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# **G418 Selective Antibiotic, Sterile**

## 1 Contents

Components	HY-K1056-10 mL	HY-K1056-50 mL
G418 Selective Antibiotic, Sterile (50 mg/mL)	10 mL	50 mL

#### 2 Introduction

G418 selective antibiotic is an aminoglycoside antibiotic produced by *Micromonospora rhodorangea*. It acts by binding to the 80S subunit of the bacterial ribosome, thus inhibiting protein synthesis in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.

Resistance to G418 selective antibiotic is conferred by the *E. coli* APH (3) I and APH (3) II resistance genes. The gene becomes APH (3) II on Tn5 and APH (3) I on Tn601. Therefore, G-418 selective antibiotic can be used to select and maintain prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells carrying the G418 resistance gene.

## 3 General Protocol

1. The working concentration of G418 selective antibiotic varies with cell type, media, growth conditions and cell metabolic rate.

Cell	Transposon	Gene	Concentration (mg/L)	Remark
Slime mold	Tn5	APH (3) II	10 35	Cells grow in culture Cells attached to freeze-dried bacteria
Mammalian	Tn5	APH (3) II	400 200	Used to filter Used to maintain
Plant	Tn5	APH (3) II	10	Used to filter
Yeast	Tn601	APH (3) I	500 125	Used to filter Used to maintain

- 2. Before stable transfected cell lines can be selected, the optimal G418 selective antibiotic concentration needs to be determined by performing a kill curve titration.
- 1) Seed the parental cell line in a suitable culture plate at a cell density of 20-25% and incubate the cells for 24 hours at 37°C.
- 2) Remove medium and then add medium with various concentrations of G418 selective antibiotic (such as 0, 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1000 µg/mL) and incubate at 37°C.
- 3) Refresh the selective medium every 2-3 days and observe the percentage of surviving cells over time.
- 4) Determine the lowest concentration of antibiotic that kills a large majority of the cells within 7-10 days. This concentration should be used for selection of a stable transfected cell line.

# 4 Storage

#### 5 Precautions

- 1. Minimize repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- 2. Pay attention to aseptic operation to avoid contamination.
- 3. The working concentration of this product is set for the serum-containing basal medium. When used in a serum-free medium, the dosage should be appropriately reduced to avoid cytotoxicity.
- 4. This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses.
- 5. For your safety and health, please wear a lab coat and disposable gloves to operate.