



Map and Multiple Cloning Site (MCS) of pTRE2hyg Vector. Unique restriction sites are in bold.

Description

pTRE2hyg is a response plasmid that expresses a gene of interest (Gene X) in Clontech's Tet-On® and Tet-Off® Gene Expression Systems and Tet-On and Tet-Off Cell Lines (1). The Tet Expression Systems and Cell Lines give researchers ready access to the tetracycline-regulated expression systems described by Gossen & Bujard (2; Tet-Off) and Gossen et al. (3; Tet-On). pTRE2hyg contains an MCS immediately downstream of the Tet-responsive P_{hCMV^*-1} promoter. cDNAs or genes inserted into the MCS will be responsive to the tTA and rtTA regulatory proteins in the Tet-Off and Tet-On systems, respectively. P_{hCMV^*-1} contains the Tet response element (TRE), which consists of seven copies of the 19-bp tet operator sequence (tetO). The TRE element is just upstream of the minimal CMV promoter ($P_{\min CMV}$), which lacks the enhancer that is part of the complete CMV promoter. Consequently, P_{hcMV^*-1} is silent in the absence of binding of TetR or rTetR to the tetO sequences. Note that the cloned insert must have an initiating ATG codon. In some cases, addition of a Kozak consensus ribosome binding site (4) may improve expression levels; however, many cDNAs have been efficiently expressed in Tet systems without the addition of a Kozak sequence, pTRE2hyg also contains the hygromycin resistance gene for direct selection of stable transformants. The parental vector pTRE2 was originally described as pUHD10-3 in reference 5.

The pTRE2hyq-Luc Control Vector, packaged with the pTRE2hyq Vector, contains an additional 1649 bp encoding firefly luciferase inserted into the MCS. This vector can be used as a reporter of induction efficiency using standard luciferase detection reagents. It is not intended as a cloning vector.

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pTRE2hyg **Vector Information**

Location of features

• P_{hCMV*-1} Tet-responsive promoter: 7–439

Tet response element (TRE): 7-319

Location of seven tetO 19-mers: 15-33; 57-75; 99-117; 141-159; 183-201; 225-243 & 257-275

Fragment containing $P_{\min CMV}$: 320–439

TATAA box: 342-349

Multiple cloning site (MCS): 471–532

Fragment containing β-globin poly-A signal: 539–1706

Fragment containing Col E1 origin of replication: 1908–2551

Ampicillin resistance gene (β-lactamase):

Start codon (ATG): 3559-3557; stop codon: 2701-2698

Hygromycin resistance gene: 5312–3765

 P_{SV40} promoter: 5312–5045

Hygromycin coding sequence: 4988-3963

SV40 poly-A signal: 3815-3765

Propagation in E. coli

• Suitable host strains: DH5 α and other general purpose strains.

Selectable marker: plasmid confers resistance to ampicillin (100 µg/ml) to E. coli hosts.

• E. coli replication origin: Col E1

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