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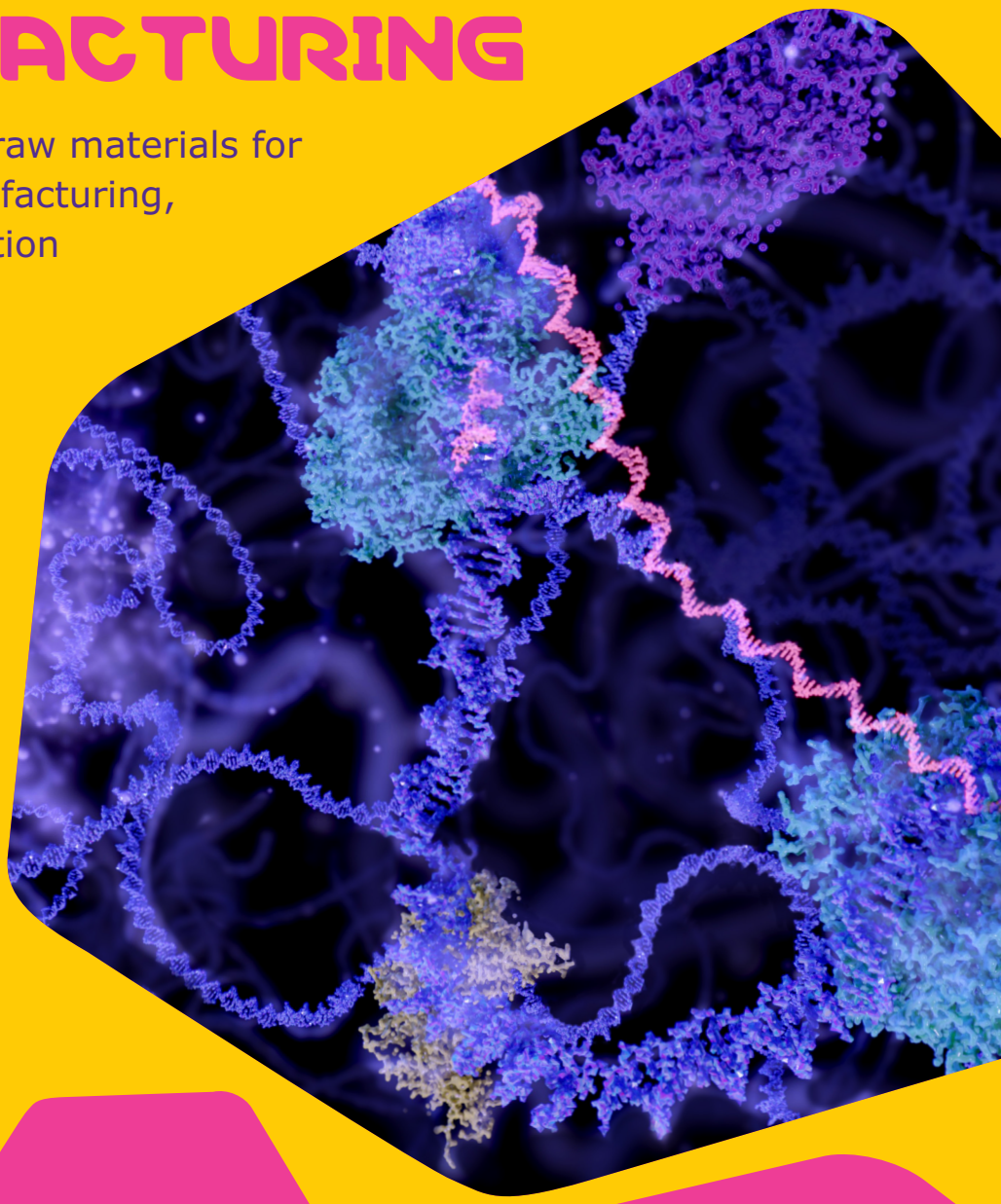
CHEMICALS FOR MRNA DRUG MANUFACTURING

Providing high-quality raw materials for pDNA and mRNA manufacturing, as well as LNP formulation



