



# pADL-8 Phagemid

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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pADL™-8 Phagemid Vector for Phage Display

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# Description

## Introduction

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The pADL™-8 phagemid is a type 8+8 phage display vector with a cloning site for display on the N-terminal side of the full-length gene VIII protein. Secretion in the periplasm of the fusion protein is driven by the PelB leader peptide.

The pADL™-8 phagemid vector offers optimal characteristics to maximize display with a strong ribosome binding site, no tag to limit unwanted proteolysis and no amber codon, often only partially suppressed *in vivo*. The fusion protein is under the control of the lac promoter, allowing metabolic repression by glucose and induction by IPTG. A copy of the lambda t1 terminator located downstream gene VIII prevents leakiness of the transcription during induction, in particular preventing excessive expression of the beta-lactamase and rapid consumption of ampicillin.

The vector contains two origins of replication, the f1 origin, which packages the single-stranded phagemid DNA into nascent virions, and the pMB1 origin of replication derived from pBR322, which results in a high-copy-number phagemid. The pMB1 sequence lacks the *rop* gene and carries a point mutation in the RNAlI transcript (G 2975 in pBR322 to T 1304 on the reverse complement strand responsible for a temperature-sensitive very high copy number phenotype (Lin-Chao 1992).

## Content, Shipping & Storage

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### Content

VECTOR	COMPOSITION	AMOUNT
pADL™-8	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

pADL™-8 phagemid vector is shipped on wet ice. Upon receipt, store the vector at -20°C.

## Limited Product Warranty

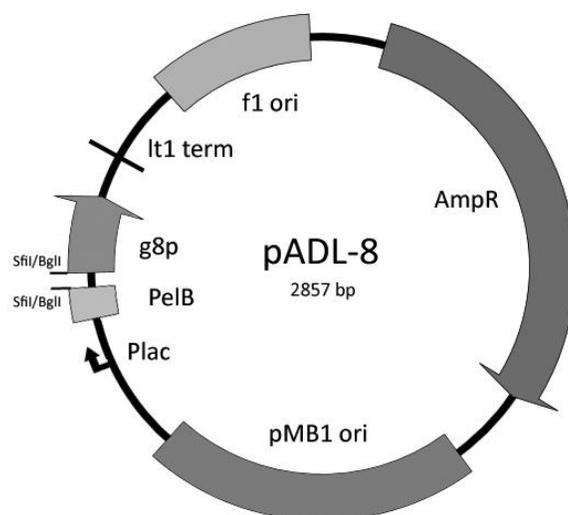
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## Vector Map

The figure below illustrates the main features of pADL™-8 phagemid 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 3943 bp.



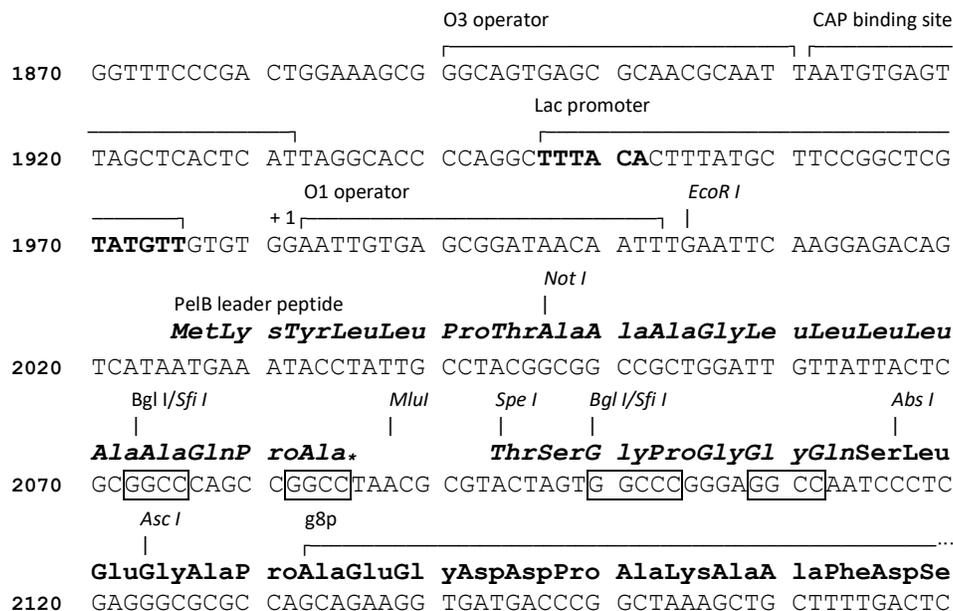
## Feature Table

The features of pADL™-100 phagemid vector are highlighted in the following table.

