

**Plasmid pMRLB.15 Containing Gene
Rv2031c (Protein HspX) from
*Mycobacterium tuberculosis***

Catalog No. NR-13274

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Product Description:

NR-13274 is a recombinant expression vector containing *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* gene Rv2031c, which encodes HspX, a heat shock protein (small heat shock protein, HSP20, family member) localized in the inner membrane.^{1,2} Gene Rv2031c was amplified by PCR and cloned into pET15b for expression in *Escherichia coli*. The gene was cloned without a signal sequence. The expressed protein is histidine-tagged and has an observed molecular weight of 16 kDa. The expected purified protein yield from a one liter culture is approximately 5 mg.

A plasmid map of NR-13274 is attached.

Note: Plasmid pMRLB.15 contains the gene required for ampicillin (Ap) resistance. The recommended concentration of Ap in culture is 100 µg/mL.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains 1 µg of plasmid DNA in 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5. The concentration is shown on the Certificate of Analysis.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-13274 was packaged aseptically in 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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pMRLB15 – Rv2031c– hspX, 16 kDA, alpha crystallin in pET15b

