



Expression Lentivirus for Detection of CRE Recombination Reactions

Catalog Number	Product Name / Description	Amount
LVP460-Puro & LVP460-Puro-PBS	LoxP GFP/RFP ColorSwitch lentivirus (suCMV, Puro): Lentivirus express "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop" cassette under suCMV promoter, containing puromycin antibiotic selection.	200ul /vial x (1x10 ⁷ IFU/ml) in DMEM medium with 10% FBS and 10x polybrene Or
LVP460-Neo & LVP460-Neo-PBS	LoxP GFP/RFP ColorSwitch lentivirus (suCMV, Neo): Lentivirus express "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop" cassette under suCMV promoter, containing Neomycin antibiotic selection.	
LVP460-Bsd & LVP460-Bsd-PBS	LoxP GFP/RFP ColorSwitch lentivirus (suCMV, Bsd): Lentivirus express "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop" cassette under suCMV promoter, containing Blasticidin antibiotic selection.	200ul /vial x (5x10 ⁷ IFU/ml) in PBS solution
LVP1332-Puro-PBS	LoxP GFP/RFP ColorSwitch lentivirus (EF1a, Puro): Lentivirus express "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop" cassette under suCMV promoter, containing puromycin antibiotic selection.	200ul /vial x (5x10 ⁷ IFU/ml) in PBS solution
LVP1332-Neo-PBS	LoxP GFP/RFP ColorSwitch lentivirus (EF1a, Neo): Lentivirus express "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop" cassette under suCMV promoter, containing Neomycin antibiotic selection.	200ul /vial x (5x10 ⁷ IFU/ml) in PBS solution
LVP1332-Bsd-PBS	LoxP GFP/RFP ColorSwitch lentivirus (EF1a, Bsd): Lentivirus express "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop" cassette under suCMV promoter, containing Blasticidin antibiotic selection.	200ul /vial x (5x10 ⁷ IFU/ml) in PBS solution

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



Product Description:

1. Introduction:

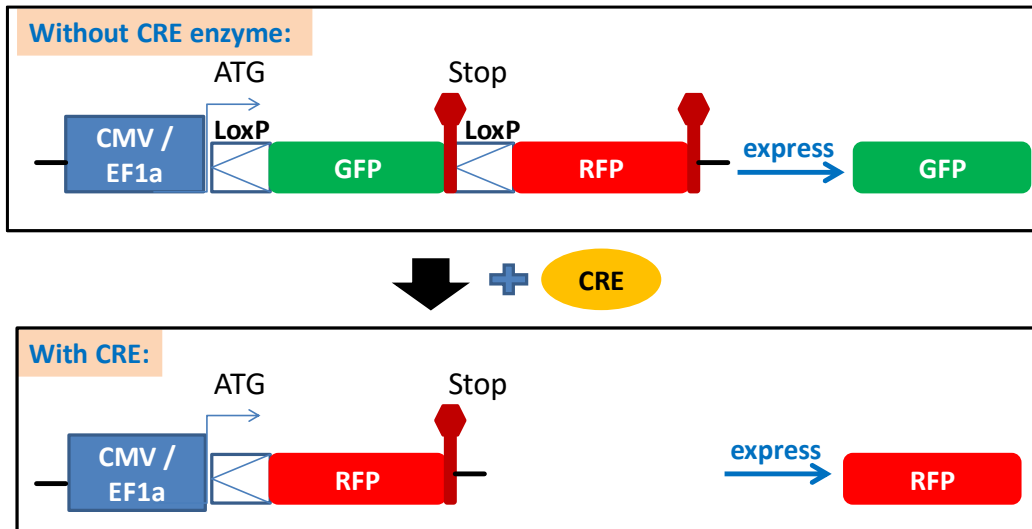
GenTarget's lentivector system is Human Immunodeficiency Virus-1 (HIV) based plasmids for gene expression and knockdown. The lentivectors are used to generate lentiviral particles (lentivirus) that can be transduced into almost all kinds of mammalian cells, including stem cells, primary cells, and non-dividing 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.

