pUNO1-SARS2-M

Expression vector containing SARS-CoV-2 Matrix/Membrane open reading frame

Catalog code: puno1-cov2-m

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Contents

- 20 µg of lyophilized plasmid DNA
- 2 x 1 ml blasticidin at 10 mg/ml

Storage and Stability

- Product is shipped at room temperature.
- Lyophilized DNA should be stored at -20°C.
- Resuspended DNA should be stored at -20°C and is stable at least for 1 year.
- Store blasticidin at 4°C or -20°C. The expiry date is specified on the product label.

Quality control

- After purification by ion exchange chromatography, predominant supercoiled conformation is verified by electrophoresis.
- Plasmid construct is confirmed by restriction analysis and full-length open reading frame (ORF) sequencing.

GENERAL PRODUCT USE

- **Subclone gene into another vector.** Two unique restriction sites flank the gene, allowing convenient excision. The 5' site is BstEII which has no known compatible restriction enzymes. The 3' site is NheI which is compatible with XbaI, SpeI, and AvrII.

- **Stable gene expression in mammalian cells.** pUNO1 plasmids can be used directly in transfection experiments both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. pUNO1 plasmids contain the blasticidin-resistance gene (*bsr*) driven by the CMV promoter/enhancer in tandem with the bacterial EM7 promoter. This allows the amplification of the plasmid in *E. coli*, as well as the selection of stable clones in mammalian cells using the same selective antibiotic. pUNO1 allows high levels of expression and secretion of the gene product.

PLASMID FEATURES

- **SARS-CoV-2 Matrix/Membrane**

ORF size: 669 bp

Matrix/Membrane (M) is a type III transmembrane glycoprotein that is the most abundant among SARS-CoV-2 structural proteins. M, Spike(S), and Envelope (E) proteins, constitute coronaviruses' interface to the external environment[1,2]. The dimerization of M proteins and their interaction with other structural proteins (notably E) is responsible for the virus sphere shape, and the formation of a matrix-like layer underneath the viral membrane[1,2]. M is also described as the primary driver of coronaviruses budding process[2]. The pUNO1-SARS2-M plasmid contains the Matrix/Membrane native (wild-type) coding sequence from the Wuhan-Hu-1 isolate.

- **EF-1α/HTLV hybrid promoter** is a composite promoter comprised of the Elongation Factor-1α (EF-1α) core promoter[3] and the 5' untranslated region of the Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV). EF-1α utilizes a type 2 promoter that encodes for a «house keeping» gene. It is expressed at high levels in all cell cycles and lower levels during G0 phase. The promoter is also non-tissue specific; it is highly expressed in all cell types. The R segment and part of the U5 sequence (R-U5') of the HTLV Type 1 Long Terminal Repeat[4] has been coupled to the EF-1α promoter to enhance stability of DNA and RNA. This modification not only increases steady state transcription, but also significantly increases translation efficiency possibly through mRNA stabilization.
- **SV40 pAn** is he Simian Virus 40 late polyadenylation (pAn) signal enables efficient cleavage and polyadenylation reactions, resulting in high levels of steady-state mRNA[5].
- **pMB1 ori** is a minimal *E. coli* origin of replication to limit vector size, but with the same activity as the longer Ori.
- **hCMV (human cytomegalovirus) enhancer & promoter** drive the expression of the blasticidin resistance in mammalian cells.
- **EM7** is a bacterial promoter that enables the constitutive expression of the antibiotic resistance gene in *E. coli*.
- ***bsr* (blasticidin resistance gene)** from *Bacillus cereus* encodes a deaminase that confers resistance to the antibiotic blasticidin. The *bsr* gene is driven by the CMV promoter/enhancer in tandem with the bacterial EM7 promoter. Therefore, blasticidin can be used to select stable mammalian cells transfectants and *E. coli* transformants.
- **Human beta-Globin pAn** is a strong polyadenylation (pAn) signal placed downstream of *bsr*. The use of beta-globin pAn minimizes interference[6] and possible recombination events with the SV40 pAn signal.

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METHODS

• **Plasmid resuspension**

Quickly spin the tube containing the lyophilized plasmid to pellet the DNA. To obtain a plasmid solution at 1 µg/µl, resuspend the DNA in 20 µl of sterile water. Store resuspended plasmid at -20°C.

• **Plasmid amplification and cloning**

Plasmid amplification and cloning can be performed in *E. coli* GT116 or other commonly used laboratory *E. coli* strains, such as DH5α.

• **Blasticidin usage**

Blasticidin should be used at 25-100 µg/ml in bacteria and 1-30 µg/ml in mammalian cells. Blasticidin is supplied as a 10 mg/ml colorless solution in HEPES buffer.

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