pDRIVE-mEF1α

A plasmid with the native murine Elongation Factor-1 alpha promoter

Catalog # pdrive-mef1

For research use only

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Content:

- 1 disk of lyophilized GT100 *E. coli* bacteria transformed by pDRIVE-mEF1α.
- GT100 genotype is: *F-, mcrA, Δ(mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC), Ø80lacZΔM15, ΔlacX74, recA1, endA1.*
- 4 pouches of *E. coli* Fast-Media® Zeo

Shipping and storage:

- Products are shipped at room temperature.
- Transformed bacteria should be stored at -20°C. Bacteria are stable up to one year when properly stored.
- Store *E. coli* Fast-Media® Zeo at room temperature. Fast-Media® is stable 18 months when stored properly.

Quality control:

- Plasmid construct has been confirmed by restriction analysis and sequencing.
- Bacteria have been lyophilized, and their viability upon resuspension has been verified.
- Promoter activity has been confirmed by transient transfection of 293 cells as well as other selected cell lines.

GENERAL PRODUCT USE

pDRIVE is an expression plasmid containing a native or composite promoter of interest. **pDRIVE** may be used to:

- Subclone a promoter of interest into another vector. Unique restriction sites are present at each end of the promoter allowing convenient excision. The 5' sites are *Sda* I and *Pst* I. *Sda* I is compatible with *Nsi* I and *Pst* I. The 3' restriction site is *BspH* I which includes the ATG start codon, and is compatible with *Nco* I, *Afl* III and *Sty* I.

- Compare the activity of different promoters in transient transfection experiments. Each pDRIVE promoter drives the expression of the *LacZ* reporter gene which allows for testing of the promoter's activity in transient transfection experiments. Furthermore, the *LacZ* gene is flanked by unique restriction sites (*Nco* I and *EcoR* I) for easy replacement with a different gene of interest.

PROMOTER CHARACTERISTICS

Element	Name	Origin	Size bp
Promoter	EF-1α	Mouse	302
5'UTR	EF-1α	Mouse	1014^
Intron*	EF-1α	Mouse	947
Enhancer	-	-	-

*Intron is contained within the 5' UTR. ^Size of 5'UTR without intron is 67 bp.

EF-1α promoter

The EF-1 alpha gene encodes for elongation factor-1 alpha which is one of the most abundant proteins in eukaryotic cells and is expressed in almost all kinds of mammalian cells. The promoter of this "housekeeping" gene exhibits a strong activity, higher than viral promoters such as SV40 and RSV promoters[1], and on the contrary to the CMV promoter, yields persistent expression of the transgene in vivo[2]. The murine EF-1α promoter shares a 47.73% homology to the human EF-1α promoter.

PLASMID FEATURES

- **LacZ gene** encodes β-galactosidase an enzyme that catalyzes the hydrolysis of X-Gal, producing a blue precipitate that can be easily visualized under a microscope**.**
- **SV40 pAn:** The Simian Virus 40 late polyadenylation signal enables efficient cleavage and polyadenylation reactions resulting in high levels of steady-state mRNA.
- **pMB1 Ori** is a minimal *E. coli* origin of replication with the same activity as the longer Ori.
- **EM7** is a bacterial promoter that enables the constitutive expression of the antibiotic resistance gene in *E. coli*.
- ***Sh ble*** gene confers zeocin resistance therefore allowing the selection of transformed *E. coli* carrying a pDRIVE plasmid.

Note: *Stable transfection of clones cannot be performed due to the absence of an eukaryotic promoter upstream of the Sh ble gene.*

METHODS

Growth of pDRIVE-transformed bacteria:

Use sterile conditions to do the following:

1- Resuspend the lyophilized *E. coli* by adding 1 ml of LB medium in the tube containing the disk. Let sit for 5 minutes. Mix gently by inverting the tube several times.
2- Streak bacteria taken from this suspension on a zeocin LB agar plate prepared with the *E. coli* Fast-Media®Zeo agar provided (see below).
3- Place the plate in an incubator at 37°C overnight.
4- Isolate a single colony and grow the bacteria in TB supplemented with zeocin using the Fast-Media® Zeo liquid provided (see below).
5- Extract the pDRIVE plasmid DNA using the method of your choice.

Note: *For long-term storage of the pDRIVE-transformed bacteria, prepare a 20% glycerol stock of the bacteria grown in the overnight liquid culture and freeze at -80°C.*

Selection of bacteria with *E. coli* Fast-Media Zeo:

E. coli Fast-Media® Zeo is a **new, fast and convenient** way to prepare liquid and solid media for bacterial culture by using only a microwave. *E. coli* Fast-Media® Zeo is a TB (liquid) or LB (solid) based medium with zeocin, and contains stabilizers.