CRE recombinase, from bacteriophage P1, catalyzes recombination between 34 base-pair target sequences called lox sites and can join individual plasmids containing lox sites. CRE recombination provides an excellent tool for conditional gene targeting in transgenic animal models by linking genotypic alterations to the biological outcomes (phenotypes).

By inserting a "LoxP-flanked expression target" into a host's genome, target expression can be controlled via CRE recombinase. Expression of LoxP-flanked target genes may occur prior to the addition of CRE enzyme; when CRE is applied, it deletes the LoxP flanked target segment and stops the target expression. Simultaneously, CRE-mediated recombination can activate expression of a second target downstream from the deleted segment.

GenTarget provides **CRE reporting lentivirus** for easy, fast and convenient testing and monitoring / detecting of CRE recombination efficiency *in vivo* and *in vitro*. This lentivirus has been engineered to constitutively express the "**LoxP-GFP-stop-LoxP-RFP-Stop**" cassette under either an enhanced CMV promoter or an enhanced EF1a promoter. CMV promoter provides the highest expression level in most cell types, EF1a promoter tends not to get silenced in long-term culture. (See the expression cassette scheme below).

Those products detect the occurrence of CRE-mediated recombination events via a "color switch" mechanism, thereby providing an assay, fast and continual monitoring for the presence of CRE or CRE recombination event.



2. Desired Promoter and Selection Marker:

- (1) The color-switch cassette is driven by either **CMV** promoter or **EF1a** promoter. You can pick the best promoter suitable for your cell types. The CMV give the highest expression level in most cell types. The EF1a promoter has medium to high express level and not subject to promoter silence.
- (2) Those CRE reporting lentivirus contains an antibiotic selection of **puromycin, neomycin, or blasticidin**. The selection is expressed under an RSV promoter (not shown in the schematic above). These markers allow easy selection for transduction positive cells by antibiotic killing.

3. Product Formats:

The LoxP ColorSwitch lentivirus are provided as at **200 µl/vial** in two formats:

- (1) DMEM medium with 10 % FBS and 60 µg/ml polybrene (10x)
- (2) Concentrated lentivirus provided in PBS solution, which is best for *in vivo* applications, cell cultures requiring serum-free conditions, or hard-to-infect cells.

4. How ColorSwitch Reporting Works:

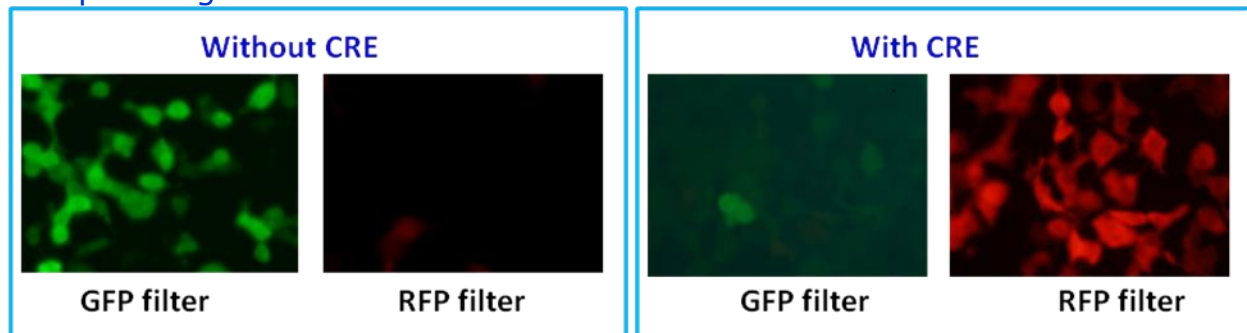
The CRE reporting lentivirus is used to monitor or detect the efficiency of CRE recombination *in vivo*. It is an easy and effective tool for verifying the performance of CRE-loxP systems *in vivo*.

The CRE reporting lentivirus demonstrates the strong GFP fluorescence after infection into mammalian cells, but does not show an RFP fluorescence signal. Once the CRE protein is present in the nucleus (which can be delivered by CRE



expression lentivirus, or lipid transfected CRE expression plasmid), CRE enzyme excises/deletes the DNA fragment between two loxP sites. As a result, the GFP is removed and the downstream RFP is expressed. You will observe a color switch from GFP to RFP fluorescence. The ratio of RFP / GFP cells can be easily monitored via fluorescence cell sorting, visualized by microscopy, or the fluorescence intensity measurement by fluorometer. See the sample results below.

