



# TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo Expression Vector

### **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo Transient Mammalian Expression Vector

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# Description

### Introduction

The TGEX<sup>™</sup> vector series is designed for the rapid expression of antibody molecules by transient gene expression in mammalian cells in suspension culture. This new series, version 7, also allows the selection of stable transformants through the use of Zeocin®. This vector series features a cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter, the adenovirus tripartite leader sequence (TPL) (Logan 1984, Mariati 2010), a composite leader sequence (hybrid between a mammalian kappa leader and the bacterial pelB leader (Valadon 2006)) followed by a universal double-inverted Bsal cloning site to insert antibody variable regions. The constant regions are derived from species-specific IgG, kappa and lambda sequences. The 3′ end on the transcription unit is composed of an IRES element, the Zeocin-resistance gene (Sh ble from *Streptoalloteichus hindustanus*), a Woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element, and the rabbit beta-globin polyadenylation signal. Transfection of the TGEX<sup>™</sup> expression vectors harboring antibody variable region inserts in widely available cell lines using large-scale transfection technologies (see experimental procedure) typically yields antibody titers between 50 and 250 mg/L in serum-free conditions in just a few days.

The **TGEX™-FH-hG1-Zeo** vector is designed for the expression of a heavy chain variable region with the CH1 constant region of the human IgG1 heavy chain. Expression of a Fab antibody molecules is achieved by co-transfection with a light chain variable region cloned into one the **TGEX™** vectors, see below examples to achieve varied antibody formats.

Combination of vectors to desired antibody format (examples)

COMBINATION	FORMAT	PURIFICATION
TGEX™-HC-hG1-Zeo + TGEX™-LC-hK-Zeo	Full length human or chimeric human IgG1/K	Protein A or G
TGEX™-FH-hG1-Zeo + TGEX™-LC-hK-Zeo	Human or chimeric IgG1/K Fab fragment	Protein L, G, or IMAC
TGEX™-FC-hG1-Zeo	Human IgG1 Fc fusion	Protein A or G
TGEX™-SCblue-Zeo	Human IgG1 scFv-Fc fusion	Protein A or G

## Content, Shipping & Storage

#### Content

VECTOR	COMPOSITION	AMOUNT
TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo	$20~\mu l$ at $0.5~\mu g/\mu l$ of DNA vector in DNA Conservation Buffer (Tris-HCL 5 mM, EDTA $0.1~mM,$ pH $8.5)$	10 μg

#### Shipping & Storage

TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo vector is shipped on wet ice. Upon receipt, store the vector at -20°C.

