

**Vector pMCSG53 Containing the SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, Wuhan-Hu-1 Non-Structural Protein 16 Gene**

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**Product Description:**

The non-structural protein 16 (nsp16) gene from severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), Wuhan-Hu-1 (GenBank: [MN908947](#)) was codon optimized and cloned into the pMCSG53 plasmid.<sup>1,2</sup> pMCSG53 is an *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) expression vector that contains an N-terminal hexa-histidine tag, followed by a tobacco etch virus (TEV) protease recognition site prior to the insert coding sequence, resulting in the expression of a cleavable histidine-tagged protein. It also contains tRNA genes covering rare codons for Arg (AGG/AGA) and Ile (AUA) to improve expression in *E. coli*. The beta-lactamase gene, *bla*, provides transformant selection through ampicillin resistance in *E. coli*.<sup>3,4</sup> The resulting size of the plasmid is approximately 5710 base pairs. The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the BEI Resources webpage. The plasmid was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

Non-structural protein 16 is a protein located within the SARS-CoV-2 ORF1b and is required for viral replication. It has been shown to interact with non-structural protein 10, resulting in the production of a viral RNA cap that prevents the activation of the host innate immune response.<sup>5,6</sup>

**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 expression studies.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-52427 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.

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