Sample images of CRE-loxP recombination detection:



(Note: GFP filter wavelength: Ex450-490 ~Em525; RFP filter: ~Ex545/~Em620).

Left panel / without CRE: CRE reporter cell line (Cat#: [SC018-Bsd](#)) was created by LoxP460-Neo particles, cultured in a 24-well-plate. Images were taken with a GFP filter set (Ex 490nm/Em 525nm) and an RFP filter set (Ex 545nm/Em 620nm).

Right panel / with CRE: CRE reporter cell line (Cat#: [SC018-Bsd](#)) was created by LoxP460-Neo particles, cultured in completed in 24-well plate. 50 μ l of CRE expression lentiviral particle (Cat#: [LVP339](#)) was added into the cells in one well. Images were taken at ~ 72 hours after the addition of CRE expression lentivirus.

Notes:

*Like any mammalian pol II promoter, the CMV promoter seek any possible ORFs, and in some cell types, it can slightly express the 2nd ORF (the RFP in this case) which is considered the basal or leaking RFP signal.

** If CRE does not deliver into all cells, you may see some GFP positive cells after the CRE addition.

***Also, because some cells may integrate multiple copies of the LoxP-GFP-LoxP-RFP cassette, you may observe both GFP and RFP signals in a few cells after the addition of CRE recombinase. The important observation is the dramatic increase in RFP positive cells following addition of CRE. And the RFP/GFP intensity ratio reflects the CRE recombination rate.



Application protocol:

1. Adhesive cells Transduction Protocols:

Note: A quick transduction protocol is: add 50ul virus into one well in 24-well-plate where cell density is at 50% ~ 75%. At 72 hours after virus added (no need to change medium), visualize the positive rate under fluorescent microscope. For stable cell line generation, pass cell into antibiotic containing medium, or sort the cells via fluorescent signal. Or simply select the cells by antibiotics.

Day 0: Seed the desired cells in complete medium at appropriate density incubate overnight. (Note: at the time of transduction, it grows to 50% ~75% confluent.)
For example, seed Hela cells at $0.5 \times 10^5/\text{ml} \times 0.5\text{ml}$ in a well of a 24-well plate;

Day 1: Remove the culture medium. Add fresh, warmed, complete medium (0.5ml). Thaw the Pre-made lentiviral stock at room temperature. Add appropriate amount of virus stock to obtain the desired MOI. Return cells to 37°C/CO₂ incubator. (Try to avoid thaw and freeze cycles for pre-made lentivirus. But if you cannot use all virus in one time, you still can re-freeze the virus at -80oC for future use. But virus titer will decrease by ~10% for each re-thaw.)

Day 3: At ~72hr after transduction, check the transduction rate *via* fluorescence image with a suitable filter under fluorescent microscope, or calculate the exact transduction rate via Flow Cytometry System (FACS) or any flow cytometry (such as Guava machine). Note: You should only see GFP signal at this stage before you apply CRE enzyme to the cells.

Day 3 + : Transduced cells can be sorted out via FACS, selected by its specific antibiotics. A pilot experiment should be done to determine the antibiotic's kill curve for your specific cell line. (Refer to any literatures about How to generate stable cell lines.)

CRE enzyme delivery: The selected cell should demonstrate strong GFP signal and should have no RFP signal. After the cell selection, the cells are ready used as an indicator cell line for CRE recombination activity.

- **Apply the CRE enzyme into the cells** (which can be achieved by infected cell with CRE expression lentivirus, or by regular lipid-transfection of a CRE expression plasmid, or even simply by adding purified penetrating CRE protein enzyme. (**Note:** Gentarget provides ready-to-use [CRE expression lentivirus](#) with different antibiotic selection marker for CRE delivery into cells).
- Put cells in normal culture conditions for **48-72 hours**.