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# TGEX™ Vector Series

## TGEX<sup>™</sup> vector series for desired isotypes

TGEX™-FH-hG1-Zeo MX023 Human IgG1 CH1 For the expression of his TGEX™-FC-hG1-Zeo MX025 Human IgG1 Fc For the expression of his TGEX™-HC-hG2-Zeo MX027 Human IgG2 Heavy chain expression TGEX™-HC-hG3-Zeo MX028 Human IgG3 Heavy chain expression	n plasmid for human IgG2 n plasmid for human IgG3 n plasmid for human IgG4
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TGEX™-HC-hG3-Zeo MX028 Human IgG3 Heavy chain expression	n plasmid for human IgG3 n plasmid for human IgG4
, , ,	plasmid for human IgG4
TGEX™-HC-hG4[S228P]-Zeo MX029 Human IgG4[S228P] Heavy chain expression	
	plasmid for human Kanna
TGEX™-LC-hK-Zeo MX030 Human Kappa Light chain expression p	piasililu ioi ilulilali kappa
TGEX™-LC-hL2-Zeo MX031 Human Lambda 2 Light chain expression p	plasmid for human Lambda 2
TGEX™-HC-mG1-Zeo MX032 Murine lgG1 Heavy chain expression	plasmid for murine IgG1
TGEX™-HC-mG2a-Zeo MX033 Murine IgG2a Heavy chain expression	plasmid for murine IgG2a
TGEX™-HC-mG2b-Zeo MX034 Murine IgG2b Heavy chain expression	plasmid for murine IgG2b
TGEX™-HC-mG3-Zeo MX035 Murine IgG3 Heavy chain expression	plasmid for murine IgG3
TGEX™-LC-mK-Zeo MX036 Murine Kappa Light chain expression p	plasmid for murine Kappa
TGEX™-LC-mL1-Zeo MX037 Murine Lambda 1 Light chain expression p	plasmid for murine Lambda 1
TGEX™-LC-mL2-Zeo MX038 Murine Lambda 2 Light chain expression p	plasmid for murine Lambda 2
TGEX™-HC-rbG-Zeo MX039 Rabbit IgG Heavy chain expression	plasmid for rabbit IgG
TGEX™-LC-rbKb4-Zeo MX040 Rabbit Kappa Light chain expression p	plasmid for rabbit Kappa
TGEX™-HC-dG1-Zeo MX046 Dog IgG1 Heavy chain expression	plasmid for dog IgG1
TGEX™-HC-dG2-Zeo MX047 Dog IgG2 Heavy chain expression	plasmid for dog IgG2
TGEX™-HC-dG3-Zeo MX048 Dog IgG3 Heavy chain expression	plasmid for dog IgG3
TGEX™-HC-dG4-Zeo MX049 Dog IgG4 Heavy chain expression	plasmid for dog IgG4
TGEX™-LC-dK-Zeo MX050 Dog Kappa Light chain expression p	plasmid for dog Kappa
TGEX™-LC-dL-Zeo MX051 Dog Lambda Light chain expression p	plasmid for dog Lambda

## $TGEX^{\mathsf{TM}}$ vector series for Fc-engineered antibodies

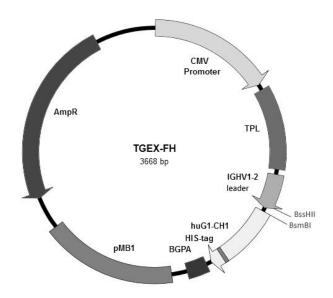
VECTOR	CATALOG	ISOTYPE	DESCRIPTION
TGEX™-HC-hG1[EA]-Zeo	MX041	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 heavy chain with increased ADCC/CDC in vitro
TGEX™-HC-hG1[NA]-Zeo	MX042	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 aglycosylated heavy chain
TGEX™-HC-hG1[LALA-PG]-Zeo	MX043	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 heavy chain with decreased ADCC/CDC in vitro
TGEX™-HC-hG1[YTE-KF]-Zeo	MX044	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 heavy chain with increased serum half-life
TGEX™-HC-hG4[SPLE-PG]-Zeo	MX045	Human IgG4[S228P]	Human IgG4 heavy chain with decreased ADCC/CDC in vitro

### TGEX™ control vector, universal expression and Fc fusions

VECTOR	CATALOG	USE	DESCRIPTION	
TGEX™-AC-Zeo	MX020	Any expressions	Universal expression vector	
TGEX™-eGFP-Zeo	MX022	Transfection	Control plasmid for monitoring transient transfections	
TGEX™-SCblue-Zeo	MX024	scFv cloning vector	For the transfer of scFv from any PADL phagemid vector and expression as an scFv-Fc fusion	

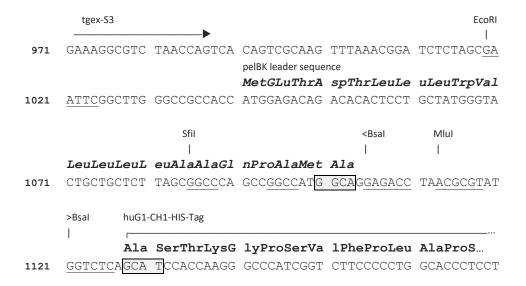
# **Vector Map**

The figure below illustrates the main features of **TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo** expression vector. The full vector sequence is available online for download in varied formats on the product web page; the total length of the vector is 5183 bp.



