# <u>TransIT-X2®</u> Dynamic Delivery System for CRISPR/Cas9 Plasmid DNA Delivery



Instructions for use with MIR 6000, 6003, 6004, 6005, 6006, 6010

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Storage	Store <i>Trans</i> IT-X2® Dynamic Delivery System tightly capped at -20°C. <b>Before each use</b> , warm to room temperature and vortex gently.
Product Guarantee	1 year from the date of purchase, when properly stored and handled.

#### **▶ CRISPR PLASMID DNA TRANSFECTION PROTOCOL**

## Fill in volumes below based on culture vessel used for transfection (Table 1).

#### A. Plate cells

1. Approximately 18-24 hours before transfection, plate cells in \_\_\_ml complete growth medium. Most cell types should be  $^{80}$ % confluent at the time of transfection.

For adherent cells: Plate cells at a density of  $0.8 - 3.0 \times 10^5$  cells/ml. For suspension cells: Plate cells at a density of  $2.5 - 5.0 \times 10^5$  cells/ml.

2. Culture cells overnight.

## B. Prepare TransIT-X2®:DNA complexes (immediately before transfection)

- 1. Warm TransIT-X2® to room temperature and vortex gently before using.
- 2. Place \_\_\_\_ul of Opti-MEM® I Reduced Serum Medium in a sterile tube.
- 3. Add  $\underline{\hspace{0.2in}}\mu l$  of total DNA (combined plasmid DNA encoding Cas9 and/or guide RNA). Mix gently by pipetting.
- 4. Add μl *Trans*IT-X2® to the diluted DNA mixture. Mix gently by pipetting.
- 5. Incubate at room temperature for 15-30 minutes.

#### C. Distribute complexes to cells

- 1. Add the *Trans*IT-X2®:DNA complexes (prepared in Step B) drop-wise to different areas of the well.
- Gently rock the culture vessel back-and-forth and from side-to-side to evenly distribute the TransIT-X2®:DNA complexes.
- 3. Incubate 24-72 hours.
- 4. Harvest cells and assay as required.

Table 1. Recommended starting conditions

Culture vessel	24-well plate	12-well plate	6-well plate
Surface area	1.9 cm <sup>2</sup>	3.8 cm <sup>2</sup>	9.6 cm <sup>2</sup>
Complete growth medium	0.5 ml	1 ml	2.5 ml
Serum-free medium	50 μΙ	100 μΙ	250 μΙ
Plasmid DNA (Cas9 and/or guide RNA)	0.5 μΙ	1 μΙ	2.5 μΙ
TransIT-X2® Reagent	1 μΙ	2 μΙ	5 μΙ

### **▶** Transfection Optimization:

Determine the best <code>TransIT-X2\*:DNA</code> ratio for each cell type. Start with 2  $\mu$ l of <code>TransIT-X2\*</code> per 1  $\mu$ g of DNA. Vary the concentration of <code>TransIT-X2\*</code> from 2-6  $\mu$ l per 1  $\mu$ g total DNA to find the optimal ratio.

For more on transfection optimization, see the TransIT-X2® full protocol (PDF) or Tips from the Bench. Cell-type-specific recommendations are available at Reagent Agent: mirusbio.com/ra



Reagent Agent is an online tool designed to help determine the best solution for nucleic acid delivery based on in-house data, customer feedback and citations.

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