



TGEX™-HC-dG4-Zeo Expression Vector

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Description

Introduction

The TGEX[™] 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[™] 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™-HC-dG4-Zeo** vector is designed for the expression of a heavy chain variable region with the constant region of the dog IgG1 heavy chain. Expression of full-length 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™-HC-dG4-Zeo 20 μl at 0.5 μg/μl of DNA vector in DNA Conservation Buffer (Tris-HCL 5 mM, EDTA 0.1 mM, pH 8.5)		10 μg	

Shipping & Storage

TGEX™-HC-dG4-Zeo vector is shipped on wet ice. Upon receipt, store the vector at -20°C.

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For research use only; not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic use.

TGEX™ Vector Series

TGEX[™] vector series for desired isotypes

TGEX™-HC-hG1-Zeo MX026 Human IgG1 Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG1 TGEX™-FH-hG1-Zeo MX023 Human IgG1 CH1 For the expression of human IgG1 Fab fragments TGEX™-FC-hG1-Zeo MX025 Human IgG1 Fc For the expression of human IgG1 Fc fusions TGEX™-HC-hG2-Zeo MX027 Human IgG2 Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG2 TGEX™-HC-hG3-Zeo MX028 Human IgG3 Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG3 TGEX™-HC-hG4[S228P]-Zeo MX029 Human IgG4[S228P] Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG4 TGEX™-LC-hK-Zeo MX030 Human Kappa Light chain expression plasmid for human Kappa TGEX™-LC-hL2-Zeo MX031 Human Lambda 2 Light chain expression plasmid for human Lambda 2	
TGEX™-FC-hG1-Zeo MX025 Human IgG1 Fc For the expression of human IgG1 Fc fusions TGEX™-HC-hG2-Zeo MX027 Human IgG2 Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG2 TGEX™-HC-hG3-Zeo MX028 Human IgG3 Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG3 TGEX™-HC-hG4[S228P]-Zeo MX029 Human IgG4[S228P] Heavy chain expression plasmid for human IgG4 TGEX™-LC-hK-Zeo MX030 Human Kappa Light chain expression plasmid for human Kappa	
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TGEX™-LC-hL2-Zeo MX031 Human Lambda 2 Light chain expression plasmid for human Lambda 2	
TGEX™-HC-mG1-Zeo MX032 Murine IgG1 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 plasmid for murine Kappa	
TGEX™-LC-mL1-Zeo MX037 Murine Lambda 1 Light chain expression plasmid for murine Lambda 1	
TGEX™-LC-mL2-Zeo MX038 Murine Lambda 2 Light chain expression 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 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 plasmid for dog Kappa	
TGEX™-LC-dL-Zeo MX051 Dog Lambda Light chain expression plasmid for dog Lambda	

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

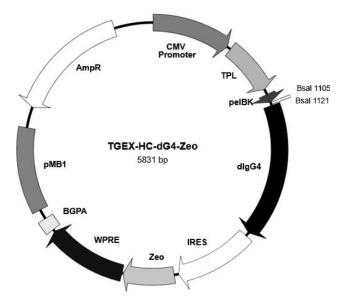
VECTOR	CATALOG	ISOTYPE	DESCRIPTION
TGEX™-HC-hG1[EA]-Zeo	MX041	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 heavy chain with increased ADCC/CDC in vitro
TGEX™-HC-hG1[NA]-Zeo	MX042	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 aglycosylated heavy chain
TGEX™-HC-hG1[LALA-PG]-Zeo	MX043	Human IgG1	Human IgG1 heavy chain with decreased ADCC/CDC in vitro
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

$\mathsf{TGEX}^\mathsf{TM}$ 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	

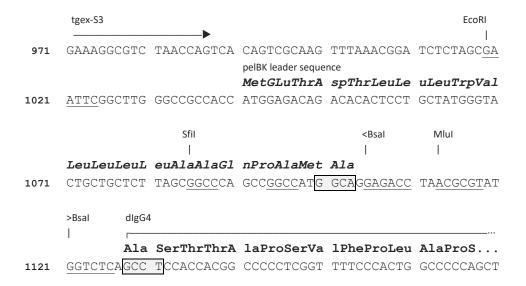
Vector Map

The figure below illustrates the main features of **TGEX™-HC-dG4-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 5828 bp.



