

**Vector pcDNA3.1 Containing Zaire  
Ebola Virus Glycoprotein**

**Catalog No. NR-19814**

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**Product Description:**

The viral glycoprotein gene from Zaire ebolavirus (EBOV), was synthesized by multiple rounds of overlapping PCR based on the Zaire EBOV genome sequence (GenBank accession [L11365](#)) and subcloned into the Invitrogen™ vector pcDNA3.1.<sup>1</sup> NR-19814 is approximately 7830 base pairs and was produced in *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) and extracted.

293T cells co-transfected with NR-19814 and a β-lactamase-EBOV VP40 fusion protein ([NR-19813](#)) produce EBOV virus-like particles (VLPs). Fusion of these VLPs with target cells can be detected by monitoring β-lactamase activity using a fluorogenic substrate, permitting study of the cell entry steps of this highly pathogenic virus without the need for BSL-4 containment.<sup>2</sup>

NR-19814 has been qualified for use in bacterial transformations.

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 100 μL of plasmid DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl and 0.5 mM EDTA, pH 8.0). The concentration is shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-19814 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 1**

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Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories \(BMBL\)](#). 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020.

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