## **Cloning Site**

Following is an illustration of **TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo** cloning site from the EcoRI site and onward. The VH domain is inserted in a double inverted Bsal cloning site located between the pelBK leader sequence and the constant regions. The four base pair overhangs after a restriction digestion with Bsal are boxed and grayed.



# Feature Table

The features of **TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo** transient expression vector are highlighted in the following table.

FEATURE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Promoter	5-585	CMV promoter.
TPL	612-1000	Adenovirus tripartite leader sequence (Logan 1984, Mariati 2010).
pelBK leader	1041-1103	Hybrid kappa/pelB leader peptide sequence. The cleavage occurs on the Cterminal side of the terminal alanine.
Human IgG1-CH1-HIS-Tag	1128 -1475	Sequence encoding the human IgG1 heavy chain sequence comprising the CH1 domain.
IRES	1501-2074	Internal Ribosome Entry Site.
Zeo	2108 -2482	Sh ble gene from <i>Streptoalloteichus hindustanus</i> conferring resistance to Zeocin.
WPRE	2491-3079	Woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element.
BGpA	3095-3193	Rabbit beta-globin polyadenylation signal sequence.
pMB1 origin	3267 -3886	pBR322 origin for replication in <i>E. coli</i> with a temperature-sensitive high copy-number phenotype (Lin-Chao 1992).
TEM1 beta-lactamase	4901-4041	Ampicillin resistance for selection in E. coli.

# Restriction Site Summary

Enzyme	Site	Nb	Position	Strand	Isoschizomers
AarI	CACCTGC (4/8)	1	1830		PaqCI
AgeI	A^CCGGT	1	1232		AsiGI BshTI CspAI PinAI
AlfI	(10/12) GCANNNNNNTGC (12/10)	1	2445		
AlwNI	CAGNNN^CTG	1	3632		CaiI PstNI
ArsI	(8/13) GACNNNNNTTYG (11/6)	1	851		
AvrII	C^CTAGG	1	1652		AspA2I BlnI XmaJI
BbvCI	CCTCAGC(-5/-2)	1	1319		
BcgI	(10/12) CGANNNNNNTGC (12/10)	1	4630		
BsaXI	(9/12) ACNNNNNCTCC (10/7)	1	2344	_	
BsePI	G^CGCGC	1	2144		BssHII PauI PteI
Bsp1407I	T^GTACA	1	5145		BsrGI BstAUI
BspMI	ACCTGC(4/8)	1	1831		Acc36I BfuAI BveI
BstEII	G^GTNACC	1	1331		BstPI Eco91I Eco065I PspEI
Bsu36I	CC^TNAGG	1	1303		Eco81I AxyI Bse21I
DrdI	GACNNNN^NNGTC	1	3323		AasI DseDI
Eam1105I	GACNNN^NNGTC	1	4109		AhdI BmeRI DriI
EcoNI	CCTNN^NNNAGG	1	1208		BstENI XagI
EcoRI	G^AATTC	1	1019		
FseI	GGCCGG^CC	1	2379		RigI
FspI	TGC^GCA	1	4334		Acc16I NsbI
KpnI	GGTAC^C	1	1942		Acc65I Asp718I
MauBI	CG^CGCGC	1	2143		
MluI	A^CGCGT	1	1113		
NarI	GG^CGCC	1	1257		DinI EgeI EheI KasI Mly113I
					PluTI SfoI SspDI
NheI	G^CTAGC	1	1479		AsuNHI BmtI BspOI
NotI	GC^GGCCGC	1	2483		CciNI
OliI	CACNN^NNGTG	1	1400		AleI
PasI	CC^CWGGG	1	1198		

