

Vector pCMV/R Containing the SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, Wuhan-Hu-1 Spike Glycoprotein Gene

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Product Description:

[NR-53696 expresses the full-length, unmodified S glycoprotein, and is intended for producing pseudotyped particles/pseudovirions.](#)¹ [NR-53696 is not intended for recombinant protein expression.](#)

The vector for the spike (S) glycoprotein gene from severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), Wuhan-Hu-1 (GenBank: [MN908947](#)) was designed by codon optimizing the full-length S sequence (residues 1 to 1273) for mammalian expression and subcloning into the pCMV/R mammalian expression vector (also referred to as VRC8400).^{1,2,3} The kanamycin resistance gene, *aph*, provides transformant selection through kanamycin resistance in *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). NR-53696 is also referred to as VRC7478.¹ The resulting size of the plasmid is approximately 8250 base pairs. The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the BEI Resources webpage. The plasmid was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

The S glycoprotein mediates viral binding to the host angiotensin converting enzyme 2 (ACE2). This protein forms a trimer, and when bound to a host receptor, allows fusion of the viral and cellular membranes. The S protein is a target for neutralizing antibodies.³

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 mammalian expression.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-53696 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

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NR-53696 is claimed in U.S. Patent number 7,094,598 and the continuations, continuations-in-part, re-issues and foreign counterparts thereof.

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