



SpCas9 endonuclease Expression Lentivirus for CRISPR

Cat#	Product Name	Amounts
LVP681-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	200ul x (1 x 10 ⁸ IFU/mL)
LVP682-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP683-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, Neo), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP678-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, GFP-Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP679-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, RFP-Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP680-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, GFP-Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP707-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, RFP-Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP1391-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, Zeo), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP1393-PBS	SpCas9 (CMV, No selection), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP684-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP685-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP686-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, Neo), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP708-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, GFP-Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP709-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, RFP-Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP710-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, GFP-Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP711-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, RFP-Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP1392-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, Zeo), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP1394-PBS	SpCas9 (EF1a, No selection), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP687-PBS	SpCas9 (CAG, Puro), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP688-PBS	SpCas9 (CAG, Bsd), Concentrated Lentivirus	
LVP689-PBS	SpCas9 (CAG, Neo), Concentrated Lentivirus	

Storage: -80 °C, avoid repeat freeze/thaw cycles, stable for > 6 months.

1. Product Description:

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.



Targeted and precise genomic gene editing technologies are the tools for genomic correction, modification and gene therapy. The TALEN, ZFN and CRISPR/Cas are the three main genome editing technologies. The lately discovered, so called the third generation of gene editing technology, the **CRISPR** (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) technology has (1) higher targeting accuracy; (2) much more target sequence selection; (3) much less complexity; and (4) much less off-target cell toxicity than the previous genome editing technologies: TALEN (transcription activator-like effector nuclease) and ZEN (Zinc-finger nuclease).

2. Mechanism of CRISPR/Cas systems:

A target sequence-specific guide RNA molecule (gRNA) directs a cas endonuclease to the genomic DNA target sequence. Then, the Cas enzyme creates a double-strand break at the target sequence that can be repaired by either Non-Homologous End-Joining (NHEJ), which can result in insertion or deletions (InDels), or correction / Homology Directed Repair (HDR). InDels can disrupt expression of the target gene while repair by HDR, which requires the presence of a repair template, allows modification of the gene. SpCas9 is the most frequently used cas endonuclease.

CRISPR/Cas based genomic knock in/out editing requires three components:

- 1) **Target specific guide RNA (gRNA):** gRNA comprises two segments, a targeting sequence (crRNA) containing the target complementary RNA, and an auxiliary trans-activating non-coding RNA sequence (tracrRNA). To make the gRNA, you first select a suitable target sequence, the crRNA region (use any online tools for target selection), and then synthesize and anneal the crRNA oligos, and clone it into the guide vector which transcribes the target specific "crRNA-tracrRNA" sequence.

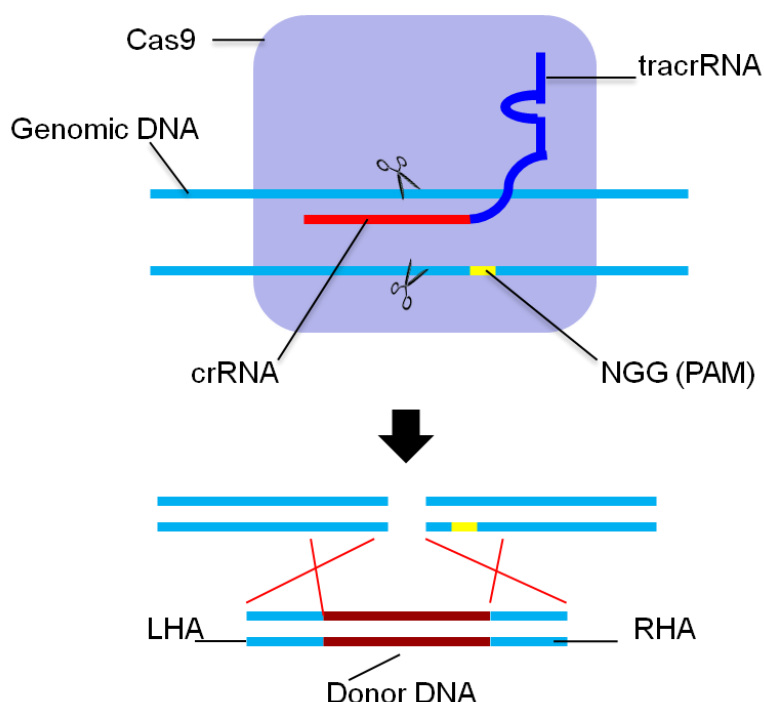
Each Cas9 ortholog has its own specific tracrRNA that is required for proper folding and function of the gRNA-Cas9 complex. The tracrRNA interacts with the crRNA to form a functional gRNA. For SpCas9, the tracrRNA sequence is:

