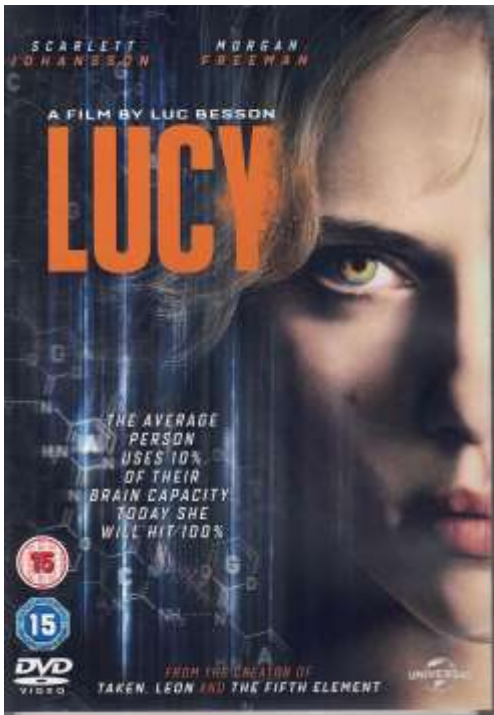


# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Lucy**



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**Lucy**

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Luc Besson
Written by	Luc Besson
Produced by	Virginie Besson-Silla
Starring	Scarlett Johansson
	Morgan Freeman
	Choi Min-sik
	Amr Waked
Cinematography	Thierry Arbogast
Edited by	Julien Rey
Music by	Éric Serra
Production companies	EuropaCorp
	TF1 Films Production
	Canal+ Ciné+
Distributed by	EuropaCorp Distribution (France and Benelux)
	Universal Pictures (International)
Release dates	25 July 2014 (United States) <sup>[1]</sup>
	6 August 2014 (France) <sup>[2]</sup>
Running time	90 minutes <sup>[3]</sup>
Country	France <sup>[4]</sup>
Languages	English
	Korean
	French
Budget	\$40 million <sup>[5]</sup>
Box office	\$463.4 million <sup>[6]</sup>

## Information

Release Title: Lucy – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Lyusi

Release date: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 (AFI Fest)

Origin: France, Germany, Taiwan, Canada, United States, United Kingdom

Genre: Action, Sci-Fi, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 1h 29m

Region Code:

Region: 2

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MPN:

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Languages: English,

Filming Locations: Taipei City, Taiwan

Sound mix: SDDS, Datasat, Dolby Digital, Dolby Atmos, Auro 11.1

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio:2.35:1

## Storyline

Lucy is an American studying in Taipei, Taiwan. Her new boyfriend Richard tricks her into working as a drug mule for a South Korean kingpin and drug lord, and she delivers a briefcase containing four packets of the highly valuable synthetic drug CPH4 to Mr. Jang.

After witnessing Richard being shot and killed, she is captured and a bag of the drug is forcibly sewn into her abdomen in order to transport the drug to Europe. While in captivity, she is kicked in the stomach, breaking the bag and releasing a large quantity of the drug into her system. She acquires increasingly enhanced physical and mental capabilities, such as telepathy, telekinesis, mental time travel, and the ability to feel no pain. She also becomes both ruthless and emotionless. Using her new abilities, she kills her captors and escapes.

Lucy travels to the nearby Tri-Service General Hospital to get the bag of drugs removed from her abdomen. She is told by the operating doctor that natural CPH4 is produced in tiny quantities by pregnant women during their sixth week of pregnancy to provide fetuses with the energy to develop. Growing heightened physical and mental abilities, Lucy returns to Mr. Jang's hotel, kills his bodyguards, assaults him, and telepathically extracts the locations of the three remaining drug mules from his brain.

Lucy begins researching her condition and contacts scientist Samuel Norman whose research may be the key to saving her. After Lucy speaks with Norman (and provides proof of her developed abilities) she flies to Paris and contacts local police captain Pierre Del Rio to help her find the remaining three packets of the drug. During the flight, she starts to disintegrate as her cells destabilize from consuming a sip of champagne. To stave off her disintegration Lucy ingests more of the drug. With the help of Del Rio, Lucy is able to recover the rest of the drugs. Meeting Norman and his colleagues, she agrees to share with them everything she knows.

