

pSELECT-zeo-HSV1tk

A plasmid encoding a CpG-free HSV1tk

Catalog code: psetz-hsv1tk

For research use only

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Content:

- 20 µg of pSELECT-zeo-HSV1tk plasmid provided as lyophilized DNA
- 1 ml of Zeocin™ (100 mg/ml)

Storage and Stability:

Product is shipped at room temperature.
Lyophilized DNA should be resuspended upon receipt and stored at -20°C.
Resuspended DNA is stable more than one year at -20°C.
Store Zeocin™ at 4 °C or at -20 °C. The expiry date is specified on the product label.

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-zeo plasmids contain genes that have been chemically synthesised. The DNA sequence of these genes was modified by optimizing the codon usage, reducing or eliminating the CpG motifs, and avoiding secondary DNA structures, without changing the amino acid sequence of the wild type proteins.

pSELECT-zeo plasmids may be used:

To subclone the synthetic gene into another vector: To facilitate subcloning, the HSV1tk 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.

To express the synthetic gene in mammalian cells: pSelect-zeo is a mammalian expression plasmid selectable in *E. coli* and mammalian cells with Zeocin™, as the *Sh ble* gene in the second expression cassette is driven by the eukaryote CM V enhancer/promoter in tandem with the bacterial EM7 promoter.

PLASMID FEATURES

First expression cassette

- **hEF1-HTLV prom** is a composite promoter comprising the Elongation Factor-1 α (EF-1 α) core promoter¹ and the R segment and part of the U5 sequence (R-U5') of the Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV) Type 1 Long Terminal Repeat². The EF-1 α promoter exhibits a strong activity and yields long lasting expression of a transgene *in vivo*. The R-U5' has been coupled to the EF-1 α core promoter to enhance stability of RNA.
- **HSV1tk CpG-free**: The Herpes Simplex Virus 1 (HSV1) thymidine kinase gene, engineered to contain no CpG motif.
- **SV40 pAn**: the Simian Virus 40 late polyadenylation signal enables efficient cleavage and polyadenylation reactions resulting in high levels of steady-state mRNA³.
- **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*.
- **Zeo**: Resistance to Zeocin™ is conferred by the *Sh ble* gene from *Streptomyces hygroscopicus*. The *Sh ble* gene is driven by the CMV enhancer/promoter in tandem with the bacterial EM7 promoter allowing selection in both mammalian cells and *E. coli*.
- **BGlo pAn**: The human beta-globin 3'UTR and polyadenylation sequence allows efficient arrest of the transgene transcription⁴.

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 H₂O. Store resuspended plasmid at -20 °C.

Plasmid amplification and cloning

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

Zeocin™ usage

This antibiotic can be used for *E. coli* at 25 µg/ml in liquid or solid media and at 50-200 µg/ml to select Zeocin™-resistant mammalian cells.

References:

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

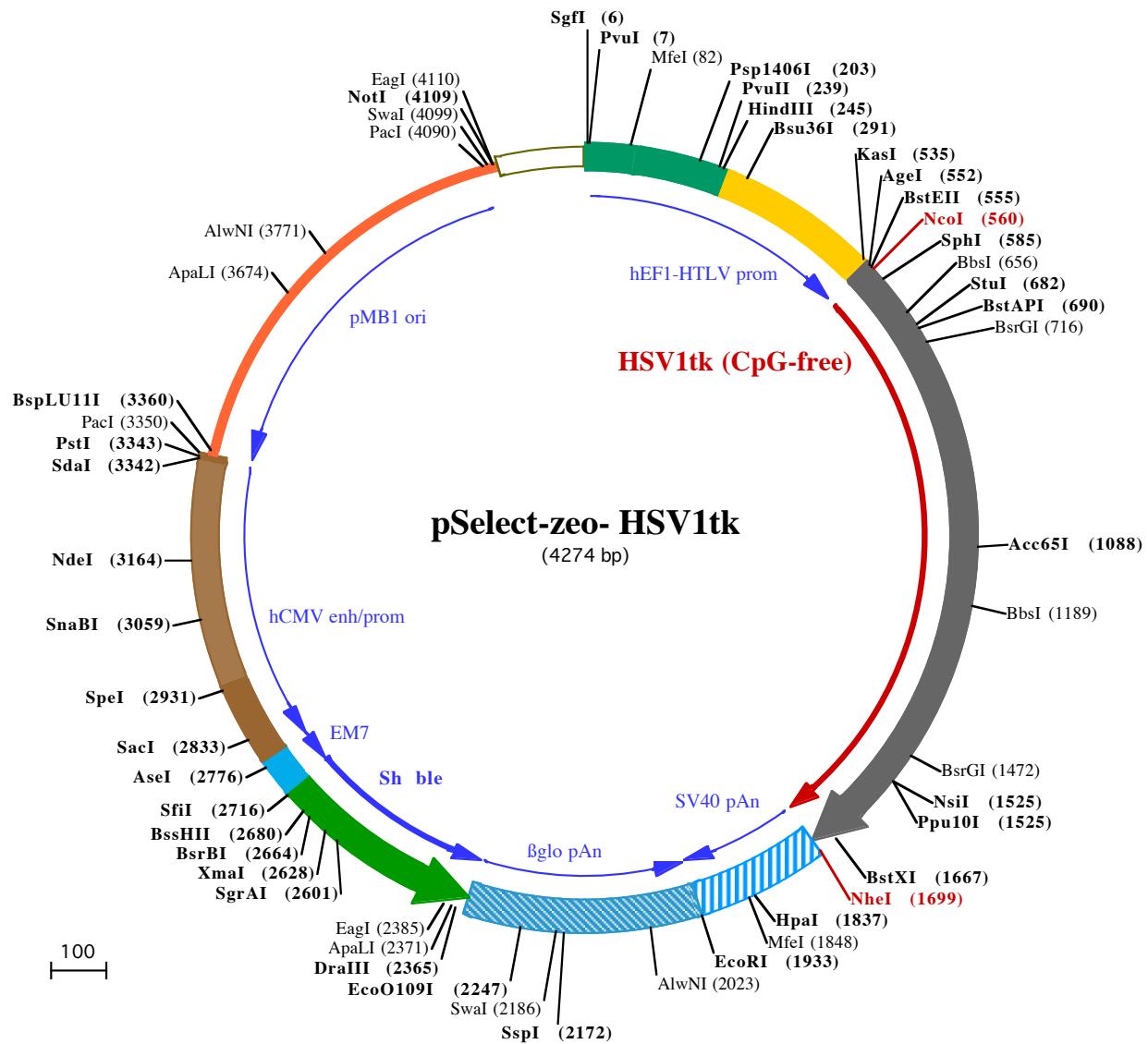
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SgrAI (2601) **XmaI (2628)** **BsrBI (2664)** **BssHII (2680)**
 2601 ACACCGGCGAAGTCGTCTCCACGAAGTCCGGAGAACCGGAGCCGGTCGGTCCAGAACTCGACCGCTCGCGACGTCGCGCGGTGAGCAGCGAA
 40 V G A F D D E V F D R S F G L R D T W F E V A G A V D R A T L V P V
SfiI (2716)
 2701 CGGCACTGGTCAACTTGCCATGATGCCCTCTATAGTAGTCGTTATTATACTATGCCATATACTATGCCATGTTATTGTCAAACAGCGTGGAT
 7 A S T L K A M ← →
SacI (2833)
 2801 GGCCTCTCAGCTTATCTGACGGTTACTAAACGAGCTGCTTATAGACCTCCACCGTACACGCCACCGCCATTGCGTCAATGGGGCGGAGTT

SpeI (2931)
 2901 GTTACGACATTTGAAAGTCCCCTGTTACTAGTCAAACAAACTCCATTGACGTCAATGGGTGGAGACTGGAAATCCCCGTGAGTCAAACCGC

SnaBI (3059)
 3001 TATCCACGCCATTGATGTACTGCCAAAACGCATCAICATGTAATAGCGATGACTAATACGTAGATGACTGCCAAGTAGGAAAGTCCATAAGGTCA

NdeI (3164)
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 3201 TTACCGTAAATACTCCACCCATTGACGTCAATGGAAAGTCCATTGGCGTTACTATGGAACATACGTATTGACGTCAATGGCGGGGCGTTG

PacI (3350)
PstI (3343)
SdaI (3342) **BspLU1I (3360)**
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 3401 AAAGGCCGCGTTGCTGGCGTTTCCATAGGCTCCGCCCCCTGACGAGCATCACAAATCGACGCTCAAGTCAGAGGTGGCAAACCCGACAGGACTA
 3501 TAAAGATACCAGGCCTTCCCCCTGGAAGCTCCCTCGTCGCTCTCTGTTCCGACCCCTGCCGTTACCGGATACTGTCCGCTTCTCCCTCGGAA

ApaLI (3674)
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AlwNI (3771)
 3701 CCGCTGCGCCTTATCCGTAACTATCGTCTTGAGTCCAACCCGGTAAGACACGACTTATGCCACTGGCAGCAGCCACTGGTAACAGGATTAGCAGAGCG

 3801 AGGTATGTAGGCGGTGCTACAGAGTTCTGAAGTGGCTTAACACGGCTACACTAGAACAGTATTGGTATCTGCCTGCTGAAGCCAGTTA

 3901 CCTTCGGAAAAAGAGTTGGTAGCTTGTACGGCAAACAAACCCACCGCTGGTAGCGGTGGTTTTGCAAGCAGCAGATTACGCGCAGAAAAAA

PacI (4090) SwaI
 4001 AGGATCTCAAGAAGATCCTTGATTTCTACGGGTCTGACGCTCAGTGGAACGAAACTACGTTAAGGGATTTGGTATGGCTAGTTAATTAAACA

EagI (4110)
NotI (4109)
 4101 TTTAAATCAGCGGCCGCAATAAAATATCTTATTTCTTACGGGTCTGACGCTCAGTGGAACGAAACTACGTTAAGGGATTTGGTATGGCTAGTTAATTAAACA
 4201 AACGAAACAAACAAACTAGCAAAATAGGCTGCCCCAGTGCAGGTGCCAGAACATTCTATCGAA