

**Plasmid pETMPOX/B5RoΔTM Containing the B6R Gene from Monkeypox Virus, Zaire 79**

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**Product Description:**

The monkeypox B6R gene (GenBank AY160189) was amplified from the plasmid pMPOX/B5Ro by PCR and subcloned into the prokaryotic expression vector pET26b (Novagen®), which contains coding sequences for a 6-histidine tag at the C-terminus of the expressed protein.<sup>1</sup> The transmembrane (TM) domain of the B6R gene was deleted during subcloning so that the resulting vector would express only the extracellular domain of the protein. The plasmid was produced in *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) DH5α™ cells and extracted using a QIAGEN® EndoFree® Plasmid Maxi Kit. The pETMPOX/B5RoΔTM plasmid is reported to direct the expression of monkeypox B6R protein in inclusion bodies when transformed into an appropriate expression host cell such as *E. coli* BL21(DE3).<sup>1</sup> The designation B5Ro is used to indicate that the B6R gene is the monkeypox ortholog of the vaccinia virus B5R gene.

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 20 to 60 ng of plasmid DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.0). The lot-specific DNA concentration and content are shown on the Certificate of Analysis.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-3025 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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