In the professor's lab, Lucy discusses the nature of time and life and how people's humanity distorts their perceptions. At her urging, she is intravenously injected with the contents of all three remaining bags of CPH4. Her body changes into a black substance that begins spreading over computers and other electronic objects in the lab, transforming them all into one next-generation supercomputer. She mentally begins a spacetime journey into the past, eventually reaching the oldest discovered ancestor of mankind, Lucy. She shares a quiet moment with Australopithecus Lucy and the two touch fingertips, she then goes all the way to the beginning of time and witnesses the Big Bang. Meanwhile, Jang enters the lab and points a gun at Lucy's head. He shoots, but by that point Lucy has reached 100% of her brain capacity and promptly disappears, moving into the spacetime continuum. Only her clothes and the black supercomputer are left behind.

Del Rio enters and fatally shoots Jang. Norman takes a black flash drive offered by the supercomputer, after which it too disintegrates. Del Rio asks Norman where Lucy is, immediately after which Del Rio's cell phone sounds and he sees a text message: "I am everywhere." Lucy's voice is heard stating "Life was given to us a billion years ago. Now you know what to do with it."

## Cast

Scarlett Johansson as Lucy Miller:

An unwilling drug mule who is accidentally dosed with a drug that activates myriad pre-encoded genetic conscious capabilities. The role of Lucy called for "an actress who could be believable as extremely vulnerable, as well as superpowered, when her exposure to an illicit substance inadvertently makes her acquire incredible skills." Impressed by Johansson's discipline, Besson considered her for the role, stating that she was immediately precise and professional, and he "enjoyed the way she talked about the film." He said, "She was excited for the right reason, which was the story. At that moment, it was a done deal for me. She was definitely the one." Angelina Jolie is widely reported to have been originally cast as Lucy, and as having dropped out of

the role prior to filming. Although Jolie was in "serious talks" with Besson since 2011 to star in his next directorial effort, then untitled, he stated that she was not his first choice for the role of Lucy.

**Morgan Freeman as Professor Samuel Norman:**

Producer Virginie Silla stated that given Freeman's experience portraying a character of wisdom, "it was pretty obvious that he was the perfect actor" for the role of Professor Norman.

**Choi Min-sik as Mr. Jang:**

Besson said that Mr. Jang is the "best villain" he scripted since Gary Oldman's character Norman Stansfield, adding that "Whereas Lucy is the ultimate intelligence, Mr. Jang is the ultimate devil." Besson and his film team "had to go and meet [Choi] in Korea, talk with him and discuss the story. And it was only at the very end that he said, 'Okay, I'm interested, I want to be in.'"

**Amr Waked as Pierre Del Rio:**

Besson stated that "Del Rio represents the audience; he's basically you and me," and added that when Lucy has "lost all her emotions by being exposed to the drug," there exists "a tiny spark of emotion that's still there" when she is with Del Rio. Waked also said that Besson having written the script was enough for him to want to star in the film.

**Julian Rhind-Tutt as the polite British antagonist who sews drug packs into the mules**

**Pilou Asbæk as Richard, Lucy's delinquent boyfriend in Taipei**

**Analeigh Tipton as Caroline, Lucy's roommate in Taipei**

**Nicolas Phongpheth as Jii, Jang's top henchman**

Speaking of Besson's "interest in making the film one about the way we interact with our environment, and socially as well," Silla said that one of the goals was to bring together a diverse cast to show the planet's diversity and a mixture of the different cultures. She stated, "So we have Scarlett Johansson, who is Caucasian, Morgan Freeman, who is African-American, Min-Sik Choi, who is from Korea, and Amr Waked, who hails from Egypt."

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**Sex & Nudity**

Mild

**Violence & Gore**

Severe

**Profanity**

Mild

**Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking**

Moderate

**Frightening & Intense Scenes**

Moderate

MPAA Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, pervasive language, and some drug material

