BL21(DE3) Electrocompetent Cells

Manual

Catalog #	1252-24	1252-48
Package Size	12x50µl	12x100µl

Important!

-80°C Storage Required

* Immediately inspect packages
* Freeze upon receipt

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Description:

Intact Genomics BL21 (DE3) electrocompetent *E. coli* cells are suitable for high efficiency transformation and routine protein expression. Increased cloning efficiencies versus typical BL21 cells makes the BL21(DE3) electrocompetent *E. coli* cells ideal for construction of complex expression libraries.

Specifications:

Competent cell type: Electrocompetent

Derivative of: BL21(DE3)

Species: *E. coli*

Format: Tubes

Transformation efficiency: ≥ 1 x 10^{10} cfu/µg pUC19 DNA

Blue/white screening: Yes

Shipping condition: Dry ice

Product Components:

- BL21(DE3) electrocompetent cells: 25 µl
- DNA (or pUC19 Control, 10 pg/µl): 1 µl
- Recovery medium: 1 ml

Storage:

- ig® BL21(DE3) electrocompetent cells: -80 ºC
- pUC19 control DNA -20 ºC
- Recovery medium: 4 ºC

Genotype:

F–ompT hsdS(rB– mB–) gal dcm λ(DE3)

Genomic Features:

BL21(DE3) electrocompetent cells have the following features:

- >1 x 10^{10} cfu/µg efficiency with electroporation
- Widely used host background
- T7 Expression Strain
- Deficient in both lon (1) and ompT proteases
- Resistant to phage T1 (fhuA2)
- B Strain

Quality Control:

Transformation efficiency is tested by using the pUC19 control DNA supplied with the kit and using the protocol given below. Transformation efficiency should be ≥1 x 10^{10} CFU/µg pUC19 DNA. Untransformed cells are tested for appropriate antibiotic sensitivity.

General Guidelines:

Follow these guidelines when using BL21(DE3) ElectroCompetent Cells:

- Handle competent cells gently as they are highly sensitive to changes in temperature or mechanical lysis caused by pipetting.
- Thaw competent cells on ice, and transform cells immediately following thawing. After adding DNA, mix by tapping the tube gently. Do not mix cells by pipetting or vortexing.

Note: A high-voltage electroporation apparatus such as Bio-Rad Gene Pulser II #165-2105, capable of generating field strengths of 16 kV/cm is required

Transformation Protocol:

Use this procedure to transform BL21(DE3) electrocompetent cells. Do not use these cells for chemical transformation.

1. Place sterile cuvettes and microcentrifuge tubes on ice.
2. Remove competent cells from the -80 °C freezer and thaw completely on wet ice (10-15 minutes).
3. Aliquot 1 µl (1 pg-10 ng) of DNA to the chilled microcentrifuge tubes on ice.
4. When the cells are thawed, add 25 µl of cells to each DNA tube on ice and mix gently by tapping 4-5 times. For the pUC19 control, add 1 µl of (10 pg/µl) DNA to the 25 µl of cells on ice. Mix well by tapping. Do not pipette up and down or vortex to mix, this can harm cells and decrease transformation efficiency.
5. Pipette 26 µl of the cell/DNA mixture into a chilled electroporation cuvette without introducing bubbles. Quickly flick the cuvette downward with your wrist to deposit the cells across the bottom of the well and then electroporate.
6. Immediately add 974 µl of Recovery Medium or any other medium of choice to the cuvette, pipette up and down three times to re-suspend the cells. Transfer the cells and Recovery Medium to a culture tube.
7. Incubate tubes at 37 °C for 1 hour at 210 rpm.
8. Dilute the cells as appropriate then spread 20-200 µl cells onto a pre-warmed selective plate. For the pUC19 control, plate 50 µl of diluted transformants onto an LB plate containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin. Use sterilized spreader or autoclaved ColiRoller™ plating beads to spread evenly.
9. Incubate the plates overnight at 37 °C.

Calculation of Transformation Efficiency:

Transformation Efficiency (TE) is defined as the number of colony forming units (cfu) produced by transforming 1µg of plasmid into a given volume of competent cells.

TE = Colonies/µg/Dilution

Transform 1 µl of (10 pg/µl) pUC19 control plasmid into 50 µl of cells, add 950 µl of Recovery Medium. Dilute 10 µl of this in 990 µl of Recovery Medium and plate 50 µl. Count the colonies on the plate the next day. If you count 100 colonies, the TE is calculated as follows:

Colonies = 100

µg of DNA = 0.00001

Dilution = 50/1000 x 10/1000 = 0.0005

TE = 100/.00001/.0005 = 2.0×10^{10}

Related Products:

- BL21(DE3) Chemically Comp. Cells (Cat.# 1051-12)
- ig® 10B Chemically Comp. Cells (Cat.# 1011-12)
- T4 DNA Ligase (Cat.# 3212)
- i7® High Fidelity DNA Polymerase (Cat.# 3254)
- igFusion™ Cloning Kit (Cat.# 4111)

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