FEATURE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
TEM1 beta-lactamase	126-986	Ampicillin resistance for selection in <i>E. coli</i> .
pMB1 origin	1141-1760	pBR322 origin for replication in <i>E. coli</i> with a high copy-number.
CAP binding site	1911-1931	Mediate the catabolite repression of the <i>lac</i> operator in the presence of glucose >1% w/v.
-35 signal	1946-1951	Lac promoter -35 signal
-10 signal	1970-1975	Lac promoter -10 signal
PelB leader sequence	2025-2087	PelB leader sequence for export in the periplasm of the host bacteria. The missing terminal methionine and alanine will have to be added during the cloning to obtain a complete leader peptide (MKYLLPTAAAGLLLLAAQPAMA) necessary for proper removal of the leader during the export process.
G8p fusion coding sequence	2132-2284	Full-length gene VIII fusion protein coding sequence; the M13 g8p protein is fused on its N-terminal side to the linker GPGGQSLEGAP; the exact final sequence of the fusion depends on the cloning strategy (see cloning site).
lt1	2294-2407	Lambda t1 terminator
oriF1	2528-2834	Origin of replication for phage f1

## Cloning Site

Following is an illustration of pADL™-8 cloning site from the regulatory region to the g8p sequence. The PelB peptide leader sequence (translation *MKYLLPTAAAGLLLLAAQPAMA*) is interrupted by a stop codon and the two last amino acids MA will have to be re-introduced during cloning to insure proper reading frame and cleavage (on the C-terminal side of the terminal Alanine).



## Restriction Site Summary

Enzyme	Site	Nb	Position	Strand	Isoschizomers
AbsI	CC <sup>+</sup> TCGAGG	1	2116		
AflIII	C <sup>+</sup> TTAAG	1	2280		BfrI BspTI BstAFI MspCI Vha464I
AloI	(7/12) GAACNNNNNTCC (12/7)	1	2562		
AlwNI	CAGNNN <sup>+</sup> CTG	1	1387		CaiI PstNI
AscI	GG <sup>+</sup> CGGCC	1	2123		PalAI SgsI
BbsI	GAAGAC (2/6)	1	2365	-	BpiI BstV2I
BcgI	(10/12) CGANNNNNTGC (12/10)	1	386	-	
BmrI	ACTGGG (5/4)	1	863		BmuI
BsePI	G <sup>+</sup> CGCGC	1	2124		BssHII PauI PteI
BtgZI	GCGATG (10/14)	1	2606		
DraIII	CACNNN <sup>+</sup> GTC	1	2615		AdeI
EagI	C <sup>+</sup> GGCCG	1	2047		BseX3I BstZI EclXI Eco52I
Eam1105I	GACNNN <sup>+</sup> NGTC	1	908		AhdI BmeRI DriI
EcoRI	G <sup>+</sup> AATTC	1	2004		
FspI	TGC <sup>+</sup> GCA	1	688		Acc16I NsbI
GsuI	CTGGAG (16/14)	1	823		BpmI
MluI	A <sup>+</sup> CGCGT	1	2087		
NheI	G <sup>+</sup> CTAGC	1	2285		AsuNHI BmtI BspOI
NmeAIII	GCCGAG (21/19)	1	785	-	
NotI	GC <sup>+</sup> GGCCGC	1	2046		CciNI
PsiI	TTA <sup>+</sup> TAA	1	2490		AanI

PspXI	VC^TCGAGB	1	2116	
PvuI	CGAT^CG	1	541	PleI9I
PvuII	CAG^CTG	1	1856	
ScaI	AGT^ACT	1	430	BmcAI ZrmI
SmaI	CCC^GGG	1	2101	Cfr9I TspMI XmaI
SpeI	A^CTAGT	1	2093	AhlI BcuI
XhoI	C^TCGAG	1	2117	Sfr274I PaeR7I SlaI
XmnI	GAANN^NNTTC	1	309	Asp700I MroXI PdmI
AcI	AA^CGTT	2	310	Psp1406I
		2	683	
ApaLI	G^TGAC	2	241	Alw44I VneI
		2	1487	
BciVI	GTATCC (6/5)	2	65	BfuI BsuI
		2	1592	
BglI	GCCNNNN^NGGC	2	2073	
		2	2100	
BsaXI	(9/12)ACNNNNNCTCC (10/7)	2	1820	
		2	2564	
BseYI	CCCAGC (-5/-1)	2	1497	GsaI PspFI
		2	2074	
BspHI	T^CATGA	2	73	CciI PagI
		2	1081	
BsrDI	GCAATG (2/0)	2	672	Bse3DI BseMI
		2	854	
BssSI	CACGAG (-5/-1)	2	244	BauI Bst2BI
		2	1628	
DrdI	GACNNNN^NNGTC	2	1693	AasI DseDI
		2	2569	
EarI	CTCTTC (1/4)	2	119	Bst6I Eam1104I
		2	2169	
KroI	G^CCGGC	2	2078	
		2	2721	
NaeI	GCC^GGC	2	2078	PdiI NgoMIV MroNI
		2	2721	
SfiI	GGCCNNNN^NGGCC	2	2072	
		2	2099	
SspI	AAT^ATT	2	106	
		2	2410	