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PciI PmaCI	A^CATGT CAC^GTG	1	1991 1815	PscI AcvI BbrPI Eco72I PmlI PspCI
PmeI	GTTT^AAAC	1	1000	MssI
PvuI	CGAT^CG	1	4481	Ple19I
PvuII	CAG^CTG	1	642	
SacI	GAGCT^C	1	583	Ecl136II EcoICRI Eco53kI Psp124BI SstI
SalI	G^TCGAC	1	2102	•
SexAI	A^CCWGGT	1	2271	CsiI MabI
SfiI	GGCCNNNN^NGGCC	1	1085	
SgrAI	CR^CCGGYG	1	2221	
SnaBI	TAC^GTA	1	357	BstSNI Eco105I
SpeI	A^CTAGT	1	18	AhlI BcuI
Tth111I	GACN^NNGTC	1	1238	PflFI PsyI
XbaI	T^CTAGA	1	2096	05 074T D D7T 01 T
XhoI	C^TCGAG	1	966	Sfr274I PaeR7I SlaI
ApaI	GGGCC^C	2	1139 1614	Bsp120I Psp0MI
BalI	TGG^CCA	2	2109	MlsI MluNI Mox20I MscI Msp20I
Dali	199 CCA	2	5111	MISI MIUNI MOXZUI MSCI MSPZUI
BamHI	G^GATCC	2	1443	
20	0.11100	2	2090	
BglII	A^GATCT	2	3210	
3		2	5034	
Bpu10I	CCTNAGC (-5/-2)	2	930	
-		2	1319	
BsmI	GAATGC (1/-1)	2	1647 -	Mva1269I PctI
		2	1680	
BspHI	T^CATGA	2	3941	CciI PagI
		2	4949	
BssSI	CACGAG (-5/-1)	2	3394 -	BauI Bst2BI
Datut	CCANNNN^NTGG	2	4778 1345	
BstXI	CCANNINI NIGG	2	1460	
BtrI	CACGTC (-3/-3)	2	2042 -	AjiI BmgBI
DCII	CACGIC ( 3/ 3)	2	2240	AJII BIIIGBI
BtsI	GCAGTG(2/0)	2	4507	
		2	4535	
CspCI	(11/13) CAANNNNNGTGG (12/10)	) 2	407	
-		2	1427	
DraIII	CACNNN^GTG	2	1859	AdeI
		2	2456	
EagI	C^GGCCG	2	2439	BseX3I BstZI EclXI Eco52I
		2	2484	
Eco31I	GGTCTC(1/5)	2	1105 -	Bso31I BsaI BspTNI
D-1-	(0 /1 2) 7 7 CNINININI CEEE /1 2 /0)	2	1121	
FalI	(8/13) AAGNNNNNCTT (13/8)	2	784 1215	
GsuI	CTGGAG (16/14)	2	1343 -	BpmI
GBGI	0100110 (10/11)	2	4199	DPMI
HindIII	A^AGCTT	2	2073	
		2	3216	
NdeI	CA^TATG	2	252	FauNDI
		2	3172	
SacII	CCGC^GG	2	740	Sfr303I KspI SgrBI Cfr42I
		2	2991	
SmaI	CCC^GGG	2	2086	Cfr9I TspMI XmaI
	3.57.4.57.3.57	2	2196	
VspI	AT^TAAT	2	25	AseI PshBI
Vmn T		2	4285	Accident Macaya Dana
XmnI	GAANN^NNTTC	2	1709 4709	Asp700I MroXI PdmI
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Absent Si	tes:			

