



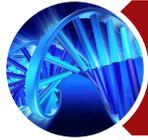
# TRANSFEX - SUPERIOR GENE EXPRESSION FOR HARD-TO-TRANSFECT CELL TYPES

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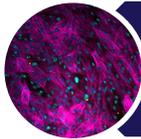
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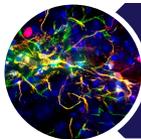
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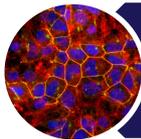
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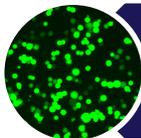
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# Mechanisms of transfection

## Physical

- Mechanical disruption of cell membrane opens “pores” in cell membrane
- Cell undergoes mitosis, plasmid DNA is captured by newly-formed nuclei of daughter cell
- **Common forms: Electroporation and Microinjection**

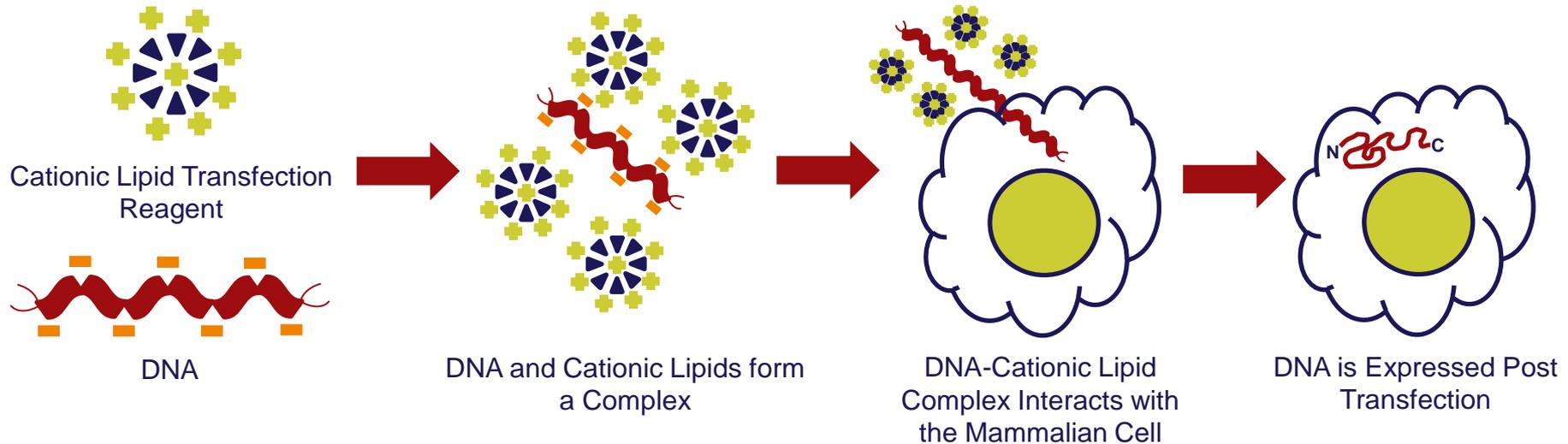
## Viral

- Recombinant virus is generated by a multi-step process including gene cloning, amplification in packaging cells, and high titer viral particle purification
- Infect cells (containing viral specific receptor)
- **Common forms: Retrovirus (Lentivirus) and Adenovirus**

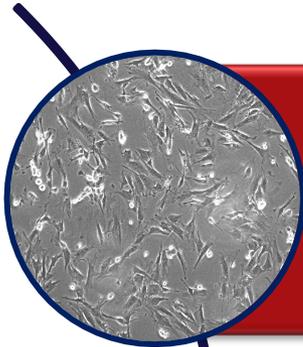
# Mechanisms of transfection

## Chemical

- DEAE-Dextran
- Calcium Phosphate
- **Cationic lipid reagent**
- Cationic non-lipid reagent



# Factors affecting transfection efficiency



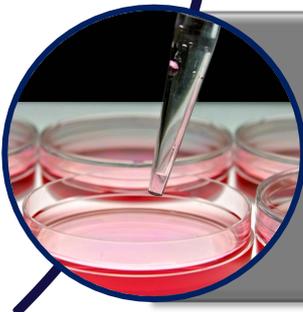
## Cells

- Healthy and actively dividing
- Plating density and confluency at time of transfection
- Passage number



## DNA

- High purity and endotoxin free
- Choice of promoter
- Ratio of DNA versus lipid
- Amount of DNA and lipid



## Media

- Antibiotics
- Serum
- Polyanions

# Factors affecting transfection efficiency



## DNA to Reagent Ratio

- Must mask negative charge
- Determined empirically



## Incubation Time

- Must balance penetration with viability
- Determined empirically

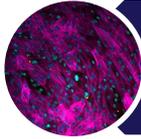
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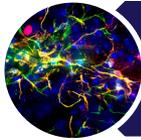
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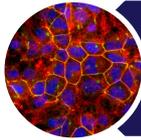
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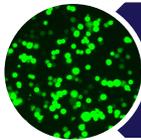
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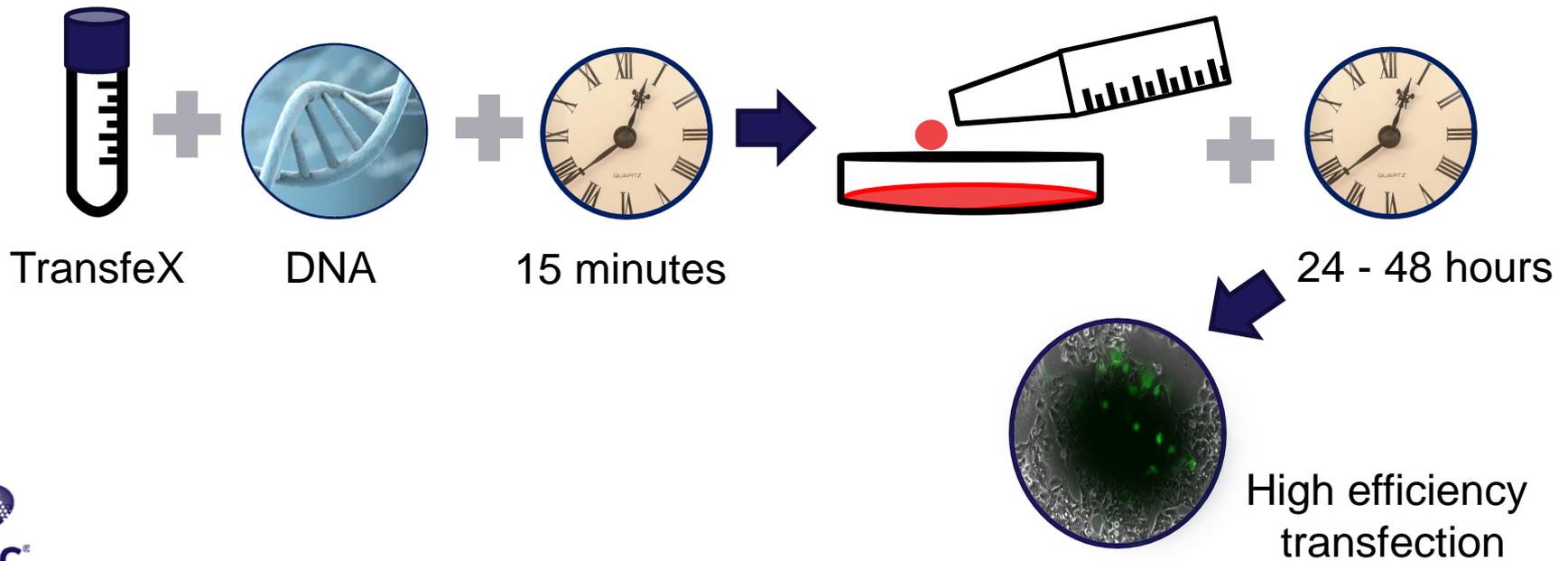


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# ATCC TransfeX transfection reagent (ATCC<sup>®</sup> ACS-4005<sup>™</sup>)

## TransfeX Reagent:

- Designed for transfection of primary cells, stem cells, and hard-to-transfect cell lines
- Validated in many iPSCs, adult stem cells, primary cells, immortalized cell lines, and continuous cell lines
- Free from animal components
- Performance tested