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Pharma & Biopharma Raw Material Solutions

Empowering mRNA innovation

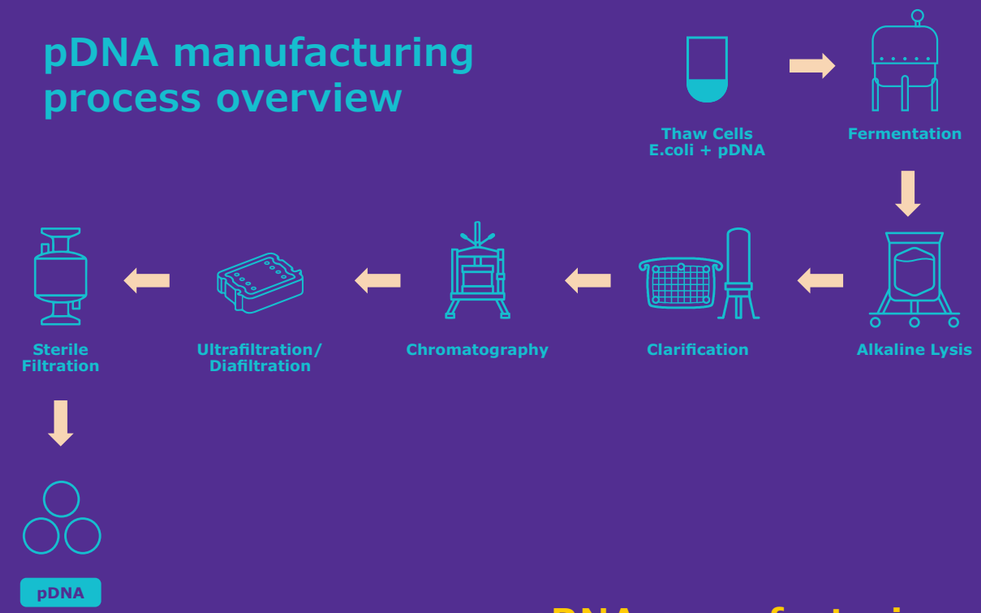
mRNA technology has emerged as a powerful tool in combating infectious diseases, demonstrating its value in vaccine development. Moreover, it holds remarkable promise as a novel therapeutic approach for unmet medical needs, including the treatment of cancer, genetic disorders, and autoimmune diseases. With an excellent safety profile and high versatility, mRNA technology benefits from a templated manufacturing process that enhances efficiency and accelerates the journey from development to clinical application.

We provide a comprehensive chemical portfolio and custom manufacturing capabilities for the entire mRNA manufacturing process. Leverage our integrated offering for mRNA manufacturing, which includes raw materials for all process steps—from plasmid DNA (pDNA) to mRNA synthesis and final formulation—empowering you to make informed decisions at every stage.

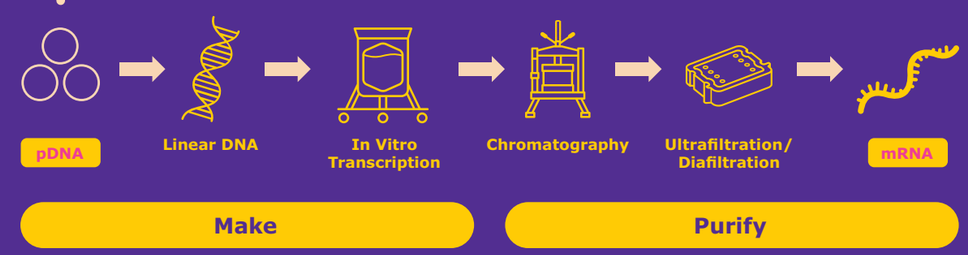
Main benefits and features

- Comprehensive offering of chemicals for the entire mRNA manufacturing process
- CDMO partner for high-quality custom and off-the-shelf lipids, LNP formulation and manufacturing, and Fill & Finish
- Products tested for the absence of endonuclease activity

pDNA manufacturing process overview



mRNA manufacturing process overview



Protect your pDNA and mRNA with our high-quality chemicals

In the complex landscape of pDNA and mRNA manufacturing, ensuring a stable production process that yields a safe product is paramount. Selecting high-quality chemicals is crucial at every step, whether you're focusing on pDNA manufacturing or mRNA manufacturing and formulation.

