

# GenJet™ In Vitro DNA Transfection Reagent for PC3 Cells (Ver. II)

## ----- A Protocol for Transfecting PC3 Cells

- ☐ 100 µL  
☐ 500 µL  
☐ 1000 µL



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### Introduction:

GenJet™ In Vitro DNA Transfection Reagent (Ver. II) is an upgraded version of the original GenJet™ In Vitro DNA Transfection Reagent. Through improved proprietary chemistry, the new formulation contains a higher density of DNA-condensing functional groups than the original GenJet™ reagent, resulting in 3- to 20-fold greater DNA delivery efficiency. GenJet™ (Ver. II) for PC3 cells has been pre-optimized and pre-conditioned specifically for PC3 cells. We provide a general protocol for transfecting PC3 cells using a ~5.0 kb GFP expression plasmid as a reporter. Because transfection efficiency may vary with plasmid size and construct design, we recommend optimizing the transfection conditions for individual plasmids to achieve maximal transfection efficiency and transgene expression.

### A General Protocol for Transfecting the PC3 Cells

#### Step I. Cell Seeding

Seed cells 18–24 hours prior to transfection so that they reach approximately 60% confluency at the time of transfection. For optimal transfection performance, replace the culture medium with fresh complete growth medium containing serum and antibiotics approximately 60 minutes before transfection.

**Table 1. Recommended Transfection Conditions for Various Culture Vessel Formats**

| Culture Dish  | Culture Medium Volume (mL) | Plasmid DNA (µg) | Serum-Free Diluent Volume (µL) | GenJet™ Reagent Ver. II (µL) |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 48 well plate | 0.5                        | 0.25             | 25                             | 0.75                         |
| 12 well plate | 0.75                       | 0.75             | 75                             | 2.25                         |
| 6-well plate  | 2.0                        | 1.0              | 100                            | 3.0                          |
| 35 mm dish    | 2.0                        | 1.0              | 100                            | 3.0                          |
| 60 mm dish    | 5                          | 3                | 300                            | 9                            |
| 10 cm plate   | 10                         | 6                | 600                            | 18                           |
| T75 flask     | 10                         | 6                | 600                            | 18                           |
| 15 cm plate   | 20                         | 15               | 1000                           | 45                           |

#### Step II. Preparation of GenJet™–DNA Complexes and Transfection Procedure

The optimal GenJet™ (µL) to DNA (µg) ratio is 3:1. To promote the formation of optimally sized DNA complexes, we recommend using serum-free high-glucose DMEM for dilution of both DNA and GenJet™ reagent.

The following protocol is provided for transfection in 24-well plates. For other culture formats, refer to **Table 1**. The optimal transfection conditions for PC3 cells are described in the general protocol below.

- **Medium Preparation:** Aspirate existing medium from each well and replace with 1.0 mL of fresh complete medium containing serum and antibiotics 30–60 minutes prior to transfection.
- **DNA Dilution:** For each well, add 0.5 µg of plasmid DNA to 50 µL of serum- and antibiotic-free culture medium in a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube. Gently mix

immediately by pipetting up and down 3–4 times.

- **GenJet™ Addition:** Add 1.5 µL of GenJet™ reagent directly to the diluted DNA solution. Gently mix immediately by pipetting up and down 3–4 times.

**⚠ Critical:** Do not use Opti-MEM as the diluent for either the DNA or GenJet™ reagent. Opti-MEM disrupts complex formation and significantly reduces transfection efficiency.

- **Complex Formation:** Incubate the transfection mix at room temperature for 15–20 minutes to allow GenJet™–DNA complexes to form.

**⚠ Critical:** Do not exceed 20 minutes of incubation. Prolonged incubation leads to aggregate formation and reduced transfection efficiency.

- **Transfection:** Add the entire volume of GenJet™–DNA complex dropwise onto the cells in each well. Gently swirl the plate to ensure uniform distribution of the complex across the cell monolayer. Return the plate to the 37 °C / 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator immediately.

- **Medium Replacement:** Approximately 18 hours post-transfection, aspirate the complex-containing medium and replace with fresh complete medium supplemented with serum and antibiotics.

- **Assessment of Transfection Efficiency:** Transfection efficiency should be evaluated 24–48 hours post-transfection

**Storage:** GenJet™ Reagent Ver. II is stable for 24 months at +4 °C. This item shipped at ambient temperature