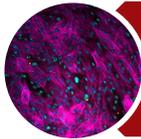
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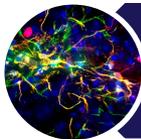
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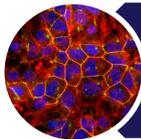
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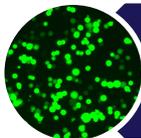
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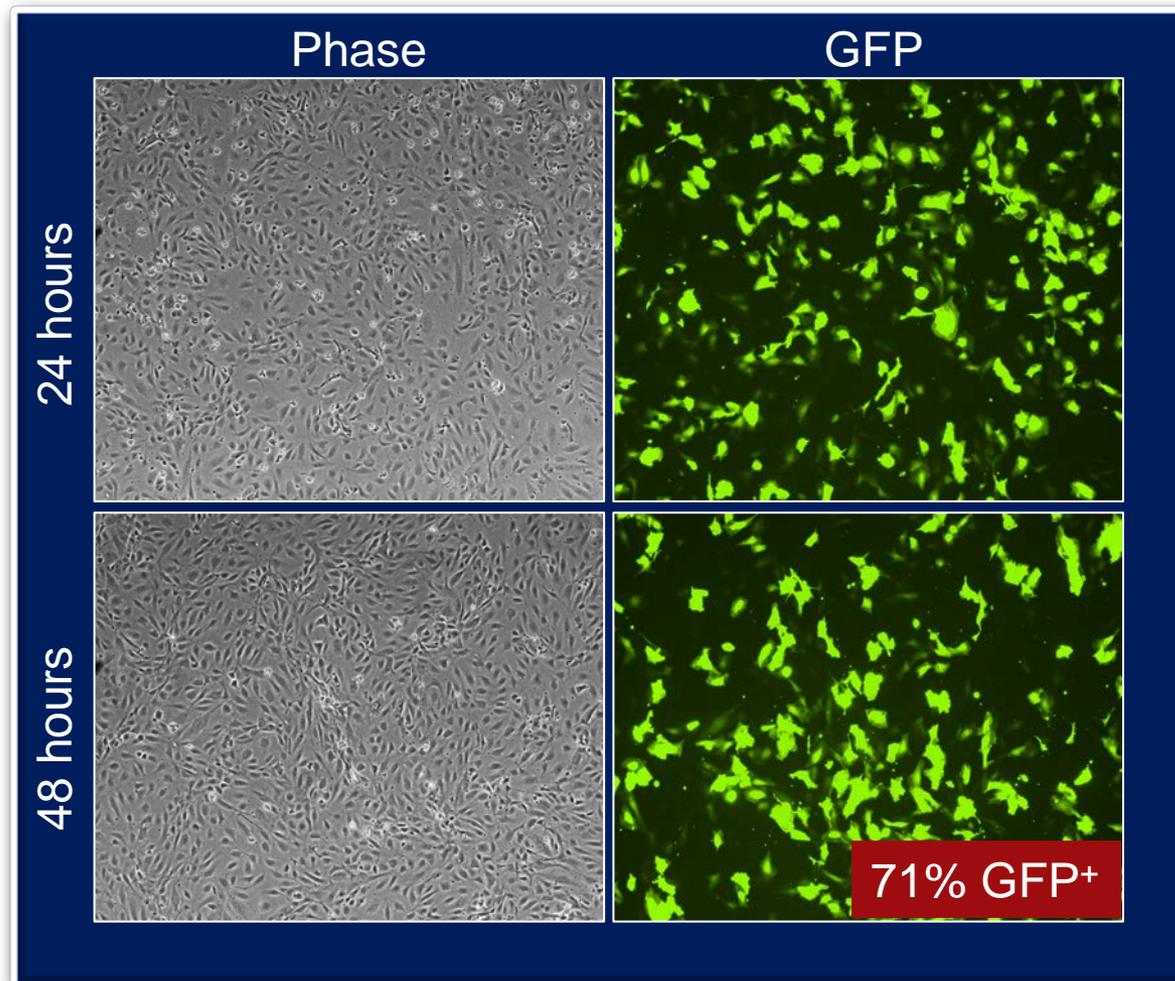


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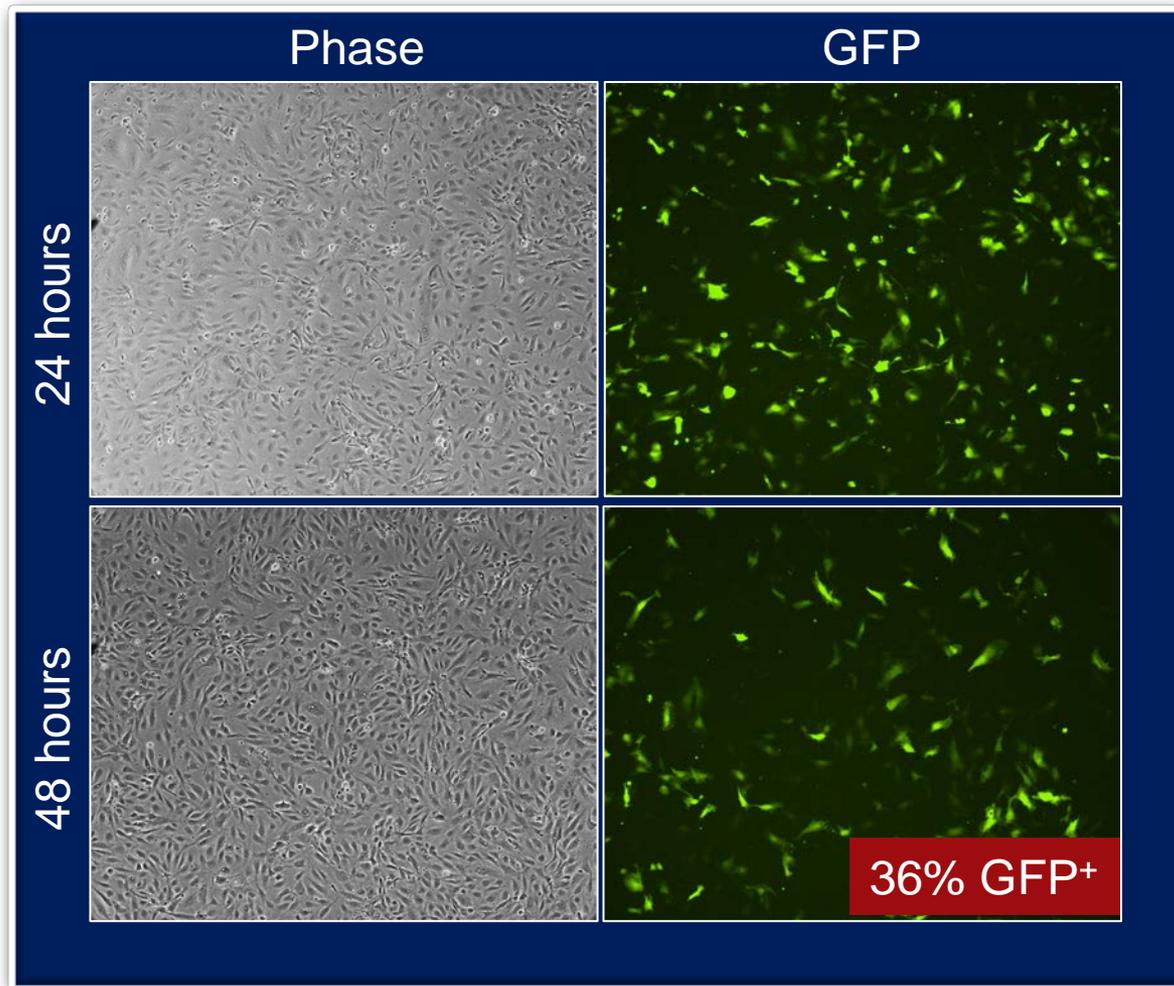
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# Transfection of HUVECs with TransfeX and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