AanI, AbsI, AccIII, AfeI, AflII, AjuI, AloI, Aor13HI, Aor51HI, AscI, AsiSI, AsuII, BaeI, BarI, BclI, BfrI, BlpI, BoxI, BplI, Bpu1102I, Bpu14I, Bsa29I, BsaBI, Bse8I, Bse8I, BseCI, BseJI, BsgI, BshVI, BsiWI, BsmBI, Bsp119I, Bsp13I, Bsp1720I, Bsp68I, BspDI, BspEI, BspMAI, BspQI, BspT104I, BspTI, BssNAI, Bst1107I, BstAFI, BstAPI, BstBI, BstPAI, BstZ17I, Bsu15I, BsuTUI, BtuMI, ClaI, CpoI, CspI, Eco147I, Eco32I, Eco47III, EcoRV, EcoT22I, Esp3I, FbaI, FspAI, HpaI, I-CeuI, I-PpoI, I-SceI, KflI, Kpn2I, Ksp22I, KspAI, LguI, MfeI, Mph1103I, MreI, MroI, MspCI, MunI, NruI, NsiI, NspV, PI-PspI, PI-SceI, PacI, PaeI, PalAI, PceI, PciSI, Pf123II, PshAI, PsiI, PspLI, PspXI, PsrI, PstI, RgaI, RruI, Rsr2I, RsrII, SapI, SbfI, SdaI, SfaAI, SfuI, SgfI, SgrDI, SgsI, SmiI, SphI, SrfI, Sse8387I, SseBI, StuI, SwaI, Vha464I, XcmI, Zsp2I.

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# **Experimental Procedures**

### General Molecular Biology Techniques

Molecular biology should be conducted under the supervision of a qualified instructor trained to standard safety practice in a molecular biology laboratory environment. Standard molecular biology procedures can be found in a general molecular biology handbook such as Sambrook (1989).

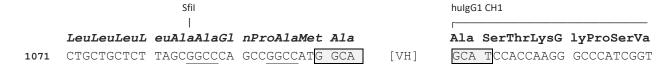
#### Plasmid Maintenance

Propagation and maintenance of TEGX vectors is obtained on any recA1, endA1 E. coli strain using LB or 2xYT medium supplemented with ampicillin (100 µg/ml) as a selection marker and incubated at 37°C with agitation. TEGX vectors are derivatives of pBR322 with a high copy number origin of replication and usually gives high yields of plasmid DNA with most standard laboratory strains such as XL1-blue or DH5 $\alpha$ . The high copy number phenotype is temperature-sensitive and requires incubation at 37°C (Lin-Chao 1992). Some DNA stabilizing strains are known to produce smaller amounts of plasmid DNA. In case of issues, we recommend using XL10-Gold® from Agilent Technologies, Inc., on which TGEX plasmid DNA can be isolated in large quantities.

### Cloning into TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo

### In Silico Design

A double inverted Bsal cloning site separates the pelBK leader peptide sequence from the beginning of the antibody constant region. After digestion with Bsal, the heavy chain variable domain is inserted in-frame between the two elements as illustrated below. During the cloning, the two Bsal sites are eliminated.



#### **Vector Digestion**

Bsal alone is sufficient to open the cloning site. Please, consult the documentation of your restriction enzyme provider for optimal conditions.

#### Cloning with FAST-Licase

Homologous recombination is the easiest and most efficient method to clone seamlessly antibodies into TGEX vectors. We recommend the **FAST-Licase™** (Antibody Design Labs cat# MB101S & MB101L) with the following overhangs. For synthetic dsDNA constructs, the overhangs are added on each side. For PCR-amplified constructs, primers should contain the overhang followed by the antibody priming area. The **FAST-Licase™** reaction contains the insert plus the purified vector digested with Bsal (see kit instructions).

pelBK overhang 5' - CGGCCCAGCCGGCCATGGCA

hlgG1 CH1 overhang 5' - GCATCCACCAAGGGCCCATC (reverse complement for PCR primers)

#### Primer Design for Restriction Cloning with the Bsal Sites

Oligo1 is an example of primer designed to amplify a VH domain sequence and clone it into the Bsal site situated next to the pelBK leader. A minimum of 2 nucleotides is recommended to cut Bsal site close to the end (source New Englands BioLabs); these 2 nucleotides are followed by the Bsal site GGTCTC and the last five nucleotides of the leader sequence; the resulting NNGGTCTCTGGCA extension is added 5' to the VH domain primer.

