cells/162 flask
- 1.4 Subculture 2 days before Nucleofection®

Trypsinization

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

2. Nucleofection®

One Nucleofection® Sample contains

1 x 10 ⁶ cells
2 µg plasmid DNA (in 1 – 5 µl H ₂ O or TE) or 2 µg pmaxGFP® Vector or 30 – 300nM siRNA (3 – 30 pmol/sample)
100 µl Cell Line Nucleofector® Solution T

- 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°C/5% CO₂ incubator
- 2.3 Harvest the cells by trypsinization (please see 1.5 – 1.7)
- 2.4 Count an aliquot of the cells and determine cell density
- 2.5 Centrifuge the required number of cells (1 x 10⁶ 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 µl of cell suspension with 2 µg DNA, 2 µg 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 **X-001** (**X-01** 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 ~500 µl of the pre-equilibrated culture medium 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°C/5% CO₂ 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:
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