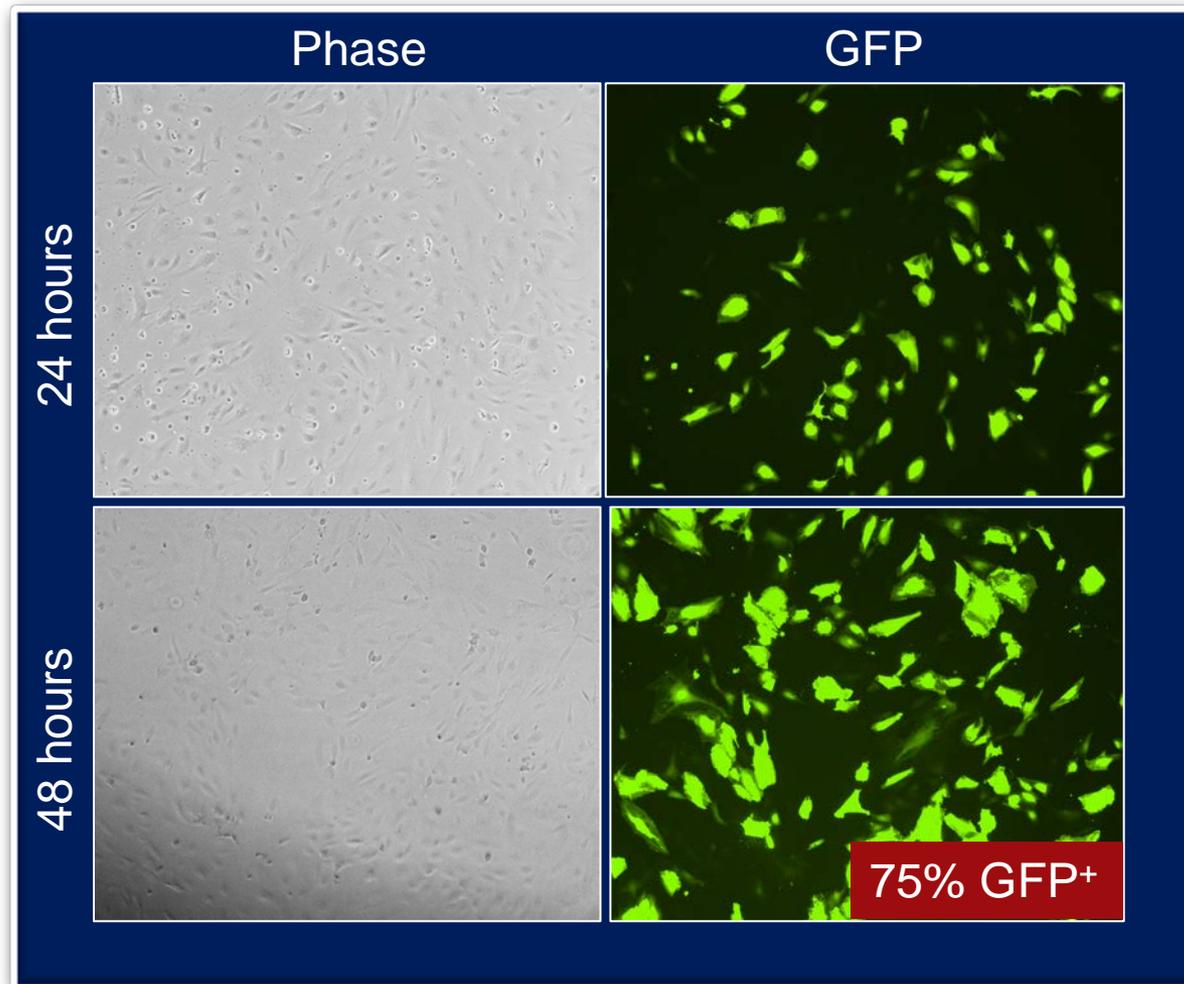
71% GFP+

# Transfection of HUVECs with alternate supplier reagent and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



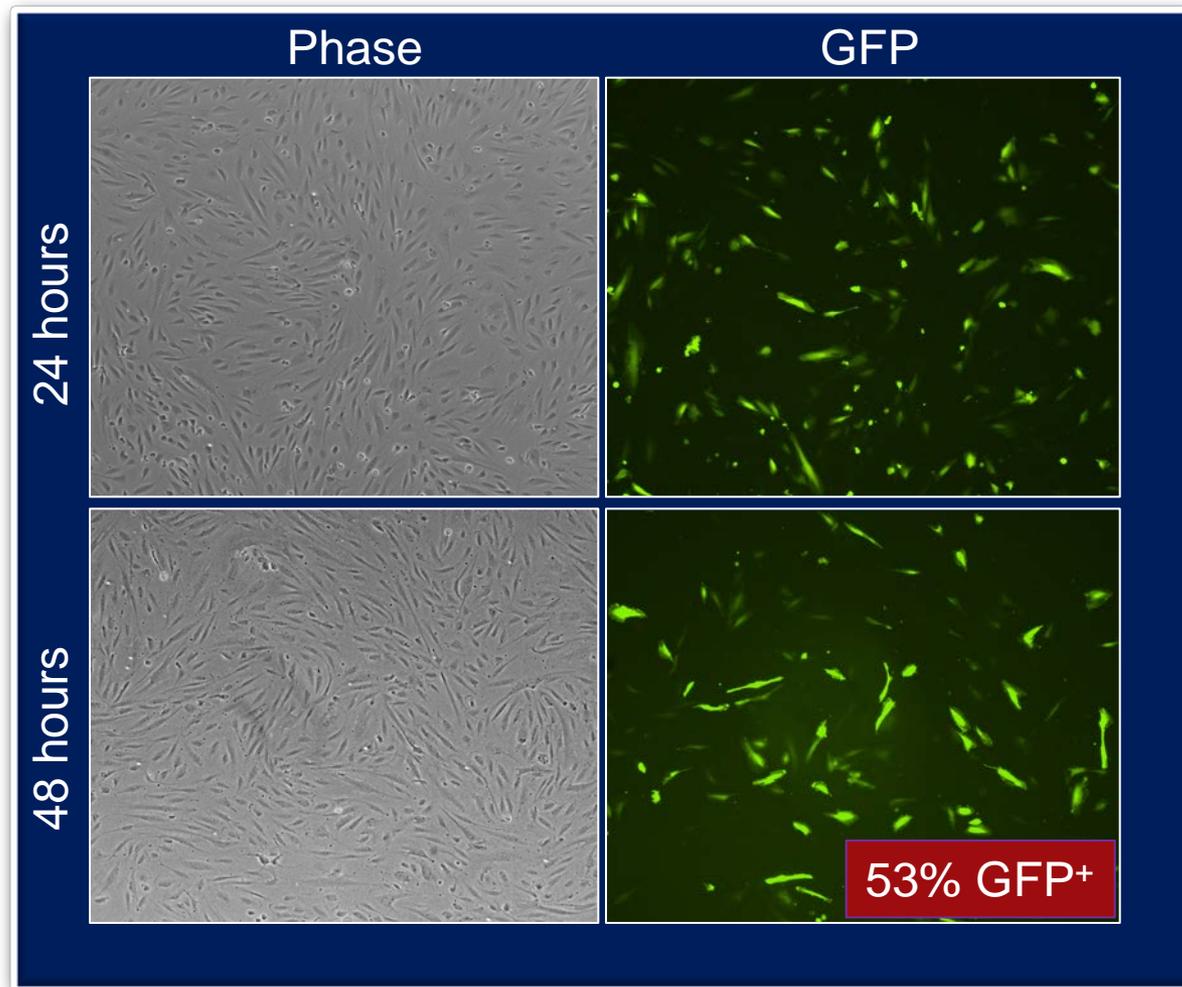
36% GFP<sup>+</sup>

# Transfection of primary dermal microvascular endothelial cells with TransfeX and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



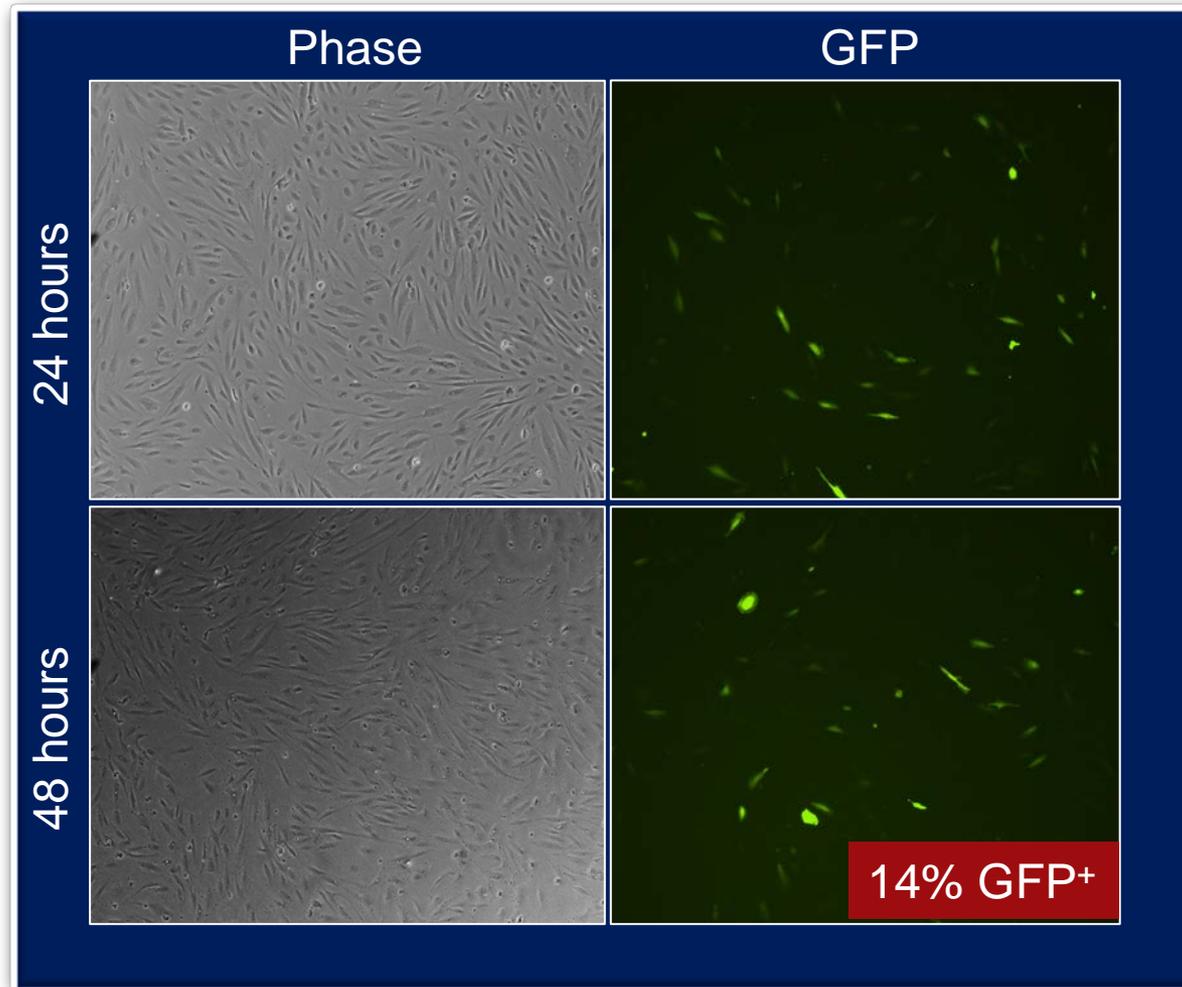
75% GFP+

# Transfection of immortalized human microvascular endothelial cells (TIME) with TransfeX and CMV-GFP vector



53% GFP+

# Transfection of immortalized human microvascular endothelial cells (TIME) with alternate supplier reagent and CMV-GFP vector