To minimize the risk of enzymatic degradation during critical phases, such as *in vitro* transcription and downstream purification, it's essential to utilize products **tested for the absence of endonuclease activity**. Additionally, bioburden control throughout the process is vital. To control the risk of microbial and endotoxin contaminations, our product portfolio includes Emprove® Expert products with **specified low microbial and endotoxin levels**.

Relying on our expertise and resources, you can navigate the pDNA and mRNA manufacturing process with confidence.

Our raw materials for pDNA and mRNA manufacturing

	CAS No.	Product No.	Product Name
Plasmid Production in E.coli DH5α	599920C	59920C	EX-CELL® Antifoam, Gamma Irradiated
	50-99-7	137048	D(+)-Glucose anhydrous EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, USP, ACS
	367-93-1	137064	IPTG (Isopropyl-β-D-thiogalactopyranoside) EMPROVE® EXPERT
	For our comprehensive portfolio of upstream chemicals, such as amino acids, vitamins, carbohydrates, and buffers please visit: sigmaaldrich.com/upstreamchemicals		
Alkaline Lysis	64-19-7	137000	Acetic acid (glacial) 100% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JP, USP
	10035-04-8	137101	Calcium chloride dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JP, USP
	9001-63-2	5501	CellPrime® rLysozyme recombinant human lysozyme
	127-08-2	104820	Potassium acetate EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur, BP, JPE, E 261
	6131-90-4	128205	Sodium acetate trihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP
	151-21-3	817034	Sodium dodecyl sulfate EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur
	1310-73-2	137020	Sodium hydroxide pellets EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, NF
	6381-92-6	137004	Titriplex® III (ethylene dinitrilo tetraacetic acid disodium salt dihydrate) EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]

[1]Endonuclease activity free

During *in vitro* transcription, the pDNA template is transcribed into mRNA through an enzymatic reaction involving critical components such as RNA polymerase, nucleoside triphosphates (NTPs), inorganic pyrophosphatase (IPP), and RNase inhibitors. Our IPEC-PQG GMP-quality dithiothreitol (DTT) and spermidine enhance this process by reducing RNase activity and improving transcription efficiency and nucleic acid stability. Count on our high-quality products to support your mRNA production effectively.