Absent Sites:

AarI, AatII, Acc36I, Acc65I, Accb7I, AccIII, AcvI, AfeI, AgeI, AjiI, AjuI, AleI, AlfI, Aor13HI, Aor51HI, ApaI, ArsI, AsiGI, AsiSI, Asp718I, AspA2I, AsuII, AvrII, AxyI, BaeI, BalI, BamHI, BarI, BbrPI, BbvCI, BclI, BfuAI, BglIII, BlnI, BlpI, BmgBI, BoxI, BplI, Bpu10I, Bpu1102I, Bpu14I, Bsa29I, BsaBI, BsaI, Bse21I, Bse8I, BseAI, BseCI, BseJI, BseRI, BsgI, BshTI, BshVI, BsiWI, BsmBI, BsmI, Bso31I, Bsp119I, Bsp120I, Bsp13I, Bsp1407I, Bsp1720I, Bsp19I, Bsp68I, BspDI, BspEI, BspMAI, BspMI, BspQI, BspT104I, BspTNI, BsrGI, BssNAI, Bst1107I, BstAPI, BstAUI, BstBI, BstEII, BstENI, BstPAI, BstPI, BstSNI, BstXI, BstZ17I, Bsu15I, Bsu36I, BsuTUI, BtrI, BtuMI, BveI, Cfr42I, ClaI, CpoI, CsiI, CspAI, CspCI, CspI, DinI, Ecl136II, Eco105I, Eco147I, Eco31I, Eco32I, Eco47III, Eco53kI, Eco72I, Eco81I, Eco91I, EcoICRI, EcoNI, EcoO65I, EcoRV, EcoT22I, EgeI, EheI, Esp3I, FalI, FauNDI, FbaI, FseI, FspAI, HindIII, HpaI, I-CeuI, I-PpoI, I-SceI, KasI, KflI, Kpn2I, KpnI, Ksp22I, KspAI, KspI, LguI, MabI, MauBI, MfeI, MlsI, MluNI, Mly113I, Mox20I, Mph1103I, MreI, MroI, MscI, Msp20I, MssI, MunI, Mval269I, NarI, NcoI, NdeI, NruI, NsiI, NspV, OliI, PI-PspI, PI-SceI, PacI, PaeI, PasI, PceI, PciI, PciSI, PctI, Pfl23II, PflFI, PflMI, PfoI, PinAI, PluTI, PmaCI, PmeI, PmlI, PscI, PshAI, Psp124BI, PspCI, PspEI, PspLI, PspOMI, PsrI, PstI, PsyI, RgaI, RigI, RruI, Rsr2I, RsrII, SacI, SacII, SalI, SapI, SbfI, SdaI, SexAI, SfaAI, SfoI, Sfr303I, SfuI, SgfI, SgrAI, SgrBI, SgrDI, SmiI, SnaBI, SphI, SrfI, Sse8387I, SseBI, SspDI, SstI, StuI, SwaI, Tth111I, Van91I, XagI, XbaI, XcmI, XmaJI, ZraI, Zsp2I.

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# Experimental Procedures

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## General Molecular Biology Techniques

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Molecular cloning and phage display 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).

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## Working with Filamentous Phage

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Keep the bench clean and regularly wiped with 2% bleach to limit phage cross-contamination and only use filtered tips to prevent aerosol contaminations. Phages are known to survive standard autoclaving conditions and are not removed by 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  filtration. Phages are either killed by heat-treating dry, autoclaved materials in an oven for 4 hours at 105°C (Phage Display (2001)) or by incubation in 2% bleach for at least 1 hour. We recommend to extensively wash with hot water all glass and plastic-ware, then submerge (tubes) or incubate (flasks) with a 2% solution of bleach for at least one hour. Heat-resistant glassware can then be autoclaved in an autoclave that is never used for biological waste while sensitive plastic-ware can be used directly or at best heat-treated as described above.