E. coli Fast-Media® Zeo can be ordered separately (catalog code # fas-zn-l, fas-zn-s).

Method:

1- Pour the contents of a pouch into a clean borosilicate glass bottle or flask.
2- Add 200 ml of distilled water to the flask
3- Heat in a microwave on MEDIUM power setting (about 400Watts), until bubbles start appearing (approximately 3 minutes). **Do not heat a closed container. Do not autoclave Fast-Media®.**
4- Swirl gently to mix the preparation. **Be careful, the bottle and media are hot, use heatproof pads or gloves and care when handling.**
5- Reheat the media for 30 seconds and gently swirl again. Repeat as necessary to completely dissolve the powder into solution. But be careful to avoid overboiling and volume loss.
6- Let agar medium cool to 45°C before pouring plates. Let liquid media cool to 37°C before seeding bacteria.

Note: *Do not reheat solidified Fast-Media® as the antibiotic will be permanently destroyed by the procedure.*

References:

1- Kim DW *et al.* (1990). Gene. 91(2): 217-23.
2. Guo ZS *et al.* (1996). Gene Ther. 3(9):802-10

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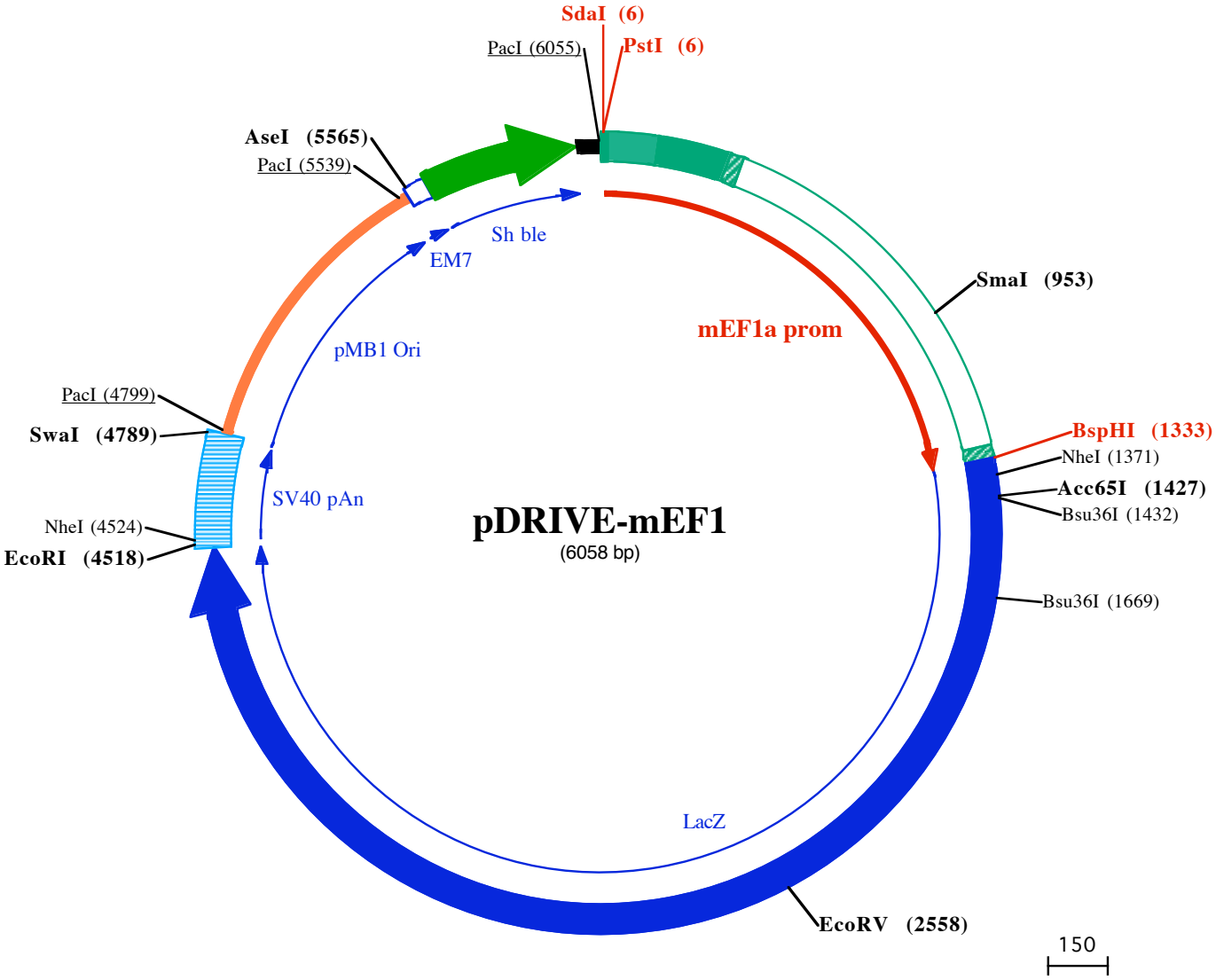
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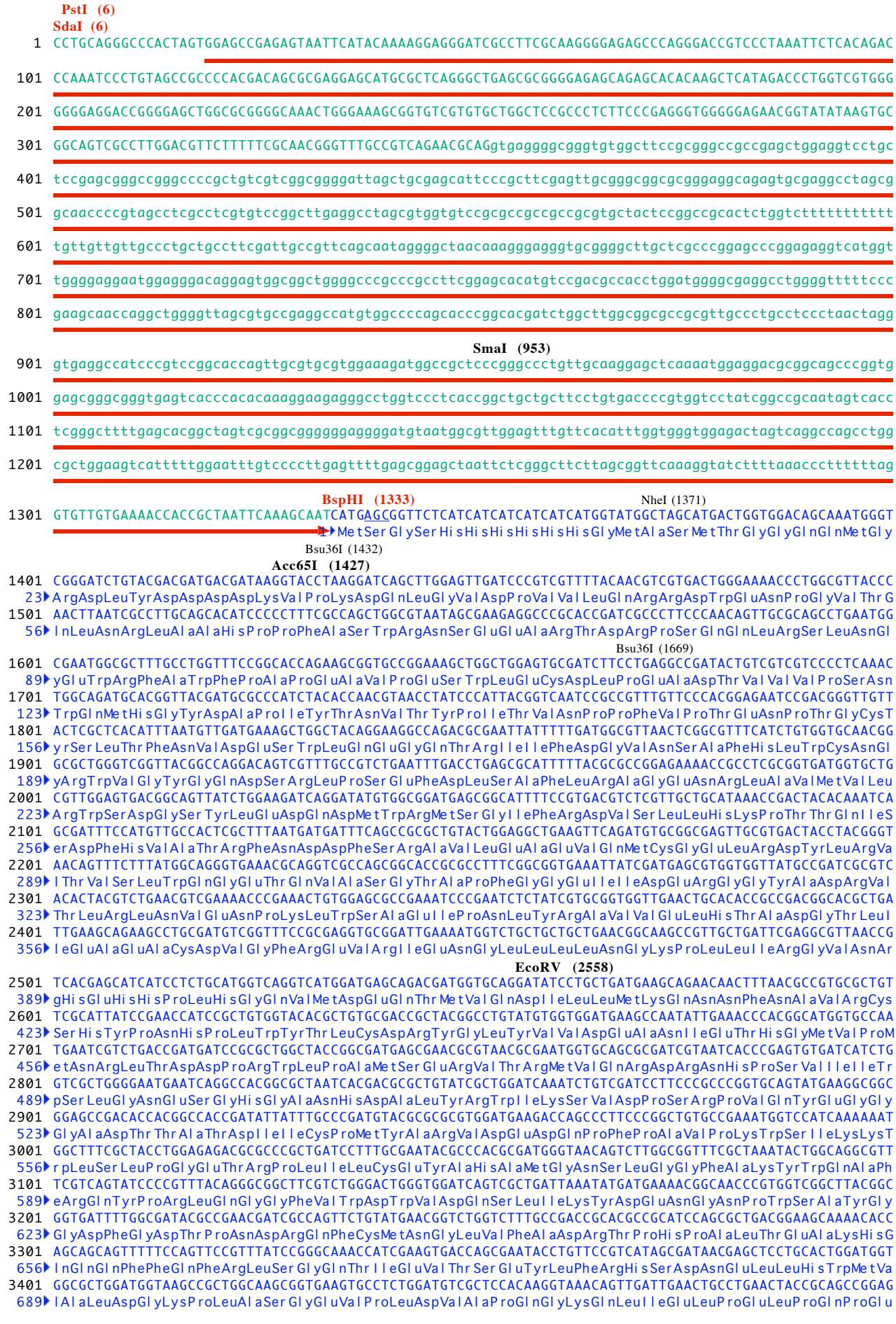
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