pSELECT-neo-LacZ

A LacZ-expression plasmid selectable with Kanamycin/G418

Catalog # psetn-lacz

For research use only

Version # 09K25-MM

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Content:

- 20 µg of **pSELECT-neo-LacZ** plasmid provided as lyophilized DNA
- 4 pouches of *E. coli* Fast-Media® Kan (2 TB and 2 Agar)

Storage and Stability:

Product is shipped at room temperature.

Lyophilized DNA should be resuspended upon receipt and stored at - 20˚C. Lyophilized DNA is stable 3 months at -20˚C. Resuspended DNA is stable more than one year at -20˚C.

Store *E. coli* Fast-Media® Kan at room temperature. Fast-Media® pouches are stable 18 months when stored properly.

Quality control:

Plasmid construct has been confirmed by restriction analysis and sequencing. Plasmid DNA was purified by ion exchange chromatography and lyophilized.

GENERAL PRODUCT USE

pSELECT plasmids are specifically designed for strong and constitutive expression of a gene of interest in a wide variety of cell lines. They allow the selection of stable transfectants and offer a variety of selectable markers. pSELECT plasmids contain two expression cassettes: the first drives the expression of the gene of interest and the second drives the expression of a large choice of dominant selectable markers for both *E. coli* and mammalian cells. They are both terminating with a strong polyadenylation signal (polyA) that separates the two expression cassettes thus preventing any transcription interference. The late SV40 polyA terminates the transcription of the gene of interest while the human ß-globin polyA terminates the transcription of the selectable marker.

pSELECT-LacZ plasmids can be used as control vectors or for cloning of an open reading frame, as the LacZ gene is flanked by two unique restriction sites: Nco I at the 5' end that encompasses the Start codon, and Nhe I at the 3'end.

PLASMID FEATURES

First expression cassette

• **hEF1-HTLV prom** is a composite promoter comprising the Elongation Factor-1α (EF-1α) core promoter[1] and the R segment and part of the U5 sequence (R-U5') of the Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV) Type 1 Long Terminal Repeat[2]. The EF-1α promoter exhibits a strong activity and yields long lasting expression of a transgene *in vivo*. The R-U5' has been coupled to the EF-1α core promoter to enhance stability of RNA.

• **LacZ:** The *E. coli lacZ* gene codes for the enzyme β-galactosidase which catalyzes the hydrolysis of the substrate X-Gal to produce a blue color that is easily visualized under a microscope.

• **SV40 pAn:** the Simian Virus 40 late polyadenylation signal enables efficient cleavage and polyadenylation reactions resulting in high levels of steady-state mRNA[3].

• **ori:** a minimal *E. coli* origin of replication to limit vector size, but with the same activity as the longer Ori.

Second expression cassette

• **CMV enh/prom:** The human cytomegalovirus immediate-early gene 1 promoter/enhancer was originally isolated from the Towne strain and was found to be stronger than any other viral promoters.

• **EM7** is a bacterial promoter that enables the constitutive expression of the antibiotic resistance gene in *E. coli.*

• **Neo:** The *neo* gene from Tn5 confers resistance to Kanamycin in *E. coli* and G418 in mammalian cells. The neo gene is driven by the CMV enhancer/promoter in tandem with the bacterial EM7 promoter allowing selection in both mammalian cells and *E. coli*.

• **ßGlo pAn:** The human beta-globin 3'UTR and polyadenylation sequence allows efficient arrest of the transgene transcription[4].

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 H_2O. Store resuspended plasmid at -20°C.

Selection of bacteria with *E. coli* Fast-Media®

Fast-Media® is a **fast and convenient** way to prepare liquid and solid media for bacterial culture by using only a microwave. Fast-Media® is a TB (liquid) or LB (solid) based medium that already contains the antibiotic.

Fast-Media® Kan can be ordered separately (#fas-kn-l (liquid), #fas-kn-s (solid)).

Method:

1- Pour the contents of a Fast-Media® pouch into a clean borosilicate glass bottle or flask.

