

## pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST Gateway<sup>™</sup> Vector

# A destination vector for cloning and expression in mammalian cells using the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System

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**User Manual** 

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## **Important Information**

| pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST and pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT are<br>shipped at room temperature. Upon receipt, store at –20°C.<br>Products are guaranteed for six months from date of<br>shipment when stored properly. |
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# **Contents** The pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST Gateway<sup>™</sup> Vector components are listed below.

| Item                                  | Concentration             | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST Vector               | lyophilized in TE, pH 8.0 | 6 µg   |
| pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT<br>Control Plasmid | lyophilized in TE, pH 8.0 | 10 µg  |

## **Intended Use** For research use only. Not intended for human or animal diagnostic or therapeutic uses.

## **Accessory Products**

### Additional Products

Additional products that may be used with pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST are available from Invitrogen. Ordering information is provided below.

| Product   | Amount                   | Catalog no. |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| Hygromycin  | 1 g                      | R220-05     |
| Zeocin™   | 1 g                      | R250-01     |
|   | 5 g                      | R250-05     |
| Gateway <sup>™</sup> LR Clonase <sup>™</sup> Enzyme Mix | 20 reactions             | 11791-019   |
| pFRT/lacZeo   | 20 µg, lyophilized in TE | V6015-20    |
| pFRT/lacZeo2  | 20 µg, lyophilized in TE | V6022-20    |
| pOG44   | 20 μg, lyophilized in TE | V6005-20    |
| One Shot <sup>®</sup> TOP10                             | 10 reactions             | C4040-10    |
| Chemically Competent Cells                              | 20 reactions             | C4040-03    |
| One Shot <sup>®</sup> TOP10                             | 10 reactions             | C4040-50    |
| Electrocompetent Cells                                  | 20 reactions             | C4040-52    |
| CAT Antiserum*  | 50 µL                    | R902-25     |

\*The amount supplied is sufficient to perform 25 Western blots using 10 mL working solution per reaction.

### Flp-In<sup>™</sup> Expression Vectors

Additional Flp-In<sup>™</sup> expression vectors are available from Invitrogen. For more information about each vector, refer to our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or contact Technical Support (page 16).

| Product   | Amount                   | Catalog no. |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| pEF5/FRT/V5 Directional TOPO <sup>®</sup><br>Expression Kit | 1 kit                    | K6035-01    |
| pcDNA5/FRT <sup>™</sup>                                     | 20 µg, lyophilized in TE | V6010-20    |
| pcDNA5/FRT/V5-His™ TOPO® TA<br>Expression Kit               | 1 kit                    | K6020-01    |
| pSecTag/FRT/V5-His TOPO® TA<br>Expression Kit               | 1 kit                    | K6025-01    |

## **Accessory Products, continued**

### Flp-In<sup>™</sup> Host Cell Lines

For your convenience, Invitrogen has available several mammalian Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell lines that stably express the *lacZ-Zeocin*<sup>™</sup> fusion gene from pFRT/*lacZeo* or pFRT/*lacZeo2*. Each cell line contains a single integrated FRT site as confirmed by Southern blot analysis. The cell lines should be maintained in medium containing Zeocin<sup>™</sup>. For more information, refer to our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or contact Technical Support (page 16).

| Cell Line                   | Amount                            | Catalog no. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Flp-In <sup>™</sup> -293    | 3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells, frozen | R750-07     |
| Flp-In <sup>™</sup> -CV-1   | 3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells, frozen | R752-07     |
| Flp-In <sup>™</sup> -CHO    | 3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells, frozen | R758-07     |
| Flp-In <sup>™</sup> -BHK    | 3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells, frozen | R760-07     |
| Flp-In <sup>™</sup> -3T3    | 3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells, frozen | R761-07     |
| Flp-In <sup>™</sup> -Jurkat | 3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> cells, frozen | R762-07     |

### Detection of Recombinant Proteins

Expression of your recombinant fusion protein can be detected using Anti-V5 antibodies available from Invitrogen. Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP)conjugated antibodies allow one-step detection using colorimetric or chemiluminescent detection methods. Fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC)-conjugated antibodies allow one-step detection in immunofluorescence experiments.

The amount of antibody supplied is sufficient for 25 Western blots or 25 immunostaining reactions (FITC-conjugated antibody only).

| Product               | Epitope   | Catalog no. |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|
| Anti-V5 Antibody      | Detects 14 amino acid epitope                           | R960-25     |
| Anti-V5-HRP Antibody  | derived from the P and V proteins of the paramyxovirus, | R961-25     |
| Anti-V5-AP Antibody   | SV5 (Southern <i>et al.</i> , 1991).                    | R962-25     |
| Anti-V5-FITC Antibody | GKPIPNPLLGLDST  | R963-25     |

## Methods

### Overview

### Description

pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST is a 7.5 kb vector designed to allow high-level, constitutive expression of the gene of interest in a variety of mammalian hosts using the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System. Once pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST is recombined with an appropriate entry clone, the resulting expression clone may also be used for transient expression of your gene of interest. For more information on the Gateway<sup>™</sup> Technology and the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System, see the next page.

