

Vector pET-11a Containing the SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, Wuhan-Hu-1 3C-Like Protease Gene

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Product Description:

The 3C-like protease (3CLpro) gene from severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), Wuhan-Hu-1 (GenBank: [MN908947](#)) was codon optimized, tagged with an N-terminal hexa-histidine tag followed by a 3CLpro auto cleavage site and cloned into the pET-11a plasmid.^{1,2} The beta-lactamase gene, *bla*, provides transformant selection through ampicillin resistance in *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the BEI Resources webpage. The plasmid was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

3CLpro (also referred to as main protease, Mpro) is a cysteine protease that, together with the papain-like protease (PLpro), processes the viral polyproteins in preparation for viral replication. It also releases the main replicative functions of the virus, such as RdRp and helicase.^{3,4,5}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains plasmid DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0). The DNA concentration and volume provided are shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening. **Note:** The contents of the vial should be used to replicate the plasmid in *E. coli* prior to expression studies.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-52437 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be minimized.

Citation:

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