Oligo2 is an example of primer designed to amplify the VH domain from the end of the J region including a Bsal site compatible with **TGEX-FH-hG1-Zeo** cloning site.

Bsal is a type IIS restriction enzyme that cuts outside of its recognition site. The second Bsal site of the cloning site will be cut immediately before the start of the human IgG1 constant region sequence, exactly 1 base after the end of the site and 5 bases further on the opposite strand, thus freeing a 5' 4-base overhang GCAT on the sense strand. In Oligo2, a Bsal recognition site is situated symmetrically to the vector and will generate a complementary overhang.

After digestion and ligation, all the two Bsal sites, from both insert and vector, will be removed, resulting in a scarless insertion of the antibody domain.

#### Alternative to Bsal Sites

All restriction enzymes that generate 4-base long 5' overhangs can be used in place of Bsal; this is the case for example of BsmBl (CGTCTC(1/5)), another type IIS restriction enzyme. This option could come in handy when the VH domain contains another Bsal preventing cloning.

### Sequencing of Inserts

The following primers give a strong PCR amplification of the TGEX vector series inserts and the antibody constant regions between the EcoRI site and the Nhel site. The primer tgex-S3 can be used to sequence the VH domain in full.

tgex-S3 5'- AGGCGTCTAACCAGTCACAGTC

ires-R 5'- GAATAAGGCCGGTGTGCGTT

## **Antibody Expression**

#### Cell Lines

Cell lines adapted for culture in suspension and serum-free conditions are recommended. HEK293 and CHO cells are often used for antibody expression by transient transfection; you can either adapt your own cell line or obtain it from a supplier (e.g. Life Technology). HEK293 cells are particularly well suited for expression using **TGEX™** vector series.

#### **Transient Transfection**

Many transfection reagents especially designed for transient transfection are commercially available from different providers (e.g. Life Technologies, Mirus Bio LLC). We recommend testing the transfection conditions with a reporter plasmid first to determine the percentage of cells effectively transfected and optimal transfection conditions; fluorescent reporters are often used with that purpose, e.g. TGEX™-eGFP-Zeo (Antibody Design Labs cat# MX022). Similarly, any condition known to boost expression should be carefully tested in your system before being scaled up. We did observe an increase in

expression in HEK293 cells upon exposure to sodium valproate (Backliwal 2008). Boosters and enhancers are often included in commercially available transfection kits.

#### Stable Cell Line Selection

Zeocin can be used very effectively to select stable cell lines secreting antibodies in a few weeks. The following protocol are suggestions that require adjustment to your particular constructs:

#### WEEK 1.

- Day 0: Transfect in duplicate cells in a 6-well plate containing 2 ml culture per well;
- Day 3-4: Expand each well in two wells with 2 ml culture per well.
- Day 6: Increase the volume to 4 ml per well and add Zeocin at 100 μg/ml.

#### **WEEK 2-3**

 Maintain a good cell density and the Zeocin concentration while replenishing the culture with fresh medium as needed.

#### **WEEK 3-4**

- Continue selection with possibly a higher Zeocin concentration (up to 1000 μg/ml).
- Proceed to single cloning and analyze stable transformants for expression.

#### Light chain to Heavy chain ratio

We recommend starting with a 1:1 light chain to heavy chain ratio during transfection. We observed many antibodies with a better expression at a 2:1 light chain to heavy chain ratio although each antibody requires fine tuning for optimal expression.

# **Appendix**

#### **MSDS Information**

Material Safety Data Sheets are available on Antibody Design Labs website at the corresponding product page.

### **Quality Control**

Specifications and quality control are detailed on the online product page. Antibody Design Labs certifies that the product will perform according to these specifications.

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