

Vector pLVX-EF1 α -IRES-Puro Containing the SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, USA-WA1/2020 Nucleocapsid Gene

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Product Description:

Note: The vial label indicates this product contains a TST tag. This nomenclature refers to a 2X Strep tag.^{1,2} This product does not express the Twin-Strep-tag[®] that is commonly referred to as a TST tag.

The nucleocapsid (N) gene from severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), USA-WA1/2020 (GenBank: [MN985325](#)) was codon optimized and modified by the addition of a N-terminal 2X Strep tag and cloned into the [pLVX-EF1 \$\alpha\$ -IRES-Puro](#) lentiviral expression plasmid.^{1,2,3} The vector contains an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES) that allows a gene-of-interest and a puromycin resistance gene to be simultaneously co-expressed from a single mRNA transcript. Expression of the transcript is driven by the human elongation factor 1 alpha (EF1 α) promoter. The beta-lactamase gene, *bla*, provides transformant selection through ampicillin resistance in *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) and the puromycin resistance gene, *pac*, provides transformant selection through puromycin resistance in eukaryotic cells. The resulting size of the plasmid is approximately 10,170 base pairs. NR-52973 can be used for transient expression and lentivirus generation.¹ The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the BEI Resources webpage. The plasmid was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

The N protein is involved in the replication, transcription and packaging of the viral genome, and is a target of vaccine and diagnostic assays due to its abundance and its ability to generate a high immunogenic response.⁴

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 studies.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-52973 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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