2- Add 200 ml of distilled water to the flask

3- Heat in a microwave on MEDIUM power setting (about 400Watts), until bubbles start appearing (approximately 3 minutes). **Do not heat a closed container. Do not autoclave Fast-Media®.**

4- Swirl gently to mix the preparation. **Be careful, the bottle and media are hot, use heatproof pads or gloves and care when handling.**

5- Reheat the media for 30 seconds and gently swirl again. Repeat as necessary to completely dissolve the powder into solution. But be careful to avoid overboiling and volume loss.

6- Let agar medium cool to 45˚C before pouring plates. Let liquid media cool to 37˚C before seeding bacteria.

Note: *Do not reheat solidified Fast-Media® as the antibiotic will be permanently destroyed by the procedure.*

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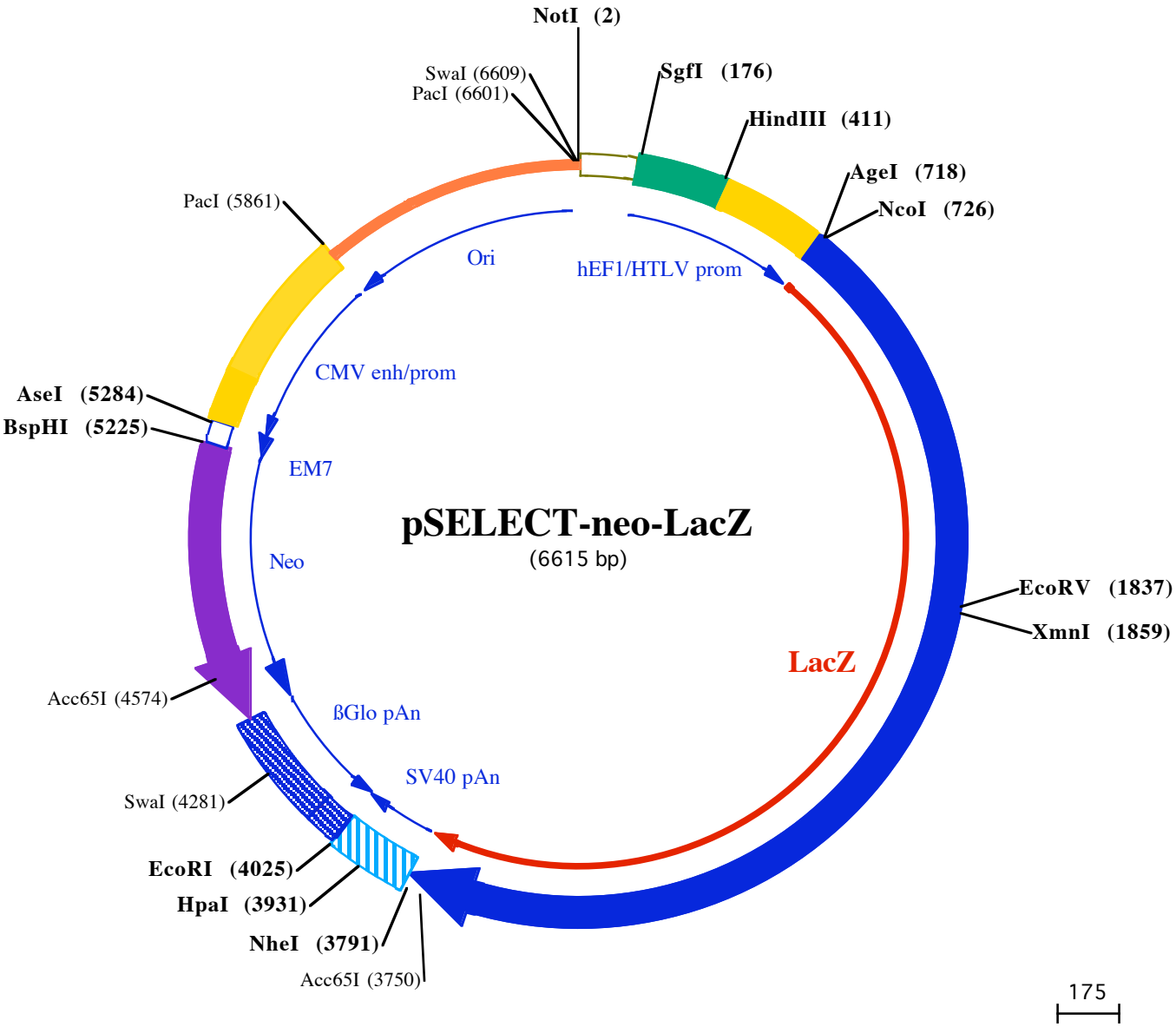
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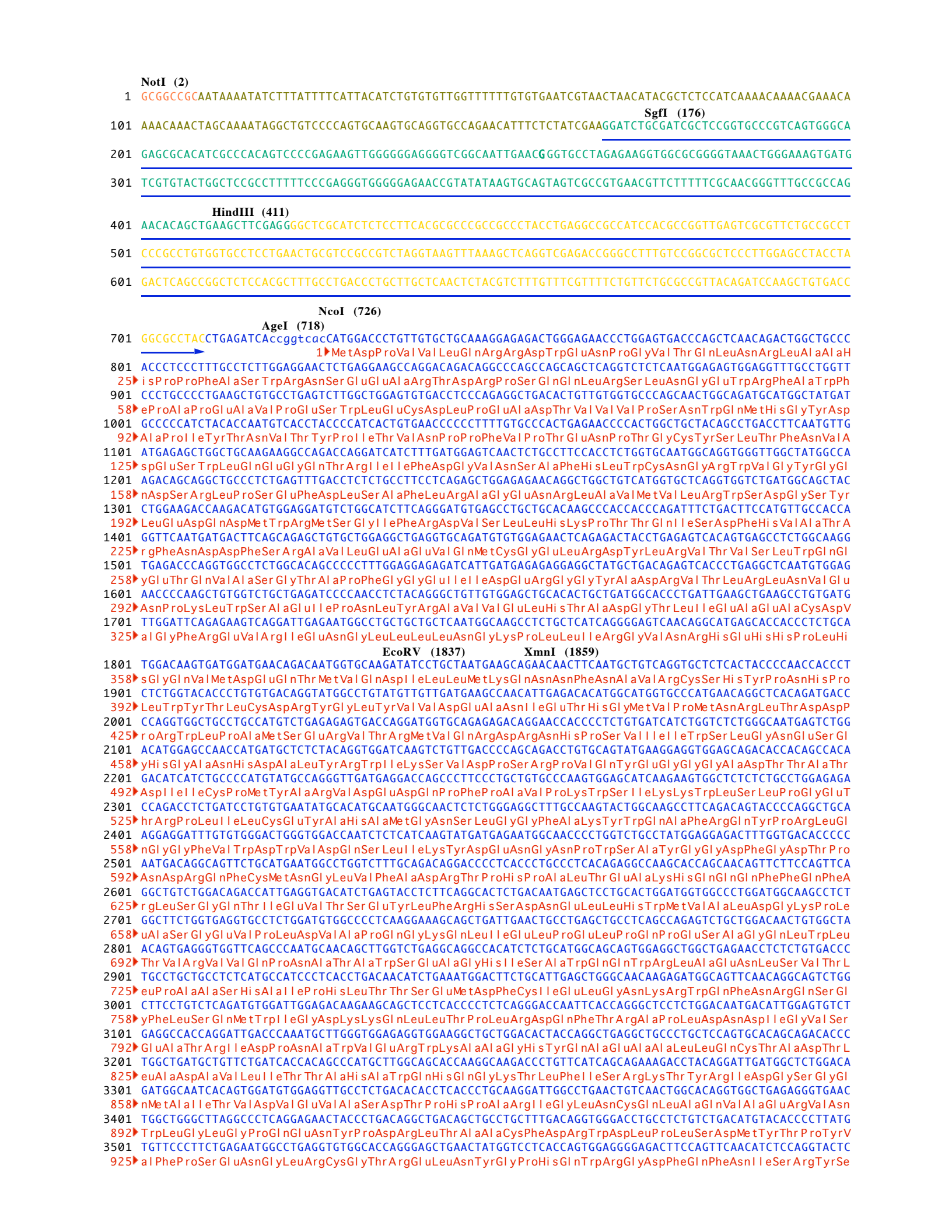
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