Our raw materials for mRNA manufacturing, continued

	CAS No.	Product No.	Product Name
pDNA Linearization and *In Vitro* Transcription	56-65-5	137201	Adenosine 5'-triphosphate (ATP), 100 mM Sodium Solution EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	86-01-1	137203	Cytidine 5'-triphosphate (CTP), 100 mM Sodium Solution EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	327174-86-7	137207	5-Methyl-cytidine 5'-triphosphate (5-Me-CTP), 100 mM Sodium Solution EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]†
	65-47-4	137202	Guanosine-5'-triphosphate (GTP), 100 mM Sodium Solution EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	63-39-8	137204	Uridine 5'-triphosphate (UTP), 100 mM Sodium Solution EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	1428903-59-6	137206	N1-Methyl-pseudouridine 5'-triphosphate (N1-Me-UTP), 100 mM Sodium Solution EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]†
		137228	T7 RNA Polymerase EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
		137229	Inorganic Pyrophosphatase EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	3483-12-3	137159	DL-Dithiothreitol (DTT) EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL[1]
	7791-18-6	105832	Magnesium chloride hexahydrate cryst. EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, USP, JPC, FCC, E 511[1]
	124-20-9	137165	Spermidine EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	6381-92-6	137004	Titriplex® III (ethylene dinitrilo tetraacetic acid disodium salt dihydrate) EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]
	1185-53-1	108219	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
	77-86-1	108307	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Trometamol) high purity EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JPC, USP[1]
Chromatography	64-19-7	137000	Acetic acid (glacial) 100% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JP, USP
	75-05-8	137134	Acetonitrile EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL
	7783-20-2	128218	Ammonium sulfate EMPROVE® EXPERT ChP, NF, ACS
	100-51-6	100987	Benzyl alcohol EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JP, NF
	7647-01-0	137007	Hydrochloric acid fuming 37% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, NF
	127-08-2	104820	Potassium acetate EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur, BP, JPE, E 261
	7447-40-7	137009	Potassium chloride EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, USP, JP[1]
	7778-77-0	137039	Potassium dihydrogen phosphate cryst. EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JPC, NF[1]
	6121-90-4	128205	Sodium acetate trihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP
	7647-14-5	137017	Sodium chloride EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]
	13472-35-0	137018	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, USP, JPE[1]
	10028-24-7	137036	di-Sodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, USP[1]
	7782-85-6	137092	di-Sodium hydrogen phosphate heptahydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT DAC, USP[1]
	6381-92-6	137004	Titriplex® III (ethylene dinitrilo tetraacetic acid disodium salt dihydrate) EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]
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	77-86-1	108307	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Trometamol) high purity EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JPC, USP[1]
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	1310-73-2	137020	Sodium hydroxide pellets EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, NF
	10028-24-7	137036	di-Sodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, USP[1]
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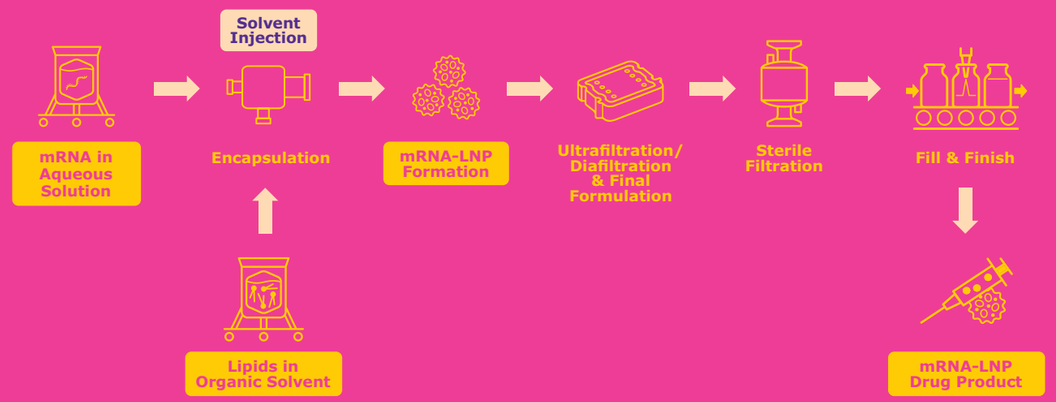
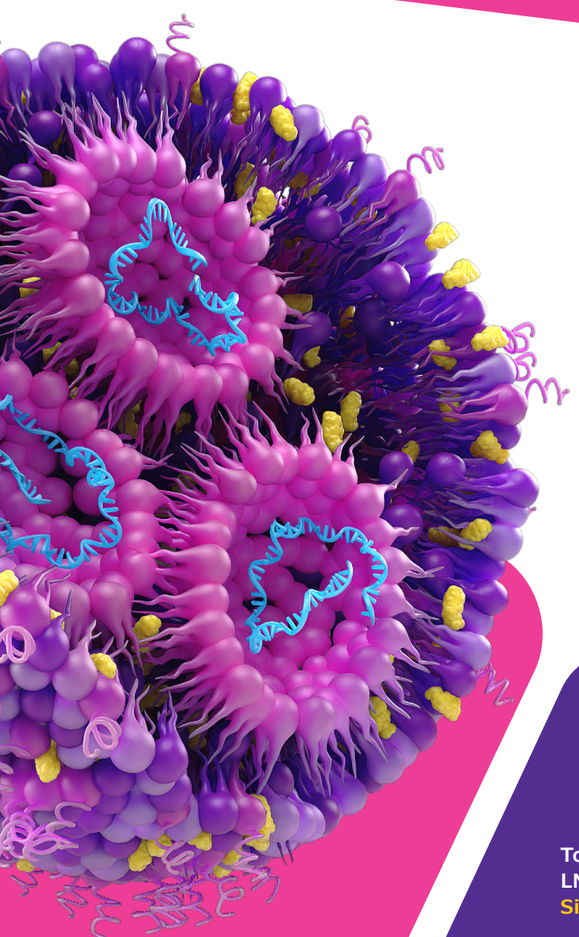
mRNA-LNP formulation process overview





