

# Potent, reliable selection reagents for gene expression



Selection reagents for prokaryotic and eukaryotic expression hosts provide:

- Fast, potent selection of stable cell lines
- Cost-effective selection
- Effective selection in multiple organisms

## Selective antibiotics for all your needs



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Invitrogen offers a wide variety of top-quality selection reagents to complement its eukaryotic and prokaryotic expression vectors. To ensure effective selection in different cell lines, these selection reagents can be used to address the following needs:

- Fast selection of stable eukaryotic cell lines
- Cost-effective selection
- Selection in multiple organisms
- Dual selection

## Geneticin®: The industry standard for eukaryotic cell selection

Geneticin<sup>®</sup> is the most cited antibiotic in history, and the most trusted and reliable antibiotic used by scientists worldwide (Figure 1). Geneticin<sup>®</sup> is powerful, reliable, efficient, and cost effective. Accept no substitutes! Toxic to bacteria, yeast, protozoans, helminths and higher plant and mammalian cells, Geneticin<sup>®</sup> is well-suited for selection of eukaryotic cell lines. Resistance to Geneticin<sup>®</sup> is conferred by the neomycin resistance genes which are dominant and are located on both transposons Tn*601* (903) (aminoglycoside phosphotransferase 3´(I) or APH (3´)I) and Tn*5* 

#### Enjoy the convenience of Liquid Geneticin®

For the ultimate in convenience, Geneticin<sup>®</sup> is available in a calibrated, higher potency, liquid format. Eliminate the time, effort, and potential errors of producing sterile working stock from powder. Each lot is supplied at 50 mg/ml active concentration and is tested in an *in vitro* cell culture assay to ensure performance and validate potency. Liquid Geneticin<sup>®</sup> provides 100% activity vs. 75% with the powder format.

Liquid Geneticin® provides:

- Higher potency than powder (100% vs. 75%)
- Ease-of use: no calculating, weighing, filtering or aliquoting
- Minimal user effort: no sterilizing filters and receivers necessary
- Consistent potency: each lot is supplied at 50 mg/ml active concentration

(aminoglycoside phosphotransferase 3 '(II) or APH (3')II). While the genes are bacterial in derivation, they can be expressed in eukaryotic cells for selection purposes. Introduction of either of these genes confers resistance to Geneticin<sup>®</sup> Selection Reagent. Geneticin<sup>®</sup> interferes with the function of 80S ribosomes and blocks protein synthesis in eukaryotic cells. Resistant cell lines can be generated in 10 to 14 days.

Formula: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> •2H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> FW: 496.6•196.1 g/mole



## Figure 1 - Geneticin<sup>®</sup> versus G418 antibiotic citations in scientific journals worldwide

## Blasticidin S: Only six days to stable mammalian cell lines

Blasticidin S is such a potent antibiotic that concentrations of 10 µg/ml or less will cause rapid cell death of non-resistant cells (Figure 2). You can establish stable mammalian cell lines in less than one week. In addition, the extremely low effective concentrations of Blasticidin S make it a very cost-effective selection reagent. A nucleoside antibiotic isolated from *Streptomyces griseochromogenes*, Blasticidin S is a potent translational inhibitor in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. Resistance is conferred by the *bsd* gene product from *Aspergillus terreus*. Cells sensitive to Blasticidin clump together, round up, and detach from the plate.

Formula: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>5</sub> HCl FW: 458.9 g/mole

#### Figure 2 - Blasticidin S sensitivity curves for HeLa cells



## Zeocin<sup>™</sup>: A novel mode of action

Zeocin<sup>™</sup> is highly effective in a variety of organisms, including mammalian and insect cell lines, as well as in yeast, bacteria, and plants. As a member of the bleomycin family, Zeocin<sup>™</sup> causes cell death by intercalating into and cleaving DNA. Resistance to Zeocin<sup>™</sup> is conferred by the *Sh ble* gene product, which binds the antibiotic and prevents it from binding DNA. This selection agent is effective in multiple cell types, so eukaryotic expression vectors only need to carry one drug selection marker. This reduces the overall size of the vector and makes subcloning and transfection easier and more efficient.

