

siRNA/DNA transfection  
v.1

1. Plate the previous day. HeLa cells  $0.40 \times 10^6$  per 35mm (six well) dish. 80-90% on day of transfection. Protocol for six well plates.

2. Dilute siRNA in RNase-free water

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10 $\mu$ M solution.

Final Needed	Final Needed pmol	Final Needed $\mu$ mol	Stock 10 $\mu$ M	Liters needed to added (umol/10 $\mu$ M)	$\mu$ l add to 35mm	
5 pmol	5	.000005	10	.0000005	0.5	
25 pmol	25	.000025	10	.0000025	2.5	
50 pmol	50	.00005	10	.000005	5	

3. Warm Opti-Mem

4. Use 2 $\mu$ g DNA. 4 $\mu$ l pcDNA1.1 Atx1[2] (500ng/ $\mu$ l).

5. Add siRNA and DNA to 250 $\mu$ l opti-MEM. Mix gently.

6. Add 4  $\mu$ l (2.5-6  $\mu$ l) Lipofectamine 2000 in 250 $\mu$ l opti-MEM. Mix gently. Incubate 5 minutes RT.

7. Mix siRNA/DNA and Lipofectamine 2000. Mix gently by slow pipetting up and down. Incubate 20 minutes RT. Solution may become cloudy.

8. Plate the cells in 2ml opti-MEM.

9. Add transfection solution to cells. Rock back and forth to mix.

10. Media may be added back in 4-6 hours.

Note: Keep hood light off when using fluorescein (fitc) labeled siRNA and cover with aluminum foil during incubations.

Do not forget proper controls.