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## Bacterial Strains and Helper Phage

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### Bacterial Strains

In theory, any K12 F<sup>+</sup> *E. coli* strain is suitable for phage display using pADL-8. Practically we recommend TG1 bacterial strain; TG1 is widely used for phage display and is well documented in the literature. TG1 can be made highly competent for transformation by electroporation. TG1 phenotype is highlighted below:

**TG1** *supE thi-1  $\Delta(lac-proAB)$   $\Delta(mcrB-hsdSM)5$ , ( $r_K^- m_K^-$ )*  
*F' [traD36 proAB<sup>+</sup> lacI<sup>q</sup> lacZ $\Delta$ M15]*

### Helper Phage

We recommend CM13 helper phage. CM13 is made available by **Antibody Design Labs** under product number PH020L, which offers a highly concentrated virion preparation, eliminating the need to generate and characterize your own helper phage stocks. CM13 derived from M13KO7 by a single point mutation and produces on average twice more virions.

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## Plasmid Maintenance

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Propagation and maintenance of pADL-8 is obtained on any *recA1*, *endA1* *E. coli* strain using LB or 2xYT medium supplemented with ampicillin 100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  as a selection marker, without glucose, and incubated at 37°C with agitation. Phagemid pADL-8 is a derivative 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 $\alpha$ . Some DNA stabilizing strains are known to produce smaller amounts of plasmid DNA. In case of issues, we recommend using XL10-Gold<sup>®</sup> from Agilent Technologies, Inc., on which pADL-100 plasmid DNA can be isolated in large quantities.

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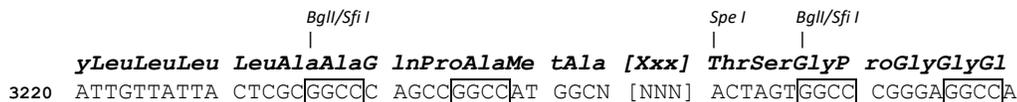
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## Cloning into pADL-100

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### Primer Design and PelB Leader Sequence

A complete PelB leader sequence *MKYLLPTAAAGLLLLAAQPAMA* is necessary for export in the periplasm and proper removal of the leader peptide by host proteases. In the following schema, where [NNN] represents the insert sequence and [Xxx] the translated amino acid sequence, the short hexanucleotide ATGGCN must be appended immediately to the first *SfiI* site to obtain a complete PelB leader encoding sequence; cleavage will occur on the C-terminal side of the terminal alanine (codon GCN).



Retention of the *SpeI* site is optional during cloning and the encoded dipeptide *ThrSer* is not known to interfere with display.

### Cloning in pADL-8 Using *BglI/SfiI* Sites

Large libraries in the  $1 \times 10^9$  range and above can easily be constructed using the double *BglI/SfiI* cloning site.

#### WORKING WITH BGL I/SFI I SITES

The *SfiI* restriction enzyme recognizes rare 8-base-long interrupted palindromes GGCCNNNN/NGGCC and leaves 3-nucleotide-long overhangs after digestion. The pADL-8 cloning site contains one *SfiI* site close to the end of the PelB leader sequence and a second *SfiI* site 8 nucleotides apart from the first site. The PelB sequence of the empty vector has an early termination by an ochre stop codon and no gene III protein is produced by the vector alone.

The *SfiI* restriction enzyme requires two copies of its recognition sequence for cleavage to occur; cleavage of the two sites happens simultaneously through interaction of two *SfiI* tetramers (Wertzell 1995). Vectors bearing two sites very close to each other are cut in trans and digestion might not complete. Therefore we strongly recommend opening pADL-8 with the alternative *BglI* restriction enzyme, which cuts the shorter 6-base-long interrupted palindromes GCCNNNN/NGGC and generates identical overhangs.

Sites open with *BglI* will re-ligate with sites open with *SfiI* as long as overhangs are complementary. Practically, the pentanucleotide NNNNN must be identical to the original vector sequence to handle both ligation of the complementary overhangs and conservation of the amino acid sequence (PelB sequence and linker to protein III). Since the overhang of the two *BglI/SfiI* sites are non-palindromic and different, a cut empty vector cannot ligate onto itself; it is therefore possible to follow a ligation reaction by minigel analysis since remaining unligated vector or unligated insert will migrate unchanged at their expected size.