5'-
GTTTGTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAGGCTAGTCCGTTATCAACTTGAAAA
AGTGGCACCGAGTCGGTGC-3'



Insert your 20-nt target-guild sequence at the 5' end of this scaffold above to make the full sgRNA

Cas9 endonuclease: The co-existence of the gRNA sequence with a Cas9 enzyme leads to the formation of a gRNA-Cas9 complex that will bind to and cleave the corresponding genomic DNA target sequence. In some cases, the Cas9 and the gRNA is made in one vector (So call "One vector system" or "All in one vector". However, the separating Cas9 expression and guild gRNA into two vectors, provides more flexibility in genomic editing because the Cas9 can be pre-made (like GenTarget's **SpCas9** expression lentivirus) which makes it easier to simply construct the desired gRNA vectors.



- The donor DNA sequence ("knock In"):** For genomic modification application, a double strand repair DNA is required after the Cas9 creates the double stranded breaks at desired genomic loci. The donor DNA provides the desired sequence insertion that flanked by the gene loci's homology sequences: left homologous arm (LHA) and right homologous arm (RHA), for the genomic editing via HDR mechanism. The double stranded donor DNA



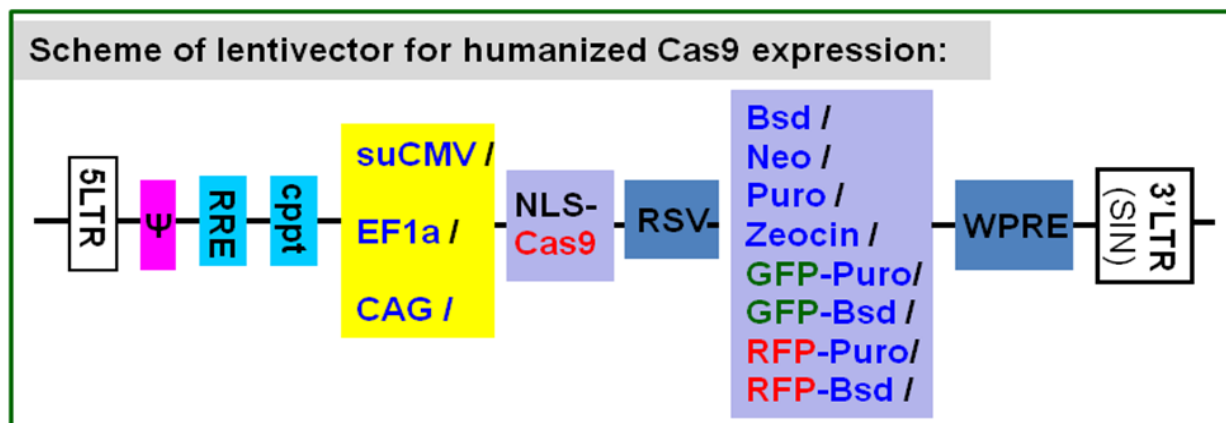
cassette can be provided from DNA fragment synthesized, or use a linearized donor vector. (see scheme above).

