

# Plasmid construction and viral infection

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## Abstract

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## Protocol

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#### Step 2.

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#### Step 3.

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### viral infections

#### Step 4.

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#### Step 5.

After 48 h, infected cells were selected with 600 µg/mL G418 for 10 days.