### Features

pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST contains the following elements:

- Human EF-1α promoter for high-level expression across a wide range of mammalian cells (see page 12 for a diagram)
- Two recombination sites, *att*R1 and *att*R2, downstream of the EF-1α promoter for recombinational cloning of the gene of interest from an entry clone
- Chloramphenicol resistance gene located between the two *att*R sites for counterselection
- *ccd*B gene located between the two *att*R sites for negative selection
- V5 epitope tag for detection
- Bovine growth hormone (BGH) polyadenylation sequence for proper termination and processing of the recombinant transcript
- <u>FLP Recombination Target</u> (FRT) site for Flp recombinasemediated integration of the vector into the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line (see pages 3-4 for more information)
- Hygromycin resistance gene for selection of stable cell lines (see important note on page 4)
- The pUC origin for high copy replication and maintenance of the plasmid in *E. coli*
- The ampicillin (bla) resistance gene for selection in E. coli

For a map of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST, see page 13. For more information on the EF-1 $\alpha$  promoter, see page 12.

## **Overview**, continued

| The Gateway <sup>™</sup><br>Technology | Gateway <sup>™</sup> is a universal cloning technology that takes<br>advantage of the site-specific recombination properties of<br>bacteriophage lambda (Landy, 1989) to provide a rapid and<br>highly efficient way to move your gene of interest into<br>multiple vector systems. To express your gene of interest<br>using Gateway <sup>™</sup> Technology, simply:  |  |  |  |
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|  | <ol> <li>Clone your gene of interest into a Gateway<sup>™</sup> entry vector<br/>to create an entry clone.</li> </ol>   |  |  |  |
|  | 2. Generate an expression clone by performing an LR recombination reaction between the entry clone and a Gateway <sup>™</sup> destination vector ( <i>e.g.</i> pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST).   |  |  |  |
|  | <ol> <li>Transfect your expression clone into the cell line of choice<br/>for transient expression of your gene of interest. If you<br/>wish to constitutively express your gene of interest using<br/>the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System, see below.</li> </ol>   |  |  |  |
|  | For more information on the Gateway <sup>™</sup> Technology, refer to<br>the Gateway <sup>™</sup> Technology Manual. This manual is available<br>for downloading from our Web site (www.invitrogen.com)<br>or by contacting Technical Support (page 16).  |  |  |  |
| The Flp-In <sup>™</sup><br>System      | The Flp-In <sup>™</sup> System allows integration and expression of your gene of interest in mammalian cells at a specific genomic location. To use the Flp-In <sup>™</sup> System:   |  |  |  |
|  | 1. Introduce a <u>Flp Recombination Target</u> (FRT) site into the genome of the mammalian cell line of choice.   |  |  |  |
|  | <ol> <li>Cotransfect an expression vector containing your gene of<br/>interest (<i>e.g.</i> pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST expression clone) and<br/>a vector expressing Flp recombinase (pOG44) into the<br/>Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line. The Flp recombinase facilitates<br/>integration of the vector containing your gene of interest<br/>into the genome via Flp recombinase-mediated DNA<br/>recombination at the FRT site (O'Gorman <i>et al.</i>, 1991).</li> </ol> |  |  |  |
|  | For more information about the Flp-In <sup>™</sup> System, the pOG44 plasmid, and generation of the Flp-In <sup>™</sup> host cell line, refer to the Flp-In <sup>™</sup> System manual. This manual is available for downloading from our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or by contacting Technical Support (page 16).   |  |  |  |