2. GenTarget's SpCas9 expression lentivirus:

GenTarget is proud to offer the standalone SpCas9 expression lentivirus products. The ready-to-use SpCas9 lentivirus are produced from our proprietary high-titer lentivectors that express the nuclear penetrating humanized wild-type SpCas9 gene (originated from *Streptococcus pyogenes*). The SpCas9 enzyme is driven by different promoters with a variety of antibiotic selection markers (see the core expression vector map scheme above), providing you an easy delivery for cas9 expression in almost all cell types, included the hard-to-transfected cell types, primary cells and non-dividing cells, which makes the gene editing possible in all cell types.

With using the ready-to-use SpCas9 lentivirus, you can simply synthesize the "targeting expression cassette "(U6/H1-crRNA-tracrRNA)" or construct the guide vector (gRNA) by clone the target specific "crRNA-tracrRNA" into a desired gRNA vector (without cas9 cassette). Note: GenTarget provide [Service](#) to construct your target specific gRNA lentivectors and produce the ready-to-use gRNA lentivirus.

Humanized nuclear penetrating Cas 9 expression lentivector core structure:



GenTarget's SpCas9 expression lentivirus has the following **Key advantages**:

- 1) **High efficient SpCas9 expression delivery with markers:** High titer lentivirus providing most efficient SpCas9 delivery in almost all cell types including primary cells and non-dividing cells; Some SpCas9 products



include a fluorescent-antibiotic dual marker allowing the real-time check the lentivirus transduction efficiency.

- 2) **Different promoter selection (CMV, EF1a and CAG)** for SpCas9 expression for different promoter strength in cell types
- 3) **Best nuclear penetrating for SpCas9 enzyme:** the SpCas9 is expressed with an **optimized, proprietary Nuclear Localization Signal (NLS)**, providing the efficient cas9 delivery into the nuclear region where the gene editing occurs.
- 4) **No need for tedious cloning work or vector construction:** you can simply synthesize the gRNA (and donor cassette when desired) and used together with the SpCas9 lentivirus for the gene editing.
- 5) **Allow multiple gene editing at the same time:** no need to construct each targeting vector for different gene. Instead, you just select the target sequence and synthesize the gRNA (each single strand RNA or double stranded DNA cassette) that to used with the standalone SpCas9 expression particles.

3. CRISPR target sequence selection:

Selection of the target sequence within the gene of interest is critical to the efficacy and specificity of genetic editing with CRISPR/SpCas9. The crRNA segment of the gRNA will only bind to DNA targets that are immediately upstream of the proper Protospacer Adjacent Motif (PAM) sequence, which for CRISPR/SpCas9 is NGG. The target sequence (**20bp ~ 30bp**) can be in either the sense or anti-sense orientation with respect to the target gene. It is a good idea to create several target sequences for your gene of interest and to select sequences with minimal homology to other genes, in order to find a sequence with good cleavage efficiency and minimal off-target effects. Many online bioinformatics tools assist in selecting a gRNA sequence with minimal off-target effects.

target sequence selection: 5'- "(20-30 target sequence) + PAM (NGG)"

(Note: the selected sequences are in front of the NGG in genomic sequence, but NGG should not be included in the synthesized gRNA)

4. CFISPR Protocol (as general reference only):

- 1) select or design the 20bp target specific sequence (crRNA) using an online CRISPR designer tool;
- 2) generate the gRNA that can be carried out by one of the methods listed below:



- **method 1:** or construct the gRNA transcription vector by cloning the 20nt crRNA into a gRNA vector (that containing the tracrRNA already); (GenTarget provides [services](#) to construct your desired gRNA lentivector and ready-to-use gRNA lentivirus).
- **method 2:** synthesize the linear double stranded DNA cassette that transcribes the gRNA ("crRNA-tracrRNA"), driven by either human U6 or H1 promoter:

"U6 promoter==(crRNA-tracrRNA)-terminator (tttttctag)" (~369bp)

