

TransIT-PRO® Transfection Reagent

Quick Reference Protocol

Instructions for MIR 5720, 5730, 5740 and 5750

Full protocol, SDS and Certificate of Analysis available at mirusbio.com/5740



SPECIFICATIONS

Storage	Store TransIT-PRO® Reagent tightly capped at -20°C. Before each use , warm to room temperature and vortex gently.
Product Guarantee	1 year from the date of purchase, when properly stored and handled.

► PLASMID DNA TRANSFECTION PROTOCOL



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Fill in volumes below based on total culture volume (Table 1).

A. Maintenance of cells

1. Passage suspension CHO or 293 cells 18–24 hours prior to transfection to ensure that cells are actively dividing at the time of transfection. DO NOT proceed with transfection if cells are not doubling every 24 hours or are < 95% viable by trypan blue exclusion.
2. Incubate cells overnight at appropriate temperature and CO₂ levels (e.g. 37°C, 5-8% CO₂, shaking).

B. Prepare TransIT-PRO® Reagent:DNA complexes

1. Seed cells at a density of 2 x 10⁶ cells/ml immediately before transfection. DO NOT proceed with transfections if cells are not doubling normally or are not at high viability.
2. Warm TransIT-PRO® Reagent to room temperature and vortex gently.
3. Place ___ ml of serum-free medium (e.g. Opti-MEM® or Opti-PRO™ SFM)* in a sterile tube.
4. Add ___ µg plasmid DNA. Mix gently by pipetting.
5. Add ___ µl of TransIT-PRO® Reagent. Mix gently by pipetting.
6. Incubate complexes at room temperature for recommended amount of time:
For complexes that will be added to suspension 293 cells, incubate for 15-20 minutes.
For complexes that will be added to suspension CHO cells, incubate for 5-10 minutes.

C. Distribute complexes to cells

1. Add TransIT-PRO® Reagent:DNA complexes to cultured cells.
2. Incubate cells for 2-14 days depending on cell type, culture temperature, nature of the protein, and detection method. For further optimization information, please see the full protocol.
3. Harvest cells and/or supernatant and assay as required.

*When using TransIT-PRO® Reagent with the CHOgro® Expression System, form transfection complexes in CHOgro® Complex Formation Solution.

Table 1. Volume scaling worksheet for DNA transfections with TransIT-PRO® Transfection Reagent.

Starting conditions per milliliter of complete growth medium			
	Per 1 ml	Total culture	Reagent quantities
Serum-free Complex Medium	0.1 ml	× _____ ml	= _____ ml
Plasmid DNA (1 µg/µl stock)	1 µl	× _____ ml	= _____ µl
TransIT-PRO® Reagent	1 µl	× _____ ml	= _____ µl

► Transfection Optimization

Determine the best TransIT-PRO® Reagent:DNA ratio for each cell type. Start with 1 µl of TransIT-PRO® Reagent per 1 µg of DNA. Vary the concentration of TransIT-PRO® Reagent from 0.5–2 µl per 1 µg DNA to find the optimal ratio. TransIT-PRO® Transfection Reagent is a key component of the CHOgro® Expression System (MIR 6260) and the CHOgro® High Yield Expression System (MIR 6270), which are optimized platforms for transient, high titer protein production in suspension CHO derived cells.

For additional optimization tips, see [full protocol](#).

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