Actin Chromobody®-TagGFP plasmid

The plasmid map has been compiled using the information from sequence databases, published literature, and other sources, together with partial sequences obtained by Chromotek. This vector has not been completely sequenced.

Vector description
Actin Chromobody®-TagGFP plasmid (pAC-TagGFP) is a mammalian expression vector encoding the cytoskeleton marker Actin-Vi-H fused to green fluorescent protein TagGFP2 (from Evrogen). The vector allows expression Actin Chromobody®-TagGFP fusion protein in eukaryotic (mammalian) cells.

Chromobody® codon usage is optimized for high expression in mammalian cells (humanized) [Haas et al. 1996].

The vector backbone contains immediate early promoter of cytomegalovirus (P_{CMV IE}) for protein expression, SV40 origin for replication in mammalian cells expressing SV40 T-antigen, ColE1 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') expression to select stably transfected eukaryotic cells using G418. Bacterial promoter (P) provides kanamycin resistance gene expression (Kan') in E. coli. Kan'/Neo' gene is linked with herpes simplex virus (HSV) thymidine kinase (TK) polyadenylation signals.

Expression in mammalian cells
pAC-TagGFP vector can be transfected into mammalian cells by any known transfection method. 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 μg/ml) to E. coli hosts. Copy number in E. coli is about 500.

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.

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