## **Overview**, continued

| Flp<br>Recombinase-<br>Mediated DNA<br>Recombination | In the Flp-In <sup>™</sup> System, integration of your pEF5/FRT/V5-<br>DEST expression construct into the genome occurs via Flp<br>recombinase-mediated intermolecular DNA recombination.<br>The hallmarks of Flp-mediated recombination are listed<br>below.  |
|--|--|
|  | <ul> <li>Recombination occurs between specific FRT sites (see below) on the interacting DNA molecules</li> <li>Recombination is conservative and requires no DNA synthesis; the FRT sites are preserved following recombination and there is minimal opportunity for introduction of mutations at the recombination site</li> </ul>  |
|  | • Strand exchange requires only the small 34 bp minimal FRT site (see below)   |
|  | For more information about the Flp recombinase and conservative site-specific recombination, refer to published reviews (Craig, 1988; Sauer, 1994).  |
| FRT Site   | The FRT site, originally isolated from <i>Saccharomyces</i><br><i>cerevisiae</i> , serves as a binding site for Flp recombinase and<br>has been well-characterized (Gronostajski and Sadowski,<br>1985; Jayaram, 1985; Sauer, 1994; Senecoff <i>et al.</i> , 1985). The<br>minimal FRT site consists of a 34 bp sequence containing<br>two 13 bp imperfect inverted repeats separated by an 8 bp<br>spacer that includes an <i>Xba</i> I restriction site (see figure<br>below). An additional 13 bp repeat is found in most FRT<br>sites, but is not required for cleavage (Andrews <i>et al.</i> , 1985).<br>While Flp recombinase binds to all three of the 13 bp<br>repeats, strand cleavage actually occurs at the boundaries of<br>the 8 bp spacer region (see figure below) (Andrews <i>et al.</i> ,<br>1985; Senecoff <i>et al.</i> , 1985). |
|  | Minimal FRT site   |
|  |  |



CS = cleavage site

## **Overview**, continued

#### FRT Site in pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST

The pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST vector contains a single FRT site immediately upstream of the hygromycin resistance gene for Flp recombinase-mediated integration and selection of the pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST construct following cotransfection of the vector (with pOG44) into a Flp-In<sup>™</sup> mammalian host cell line. The FRT site serves as both the recognition and cleavage site for the Flp recombinase and allows recombination to occur immediately adjacent to the hygromycin resistance gene. The Flp recombinase is expressed from the pOG44 plasmid. For more information about pOG44, refer to the pOG44 manual or the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System manual.



The hygromycin resistance gene in pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST lacks a promoter and an ATG initiation codon; therefore, transfection of the pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST plasmid alone into mammalian host cells will not confer hygromycin resistance to the cells. The SV40 promoter and ATG initiation codon required for expression of the hygromycin resistance gene are integrated into the genome (in the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line) and are only brought into the correct proximity and frame with the hygromycin resistance gene through Flp recombinase-mediated integration of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST at the FRT site. For more information about the generation of the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line and for details on the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System, refer to the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System manual.



You may transfect the expression clone (the resulting vector from the Gateway<sup>™</sup> LR recombination reaction between an entry clone and pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST) into the mammalian cell line of choice for transient expression of your gene of interest.

## Using pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST

| <b>Q</b> Important                  | The pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST vector is supplied as a supercoiled plasmid. Although Invitrogen has previously recommended using a linearized destination vector for more efficient recombination, further testing has found that linearization of this vector is <b>NOT</b> required to obtain optimal results for any downstream application.  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Propagating<br>pEF5/FRT/V5-<br>DEST | If you wish to propagate and maintain pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST, we recommend using Library Efficiency <sup>®</sup> DB3.1 <sup><math>m</math></sup> Competent Cells (Catalog no. 11782-018) from Invitrogen for transformation. The DB3.1 <sup><math>m</math></sup> <i>E. coli</i> strain is resistant to CcdB effects and can support the propagation of plasmids containing the <i>ccdB</i> gene.   |
|                                     | <b>Note: DO NOT</b> use general <i>E. coli</i> cloning strains including TOP10 or DH5 $\alpha$ for propagation and maintenance as these strains are sensitive to CcdB effects.   |
| Entry Clone                         | To recombine your gene of interest into pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST,<br>you should have an entry clone containing your gene of<br>interest. For your convenience, Invitrogen offers the pENTR<br>Directional TOPO <sup>®</sup> Cloning Kit (Catalog no. K2400-20) for<br>5 minute cloning of your gene of interest into an entry vector.<br>For more information on entry vectors available from<br>Invitrogen, refer to our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or<br>contact Technical Support (page 16). |
|                                     | For detailed information on constructing an entry clone, refer<br>to the specific entry vector manual. For detailed information<br>on performing the LR recombination reaction, refer to the<br>Gateway <sup>™</sup> Technology Manual.  |
|                                     | continued on next page   |