14% GFP+

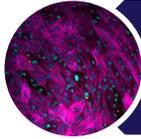
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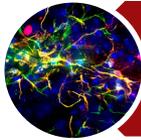
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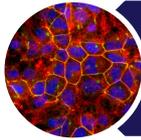
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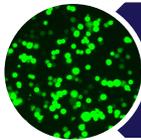
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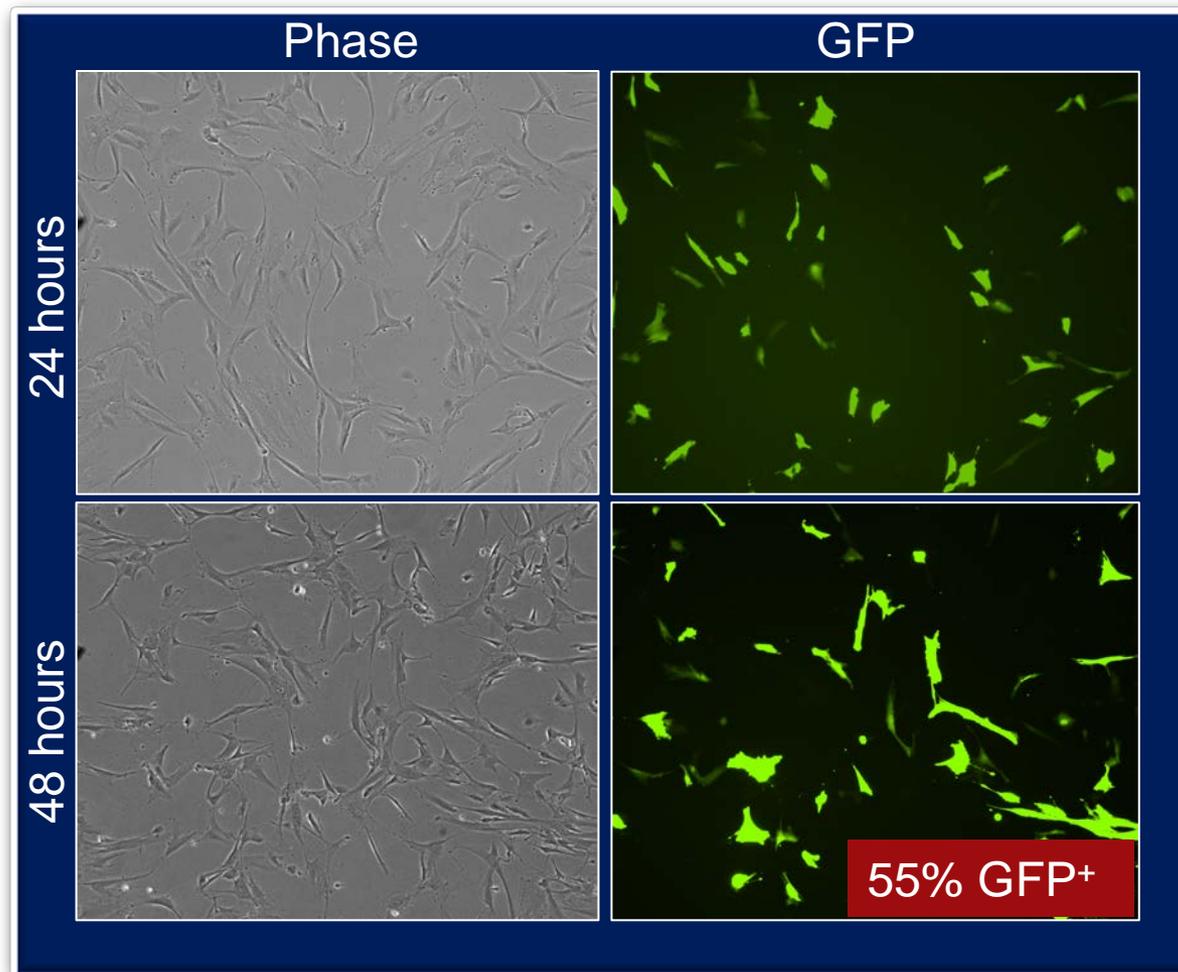


Continuous cell line transfection

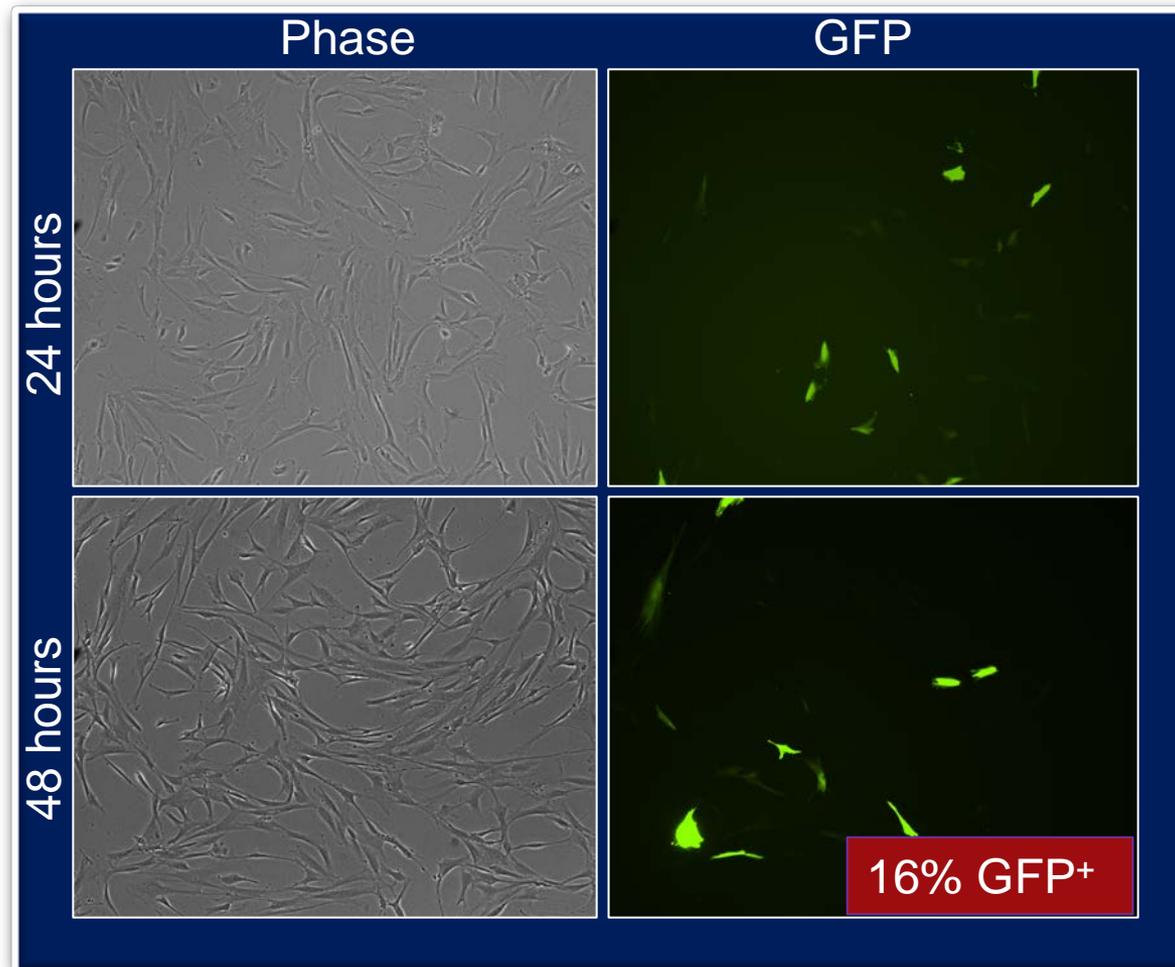


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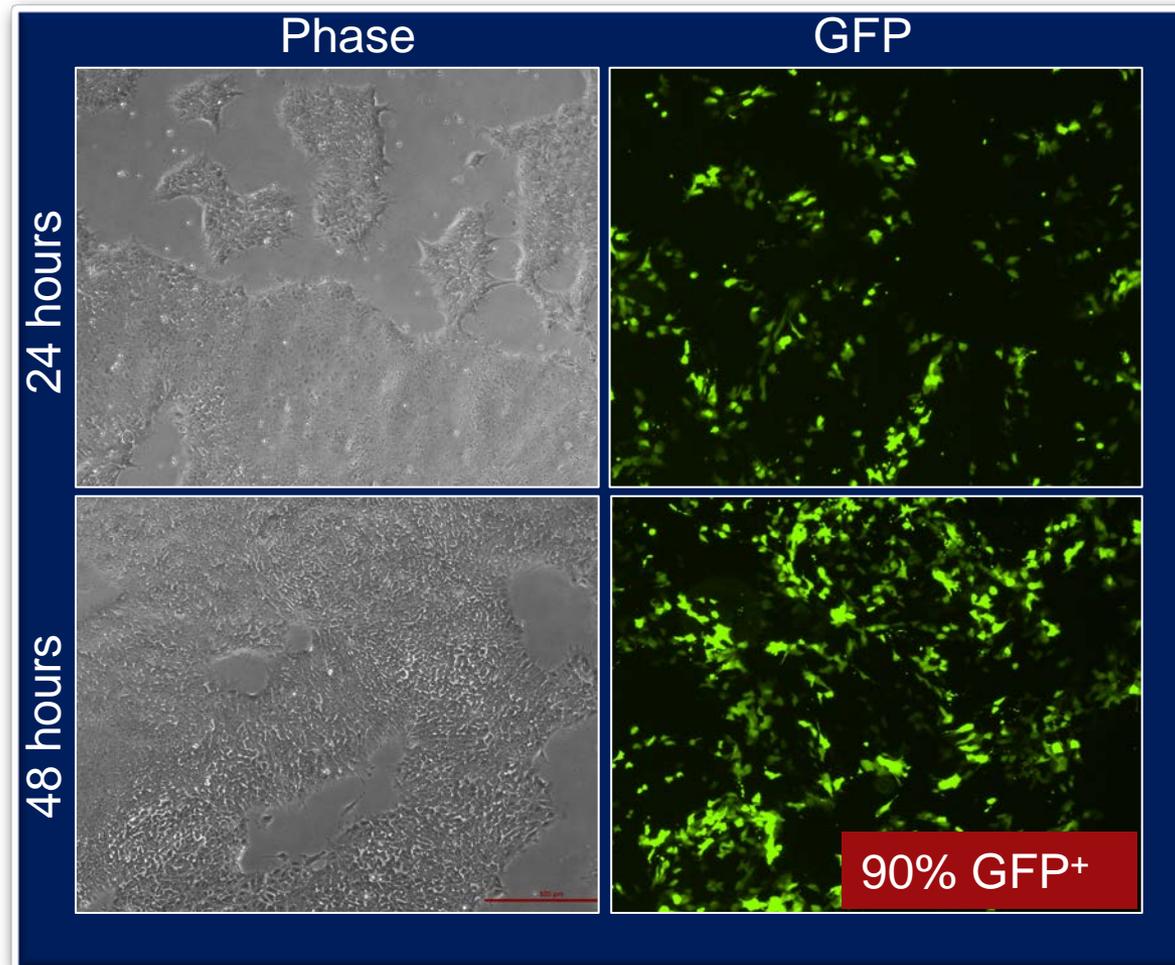
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# Transfection of BM-MSCs with alternate supplier reagent and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



