

For drug developers in the cell and gene therapy space, the journey from research to clinical manufacturing is filled with challenges. The need to ensure high-quality lentiviral vector (LVV) production while maintaining efficiency, scalability, and regulatory compliance requires a sophisticated approach. Miltenyi Bioindustry's LVV platform offers a fully integrated solution designed to maximize biological performance, streamline the transition from research to GMP production, and accelerate the path to clinical success.

Overcoming the challenges of LVV development

Lentiviral vector development is a complex process that must address several critical factors. Maintaining sequence stability and integrity is paramount to prevent recombination events that could compromise therapeutic efficacy. At the same time, vector constructs must be optimized to enhance transgene functionality without sacrificing safety. Furthermore, as therapies progress from early-stage research to clinical applications, seamless scalability is necessary to ensure efficient and cost-effective production at GMP standards. Drug developers also face the challenge of aligning their manufacturing processes with stringent global regulatory requirements, adding another layer of complexity to the journey from concept to clinic.

Achieving high vector titers while maintaining functional gene expression is an additional concern. Many current LVV manufacturing approaches result in titers below 5×10^6 TU/mL, requiring large-scale production efforts to meet therapeutic doses. Additionally, maintaining robust transduction efficiencies – often greater than 80% – is crucial for clinical viability. These factors emphasize the need for a platform that delivers both superior yields and optimized biological performance.

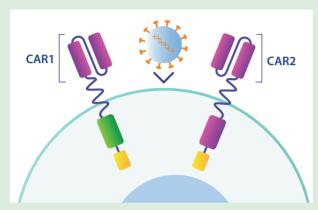
Miltenyi Bioindustry's LVV platform and molecular services

To address these challenges, Miltenyi Bioindustry has developed a comprehensive LVV platform that provides optimized vector constructs, ensuring superior transgene expression and stability. Our end-to-end process development capabilities support a seamless transition from preclinical research to commercial manufacturing, with a focus on scalability and consistency. Additionally, our regulatory expertise ensures that every step of the process meets industry compliance standards, providing clients with the necessary documentation and guidance to facilitate approvals. Our proprietary molecular services play a key role in evaluating and refining gene sequences to enhance vector performance, ultimately leading to improved clinical outcomes.

From the outset of each project, our Molecular Services team works closely with clients to evaluate sequence feasibility, identify optimization opportunities, and align vector production with clinical objectives. By leveraging our expertise in molecular design – our team has supported the design and optimization of over 3,000 constructs – we help clients achieve high-quality, scalable, and regulatory-compliant vector production.

Case study: Optimizing a bicistronic CAR construct

A leading biotechnology company developing a bicistronic chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) vector approached Miltenyi Bioindustry for support. Their goal was to encode two CARs targeting different tumor antigens; however, the presence of homologous regions within the sequence raised concerns about potential recombination, which could compromise the stability and efficacy of the therapy.



Lentiviral vector encoding two CARs targeting different tumor antigens

Miltenyi Bioindustry's Molecular Services team conducted a thorough sequence assessment and identified specific regions that required optimization. By applying proprietary refinements, we improved the construct's stability while maintaining high transgene expression levels. As a result, the optimized LVV construct met the client's clinical and regulatory requirements, providing a more reliable and effective therapeutic candidate. The improvements led to a 2.5-fold increase in transduction efficiency and reduced recombination risks by over 90%, ensuring the construct's viability for clinical use.

Delivering measurable improvements

By integrating optimized sequence designs into our proprietary clinical vector backbone, Miltenyi Bioindustry's LVV platform has consistently demonstrated significant performance enhancements. Our strategic approach to vector design and process development has resulted in titers well above industry standards, reaching levels of 10°TU/mL. Additionally, when integrating client transgenes into our vector backbone, we have observed up to a tenfold improvement in transducing titer, enabling more efficient gene delivery. Notably, our platform supports the successful production of large constructs exceeding 7.5 kb, while maintaining high titers, ensuring the feasibility of complex genetic therapies.

Furthermore, the platform delivers high transduction efficiencies for multiple cell types, including T cells and hematopoietic stem cells, often exceeding 90% transduction rates at a low multiplicity of infection (MOI). These optimizations translate directly into cost-effective clinical applications by reducing the number of vectors required per dose, ultimately lowering overall manufacturing costs.

Beyond vector optimization: A full-service partnership

At Miltenyi Bioindustry, we go beyond vector design to provide a full range of services that support every stage of clinical translation. Our process development expertise ensures that both upstream and downstream workflows are optimized for maximum yield and reproducibility. Additionally, we tailor multiplicity of infection (MOI) optimization strategies to enhance transduction efficiency for various therapeutic targets, including T cells and NK cells.

To further streamline regulatory approval, we provide full cGMP-compliant documentation, including Biologics Master Files (BMFs) that facilitate smooth interactions with regulatory agencies. This comprehensive support helps clients navigate the complexities of Investigational New Drug application (IND) and Clinical Trial Application (CTA) submissions, reducing approval timelines and expediting clinical entry.

Advancing gene therapy from concept to clinic

With its robust and scalable design, Miltenyi Bioindustry's LVV platform is a trusted solution for gene therapy developers seeking to advance their therapeutics from concept to clinical application. Our integrated approach ensures high biological performance, regulatory compliance, and a scalable manufacturing process tailored to the unique needs of each therapy.

Are you ready to optimize your gene therapy development? Connect with Miltenyi Bioindustry today to discover how our LVV platform can help accelerate your journey to the clinic: www.miltenyibioindustry.com/en/contact.html

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