Silencer[™] Libraries: Transfection Protocol

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Package contents

Refer to the insert in your siRNA library package for content details.



Storage conditions

- Store at or below -20°C. Do not store in a frostfree freezer. (Dried oligonucleotides are shipped at room temperature.)
- 12-month shelf life



Required materials

- RNase-free reagents
- Transfection reagent e.g. Lipofectamine[™] RNAiMAX



Timing

Transfection preparation: 15 minutes Final incubation: 1–3 days



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siRNAs

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Product description

- Silencer[™] siRNAs are built on stringent bioinformatics to ensure high target specificity and siRNA potency for reliable siRNA screening.
- Silencer™ libraries include Pre-designed and Validated siRNAs. A few siRNAs target more than one gene's transcript(s), due to gene families with highly homologous members or predicted genes with high homology to verified genes.



Handling instructions

 RNA oligonucleotides are susceptible to degradation by exogenous ribonucleases introduced during handling. Wear gloves when handling this product. Use RNase-free reagents, tubes, and barrier pipette tips.



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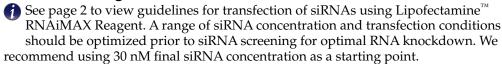
siRNA resuspension guidelines

We recommend preparing 10 µM siRNA stock solutions.

- 1. Briefly centrifuge the plate to ensure that the dried siRNA is at the bottom of the wells.
- 2. Resuspend the siRNA in nuclease-free water at a final concentration of 10 μ M (25 μ L for 0.25 nmol siRNA).
- 3. (Optional) Aliquot siRNAs into one or more daughter plates to limit the number of freeze-thaw cycles to which the siRNAs are subjected. Solutions at concentrations $>2 \mu M$ can undergo up to 50 freeze-thaw cycles without significant degradation.
- 4. Store at or below –20°C in a non-frost-free freezer until use.

Once reconstituted in nuclease-free water, the siRNA is ready to transfect at your choice of final concentration.

Transfection guidelines



Reverse transfection is faster to perform than forward transfection, and it is the method of choice for high-throughput transfection. Perform reverse transfection by preparing the siRNA transfection complexes inside the wells, and then adding cells and medium. Because the cells and siRNA-reagent complexes are prepared on the same day, we recommend using 2.5× more cells than for forward transfection.

Transfection efficiency varies according to the cell type and transfection agent used. To optimize, determine the conditions that result in maximum gene silencing with minimal cytotoxicity. Maintain conditions across experiments, and use positive and negative controls in all plates

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Transfection procedure

This procedure is designed for siRNA in combination with Lipofectamine $^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}$ RNAiMAX. The prepared mix is sufficient for triplicate transfections with overage.

Timeline Steps		Procedure Details						
0			Seed cells to be	Component	384-well	96-well	24-well	
Day 0	1		60-80% confluent at transfection	Adherent cells	$0.8-2 \times 10^3$	$1-4 \times 10^4$	$0.5-2 \times 10^5$	
Day 1	2		Dilute Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX Reagent in Opti-MEM® Medium	Opti-MEM™ Medium	20 μL	25 μL	50 μL	
				Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX Reagent	0.3 μL	1.5 µL	3 μL	
	3	\$	Dilute siRNA in Opti-MEM® Medium	Opti-MEM™ Medium	20 μL	25 μL	50 μL	
				siRNA (10 μM stock)	0.75 μL (7.5 pmol)	1.5 μL (15 pmol)	3 μL (30 pmol)	
	4	Add diluted siRNA to diluted	Diluted siRNA	20 μL	25 μL	50 μL		
			Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX Reagent (1:1 ratio)	Diluted Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX Reagent	20 μL	25 μL	50 μL	
	5	5	Incubate	Incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature.				
			Add siRNA-lipid complex to cells	siRNA-lipid complex	8 μL	10 μL	50 μL	
	6			Final component per well	384-well	96-well	24-well	
				siRNA (30 nM final)	1.5 pmol	3 pmol	15 pmol	
				Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX	0.06 μL	0.3 µL	1.5 µL	
				Total volume (includes culture medium)	50 μL	100 μL	500 μL	
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