



Pre-made Reporter Lentivirus for Astrocyte

Cat#	Product Name	Amounts
LVP1125-P or LVP1125-P-PBS	GFAP- GFP (Puro) Lentivirus	<p>200ul, $\sim 1 \times 10^7$ IFU/mL in DMEM containing 10% FBS</p> <p>Or</p> <p>200ul, $\sim 1 \times 10^8$ IFU/mL in PBS solution</p>
LVP1126-P or LVP1126-P-PBS	GFAP- RFP (Puro) Lentivirus	
LVP1127-P or LVP1127-P-PBS	GFAP- Luciferase (Puro) Lentivirus	
LVP1128-P or LVP1128-P-PBS	GFAP- Rluc (Puro) Lentivirus	
LVP1125-B or LVP1125-B-PBS	GFAP- GFP (Bsd) Lentivirus	
LVP1126-B or LVP1126-B-PBS	GFAP- RFP (Bsd) Lentivirus	
LVP1127-B or LVP1127-B-PBS	GFAP- Luciferase (Bsd) Lentivirus	
LVP1128-B or LVP1128-B-PBS	GFAP- Rluc (Bsd) Lentivirus	
LVP1125-N or LVP1125-N-PBS	GFAP- GFP (Neo) Lentivirus	
LVP1126-N or LVP1126-N-PBS	GFAP- RFP (Neo) Lentivirus	
LVP1127-N or LVP1127-N-PBS	GFAP- Luciferase (Neo) Lentivirus	
LVP1128-N or LVP1128-N-PBS	GFAP- Rluc (Neo) Lentivirus	
LVP1125-R or LVP1125-R-PBS	GFAP- GFP (RFP) Lentivirus	
LVP1127-R or LVP1127-R-PBS	GFAP- Luciferase (RFP) Lentivirus	
LVP1128-R or LVP1128-R-PBS	GFAP- Rluc (RFP) Lentivirus	



LVP1126-G or LVP1126-G-PBS	GFAP- RFP (GFP) Lentivirus	
LVP1127-G or LVP1127-G-PBS	GFAP- Luciferase (GFP) Lentivirus	
LVP1128-G or LVP1128-G-PBS	GFAP- Rluc (GFP) Lentivirus	

Storage: <-70 °C, avoid repeat freeze/thaw cycles. Stable for >6 months.

Introduction:

Lentiviral system is a gene delivery tool using lentivectors for gene expression or knockdown. GenTarget's lentivector system is Human Immunodeficiency Virus-1 (HIV) based plasmids for gene expression and knockdown. The lentivectors are used to generate lentiviral particles (lentivirus) that can be transduced into almost all kinds of mammalian cells, including stem cells, primary cells, and non-dividing cells both *in vivo* and *in vitro*. Lentiviral Particles stably integrate into the transduced cells' genome for long term expression, making it a great gene transfer agent.

GFAP Promoter:

The glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP) is exclusively expressed in astrocytes, upregulated in response to almost any damage to the central nervous system (CNS). Astrocytes are considered as key players in brain information processing and are the most abundant cell types in the vertebrate CNS. The 2.2kb GFAP promoter is used to direct astrocyte-specific expression. Such targeted modulation of protein expression in astrocytes is critical for the development of new therapeutic strategies.

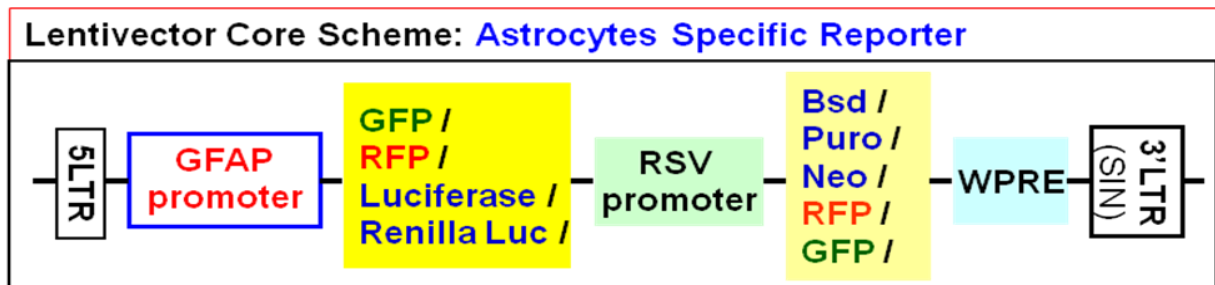
Product Principle:

GenTarget developed a set of reporting lentivirus for specifically expression in astrocytes. Those reporting lentivirus has a **luminescent report** or a **fluorescent report** under the **native promoter of human GFAP**. Those reporter lentivirus direct targeted expression in human or mouse astrocytes, which provides a great tool to study astrocytes in situ where their complex morphology and intimate association with neurons remains intact and for the signal pathway research on GFAP gene regulation.

Those reporter lentivirus also constitutively express a fluorescent selection marker or an antibiotic selection marker under the RSV promoter (Rous Sarcoma Virus Promoter) which is a moderate to strong promoter in most



cell types. This selection marker is used to select the lentivirus infected cells (to generate the stable cell lines) via antibiotic killing or fluorescent cell sorting. It also provides internal reference for virus transduction efficiency when a fluorescent marker is under the RSV promoter (wherever the RSV promoter is active in assay cell type). See the scheme below for lentivector's core expression cassette.



The premade, ready-to-use reporter lentivirus provides a much easier tool to selectively target astrocytes in CNS. As such, it allows to visualize and manipulate astrocytes or other cells of the CNS *in vitro* and *in vivo* via the luciferase signal or fluorescent signal.

Lentivirus are HIV-based, pseudotyped with VSVG envelope protein, produced in 293T cells with the 3rd generation lentivirus Bio-safety features. All particles were tested to be free bacterial and mycoplasma contamination. Virus titers were tested lot by lot.

Key Application for cell specific reporter Lentivirus:

1. Label specific cell type or create specific reporter cell line which provide a tool to monitor the specific cell type *in vitro* and *in vivo*;
2. measure the specific promoter strength in different cell types;
3. Signal pathway research on specific promoter regulation.

Product Formats:

The pre-made lentivirus provided in two formats:

1. Packaged in 10% of FBS in DMEM containing 10% FBS and 60ug/ml of polybrene (10x);
2. Particles were concentrated and buffer exchanged in PBS without any human or animal origin components. The virus in PBS are used for any cell types that requires non-serum in the culture medium, or best for the hard-to-infect cell types.



The lentivirus are ready and easy to use, simply add 50ul into one well of your cell culture in 24-well plate, and select or sort the positive transduced cells at 2-3 days post virus transduction (for sensor cell line assay). Or simply go for Estrogen receptor signal induction without the selection (for transient assay). The readout can be easily monitored by luciferase assay or via the Fluorescent microscope or readers depending on product report type.

For more details about premade particles, please see [FAQ for pre-made lentiviral particles](#) (.pdf).

Transduction Protocols:

Note: Pre-made lentivirus is provided ready to use, so it can be simply added into your cell culture; the amount of virus to add depends on cell type. For quick transduction, add 50 μ l of virus into each well of 24-well-plate where cell density is 50% to 75%. After 72 hours (no need to change medium), visualize positive transduction rate by fluorescence microscopy (when applicable). For stable cell line generation, pass cells into medium containing antibiotic for selection, or perform fluorescence cell sorting.

Day 0:

Seed cells in complete medium at the appropriate density and incubate overnight.

Note: at the time of transduction, cells should be 50%-75% confluent. For example, seed HeLa cells at 0.5×10^5 /ml x 0.5ml in a well of a 24-well plate.

Day 1:

- Thaw the pre-made lentiviral stock at room temperature and add the appropriate amount of virus stock to obtain the desired MOI.
- Return cells to 37°C, CO₂ incubator.

Note: Try to avoid freezing and thawing. If you do not use up all virus at one time, you may re-freeze the virus at -80 °C for future use; virus titer will decrease by ~10% for each freeze/thaw cycle.

