Corning® HYPER*Flask*® Cell Culture Vessel jetPEl™ Fast Transfection Protocol

Protocol

This is an optimized rapid version of the standard jetPEI High Yield PERformance Flask (HYPER*Flask*) cell culture vessel transfection protocol (CLS-AN-111). It was developed to save time and cost by transfecting and seeding the HYPER*Flask* vessel in one step.

Introduction

One of the most useful tools in cell biology research is transfection, the introduction of foreign DNA into eukaryotic cells. In much of today's research, there is a growing need for the effective transfection of large quantities of cells. The jetPEI transfection reagent (Polyplus-transfection™) is a highly efficient, low toxicity, water-soluble polymer that can be used in the presence of serum in culture media. Therefore, there is no need to change the culture medium before or after transfecting cells, making this method ideally suited for use with the Corning HYPER*Flask* vessel. This protocol was optimized using HeLa cells but has been successfully applied to a variety of cell types including Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells. This protocol is intended as a starting point that can be optimized by the end user for their cell lines.





Figure 1. Venting position to be used when pre-warming the HYPERFlask and HYPERFlask M vessels when the vessel is empty or contains low volumes of liquid for prolonged periods of time (greater than 60 minutes).

Cell Culture Suspension Set Up

Steps were modified from the Corning HYPER*Flask*® Cell Culture Vessel jetPEI™ Transfection Protocol (CLS-AN-111) and the jetPEI transfection protocol.

The procedure described below is for plating cells into a HYPER*Flask* cell culture vessel (Corning Cat. No. 10010 or 10024) and multiple wells of a 24 well plate (Corning Cat. No. 3524). The 24 well plate will serve as a control for overall transfection efficiency as well as the transfection efficiency of the large scale precipitate made for the HYPER*Flask* vessel. Should you choose to use a different size control well, scale your changes in reagents based on an equivalent mL/cm² (Table 1).

Helpful Hint: If choosing to pre-warm the vessel empty prior to seeding or when using low volumes during protocols such as trypsinization, transfections, etc. for prolonged periods of time (greater than 60 minutes), vent the vessel with the cap in the venting position as shown in Figure 1. This will allow proper ventilation to prevent pressure build-up. Please note: This includes storing the empty HYPERFlask vessels for periods of time greater than 60 minutes in the incubators of The Automation Partnership (TAP) Selec T^{TM} and CompacT Selec T^{TM} automated cell culture systems.

Helpful Hint: Due to the direct contact of the vessel cap with culture medium, it is recommended to change the cap when culturing for prolonged periods of time or when opening and closing the vessel repeatedly. This will help to reduce the possibility of contamination and ensure that a sufficient seal is obtained. For your convenience, additional caps are available (Cat. No. 10035).

Helpful Hint: Use early passage cultures (5 to 20 passages) at 80 to 90% confluence.

- 1. Harvest flask using standard harvest techniques, centrifuge for 10 min at 1,000 rpm and re-suspend cells in 50 mL of fresh growth medium.
 - Helpful Hint: If necessary, pass cell suspension through cell strainer to achieve a single cell suspension.
- 2. Prepare a cell suspension at 1.82 x 10⁵ cells/mL in a final volume of 424 mL for each HYPER*Flask* vessel to be tested using fresh growth medium.
- 3. Prepare a cell suspension at 1.82×10^5 cells/mL in a final volume of 550 μ L for each control or mock well to be tested.

Note: All mock or control replicates can be made as one cocktail and split over each well.

JetPEI/DNA Complex

Steps have been modified from the jetPEI transfection protocol using jetPEI transfection kit (Part No. 101-40N) optimized for 1 μ g DNA and a jetPEI N:P ratio of 5.

1. DNA solution A. Prepare in a container or tube that can hold 2X the final volume.

Solution A*	For One 24 Well Mock Plate (0.650 mL/Well)	For One 24 Well Control Plate (0.650 mL/Well)	For One HYPER <i>Flask</i> Vessel (560 mL/Flask)
DNA	_	0.5 μg/cm ² (1 μg)	0.5 μg/cm ² (860 μg)
150 mM NaCl	50 μL	To 50 μL	To 43.12 mL
Final Volume	50 μL	50 μL	43.1 mL

^{*}Prepare in a container/tube that can hold 2X the final volume.

2. JetPEI Solution B

Solution B**	For One 24 Well Mock Plate (0.650 mL/Well)	For One 24 Well Control Plate (0.650 mL/Well)	For One HYPER <i>Flask</i> Vessel (560 mL/Flask)
JetPEI Reagent	2 μL	2 μL	1.72 mL
150 mM NaCl	48 μL	48 μL	41.4 mL
Final Volume	50 μL	50 μL	43.1 mL

^{**}Optimized for an N:P ratio of 5.

3. While gently mixing, rapidly add jetPEI™ solution B into DNA solution A; mix well by vortexing.

Important Note: Do not add in reverse order.

Note: All mock or control replicates can be made as one cocktail and split over each well.

Final Volume	For One 24 Well	For One HYPER <i>Flask</i> Vessel	
jetPEI/DNA Complex	100 μL	86.2 mL	

4. Incubate at room temperature for 15 min. Solution may appear cloudy.

Transfection

For handling of the HYPER*Flask*® vessel, refer to the HYPER*Flask* M Cell Culture Vessel Instructions for Use, CLS-CC-029.

HYPERFlask Cell Culture Vessel

- 1. While mixing, slowly add 86.2 mL jetPEI/DNA complex to the cell suspension. *Note:* Minimize foaming of medium when mixing.
- 2. Seed 650 μ L/well of cell/DNA complex solution to a 24 well control plate to serve as the large-scale precipitate control.
 - *Note*: Up to 3 wells can be tested for performance of the large scale complex in a 24 well plate without interfering with the efficiency of transfection of the HYPER*Flask* vessel.
- 3. Gently pour remaining solution into the HYPER*Flask* vessel, remove all trapped air and recap securely.

Helpful Hint: If necessary, use fresh growth medium to bring liquid volume in the HYPERFlask vessel to the first thread.

Control Wells

- 4. While gently mixing, slowly add the jetPEI/DNA complex to cell suspension.
- 5. Seed 650 μL/well of the correct solution into corresponding control wells.
- 6. Incubate all cultures at 5% CO₂, 37°C for 48 hours.
- 7. Process transfected cells as necessary.

Please visit the Corning Life Sciences website to view a video presentation that describes the proper handling of the HYPER*Flask* vessel.

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