#### Figure 3 - COS-1 Cells under Zeocin<sup>™</sup> selection



COS-1 cells without selection

Formula: C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>83</sub>N<sub>19</sub>O<sub>21</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Cu FW: 1137.41 g/mole



COS-1 cells selected with 400 µg/ml Zeocin™ for four days

### Hygromycin B: Double up perfectly

Hygromycin B is an aminoglycosidic antibiotic that inhibits protein synthesis by disrupting translocation and promoting mistranslation at the 80S ribosome. Because it uses a different mode of action than Geneticin<sup>®</sup>, Blasticidin S, or Zeocin<sup>™</sup>, it's perfect for dual-selection experiments when used in conjunction with another selection agent.

Formula:  $C_{20}H_{37}N_3O_{13}$ FW: 527.5 g/mole

## **Prokaryotic selection reagents**

The following antibiotics are ideal for prokaryotic selection. The corresponding markers are present in a wide variety of Invitrogen vectors.

Antibiotic	Formula	FW
<b>Ampicillin</b> Ampicillin is a semi-synthetic penicillin derived from the penicillin nucleus, 6-amino-penicillanic acid. It causes cell death by inhibiting cell wall biosynthesis. Resistance to ampicillin is mediated by $\beta$ -lactamase cleavage of the $\beta$ -lactam ring ( <i>bla</i> gene).	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> SNa	371.4 g/mole
Kanamycin SulfateKanamycin is effective as a bacteriocidal agent by inhibiting ribosomal translocation and eliciting miscoding. Resistance is conferred by the Kan <sup>R</sup> -Tn5 gene product (aminoglycoside phosphotransferase), which modifies the antibiotic and prevents interaction with ribosomes. Liquid kanamycin (100X) contains 10 mg/ml kanamycin (base) utilizing kanamycin sulfate in 0.85% saline.	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>11</sub> •H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	583 g/mole
<b>Tetracycline</b> Tetracycline is a bacteriocidal agent that inhibits protein synthesis by preventing binding of aminoacyl-tRNA to ribosomes. Resistance is conferred by the Tet <sup>R</sup> -Tn <i>10</i> gene product (an inner membrane protein that effluxes the antibiot which blocks cell wall permeability.	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ●HCl	480.9 g/mole
<b>Cefotaxime</b> Cefotaxime is a member of the cephalosporin antibiotic class of drugs, and has a wide spectrum of activity. Cefotaxim works by inhibiting bacterial cell wall biosynthesis.	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>7</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Na e	477.4 g/mole
<b>Carbenicillin</b> Carbenicillin sodium is a semi-synthetic penicillin antibiotic which interferes with final cell wall synthesis of susceptible bacteria. It is commonly used in place of ampicillin, reducing the occurrence of satellites.	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Na	422.4 g/mole
Actinomycin D Actinomycin D is an antineoplastic antibiotic which inhibits DNA-primed RNA polymerase by complexing with DNA via deoxyguanosine residues.	$C_{62}H_{86}N_{12}O_{16}$	1,255 (anhydrous) g/mole
<b>Streptomycin Sulfate</b> Streptomycin sulfate, an aminoglycoside used for bacterial selection, binds to the small ribosomal subunit and interferes with protein biosynthesis.	$(C_{21}H_{39}N_7O_{12})_2 \bullet 3H_2SO_4$	1,457 g/mole

## Selection Reagents to fit your needs

#### Eukaryotic selection agents and resistant vectors

With four different selection agents available for eukaryotic cells, there's sure to be one to meet your research needs. Table 1 describes the selection conditions for each agent in several different cell types, and also the applications supported by Invitrogen vectors carrying the appropriate resistance gene.