Day 3:

At 2 to 5 days (depends upon promoter and cell types) after transduction, check the fluorescent signal under fluorescence microscopy or by flow cytometry (FACS or Guava), or measure the luciferase activity via luciferase assay.

Day 3 +:

Sort transduced cells by FACS, and select for antibiotic resistance. A pilot experiment should be done to determine the antibiotic's kill curve



for your specific cell line (refer to the pertinent literature on generation of stable cell lines). The selected stable cells will be used for in vitro or in vivo application as pooled or single colony selected stable cell line.

Safety Precaution:

GenTarget lentiviral particles adapt must advanced lentiviral safety features (using the third generation vectors with self-inactivation SIN-3UTR), and the premade lentivirus is replication incompetent. However, please use extra caution when using lentiviral particles. Use the lentiviral particles in Bio-safety II cabinet. Wear glove all the time at handling Lentiviral particles! Please refer CDC and NIH's guidelines for more details regarding to safety issues.

References:

- Brenner et al. 1994.
- Glia. 2008 Apr;56(5):481-93. doi: 10.1002/glia.20622.
- Front. Cell. Neurosci., 05 July 2013

Warranty:

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Note: Filter wavelength settings:

GFP filter: ~Ex450-490 ~Em525; **RFP** filter: ~Ex545 ~Em620;

Related Products: GenTarget's pre-made lentivirus product category.

Product Category	Product Description (please click category name to see product's pages)
Human, mouse or rat ORFs	Premade lentivirus express a human, mouse or rat gene with RFP-Blastidin fusion dual markers.
Signal Pathway specific reporter	Premade lentivirus express Signal Transduction Pathway specific reporters.
Cell-Specific Reporter	Premade lentivirus reporter for targeting expression of a luminescence or fluorescent report (firefly Luciferase , Renilla luciferase, RFP or GFP fluorescent marker) under a cell type specific promoter.



Fluorescent markers	Preamde lentivirus express human codon optimized fluorescent protein, GFP / RFP / CFP / BFP / YFP .
Luciferase expression	Premade lentivirus for all kinds of luciferase protein expression: firefly and Renilla with different antibiotic selection markers.
CRE recombinase	Premade lentivirus for expressing nuclear permeant CRE recombinase with different fluorescent and antibiotic markers.
LoxP ColorSwitch	Premade lentivirus expressing "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP" cassette, used to monitor the CRE recombination event in vivo.
CRISPR /hu CAS9	Preamde lentivirus express humanized wild-type Cas9 endonuclease for genomic editing with CRISPR
TetR inducible expression repressor	Premade lentivirus expressin TetR (tetracycline regulator) protein, the repressor protein for the inducible expression system.
iPS factors	Premde lentivirus for human and mouse iPS (Myc, NANOG, OCT4, SOX2, FGF4) factors with different fluorescent and antibiotic markers
T-antigen Expression	Express SV40 large T antigen with different selection markers
Cell Organelle imaging	Premade lentivirus for cell organelle imaging. The fluorescent marker GFP/RFP/CFP was sub-cellular localized in different cell organelle for living cell imaging.
LacZ expression	Express different full length β- galactosidase (lacZ) with different selection markers
Anti-miRNA lentivirus	Pre-made lentivirus expression a specific anti-miRNA cassette.
Fluorescent-ORF fusion	Pre-made lentivirus expression a " GFP/RFP/CFP-ORF " fusion target.
Pre-made shRNA lentivirus	Premade shRNA lentivirus for knockdown a specific genes (P53, LacZ, Luciferase and more).
microRNA and anti-microRNA lentivirus	Premade lentivirus expression human or mouse precursor miRNA . And anti-miRNA lentivector and virus for human and mouse miRNA.
Negative control lentiviruses	Premade negative control lentivirus with different markers : serves as the negative control of lentivirus treatment, for validation of the specificity of any lentivirus target expression effects.
Other Enzyme	Ready-to-use lentivirus, expressing specific enzymes with different selection markers.



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