

# Protocol Selector

Organoid type → payload type (RNP / plasmid) → typical stage (pre-organoid vs dissociated organoid)

**Purpose:** help disease-modelling teams pick a *starting* NEPA21 workflow pattern (not a fixed voltage recipe). Start gentle, confirm viability + delivery, then optimize.

## How to use this selector

- 1) Choose your **organoid type**.
  - 2) Choose your **payload type**: **CRISPR RNP** (fast KO, minimal footprint) or **Plasmid DNA** (reporters/editors, co-delivery).
  - 3) Choose the **typical stage** you can access: **Pre-organoid** (iPSC/primary/donor cells) or **Dissociated organoid cells** (single-cell suspension before reaggregation).
- Output:** a recommended integration pattern + common use cases + QC checkpoints.

## Selector matrix (common starting patterns)

Organoid type	RNP Pre-organoid	RNP Dissociated organoid	Plasmid Pre-organoid	Plasmid Dissociated organoid
<b>CRC</b>	Use for: rapid dependency KO in donor/ASC-like cells. <b>Best when:</b> isogenic panel build. <b>QC:</b> indel check 48-96h.	Use for: fast KO + drug response loop in PDOs. <b>Best when:</b> early go/no-go across cohort. <b>QC:</b> viability 24h; phenotype 3-7d.	Use for: reporter feasibility in progenitors before differentiation. <b>Best when:</b> large constructs. <b>QC:</b> reporter 48-96h.	Use for: label lines (GFP/RFP), pathway reporters, knock-in donor testing. <b>QC:</b> reporter + selection/F ACS.
<b>PDAC</b>	Use for: acute KO in sensitive primary-like cells. <b>Best when:</b> fast mechanism check. <b>QC:</b> viability priority.	Use for: acute RNP KO + stress/therapy assays. <b>Best when:</b> hard-to-transfect PDOs; minimize footprint. <b>QC:</b> viability 24h; edit 72h.	Use for: feasibility of multi-plasmid systems before organoid build. <b>QC:</b> reporter + growth.	Use for: reporters/perturbations in dissociated PDO cells, then reaggregate. <b>QC:</b> reporter 3-5d; selection as needed.
<b>Brain</b>	Use for: early lineage/patterning regulators in iPSC stage. <b>Best when:</b> timing matters. <b>QC:</b> viability + early markers.	Use for: mosaic KO to test neighbour effects (Notch-like dynamics). <b>Best when:</b> within-organoid controls needed. <b>QC:</b> mosaic readout 3-10d.	Use for: complex reporters/editors before differentiation (large payloads). <b>QC:</b> reporter + differentiation potential.	Use for: mosaic reporter/effector co-delivery in dissociated cells. <b>QC:</b> reporter distribution + morphology.

<b>Lung</b>	Use for: fate regulator KO in progenitors/pre-diff cells. <b>QC:</b> lineage markers.	Use for: rapid epithelial state shift tests (basal/secretory). <b>Best when:</b> perturb-treat loops. <b>QC:</b> state markers 3-7d.	Use for: sensor/reporter feasibility pre-organoid. <b>QC:</b> expression + viability.	Use for: pathway reporters + perturbations in dissociated organoid cells. <b>QC:</b> reporter + functional readout.
<b>Kidney</b>	Use for: early segment identity regulators in iPSC/progenitors. <b>Best when:</b> timing windows. <b>QC:</b> segment markers.	Use for: acute KO under injury/toxin stress; mosaic susceptibility testing. <b>QC:</b> viability + injury markers.	Use for: large reporter/editor feasibility before differentiation. <b>QC:</b> reporter + differentiation.	Use for: reporters/perturbations to map injury-repair programs post-reaggregation. <b>QC:</b> phenotype 3-10d.

**Notes:** “Pre-organoid” = iPSC/primary/donor stage before organoid formation. “Dissociated organoid” = single-cell suspension electroporation prior to reaggregation. Use RNP for fastest KO/minimal footprint; use plasmids for reporters, editors, and co-delivery feasibility.

## Protocol selector outputs

<p><b>Pattern 1 — RNP + Pre-organoid stage</b>          Best for: early go/no-go on gene function, isogenic model foundations, timing-window edits.          Typical workflow: engineer cells → expand/recover → differentiate → build organoids.          QC gates: viability 24h; edit check 48-96h; differentiation markers at day 7-14.</p>	<p><b>Pattern 2 — RNP + Dissociated organoid stage</b>          Best for: rapid dependency tests, perturb → treat loops, mosaic mechanism checks.          Typical workflow: dissociate → EP in suspension → recover → reaggregate → assay.          QC gates: viability 24h; edit check 72h; phenotype window day 3-10.</p>
<p><b>Pattern 3 — Plasmid + Pre-organoid stage</b>          Best for: feasibility of large editors/reporters, multi-plasmid co-delivery, sensor prototypes.          Typical workflow: transfect/EP cells → confirm expression → proceed to differentiation.          QC gates: reporter 48-96h; growth/fitness; differentiation potential.</p>	<p><b>Pattern 4 — Plasmid + Dissociated organoid stage</b>          Best for: line labelling (GFP/RFP), pathway reporters, staged perturbations, KI donor testing.          Typical workflow: dissociate → EP plasmid(s) → recover → reaggregate → select/FACS if needed.          QC gates: reporter 3-5d; enrichment/selection; phenotype day 5-14.</p>

## Standardization triggers (when to switch to viral)

Switch to AAV/lenti/retro when you need: **uniform perturbation** (bulk -omics, stable pooled screens), **long-term expression across passages**, **inducible systems/lineage tracing**, or **clonal reproducibility** for definitive validation.

**Best practice:** NEPA21 (rapid decision + feasibility) → Viral (stable standardization + scale).

## QC checklist (recommended minimum)

- **24h:** viability and recovery (do not optimize for efficiency if viability collapses).
- **48–96h:** delivery confirmation (reporter expression or edit check/amplicon).
- **Day 3–10:** phenotype window (markers, imaging, functional readout, drug response).
- **Decision gate:** optimize EP conditions OR repeat in additional lines OR standardize with viral.