Selection		Selection	Invitrogen Vectors
agents	Cell types	conc. (µg/ml)*	carrying resistance marker
Blasticidin S	HeLa NIH3T3 CHO COS-1 293 HEK S2 Drosophila	1-3 5-10 5-10 3-10 5-10 ~ 5	<ul> <li>pcDNA6 vectors (Constitutive mammalian expression)</li> <li>BsdCassette<sup>™</sup> vectors (Constructing customized Blasticidinresistant vectors)</li> <li>pIB/V5-His-TOPO<sup>®</sup> vectors (Stable insect expression)</li> <li>pMIB/V5-His vectors (Secreted insect expression)</li> <li>pCoBlast (Selection vector for DES<sup>®</sup>)</li> </ul>
	S. cerevisiae	~ 25	
Zeocin™	HeLa NIH3T3 CHO COS-1 293 HEK Jurkat T cell Sf9 insect S2 Drosophila Pichia pastoris S. cerevisiae	~ 150 ~ 400 ~ 250 ~ 400 200-400 ~ 200 ~ 250 ~ 75 ~ 100 200-300	<ul> <li>pcDNA4 vectors (Constitutive mammalian expression)</li> <li>T-REx<sup>™</sup> System, pcDNA4/TO vectors (Inducible mammalian expression)</li> <li>pSecTag2 vector (Secreted mammalian expression)</li> <li>ZeoCassette<sup>™</sup> vectors (Constructing Zeocin<sup>™</sup>-resistant vectors)</li> <li>InsectSelect<sup>™</sup> System, pIZ/V5-His vectors (Stable expression in insect cells)</li> <li>pPICZ and pICZα vectors (Inducible expression in <i>Pichia pastoris</i>)</li> <li>pCAPZ and pGAPZα vectors (Constitutive expression in <i>Pichia pastoris</i>)</li> </ul>
Geneticin®	HeLa NIH3T3 CHO 293 HEK Jurkat T cell	200-400 600-1,000 ~ 400 600-800 600-700	<ul> <li>pcDNA3.1<sup>™</sup> vectors (Constitutive mammalian expression)</li> <li>pIND vectors (Ecdysone-Inducible mammalian expression)</li> <li>pShooter<sup>™</sup> vectors (Intracellular protein targeting)</li> <li>pDisplay<sup>™</sup> vectors (Protein display)</li> <li>pVP22 vectors (Protein translocation)</li> <li>pBlue-TOPO<sup>®</sup>, pGlow-TOPO<sup>®</sup> vectors (Assessing promoter activity)</li> </ul>
Hygromycin B	HeLa CHO Jurkat T cell S2 <i>Drosophila</i>	~ 550 ~ 250 ~ 1,000 200-300	<ul> <li>pcDNA5 vectors (Constitutive mammalian expression)</li> <li>pIND/Hygro vector (Ecdysone-Inducible mammalian expression)</li> <li>pSecTag2/Hygro vector (Secreted mammalian expression)</li> <li>pREP vectors (Episomal mammalian expression)</li> <li>pCoHygro (Selection vector for DES<sup>®</sup>)</li> </ul>

#### Table 1 - Selection agents and resistant vectors

\* The optimal concentration for selection of your cell line should be determined using kill curves.

## **Ordering information**

Product	Quantity	Cat. no.
Eukaryotic Selection Reagents		
Geneticin <sup>®</sup> (powder)	1 g	11811-023
	5 g	11811-031
	25 g	11811-098
Liquid Geneticin <sup>®</sup> (50 mg/ml solution)	20 ml	10131-035
-	100 ml	10131-027
Blasticidin S HCl	50 mg	R210-01
	0	
Zeocin <sup>™</sup> (100 mg/ml solution)	1 g	R250-01
	5 g	R250-05
	55	N250 05
Hygromycin B (50 mg/ml solution)	20 ml	10687-010
nygromyeni b (50 mg/mi solution)	20 111	10007-010
Maranhan alia Asid	500	11.01.4.01.0
Mycophenolic Acid	500 mg	11814-019
Prokaryotic Selection Reagents		
Ampicillin (sodium salt, lyophilized)	20 mg	11593-019
Actinomycin D	5 mg	11805-017
Carbenicillin (disodium salt)	5 g	10177-012
Cefotaxime (sodium salt)	2 g	10213-015
Kanamycin Sulfate (powder)	5 g	11815-024
	25 g	11815-032
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Kanamycin Sulfate (100X), liquid	100 ml	15160-054
Streptomycin Sulfate	100 g	11860-038
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Tetracycline	5 g	Q100-19
retracycline	5 6	Q100-17

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