# Transfection of hiPSCs with TransfeX and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



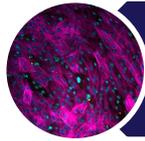
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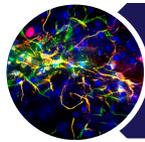
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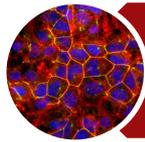
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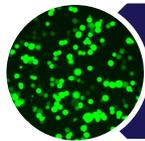
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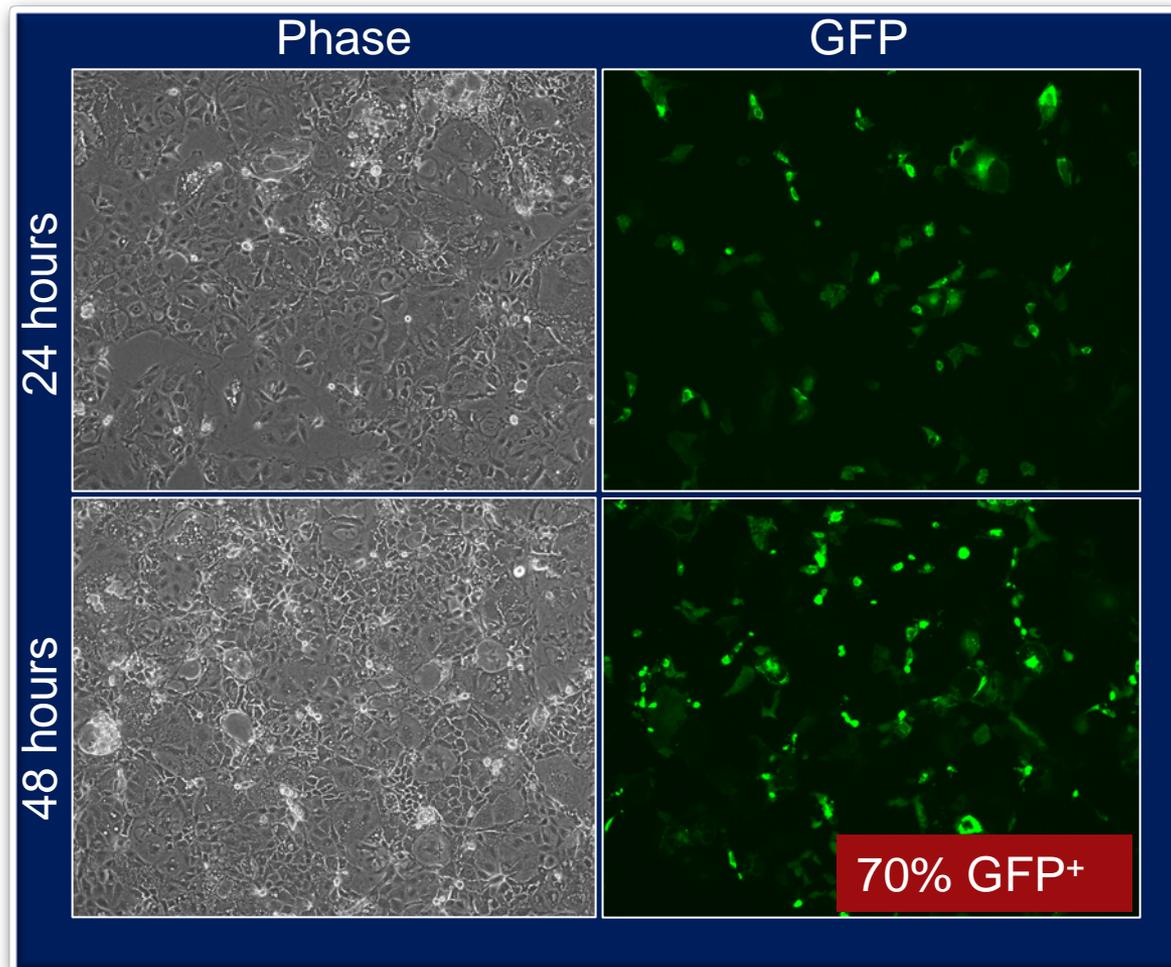


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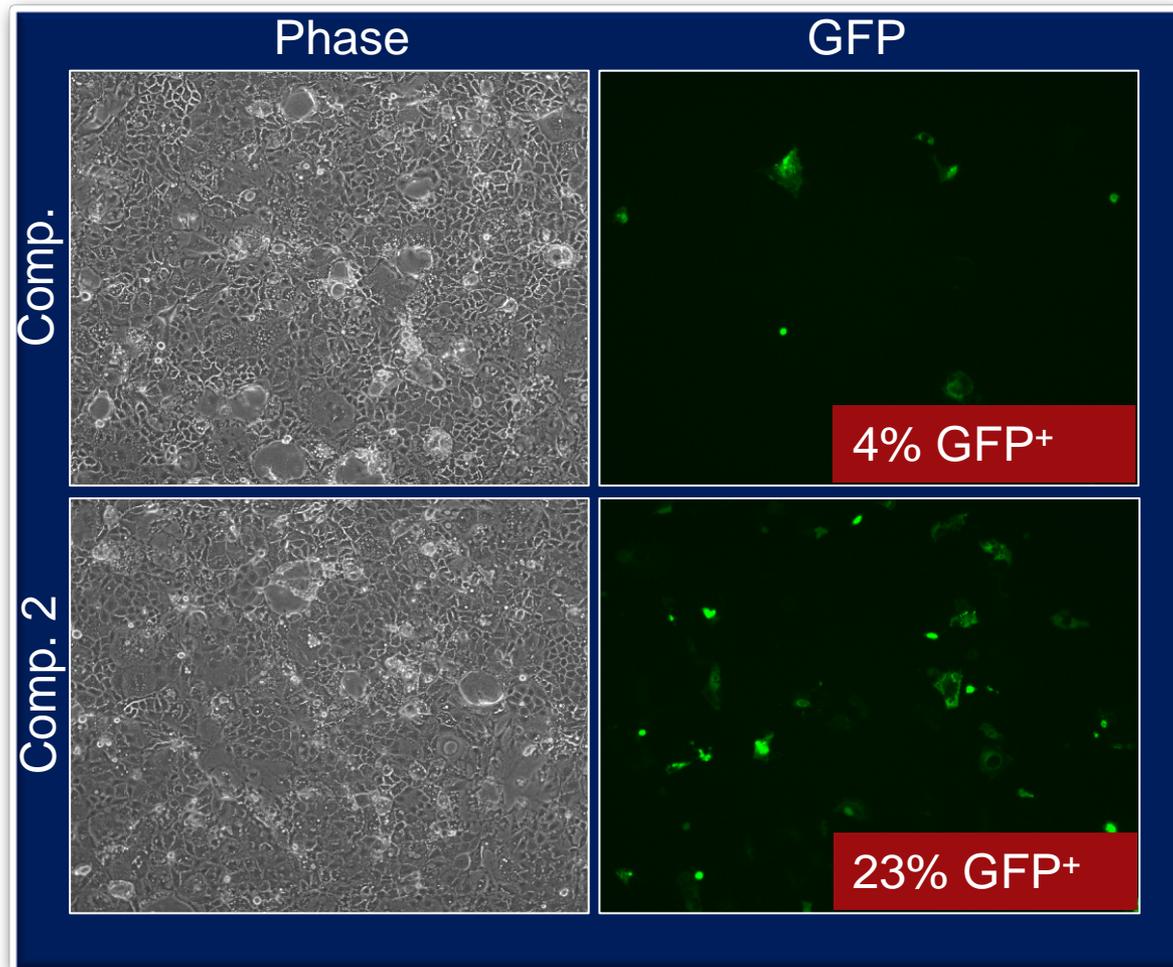


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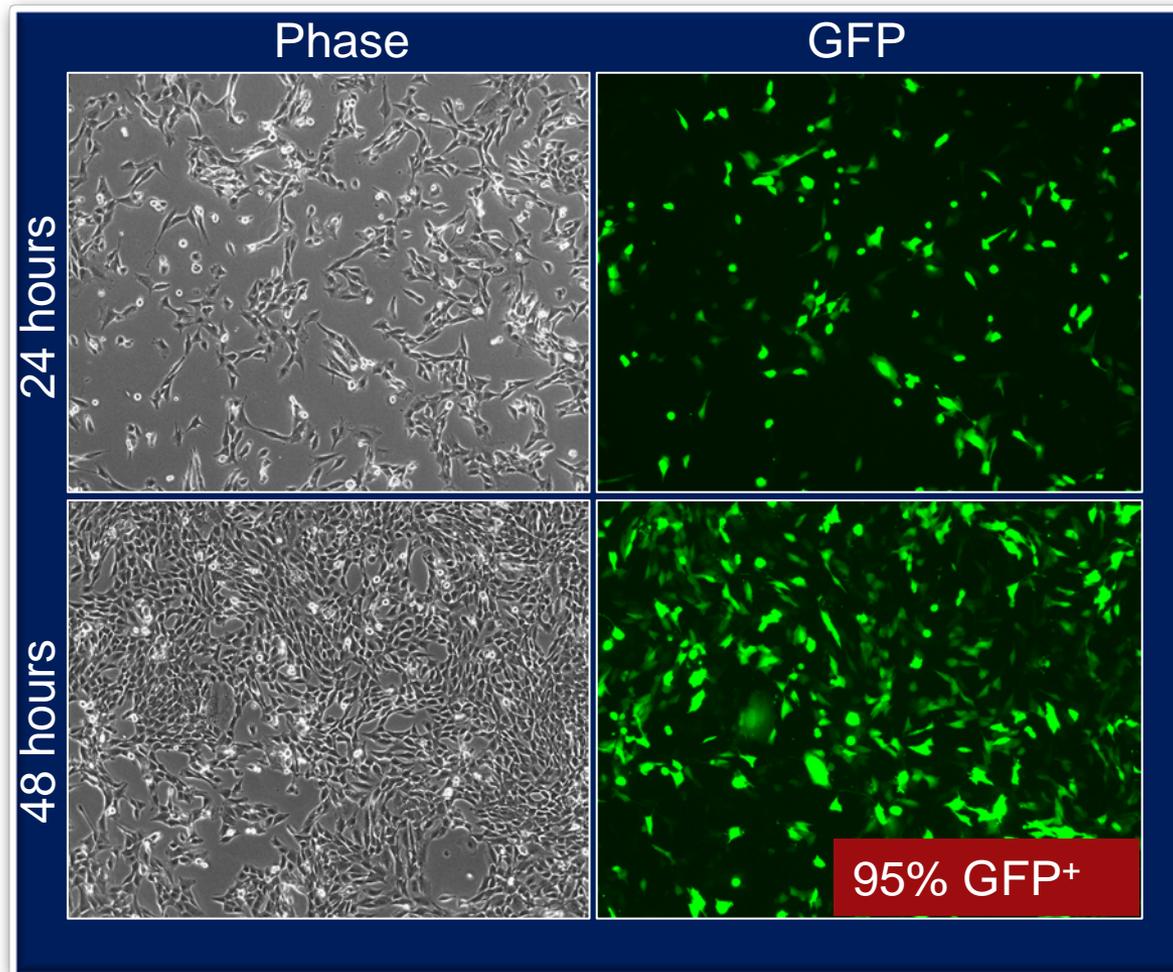
# Transfection of Caco-2 cell line with TransfeX and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