Naked mRNA is inherently unstable, making drug delivery systems essential for effective delivery of the mRNA into the human body and into target cells. Encapsulation is a critical step, and selecting high-quality excipients and lipids is vital for success.

Lipid nanoparticles (LNP) are the preferred platform for mRNA delivery, composed of four different lipids that protect the mRNA from degradation. Consistent lipid quality is crucial for stable LNPs and reproducible results.

Our custom and "off-the-shelf" portfolio lipids together with our tailored support and services ensure you meet your specific needs and achieve optimal performance and quality for mRNA vaccines and therapeutics.

To learn more on our CDMO offering for Lipids, LNP and Fill & Finish, please visit our website: SigmaAldrich.com/Lipids-and-LNP-CDMO

Our raw materials for mRNA-LNP formulation

	CAS No.	Product No.	Product Name
mRNA in Aqueous Solution	64-19-7	137000	Acetic acid (glacial) 100 % EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JP, USP
	77-92-9	137002	Citric acid anhydrous powder EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]
	5949-29-1	137003	Citric acid monohydrate cryst. EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]
	7647-01-0	137007	Hydrochloric acid fuming 37% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, NF
	6121-90-4	128205	Sodium acetate trihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP
	6132-04-3	106447	tri-Sodium citrate dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP, ACS, E 331[1]
	1310-73-2	137020	Sodium hydroxide pellets EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, NF
	7664-93-9	100713	Sulfuric acid 95 – 98 % EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur, BP, JPE, NF
Lipids in Organic Solvent	67-64-1	100013	Acetone EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur, BP, JPE, NF
		586054	ALC0159
		586224	ALC0315
		W004591	Cholesterol
		500244	(R)-DODMA
		578632	DMG PEG 2000
		587762	DOPE
		CH2900013	DOPC
		P3726	DPPC
		572495	DSG PEG 2000
		W2660	DSPC
		CH2900029	(R)-DOTAP Cl
		500249	(R)-DOTMA Cl
		589692	(R,S)-DOTAP Cl
		CH2900030	(S)-DOTAP Cl
	64-17-05	100967	Ethanol 96% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, ChP, JP, USP
	64-17-05	100986	Ethanol absolute EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP
	67-56-1	106008	Methanol EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur, BP, JPE, NF
	67-63-0	137040	2-Propanol 70 % (v/v) EMPROVE® EXPERT USP
	57-88-5	104672	Synthechol® Synthetic Cholesterol EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, JP, NF
Ultrafiltration/ Diafiltration & Final Formulation	7647-14-5	137017	Sodium chloride EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, JP, USP[1]
	13472-35-0	137018	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, BP, ChP, USP, JPE[1]
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	7782-85-6	137092	di-Sodium hydrogen phosphate heptahydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT DAC, USP[1]
	57-50-1	103789	Sucrose EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, ChP, JP, NF[1]
	6138-23-4	102776	Trehalose dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur, ChP, NF, JP[1]
	1185-53-1	108219	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride EMPROVE® EXPERT[1]
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Maintaining compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs) at any given time in your drug manufacturing process can be complex and challenging – especially in a global, dynamic environment. As a drug manufacturer, you need to compile a vast amount of information from your suppliers to ensure that the raw materials and components you purchase meet the technical, regulatory and supply needs for their designated application, use and function. This can be resource- and time-intensive, as well as expensive.

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- Maintain compliance and
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