#### PREPARATION OF VECTOR DNA FOR CLONING

1. On ice add successively water, *BglI* buffer (1x final), pADL-8 vector and *BglI* enzyme 5 units/ $\mu$ g DNA; make sure the enzyme volume does not to exceed 1/10 of the total reaction volume.
2. Incubate overnight at 37°C.
3. Inactivate for 20 min at 70°C.
4. Confirm the digestion by DNA analysis on a minigel.
5. Purify the cut vector.

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For routine cloning, a standard DNA purification kit can be used directly after the digestion to remove the excess of buffer, the small DNA stuffer and leftover restriction enzyme. For library construction, phenol/chloroform extraction and/or gel purification may be required.

#### PREPARATION OF INSERTS

*SfiI* digestion should be rapid and complete in 4 hours especially for fragments longer or equal to 200 bp where sites are cut in *cis*. *BglI* may be used when the insert sequence is known to be free of *BglI* site and therefore is not recommended for building antibody libraries.

#### Cloning using *NotI-SpeI* sites

The *NotI* site located in the first half of the PelB leader encoding sequence may be used in conjunction with the *SpeI* site to clone inserts. This strategy has been applied in some early phage display vectors. Consult your restriction enzyme distributor resources to identify a buffer compatible with both enzymes and follow the concentration schema given above to conduct the digestion. *NotI* and *SpeI* can be inactivated by heat before DNA purification.

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### Sequencing of Inserts

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The following primers give both strong PCR amplification and sequencing traces. Primer locations can be found in the corresponding GenBank sequence file.

#### Forward or Sense Primer

**phiS4**            5'-GCGGATAACAATTTGAATTCAAGGAGACAG

#### Backward, Antisense or Reverse Primer

**chiR2**            5'-GATAACAACCACCATAGCCCAAGC

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### Phagemid Virion Production

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A superinfection by a helper phage is necessary for phagemid pADL-8-containing bacteria to produce virions. Please, consult the CM13 (cat# PH020L) or M13KO7 (cat# PH10L) helper phage manual for optimal conditions of superinfection. We recommend a rich medium such as 2xYT medium supplemented with ampicillin 100 µg/ml, kanamycin 50 µg/ml (when CM13 or M13KO7 helper phage are used), no glucose or less than 0.1% w/v, and incubation from 8 h to overnight at 30°C and 250 rpm. Supplementation with IPTG is not necessary to get display on the phage. We recommend adding the helper phage when the bacterial culture reaches an optical density at 600 nm between 0.4 OD and 0.5 OD; large amounts of non-superinfected cells due to immunity to superinfection will decrease virion production above 0.5 OD while disparities caused by differences in phage growth rates will be amplified at a lower OD.

#### Notes

- ❖ Shorter incubation times 6 to 8 h long will produce less virions; we have not seen improvement of display on shorter incubation times; inversely, we have not seen sign of proteolysis of the linker after overnight incubation. Always use freshly prepared buffers from commercial concentrates during virion preparations to limit sources of proteolysis. Proteolysis usually occurs on concentrated virions; always prepare virions quickly and on ice.

- ❖ Kanamycin 50 µg/ml is enough to ensure selection with CM13 and M13KO7. Higher concentrations may be needed if your culture medium contains phosphate salts.

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## Induction Conditions & Control of Expression

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Expression of the pIII fusion protein is under the control of the lac promoter. Because of the high copy number of the phagemid, there are not enough molecules of lacI repressor in the cell to bind to all O1/O3 operators. As a result, the lac promoter is in an induced state in TG1 and SS320. Control of the induction is done in those strains by binding of the CAP protein (catabolite activator protein) to the CAP binding site in the presence of cyclic AMP (catabolic repression). In the presence of glucose, the level of cAMP decreases, the CAP protein leaves the CAP binding site and transcription is activated. A higher level of transcription is achieved by further adding IPTG, a non-metabolizable analog of lactose.

CONDITION	STATE	NOTES
Glucose 1%	Repressed	Repression is strong but not complete. There is some leakage of the promoter. This is the recommended conditions for repression.
Glucose 2%	Repressed	A higher level of repression is achieved. Some protocols recommend this concentration (~100 mM glucose).
No Glucose	Induced	Withdrawal of the catabolic repression induces the lac promoter, resulting in expression and display.
No glucose + IPTG	Induced	A higher level of induction is obtained in the presence of IPTG (>200 µM, usually 0.5 mM). Higher levels of display may be achieved. This is the recommended condition for induction.
No Glucose + 30°C	Induced	This condition favors folding and is believed to decrease the toxicity of large proteins (e.g. Fab). This is the recommended condition for induction.

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# Appendix

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## MSDS Information

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

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## Quality Control

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