

## Vector pcDNA3.1 Containing Ebolavirus, Zaire Glycoprotein

Catalog No. NR-19814

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### Product Description:

The viral glycoprotein gene from ebolavirus (EBOV), Zaire was synthesized by multiple rounds of overlapping PCR based on the EBOV, Zaire genome sequence (GenBank accession L11365) and subcloned into the Invitrogen™ vector pcDNA3.1.<sup>1</sup> The plasmid was produced in *Escherichia coli* 5-alpha F' pl cells (New England Biolabs®) and extracted using a QIAGEN® plasmid DNA extraction kit.

293T cells co-transfected with NR-19814 and a β-lactamase-EBOV VP40 fusion protein (NR-19813) produce EBOV virus-like particles (VLPs). Fusion of these VLPs with target cells can be detected by monitoring β-lactamase activity using a fluorogenic substrate, permitting study of the cell entry steps of this highly pathogenic virus without the need for BSL-4 containment.<sup>2</sup>

NR-19814 has been qualified for use in bacterial transformations.

### Material Provided:

Each vial contains 20 to 80 ng of plasmid DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.0). The concentration is shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening.

### Packaging/Storage:

NR-19814 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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### Biosafety Level: 1

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following

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