#### pmPlum Vector Information



#### pmPlum Restriction Map and Multiple Cloning Sites (MCS).



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### Description

pmPlum is a prokaryotic expression vector that encodes mPlum, a mutant fluorescent protein derived from the tetrameric *Discosoma sp.* red fluorescent protein, DsRed (1). The excitation and emission maxima are 590 nm and 649 nm, respectively.

In pmPlum, the human codon-optimized, mPlum coding sequence (2) is flanked by separate and distinct multiple cloning sites (MCS) that make it easy to excise the gene for use in other cloning applications. Alternatively, the mPlum coding sequence can be amplified by PCR. In *E. coli*, mPlum is expressed from the *lac* promoter as a fusion with several amino acids, including the first five amino acids of the LacZ protein. Note, however, that if the mPlum coding sequence is excised using a restriction site in the 5' MCS, the resulting DNA fragment will encode only the mPlum protein (without the additional amino acids that are expressed using the *lac* promoter). A Kozak consensus sequence is located immediately upstream of the mPlum gene to enhance translational efficiency in eukaryotic systems (3). In the pmPlum vector, the entire mPlum expression cassette is supported by a pUC19 backbone, which contains a high copy-number origin of replication and an ampicillin resistance gene for propagation and selection in *E. coli*.

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### Use

pmPlum is primarily intended to serve as a source of mPlum cDNA. The flanking MCS regions make it possible to excise the mPlum coding sequence and insert it into other vector systems. The vector can also be used to express the mPlum protein in bacteria.

For Western analylsis, either the Living Colors<sup>®</sup> DsRed Polyclonal Antibody (Cat. No. 632496) or the DsRed Monoclonal Antibody (Cat. Nos. 632392 and 632393) can be used to detect the mPlum protein.

#### Location of features

- *P*<sub>lac</sub> (*lac* Promoter): 95–178
   CAP binding site: 111–124
   –35 region: 143–148; –10 region: 167–172
- *lac* operator: 179–199
- lacZ-mPlum fusion protein expressed in *E. coli* Ribosome binding site: 206–209 Start codon (ATG): 217–219; Stop codon 964–966
- 5' MCS (5' multiple cloning site): 234–281
- mPlum (human codon-optimized) Kozak consensus translation initiation site: 282–292 Start codon (ATG): 289–291; Stop codon: 967–969
- 3' MCS (multiple cloning site): 969–1068
- Amp<sup>r</sup> (ampicillin resistance gene)
  - Promoter

-35 region: 1442–1447; -10 region: 1465–1470
Ribosome binding site: 1500-1504
β-lactamase coding sequences
Start codon (ATG): 1514–1516; Stop codon: 2372–2374
β-lactamase signal peptide: 1514–1582

- $\beta$ -lactamase mature protein: 1583–2371
- pUC origin of replication: 2522–3164

# Propagation in E. coli

- Recommended host strain: DH5 $\alpha$
- Selectable marker: plasmid confers resistance to ampicillin (50 µg/ml) in *E. coli* hosts.
- *E. coli* replication origin: pUC
- Copy number: high
- Plasmid incompatibility group: pMB1/CoIE1

# Excitation and emission maxima of mPlum

- Excitation maximum = 590 nm
- Emission maximum = 649 nm

# References

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**Note**: The attached sequence file has been compiled from information in the sequence databases, published literature, and other sources, together with partial sequences obtained by Clontech Laboratories, Inc. This vector has not been completely sequenced.

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