# Transfection of Caco-2 cell line with alternate supplier reagent



# Transfection of C2C12 cell line with TransfeX and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



# ATCC TransfeX transfection guide

## Protocols for using TransfeX to transfect . . .

### Continuous

- LNCap
- MDA-MB-231
- HepG2
- Caco-2
- C2C12
- 3T3-L1
- NuLi-1
- TIME
- RPTEC-hTERT
- hTERT-HME

### Stem

- Bone-marrow derived MSCs
- hiPSCs
- BT-142

### Primary

- Dermal Fibroblasts
- Dermal Microvascular Endothelial Cells
- HUVECs
- RPTECs
- Large Airway Epithelial Cells
- hMECs

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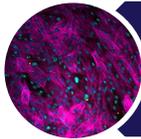
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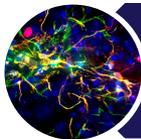
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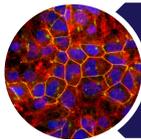
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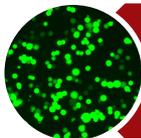
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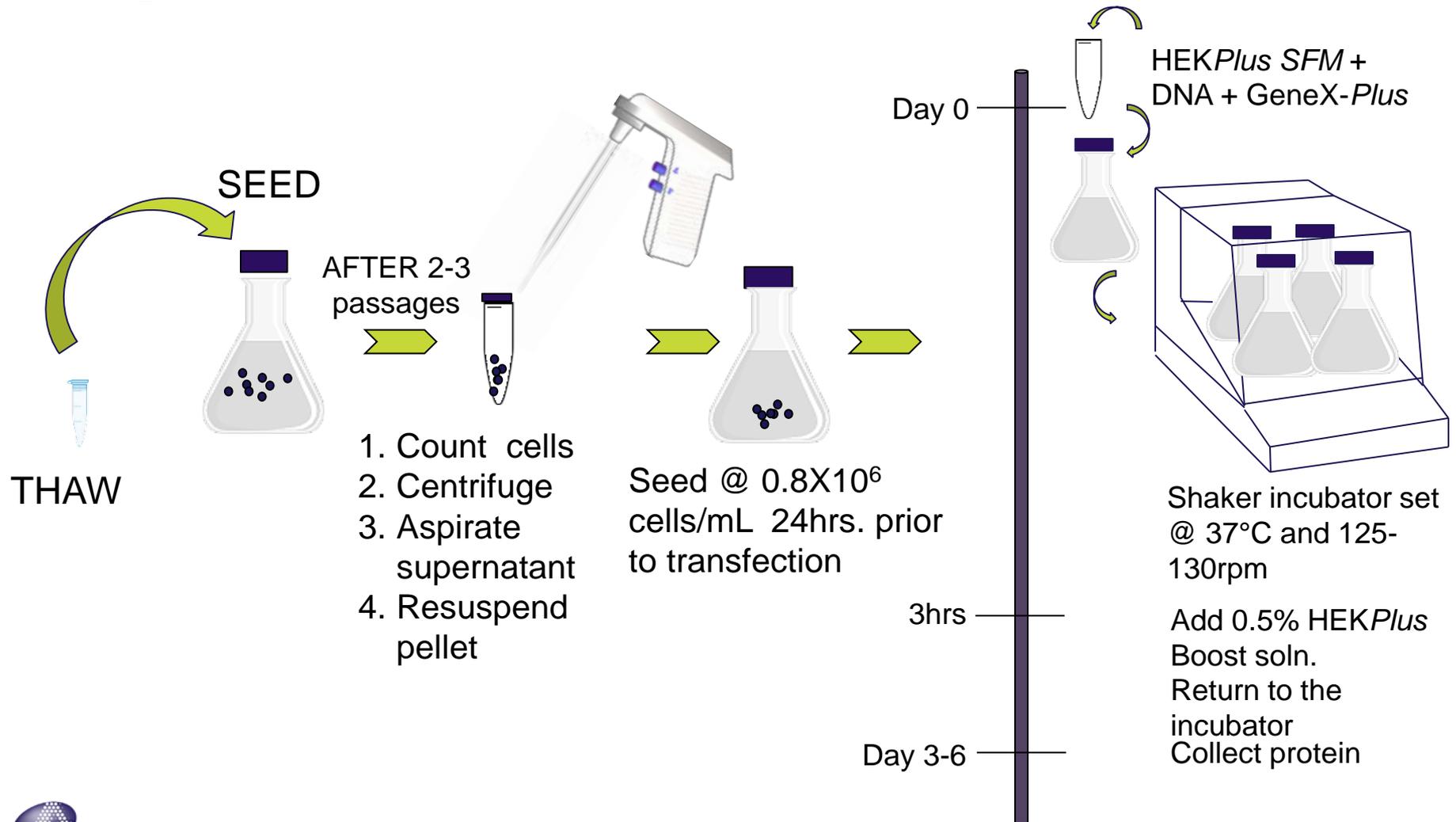


# HEKPlus Protein Expression System (ATCC<sup>®</sup> ACS-4800-K<sup>™</sup>)

A complete mammalian protein expression system using serum-free suspension cell cultures of HEK293 cells

Component	ATCC <sup>®</sup> No.
HEKPlus SF Suspension Cells	ACS-4500 <sup>™</sup>
HEKPlus SFM Medium	ACS-4002 <sup>™</sup>
HEKPlus Boost Solution	ACS-4003 <sup>™</sup>
<b>GeneXPlus Transfection Reagent</b>	ACS-4004 <sup>™</sup>
L-Alanyl-Glutamine, 200 mM	30-2115 <sup>™</sup>

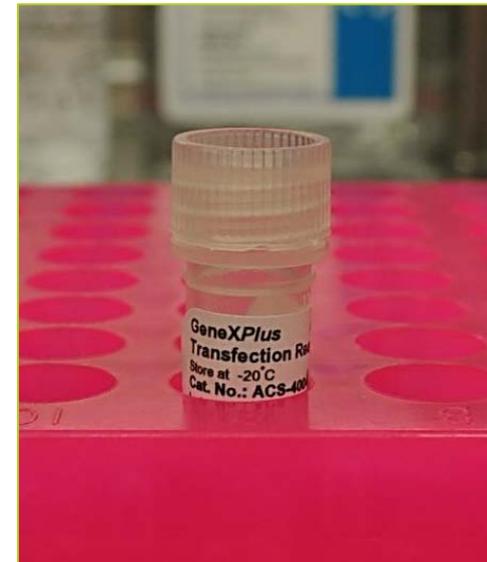
# The kit components are optimized to work together



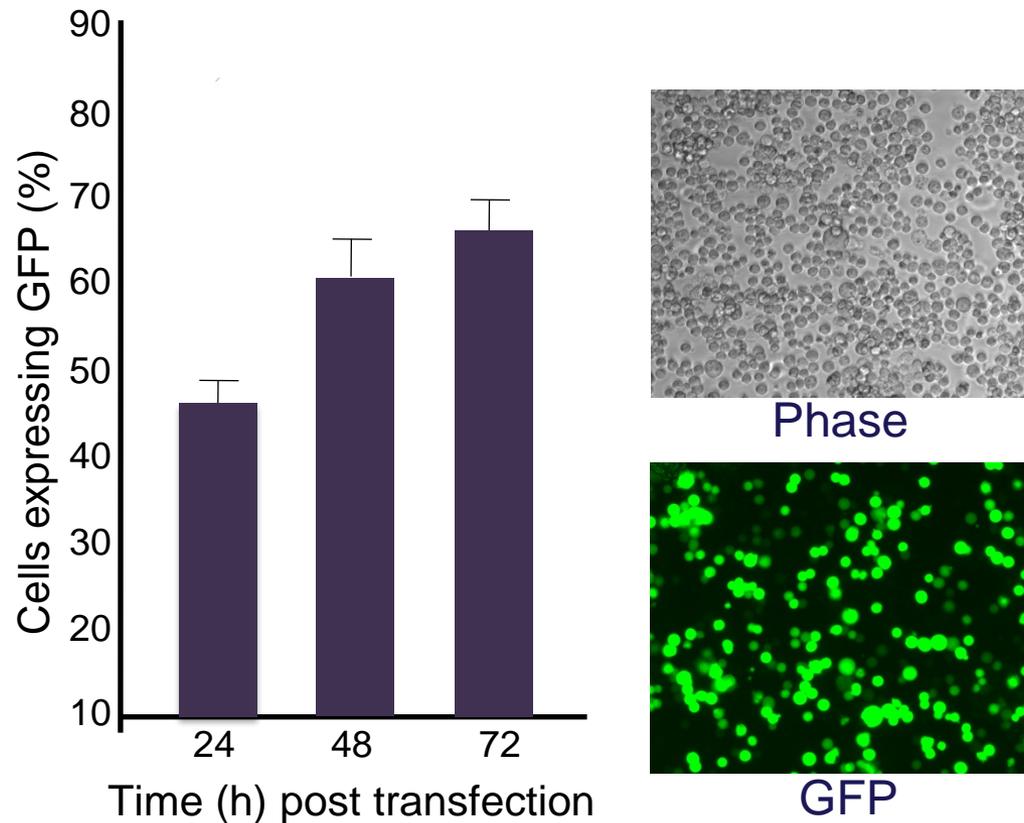
# HEKPlus GeneXPlus Transfection Reagent