- **Detect CRE recombination reaction:** The RFP signal will gradually showed up and peaked at 48 hours or longer times (dependent upon CRE delivery methods) after the CRE delivery. The RFP/GFP cell population ratio or the RFP signal intensity reflects the CRE-LoxP recombination efficiency (rate). You can sort the cell by FACS machine, other meters, or visualize the RFP positive cell under fluorescent signal.
- 2. Suspension cells transduction Protocols:**
1. Grow your cell in your completed suspension culture medium, shaking in flask in CO² incubator if necessary;
 2. Measure cell density. When cell grow to $\sim 3 \times 10^6$ cell/ml, measure cell viability (should be > 90%), then diluted cells into 1×10^6 cell/ml in completed medium;
 3. Transduction: thaw lentiviral particles at room temperature. Simply add premade lentiviral particle into the diluted cells at ratio of: **50 to 100ul virus per 0.5 ml of cells** (Note: depending on the cell types; you may need to use more or less viruses). Grow cells in flask, shaking in CO₂ incubator.
 4. At 24 hours after transduction, add equal amount of fresh medium containing related antibiotics (Note: each particles contain an antibiotic marker and the antibiotic amounts to use depends upon cell types). Grow cell in CO² incubator.
 5. At 72 hours after transduction, check fluorescence under microscope or calculate the transduction efficiency using cell sorting machine (like FACS or Guava machine).
 6. You can sort the fluorescent positive cells, and maintain the antibiotic selection to generate stable cell lines.

Safety Precaution:

Gentarget lentiviral particles adapts 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 when handling Lentiviral particles! Please refer CDC and NIH's guidelines for more details regarding to safety issues.

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Warranty:

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Lentivirus Category (click to see)	Product Description
Target Expression	Premade lentivirus express a human, mouse or rat gene with Fluorescent-Antibiotic fusion dual selection.
Luciferase expression	Premade lentivirus express all kinds of luciferase: firefly; Renilla; Cypridina; Red-Luc; Nano-Luc , with different fluorescent and antibiotic selection.
Fluorescent markers	Preamde lentivirus express human codon optimized fluorescent protein, GFP / RFP / CFP / BFP / YFP/niRFP /unstable GFP, etc.
Cytoskeleton Imaging	Fluorescent (GFP / RFP/ CFP) labelled cell skeleton protein (Actin; Tubulin; Paxillin; Vimentin)
Cell Organelle imaging	Premade lentivirus for cell organelle imaging. The fluorescent labelled cell organelle lentivirus for living cell imaging.
CRISPR /hu CAS9	Preamde lentivirus express humanized wild-type Cas9 endonuclease for genomic editing by CRISPR
Fluorescent Fusion target	Lentivirus express the " Fluorescent-Target " fusion proteins. A desired target is fused to Green, Blue, Red , or Cyan Fluorescent Protein, demonstrating the target's functionality and localization
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.
SEAP Reporter	SEAP (Secreted Embryonic Alkaline Phosphatase) secreted expression lentivirus under different promoter.
TetR repressor expression	Premade lentivirus expressin TetR (tetracycline regulator) protein, the repressor protein for the inducible expression system.
rtTA Expression	Lentivirus express the reverse tetracycline transcription activator gene, rtTA-M2 with different selection.
Pathway Reporter	Different Report lentivirus (Luc, RFP, GFP, SEAP) under a pathway specific response promoter.
Cell Immortalization	Comprehensive lentivirus for cell immortalization, for different cell types.



Cell Specific reporter	Different Report lentivirus driven by cell specific promoter.
Infectious Antigens	Lentivirus express all kinds of infectious antigens.
Viral Like Particle (VLP)	Lentiviral particles pseudo-typed with high density of surface envelope protein.
Immuno Therapy	Lentivirus products for Immuno Therapy application.
iPS factors	Premde lentivirus for human and mouse iPS (Myc, NANOG, OCT4, SOX2, FGF4) factors with different fluourescent and antitibiotic markers
LacZ expression	Express different full length β- galactosidase (lacZ) with different selection markers
Anti-miNA lentivirus	Pre-made lentivirus expression a specific anti-miRNA cassette.
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 lentivurs 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.