

**MCS1**

|     |   |                         |             |              |             |
|-----|---|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|     | <u>End of DD</u>                            | <u>BamHI</u>            |             | <u>MluI</u>  | <u>NheI</u> |
| 659 | AAA CCG GAA                                 | GGA TCC TCT AGT CAG CTG | ACG CGT     | GCT AGC      |             |
|     | TTT GGC CTT                                 | CCT AGG AGA TCA GTC GAC | TGC GCA     | CGA TCG      |             |
|     | <u>NotI</u>                                 | <u>HindIII</u>          | <u>SalI</u> |              |             |
|     | <u>EagI</u>                                 | <u>ClaI</u>             |             | <u>EcoRV</u> |             |
| 698 | GCG GCC GCA TCG ATA AGC TTG TCG ACG ATA TCT |                         |             |              |             |
|     | CGC CGG CGT AGC TAT TCG AAC AGC TGC TAT AGA |                         |             |              |             |

**MCS2**

|      |             |            |              |            |             |              |
|------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
|      | <u>XbaI</u> |            | <u>BglII</u> |            | <u>NdeI</u> | <u>EcoRI</u> |
| 3051 | CTCTAGACTG  | CAGCCTCAGG | AGATCTGGGC   | CCCCGCGGCA | TATGACCGGT  | GAATTCTCCA   |
|      | GAGATCTGAC  | GTCGGAGTCC | TCTAGACCCG   | GGGGCGCCGT | ATACTGGCCA  | CTTAAGAGGT   |

**pTRE-Cycle1 Vector Map and Multiple Cloning Sites (MCS1 and MCS2).****Description**

pTRE-Cycle1 is a bidirectional, mammalian expression vector that lets you cycle the amount of your protein of interest in cells. Protein expression is tightly regulated by a bidirectional, tetracycline(Tet)-responsive promoter. Once expression is induced, protein levels can be rapidly reduced by simultaneously shutting down transcription and inducing rapid proteasomal degradation. This process can be reversed at any time, allowing the protein of interest to rapidly accumulate once again. In addition, the bidirectional promoter allows concurrent, Tet-regulated coexpression of a second protein of interest, which is not subject to proteasomal degradation.

pTRE-Cycle1 contains two main features that make such precise control over protein levels possible. First, expression of both proteins is tightly controlled by  $P_{Tight-BI}$ , a bidirectional, Tet-responsive promoter.  $P_{Tight-BI}$  consists of two minimal CMV promoters ( $P_{minCMV1}$  and  $P_{minCMV2}$ ) and a modified Tet response element (TRE<sub>mod</sub>) that consists of seven direct repeats of a 36 bp regulatory sequence containing the 19 bp tet operator sequence (*tetO*; 1).

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Second, the vector encodes a ProteoTuner™ destabilization domain (DD; 2) between  $P_{\text{minCMV1}}$  and multiple cloning site 1 (MCS1). This allows the addition of an N-terminal DD tag to the product of any gene cloned into MCS1. The DD tag causes the rapid degradation of any protein to which it is fused. This degradation can be prevented by the addition of Shield1 stabilizing ligand to the culture medium. Shield1 'shields' the fusion protein from proteasomal degradation, allowing the rapid accumulation of the tagged protein. When Shield1 is removed from the medium, the tagged protein is rapidly degraded.

pTRE-Cycle1 contains an additional multiple cloning site (MCS2) just downstream of  $P_{\text{minCMV2}}$ . Any gene cloned into this site will be coexpressed with the gene cloned into MCS1; however, the protein expressed from MCS2 will not contain a DD tag.

### Use

pTRE-Cycle1 allows tightly regulated, doxycycline(Dox)-controlled coexpression of a DD-tagged protein of interest and an untagged protein of interest. To create your DD-tagged protein of interest, your gene of interest must be cloned into MCS1 in the same reading frame as the DD tag sequence. Dox-regulated expression of the proteins requires the presence of a tetracycline-controlled transcriptional activator, supplied by a stable Tet-On® Advanced or Tet-Off® Advanced cell line that can be created with our Tet-On Advanced or Tet-Off Advanced Inducible Gene Expression Systems (Cat. Nos. 630930 and 630934). These systems provide the inducible gene expression strategy of Gossen & Bujard, with major improvements described by Urlinger, *et al.* (3–7).

The effects of Dox and Shield1 are concentration-dependent and reversible. Therefore, it is possible to fine-tune: a) the amount of both the DD-tagged protein and the untagged protein of interest present in the cells by adjusting the concentration of Dox in the medium; or b) the amount of just the DD-tagged protein by adjusting the concentration of Shield1 in the medium.

### Location of features

- $P_{\text{Tight-BI}}$  (bidirectional, Tet-responsive promoter):
  - TRE<sub>mod</sub> (modified Tet-response element): 3–252
  - $P_{\text{minCMV1}}$  (minimal CMV promoter 1): 258–317
  - $P_{\text{minCMV2}}$  (minimal CMV promoter 2): 3112–3180 (complementary)
- DD (ProteoTuner destabilization domain): 344–667
- MCS1 (multiple cloning site 1): 668–729
- SV40 polyA signal: 741–928
- ColE1 origin of replication: 1104–1703
- Amp<sup>r</sup> (ampicillin resistance gene;  $\beta$ -lactamase): 1865–2860 (complementary)
- SV40 polyA signal: 2861–3048 (complementary)
- MCS2 (multiple cloning site 2): 3052–3106 (complementary)

### Propagation in *E. coli*

- Recommended host strain: DH5 $\alpha$ ™, HB101, and other general purpose strains.
- Selectable marker: plasmid confers resistance to ampicillin (100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) in *E. coli* hosts.
- *E. coli* replication origin: ColE1
- Plasmid incompatibility group: pMB1/ColE1

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

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