

Vector pHAGE2 Containing the ZsGreen Gene

Catalog No. NR-52520

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Product Description:

The vector includes the green fluorescent protein (GFP) gene ZsGreen1, which was subcloned into the pHAGE2 lentiviral backbone vector under the CMV promoter.^{1,2,3} In addition, pHAGE2 includes the Woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element to enhance levels of transcription and gene expression. NR-52520 contains the beta-lactamase gene, *bla*, to provide transformant selection through ampicillin resistance in *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). The resulting size of the plasmid is approximately 7070 base pairs. The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the BEI Resources webpage. The plasmid was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

NR-52520 is part of a lentiviral expression system, and additional BEI Resources items are required for successful expression. Lentiviral expression requires lentiviral helper plasmids (BEI Resources NR-52517, NR-52518 and NR-52519; kits NR-53816 and NR-53817) and a viral entry protein (BEI Resources NR-52513, NR-52514, NR-52515, NR-53742 or NR-53765).⁴ Protocols for the use of these items are published.²

Note: NR-52520 does not include an antibiotic selection cassette for mammalian expression.

The ZsGreen1 gene is derived from the reef coral *Zoanthus* sp. GFP and has been codon optimized for mammalian expression and engineered for brighter fluorescence.³

Material Provided:

Each vial contains plasmid DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0). The DNA concentration and volume provided are shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening. Note: The contents of the vial should be used to replicate the plasmid in *E. coli* prior to mammalian expression.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-52520 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be minimized.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: Vector pHAGE2 Containing the ZsGreen Gene, NR-52520."

Biosafety Level: 1

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