## GeneXPlus Transfection Reagent (ACS-4004™)

- 1 mL
- Animal component free
- Used for transfection of plasmid DNA into mammalian cells
- Formulated for low cytotoxicity; optimized to balance cytotoxicity and potency
- Produces high levels of gene expression
- Suitable for both transient and stable transfection

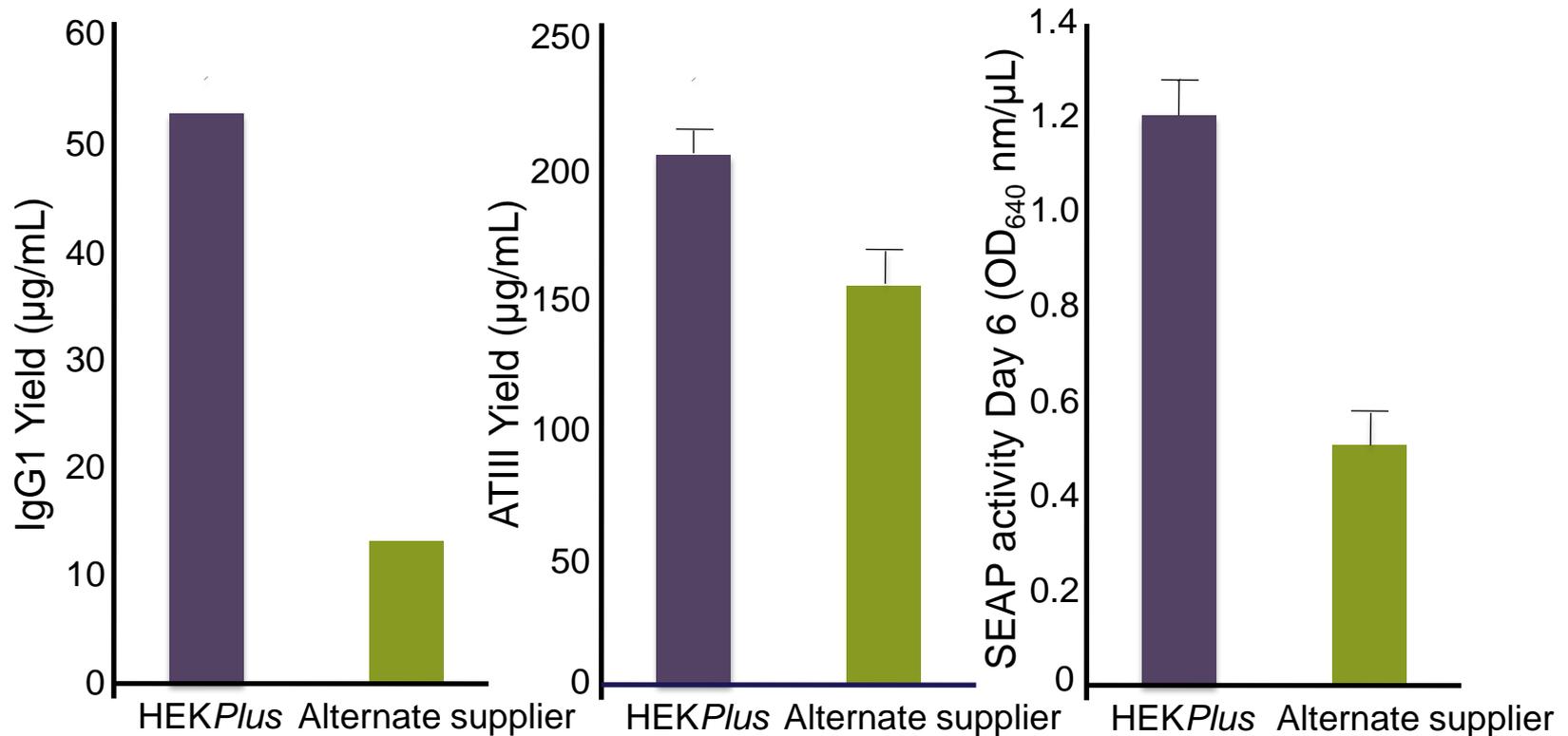


# HEKPlus System: High transfection efficiency



The HEKPlus Expression system consistently achieves **high transfection efficiency**, with 65-70% of cells expressing the construct 48-72 hours after transfection

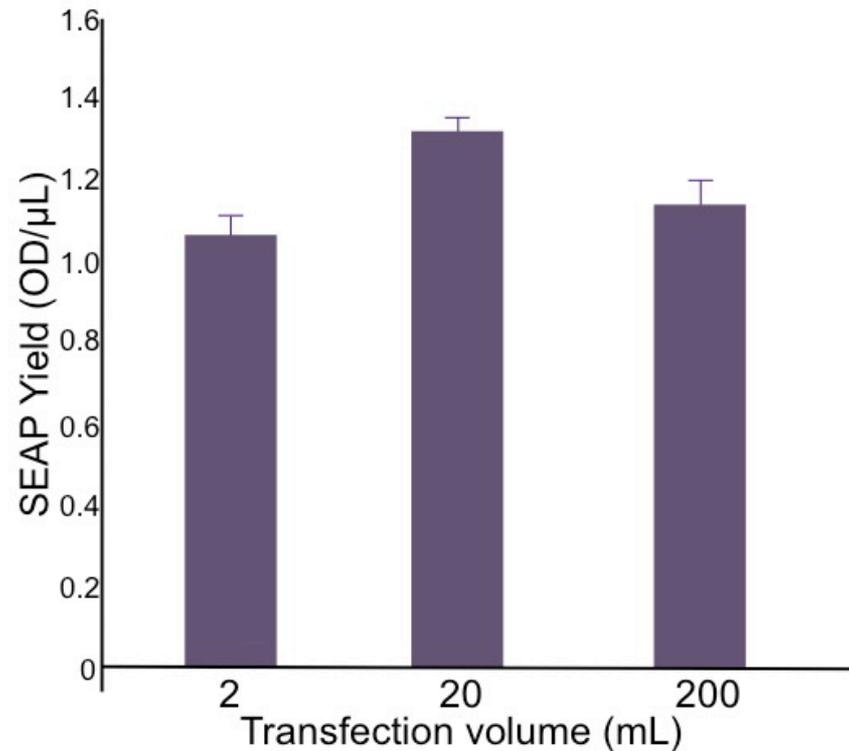
# HEKPlus System: Better yield versus an alternate supplier



HEKPlus system results in **protein yields higher than the expression systems of an alternate supplier.**

SEAP was assayed using a phosphatase reaction, which suggests that the expressed protein is **functional.**

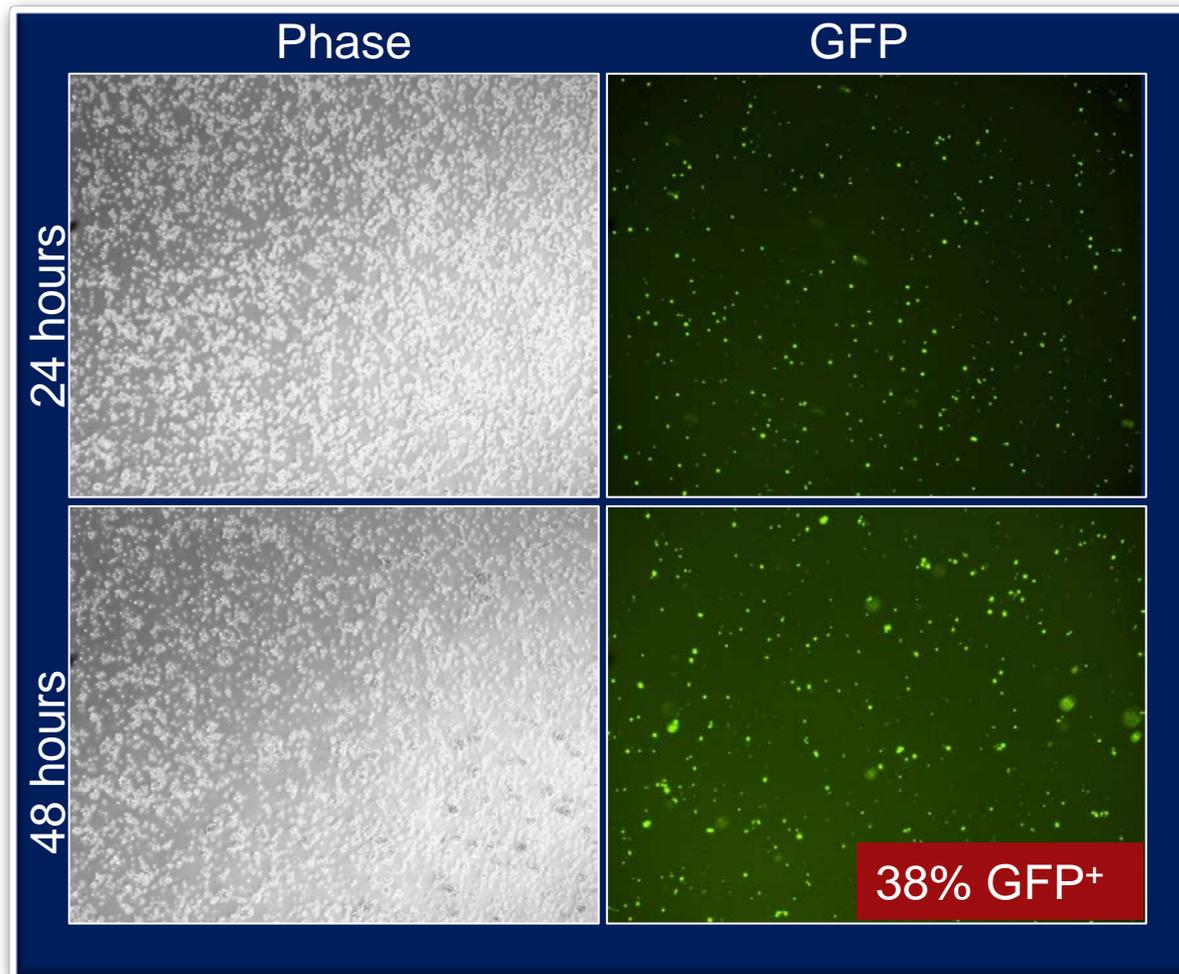
# HEKPlus System: Cost-effective and scalable



