# Certificate of Analysis



## pCMV-DsRed-Express Vector

Catalog No. Amount Lot Number

632416 20 μg Specified on product label.

### **Description**

pCMV-DsRed-Express is a mammalian expression vector designed for use as a cotransfection marker, together with an expression construct of interest. It constitutively expresses the red fluorescent protein DsRed-Express, which can be detected by fluorescence microscopy to provide direct visual evidence of transfection. Cells can also be sorted by flow cytometry to enrich for transfected cells. pCMV-DsRed-Express encodes DsRed-Express, a variant of *Discosoma* sp. red fluorescent protein (DsRed). DsRed-Express contains nine amino acid substitutions which improve the solubility of the protein, reduce the time from transfection to detection of red fluorescence, and decrease the level of residual green emission. When DsRed-Express is expressed in mammalian cell cultures, red-emitting cells can be detected by either fluorescence microscopy or flow cytometry 8–12 hours after transfection. Although DsRed-Express most likely forms the same tetrameric structure as wild-type DsRed, DsRed-Express displays a reduced tendency to aggregate. The DsRed-Express coding sequence is human codon-optimized for high expression in mammalian cells.

#### **Package Contents**

• 20 μg pCMV-DsRed-Express Vector

#### **Storage Conditions**

- Store at -20°C.
- Spin briefly to recover contents.
- Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

#### **Shelf Life**

• 1 year from date of receipt under proper storage conditions.

#### **Storage Buffer**

• 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM EDTA (pH 8.0)

#### Concentration

• 500 ng/μl

#### **Shipping Conditions**

• Dry ice  $(-70^{\circ}\text{C})$ 

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#### Propagation in E. coli

- Suitable host strains: DH5α, HB101 and other general purpose strains. Single-stranded DNA production requires a host containing an F plasmid such as JM109 or XL1-Blue.
- Selectable marker: plasmid confers resistance to kanamycin (50 μg/ml) to E. coli hosts.

• E. coli replication origin: pUC

Copy number: High

### **Excitation and Emission Maxima of DsRed-Express**

Excitation: 557 nmEmission: 579 nm

## **Quality Control Data**

### **Plasmid Identity & Purity**

Digestion with the indicated restriction enzymes produced fragments of the indicated sizes on a 0.8% agarose/EtBr gel:

Enzyme Fragment(s) (kb)
PstI 4.6
StuI 3.2 & 1.4

Vector identity was confirmed by sequencing.

•  $A_{260}/A_{280}$ : 1.8–2.0

It is certified that this product meets the above specifications, as reviewed and approved by the Quality Department.

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