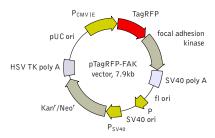


pTagRFP-FAK vector

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Product	Cat.#	Size	
pTagRFP-FAK vector	FP366	20 μ g	
Vector type	mammalian expression vector		
Reporter	TagRFP		
Reporter codon usage	mammalian		
Promoter for TagRFP	P _{CMV IE}		
Host cells	mammalian		
Selection	prokaryotic - kanamycin		
	eukaryotic - neomycin (G418)		
Replication	prokaryotic - pUC ori		
	eukaryotic - SV40) ori	
Use	red (orange) fluorescent labeling of focal adhesion kinase		

Location of features

P_{CMV IE}: 1-589 Enhancer region: 59-465 TATA box: 554-560 Transcription start point: 583

Kozak consensus translation initiation site: 606-616
TagREP

TagRFF

Start codon (ATG): 613-615 Last amino acid in TagRFP: 1321-1323 Focal Adhesion Kinase: 1339-4509 Stop codon: 4507-4509

SV40 early mRNA polyadenylation signal

Polyadenylation signals: 4686-4691 & 4715-4720

mRNA 3' ends: 4724 & 4736 f1 single-strand DNA origin: 4783-5238

Bacterial promoter for expression of Kan^r gene -35 region: 5300-5305; -10 region: 5323-5328

Transcription start point: 5335 SV40 origin of replication: 5579-5714

SV40 early promoter

Enhancer (72-bp tandem repeats): 5412-5483 & 5484-5555

21-bp repeats: 5559-5579, 5580-5600 & 5602-5622

Early promoter element: 5635-5641

Major transcription start points: 5631, 5669, 5675 & 5680

Kanamycin/neomycin resistance gene

Neomycin phosphotransferase coding sequences: Start codon (ATG): 5763-5765; Stop codon: 6555-6557 G->A mutation to remove Pst I site: 5945

C->A (Arg to Ser) mutation to remove BssH II site: 6291 Herpes simplex virus (HSV) thymidine kinase (TK) polyadenylation signal

Polyadenylation signals: 6793-6798 & 6806-6811 pUC plasmid replication origin: 7142-7785

Vector description

pTagRFP-FAK is a mammalian expression vector encoding TagRFP-FAK fusion protein. The vector can be used for fluorescent labeling of focal adhesion kinase in living cells.

TagRFP codon usage is optimized for high expression in mammalian cells (humanized) [Haas et al. 1996]. Chicken focal adhesion kinase is fused to the TagRFP C-terminus. To increase mRNA translation efficiency, Kozak consensus translation initiation site is generated upstream of the TagRFP-FAK coding sequence [Kozak 1987].

pTagRFP-FAK vector can be used as a source of TagRFP-FAK hybrid sequence. The vector backbone contains unique restriction sites that permit its excision and further insertion into expression vector of choice.

Note: The plasmid DNA was isolated from dam⁺-methylated *E.coli*. Therefore some restriction sites are blocked by methylation. If you wish to digest the vector using such sites you will need to transform the vector into a dam⁻ host and make fresh DNA.

The vector backbone contains immediate early promoter of cytomegalovirus ($P_{\text{CMV IE}}$) for protein expression, SV40 origin for replication in mammalian cells expressing SV40 T-antigen, pUC origin of replication for propagation in *E. coli*, and f1 origin for single-stranded DNA production. SV40 polyadenylation signals (SV40 poly A) direct proper processing of the 3'-end of the reporter mRNA.

SV40 early promoter (P_{SV40}) provides neomycin resistance gene (Neo^r) expression to select stably transfected eukaryotic cells using G418. Bacterial promoter (P) provides kanamycin resistance gene expression (Kan^r) in *E. coli*. Kan^r/Neo^r gene is linked with herpes simplex virus (HSV) thymidine kinase (TK) polyadenylation signals.

Expression in mammalian cells

pTagRFP-FAK vector can be transfected into mammalian cells by any known transfection method. CMV promoter provides strong, constitutive expression of the TagRFP-FAK fusion in eukaryotic cells. If required, stable transformants can be selected using G418 [Gorman 1985].

Propagation in E. coli

Suitable host strains for propagation in *E. coli* include DH5alpha, HB101, XL1-Blue, and other general purpose strains. Plasmid incompatibility group is pMB1/ColE1. The vector confers resistance to kanamycin (30 μ g/ml) to *E. coli* hosts. Copy number in *E. coli* is about 500.

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