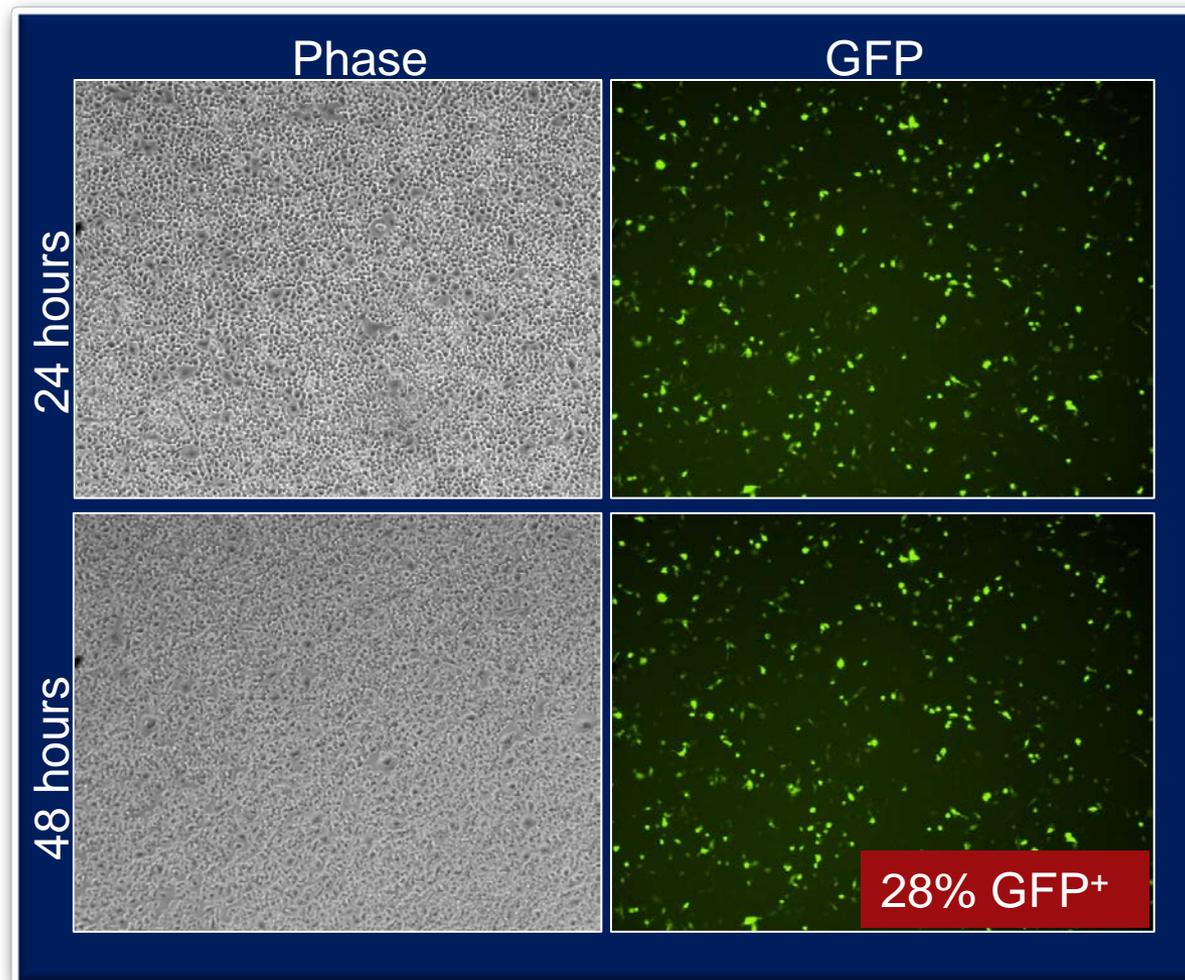
Kit components offered as a **cost-effective complete system** or **individually** to meet the needs of the investigator.

The kit is **scalable**. It is tested to ensure a comparable yield of SEAP when either 2 mL or 200 mL of cells ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells/mL) are transfected.

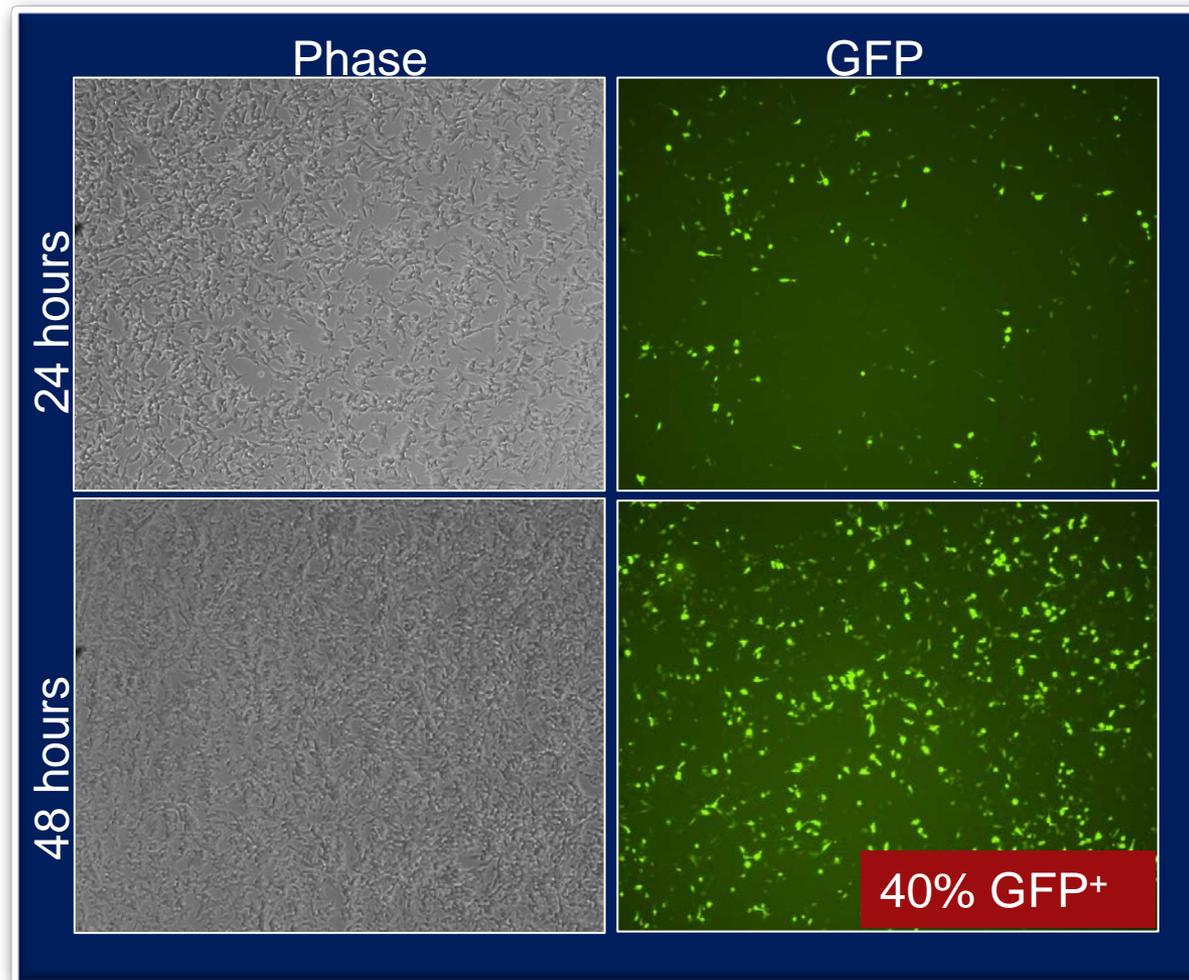
# Transfection of THP-1 cells with GeneX Plus and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



# Transfection of Raw 264.7 cells with GeneX Plus and EF1 $\alpha$ -GFP vector



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# Summary: TransfeX and the HEKPlus Protein Expression System

## TransfeX

- Universal transfection reagent that can be used to transfect difficult-to-transfect cells like stem and primary cells
- High efficiency and low cytotoxicity
- Cost effective and scalable

## HEKPlus

- Serum-free, xeno-free fully optimized system simplifies purification and downstream processing.
- Efficient transfection reaction generates high-yield of functional protein.
- Kit is cost effective and scalable.
- GeneX Plus Reagent is also suitable for transfection of THP-1, Raw 264.7, SH-SY5Y, BM-MSCs, BJ-5ta, and HUVECs.