Cloning Site

Following is an illustration of **TGEX[™]-HC-dG4-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™-HC-dG4-Zeo transient expression vector are highlighted in the following table.

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
5-585	CMV promoter.
612-1000	Adenovirus tripartite leader sequence (Logan 1984, Mariati 2010).
1041-1103	Hybrid kappa/pelB leader peptide sequence. The cleavage occurs on the Cterminal side of the terminal alanine.
1128-2120	Sequence encoding the dog IgG4 heavy chain sequence comprising the CH1 CH2, and CH3 domains with the hinge region. The sequence is intronless; the C-terminal lysine residue is encoded.
2155-2722	Internal Ribosome Entry Site.
2756-3131	Sh ble gene from <i>Streptoalloteichus hindustanus</i> conferring resistance to Zeocin.
3139-3727	Woodchuck hepatitis virus post-transcriptional regulatory element.
3743-3841	Rabbit beta-globin polyadenylation signal sequence.
3915-4534	pBR322 origin for replication in <i>E. coli</i> with a temperature-sensitive high copy-number phenotype (Lin-Chao 1992).
5549- 4689	Ampicillin resistance for selection in E. coli.
	5-585 612-1000 1041-1103 1128-2120 2155-2722 2756-3131 3139-3727 3743-3841 3915-4534

Restriction Site Summary

Enzyme	Site	Nb	Position	Strand	Isoschizomers
AlfI	(10/12) GCANNNNNNTGC (12/10))1	3093		
ApaI	GGGCC^C	1	2262		Bsp120I Psp0MI
AvrII	C^CTAGG	1	2300		AspA2I BlnI XmaJI
BamHI	G^GATCC	1	2738		
BbvCI	CCTCAGC(-5/-2)	1	1319		
BcgI	(10/12) CGANNNNNNTGC (12/10))1	5278		
BclI	T^GATCA	1	1876		FbaI Ksp22I
BsePI	G^CGCGC	1	2792		BssHII PauI PteI
BstEII	G^GTNACC	1	1859		BstPI Eco91I Eco065I PspEI
CspCI	(11/13) CAANNNNNGTGG (12/10))1	407		
DrdI	GACNNNN^NNGTC	1	3971		AasI DseDI
Eam1105I	GACNNN^NNGTC	1	4757		AhdI BmeRI DriI
EcoNI	CCTNN^NNNAGG	1	1342		BstENI XagI
FalI	(8/13) AAGNNNNNCTT (13/8)	1	784		-
FseI	GGCCGG^CC	1	3027		RigI
FspI	TGC^GCA	1	4982		Acc16I NsbI
KpnI	GGTAC^C	1	2590		Acc65I Asp718I
MauBI	CG^CGCGCG	1	2791		_
MluI	A^CGCGT	1	1113		
NheI	G^CTAGC	1	2127		AsuNHI BmtI BspOI
NotI	GC^GGCCGC	1	3131		CciNI
NsiI	ATGCA^T	1	2061		EcoT22I Mph1103I Zsp2I
OliI	CACNN^NNGTG	1	1547		AleI
PmaCI	CAC^GTG	1	2463		AcvI BbrPI Eco72I PmlI PspCI
PmeI	GTTT^AAAC	1	1000		MssI
PstI	CTGCA^G	1	1296		BspMAI
PvuI	CGAT^CG	1	5129		Ple19I
SacI	GAGCT^C	1	583		Ecl136II EcoICRI Eco53kI
					Psp124BI SstI
SalI	G^TCGAC	1	2750		
SexAI	A^CCWGGT	1	2919		CsiI MabI
SfiI	GGCCNNNN^NGGCC	1	1085		
SgrAI	CR^CCGGYG	1	2869		