"H1 promoter==(crRNA-tracrRNA)-terminator (tttttctag)" (~210bp)

- **method 3:** By synthesize the single stranded RNA: "20nt crRNA + 80nt tracrRNA" (100 bases);
"crRNA/(20nt)---tracrRNA /(80nt)"

3) generate the Donor by the one of the methods listed below (optional for knock-in genomic editing):

- **method 1:** synthesize the double stranded DNA cassette for sequence modification as:
" LHA (500bp target specific left homologues arm) + (marker / insert +poly A terminator) + (RHA (500bp target specific right homologues arm))"
- **method 2:** construct the donor vector clone by cloning the target specific "LHA-(marker / insert +poly A terminator)-RHA" into a donor vector;

- 4) Add SpCas9 expression lentivirus and gRNA lentivirus to target cells;
(Note: if gRNA is double stranded DNA or not lentivirus, then the gRNA has to be delivered via DNA transfection, such as lipid-based delivery.)
- 5) (Optional for knock-In, apply Donor cassettes into target cells by lipid based transfection or other delivery method);
- 6) select the sequence modified colonies;

Note: If you want GenTarget to prepare the target specific gene editing reagents for you, please [contact GenTarget](#) for a service quote.

The human codon, nuclear penetrating SpCas9 lentivirus are provided as the **200ul** of concentrated virus in PBS with titer at 1×10^8 IFU/ml.



5. SpCas9 Lentivirus 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 24 ~ 72 hours (no need to change medium), visualize positive transduction rate by fluorescence microscopy. For stable cell line generation, pass cells into medium containing antibiotic or perform fluorescence cell sorting followed by antibiotic selection.

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 $0.5 \times 10^5/\text{ml} \times 0.5\text{ml}$ in a well of a 24-well plate.

Day 1:

- Remove the culture medium and add 0.5ml fresh, warm, complete medium.
- 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 all of the 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 48~72hr after transduction, check the transduction rate by fluorescence microscopy or calculate the exact transduction rate by flow cytometry (FACS or Guava) (only for the products containing a fluorescent marker)

Day 3 + (optional):

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).

Note: Filter wavelength settings:

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

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

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- 5) NIH Guidelines for [Biosafety Considerations for Research with Lentiviral Vectors](#). (Link).

8. Warranty:

This product is for research use only. It is warranted to meet its quality as described when used in accordance with its instructions. GenTarget disclaims any implied warranty of this product for particular application. In no event shall GenTarget be liable for any incidental or consequential damages in connection with the products. GenTarget's sole remedy for breach of this warranty should be, at GenTarget's option, to replace the products.

9. Attachment: GenTarget's pre-made lentivirus product categories.

Product Category	Product Description (please click into each category's page)
Pathway Reporter	Repoter Lentivirus for all kinds of pathway screening assays
Cell Immortalization	Lentivirus for cell immortalization: Large T-antigen, hTERT, EBNA1/EBNA2, HpV16-E6/E7, Adenovial E1A, Kras_G12V, HOXA9, et al.
ImmunoOncology Research	Lentivirus products for immuno therapy research: CAR and TCR; Assay Cell Lines for T-cell targeted killing assay and other cell-based assays; over-expression lentivirus products for the immune response targets; Cell surface antigens (CDs); immune checkpoint / Receptors; CRISPR gene Repair and knock-IN lentivirus; CRISPR knockout lentivirus;
CAR-T, TCR Lentivirus	CARs Lentivirus: Anti-CD19 /CD20 /CD22 /BCMA /hHER2 /HLA-A2 /TGFβ; TCRs : MART-1/ NY-ESO1/ CD1d-α-GalCer/ TRaV3-F2A-TRβV5-6;



