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Lentivirus production for primary neuron transduction

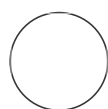
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ABSTRACT

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SAFETY WARNINGS



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- 1 Expand HEK293T cells (LentiX 293T cell line, Takara) for lentiviral packaging to 70-85% confluency in DMEM Glutamax (+4.5 g/L D-glucose, - pyruvate) supplemented with 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)(Sigma), 1% G418 (Gibco), 1% Non-Essential Amino Acids (Thermo Fisher) and 1% HEPES (Biomol).

Note

NOTE: Only low passage cells should be used.

- 2 For lentiviral production, plate cells ($\sim 4.8 \times 10^6$) in a three-layered 525 cm² flask (Falcon).
- 3 On the following day, transfect cells with 59.52 μ g expression plasmid, 35.2 μ g packaging plasmid psPAX2 (RRID:Addgene_12260) and 20.48 μ g envelope plasmid pVsVg (gift from Dieter Edbauer) using 345.6 μ l TransIT-Lenti transfection reagent (Mirus) in 9.6 mL DMEM without FBS. 1d
- 4 Incubate transfection mix for 20 min at room temperature and exchange the cell medium in the meantime. 20m

- 5 Add 10 mL of transfection mix to the flask, followed by incubation overnight.
- 6 Exchange the medium on the following day. 1d
- 7 After 48-52 h, collect culture medium containing the viral particles and centrifuge for 10 min at 1,200 x g. 2d
- 8 Filter the supernatant through 0.45 µm pore size filters using 50 mL syringes and add 20 mL Lenti-X concentrator (Takara) to filtered supernatant.
- 9 Incubate overnight at 4 °C and centrifuge samples at 1,500 x g for 45 min at 4 °C. 1d
- 10 Remove the supernatant and resuspend the lentivirus pellet in 150 µL TBS-5 buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.8, 130 mM NaCl, 10 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂).
- 11 After aliquoting, store lentivirus at -80 °C.
- 12 Thaw virus preparation immediately before adding to freshly prepared neuronal culture medium.
- 13 Remove a fifth of the medium from cultured neurons and add the equivalent volume of virus-

containing medium.

Note

NOTE: Volume of concentrated virus to be added to the neurons and the length of transduction should be determined empirically.