



Small molecule delivery protocol

FOR TECREA PRODUCTS TNSM-250 AND TNSM-500

Product information

Nanocin SM is a novel nanoparticle-based delivery platform that efficiently delivers non-cell-permeable small molecules into a range of mammalian cells.

For research use only.

Quality control

Each batch is tested using biophysical methods and by ensuring efficient delivery of a non-cell-permeable green fluorescent DNA ligand (SytoxGreen) into HeLa cells, assessed by fluorescent microscopy and flow cytometry.

Shipping, storage and shelf life

Nanocin products are shipped at room temperature, stored at 4°C and are stable for at least one year. The expiry date is indicated on the tube label.

Safety

Nanocin SM shows very low toxicity in a range of assays. See [MSDS](#) for more details and handling instructions.

Technical support and scientific advice

Tecrea provides extensive technical support and we are pleased to offer scientific advice for your experiments. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Technical resources

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Ask a scientist](#)

Helpful information

Save time and increase experiment efficiency with **Nanocin SM's** rapid protocol (see next page).

Nanocin SM products are effectively non-toxic, meaning they can facilitate multiple deliveries. Small molecule delivery into cultures with low cell densities is also possible.

Nanocin SM products are for research use only, but they are also highly compatible with clinical development, meaning you can carry research from lab to clinic with confidence.

Contents and ordering

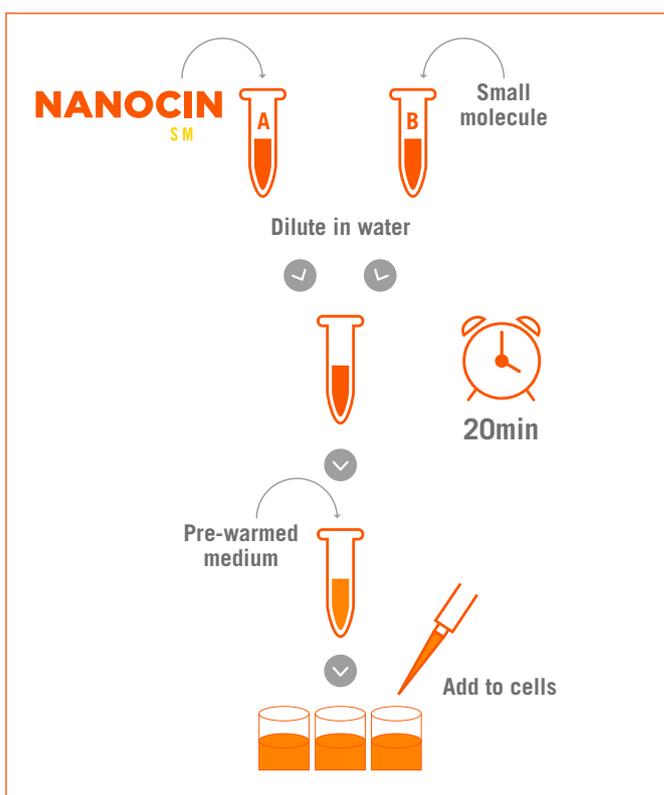
Unit size (mL)	Transfections*	Cat No.
0.25	50-75	TNSM-250
0.5	100-150	TNSM-500

*Approximate number based on 12-well plate

Related products

Product	Cat No.
Nanocin RNA	TNR-250, TNR-500, TNR-1000
Nanocin PLASMID	TNP-250, TNP-500, TNP-1000
Nanocin PRO (for small molecule delivery)	TNPRO-250, TNPRO-500

Protocol overview



Standard

SMALL MOLECULE DELIVERY PROTOCOL

Rapid

SMALL MOLECULE DELIVERY PROTOCOL

Use this protocol to deliver impermeable small molecules into mammalian cells after the cells have recovered from splitting or seeding. The details here are for a 12-well plate format. For other formats, see table below. All volumes are given per well.

Set-up

- Seed and grow cells to 60-80% confluence.
- Vortex **Nanocin SM** for 10 seconds and centrifuge briefly.
- Freshly dilute a cargo molecule (e.g. SytoxGreen) to 1mg/ml in water, or a suitable alternative solvent (see below). Protect from direct light.

START Transfection

Step 1. Prepare transfection mixture for 12-well plate (example):

Tube A Dilute 2 µl of 1 mg/ml cargo molecule with water, creating a final volume of 50 µl. Mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 50µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. **Tube B** Dilute 4 µl of **Nanocin SM** reagent with water, creating a final volume of 50 µl. Mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 50µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. Transfer the solution from tube A into tube B, and mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 100µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature.

Step 2. Cell delivery: Add 900 µl of pre-warmed growth medium to each tube prepared in step 1, then mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 1µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. Remove old growth media from wells. Immediately add diluted cell delivery mixture by pipetting gently onto well walls. Incubate for approximately two hours and then process for microscopy. (For cell phenotype assessment, the delivery mixture can include within the cell culture for several days, as required.) Incubate plates as usual for 24-72 hours.

Use this rapid protocol to deliver impermeable small molecules into mammalian cells at the time of splitting or seeding. The rapid protocol saves at least one day and several steps. The details here are for a 12-well plate format. For other formats, see table below. All volumes given are per well.

Set-up

- Vortex **Nanocin SM** for 10 seconds and centrifuge briefly.
- Freshly dilute a cargo molecule (e.g. SytoxGreen) to 1mg/ml in water, or a suitable alternative solvent (see below). Protect from direct light.

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Step 1. Prepare transfection mixture for 12 well-plate (example):

Tube A Dilute 2 µl of 1 mg/ml cargo molecule with water, creating a final volume of 50 µl. Mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 50µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. **Tube B** Dilute 4 µl of **Nanocin SM** reagent with water, creating a final volume of 50 µl. Mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 50µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. Transfer the solution from tube A into tube B, and mix thoroughly by adjusting pipette to 100µl and pipetting the full volume up and down 5-10 times. Incubate for 20 minutes at room temperature. While the transfection mixture incubates, trypsinise your cells and prepare suspensions in growth medium at approximately 4x10⁵ cells/ml, then add 500 µl to each well (half of final volume in well).

Step 2. Cell Delivery: Add 400 µl of pre-warmed growth medium (9x volume of transfection mixture) to each tube prepared in step 1, then mix thoroughly. Add drop-by-drop to wells with a gentle swirl of the plate to mix. Incubate for approximately two hours and then process for microscopy. (For cell phenotype assessment, the delivery mixture can include within the cell culture for several days, as required.)

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Plate	Well surface area	Media (Vol/Well)	Transfection mix volume	Fresh media volume	Small molecule delivery	
					Small molecule (1mg/ml)	Nanocin SM
24-well	2 cm ²	500 µl	50 µl	450 µl	1 µl	2 µl
12-well	4 cm ²	1 ml	100 µl	900 µl	2 µl	4 µl
6-well	10 cm ²	2.5 ml	250 µl	2250 µl	5 µl	10 µl
60-mm	20 cm ²	5 ml	500 µl	4500 µl	10 µl	20 µl

Notes:

- growth medium may be with or without FCS and antibiotics
- use transfection mixture within 60 minutes after preparation; mix thoroughly at all mixing steps by pipetting the full volume up and down
- amount of small molecule or Nanocin SM used can be varied +/- 50% to optimize
- if your cargo molecule is not soluble in water, [contact us](#) for guidance on selection of a suitable alternative solvent