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CRISPR Gene Editing	Preamde lentivirus express humanized wild-type SpCas9 endonuclease, the dSpCas9 , gRNAs, CRISPR gene editing research
Epigenomic: CRISPRi and CRISPRa	" dSpCas9-Protein " fusion Lentivirus for epigenomic modification, resulted in CRISPR interference (CRISPRi) or activation (CRISPRa).
Cell-Specific Reporter	a set of reporter lentiviruses to express a luminescence or fluorescent reporter (firefly Luciferase, Renilla luciferase, RFP or GFP fluorescent marker) under a tissue specific promoter
Infectious Antigens	Lentivirus that express all kinds of infectious antigens with C-term 6His-tag.
Virus Like Particles (VLP)	Lentiviral Like Particles, pseudo-typed with a different envelope proteins.
Non-integrating LV	Integration Defective Lentivirus, express different targets for transient expression without the unwanted insertional mutagenesis.
shRNA Knockdown	Knockdown verified and customized shRNA lentivirus for target knockdown,
microRNA lentivirus	Premade lentivirus expression human or mouse precursor miRNA . And anti-miRNA lentivector and virus for human and mouse miRNA.
Anti-miRNA lentivirus	Pre-made lentivirus expression a specific anti-miRNA cassette.
Human and mouse ORFs	Premade lentivirus expressing a human, mouse or rat gene with RFP-Blasticidin fusion dual markers.
Luciferase expression	Premade lentivirus for all kinds of luciferase protein expression: firefly and Renilla, Red-Luc and more , with different antibiotic selection markers.
Fluorescent Markers	Lentivirus express all commonly used fluorescent proteins: GFP, RFP, CFP, BFP YFP, mRFP, unstable GFP and others.
Luminescent Imaging	Lentivirus express Nano-Lantern as Bio-probes for in vivo imaging of sub-cellular structural organization and dynamic processes in living cells and organisms



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Sub-cellular Imaging	Lentivirus contain a well-defined organelle targeting signal fused to a fluorescent protein, great tools for live-cell imaging and for dynamic investigation of sub-cellular signal pathways.
Cytoskeleton Imaging	A fluorescent marker (GFP, RFP or CFP) fusion with a cellular structure protein, provides a convenient tool for visualization of cytoskeletal structure
Unstable GFP	Lentivirus express the destabilized GFP (uGFP) which provides fast turnover responses in signal pathway assay and in knockdown / knockout detection
near-infrared RFP	The near-infrared Red fluorescent (niRFP) expression Lentiviruses provides the whole-body images with better contrast and brighter images
Fluorescent-ORF fusion	Pre-made lentivirus expression a " GFP/RFP/CFP-ORF " fusion target.
CRE recombinase	Premade lentivirus for expressing nuclear permeant CRE recombinase with different fluorescent and antibiotic markers.
CRE, Flp ColorSwitch	Lentivirus expressing "LoxP-GFP-Stop-LoxP-RFP" or "FRT-GFP-Stop-FRT-RFP" cassette, used to monitor the CRE or Flp recombination event in vivo.
SEAP Reporter	lentivirus expressing SEAP under different promoters (TetCMV, EF1a, CAG, Ubc, mPGK, Actin-beta or a signal pathway responsive promoter),
TetR Repressor	Premade lentivirus expressing TetR (tetracycline regulator) protein, the repressor protein for the inducible expression system.
rtTA Expression	rtTA binds to the tetracycline operator element (TetO) in the presence of doxycycline (Dox). Used for Tet-On /OFF inducible system.
iPS factors	Premade lentivirus for human and mouse iPS (Myc, NANOG, OCT4, SOX2, FLK4) factors with different fluorescent and antibiotic markers
LacZ expression	Express different full length β-galactosidase (lacZ) with different selection markers
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



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	lentivirus target expression effects.
Other Enzyme expression	Ready-to-use lentivirus, expressing a specific enzymes with different selection markers.
Ultra titer lentivirus	Ultra-titer lentivirus used for the hard-to-transduced cells and for in vivo manipulation of sperm cells, or stem cells.