Caabt		1	257	Dot CNI FoolOFI
SnaBI SpeI	TAC^GTA A^CTAGT	1	357 18	BstSNI Eco1051 AhlI BcuI
-	A CIAGI AGG^CCT	1		Eco147I PceI SseBI
StuI Tth111I		1	1748 1854	
	GACN^NNGTC	1		PflFI PsyI
XbaI	T^CTAGA		2744	
XcmI	CCANNNNN^NNNNTGG	1	1189	Q5-274T DD7T Q1-T
XhoI	C^TCGAG	1	966	Sfr274I PaeR7I SlaI
AlwNI	CAGNNN^CTG	2	1459	CaiI PstNI
		2	4280	
ArsI	(8/13) GACNNNNNTTYG (11/6)		851	
- 1-		2	1834	
BalI	TGG^CCA	2	2757	MlsI MluNI Mox20I MscI Msp20I
		2	5759	
Bpu10I	CCTNAGC(-5/-2)	2	930	
		2	1319	
BsaXI	(9/12) ACNNNNNCTCC (10/7)	2	1721 -	
		2	2992	
BsgI	GTGCAG (16/14)	2	1587	
		2	1730	
BsmI	GAATGC(1/-1)	2	2295 -	Mva1269I PctI
		2	2328	
Bsp1407I	T^GTACA	2	1996	BsrGI BstAUI
		2	5793	
BspHI	T^CATGA	2	4589	CciI PagI
		2	5597	
BtrI	CACGTC (-3/-3)	2	2690 -	AjiI BmgBI
		2	2888	
BtsI	GCAGTG(2/0)	2	5155	
		2	5183	
DraIII	CACNNN^GTG	2	2507	AdeI
		2	3104	
EagI	C^GGCCG	2	3087	BseX3I BstZI EclXI Eco52I
-		2	3132	
EcoRI	G^AATTC	2	1019	
		2	1250	
GsuI	CTGGAG (16/14)	2	1343 -	BpmI
		2	4847	•
HindIII	A^AGCTT	2	2721	
		2	3864	
NdeI	CA^TATG	2	252	FauNDI
		2	3820	
PciI	A^CATGT	2	2049	PscI
		2	2639	
SacII	CCGC^GG	2	740	Sfr303I KspI SgrBI Cfr42I
		2	3639	
SmaI	CCC^GGG	2	2734	Cfr9I TspMI XmaI
DINGI		2	2844	orror robin mar
VspI	AT^TAAT	2	25	AseI PshBI
^ DP T	111 11111	2	4933	11001 101101
XmnI	GAANN^NNTTC	2	2357	Asp700I MroXI PdmI
2311111 T	OTTITION INTO TO	2	5357	MSP/001 MIONI I CHILI
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Absent Sites:

AanI, AbsI, AccIII, AfeI, AflII, AgeI, AjuI, AloI, Aor13HI, Aor51HI, AscI, AsiGI, AsiSI, AsuII, BaeI, BarI, BfrI, BlpI, BoxI, BplI, Bpu1102I, Bpu14I, Bsa29I, BsaBI, Bse8I, BseAI, BseCI, BseJI, BshTI, BshVI, BsiWI, BsmBI, Bsp119I, Bsp13I, Bsp1720I, Bsp68I, BspDI, BspEI, BspQI, BspT104I, BspTI, BssNAI, Bst1107I, BstAFI, BstAPI, BstBI, BstPAI, BstXI, BstZ17I, Bsu15I, BsuTUI, BtuMI, ClaI, CpoI, CspAI, CspI, DinI, Eco32I, Eco47III, EcoRV, EgeI, EheI, Esp3I, FspAI, HpaI, I-CeuI, I-PpoI, I-SceI, KasI, KflI, Kpn2I, KspAI, LguI, MfeI, Mly113I, MreI, MroI, MspCI, MunI, NarI, NruI, NspV, PI-PspI, PI-SceI, PacI, PaeI, PalAI, PasI, PciSI, Pfl23II, PinAI, PluTI, PshAI, PsiI, PspLI, PspXI, PsrI, RgaI, RruI, Rsr2I, RsrII, SapI, SbfI, SdaI, SfaAI, SfoI, SfuI, SgfI, SgrDI, SgsI, SmiI, SphI, SrfI, Sse8387I, SspDI, SwaI, Vha464I.

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).

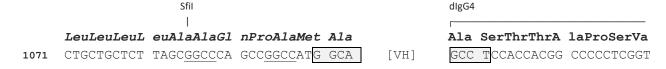
Plasmid Maintenance

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 DH5α. 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™-HC-dG4-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

dlgG4 overhang 5' - GCCTCCACCACGGCCCCTC (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 England 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™-HC-dG4-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 GCCT 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, etc.). 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.

Technical Support

Visit Antibody Design Labs website at **www.abdesignlabs.com** for technical resources, including manuals, vector maps and sequences, application notes, FAQs, etc.

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