## Using pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST, continued

| Points to<br>Consider<br>Before<br>Recombining | Your insert should contain a Kozak translation initiation<br>sequence with an ATG initiation codon for proper initiation<br>of translation (Kozak, 1987; Kozak, 1991; Kozak, 1990). An<br>example of a Kozak consensus sequence is provided below.<br>Other sequences are possible, but the G or A at position –3<br>and the G at position +4 are the most critical for function<br>(shown in bold). The ATG initiation codon is shown<br>underlined.  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | (G/A)NN <u>ATG</u> G   |  |  |  |  |
|  | If you wish to include the V5 epitope tag, your gene in the<br>entry clone <b>should not</b> contain a stop codon. In addition,<br>the gene should be designed to be in frame with the V5<br>epitope after recombination. Refer to the <b>Recombination</b><br><b>Region</b> on the next page.   |  |  |  |  |
|  | If you <b>DO NOT</b> wish to include the V5 epitope tag, be sure that your gene contains a stop codon in the entry clone.  |  |  |  |  |
| Resuspending<br>pEF5/FRT/V5-<br>DEST           | Before you perform the LR Clonase <sup>™</sup> reaction, resuspend pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST to 50-150 ng/µL in sterile water.  |  |  |  |  |
| Recombining<br>Your Gene of<br>Interest        | Each entry clone contains <i>att</i> L sites flanking the gene of interest. Genes in an entry clone are transferred to the destination vector backbone by mixing the DNAs with the Gateway <sup>TM</sup> LR Clonase <sup>TM</sup> enzyme mix (see page v for ordering information). The resulting recombination reaction is then transformed into <i>E. coli</i> and the expression clone selected. Recombination between the <i>att</i> R sites on the destination vector and the <i>att</i> L sites on the entry clone replaces the <i>ccd</i> B gene and the chloramphenicol (Cm <sup>R</sup> ) gene with the gene of interest and results in the formation of <i>att</i> B sites in the expression clone.<br>Follow the instructions in the Gateway <sup>TM</sup> Technology Manual to set up the LR Clonase <sup>TM</sup> reaction, transform a <i>rec</i> A <i>end</i> A <i>E. coli</i> strain ( <i>e.g.</i> TOP10 or DH5 $\alpha$ ), and select for the expression clone. |  |  |  |  |

## Using pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST, continued

| Confirr<br>the<br>Expres<br>Clone | -                                      | The <i>ccd</i> B gene mutates at a very low frequency, resulting in<br>a very low number of false positives. True expression clones<br>will be ampicillin-resistant and chloramphenicol-sensitive.<br>Transformants containing a plasmid with a mutated <i>ccd</i> B<br>gene will be both ampicillin- and chloramphenicol-resistant.<br>To check your putative expression clone, test for growth on<br>LB plates containing 30 $\mu$ g/mL chloramphenicol. A true<br>expression clone will not grow in the presence of<br>chloramphenicol. |                               |                               |                               |                                 |                               |                               |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Recom<br>Region                   | bination                               | The recombination region of the expression clone resulting from pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST × entry clone is shown below. <b>Features of the Recombination Region:</b>  |                               |                               |                               |                                 |                               |                               |
|                                   |  | transf   | erred fro                     | m the en                      | try clone                     | NA sequ<br>into pEF<br>aded reg | 5/FRT/                        | V5-                           |
|                                   |  | derive   | ed from t                     | he pEF5,                      | /FRT/V5                       | 5-DEST ve<br>king the           | ector.                        | egion                         |
|                                   |  | corres   |                               | bases 165                     | 52 and 33                     | 335, respe                      |                               |                               |
|                                   | 3´ en                                  | d of hEF-1α Intr   |                               |                               | T7 promo                      |                                 |                               |                               |
| 1519                              | TCAG <u>GTGTCG</u><br>AGTCCACAGC       | ACTCCTTA   |                               | CATGA TT                      |                               |                                 |                               |                               |
| 1579                              | GGCTAGGTAA<br>CCGATCCATT               |  |                               |                               |                               |                                 |                               |                               |
|                                   |  | 1652   |                               |                               |                               |                                 | Pro Ala                       | 3335                          |
| 1639                              | ATATCAACAA<br>TATAGTTGTT               |  |                               |                               | GENI                          |                                 | CCA GCT<br>GGT CGA            | TT <u>C</u> JTTG              |
|                                   | L                                      | at   | tB1                           |                               |                               | L                               | att                           | 32                            |
| 3339                              | Tyr Lys Va<br>TAC AAA GT<br>ATG TTT CA | G GTT GAT  | ATC CAG                       | CAC AGT                       | GGC GGC                       | CGC TCG                         | AGT CTA                       | GAG GGC                       |
|                                   |  | ·  |                               |                               | V5 epito                      |                                 |                               |                               |
| 3390                              | Pro Arg Ph<br>CCG CGG TT<br>GGC GCC AA | e Glu Gly<br>C GAA GGT<br>.G CTT CCA   | Lys Pro<br>AAG CCT<br>TTC GGA | Ile Pro<br>ATC CCT<br>TAG GGA | Asn Pro<br>AAC CCT<br>TTG GGA | Leu Leu<br>CTC CTC<br>GAG GAG   | Gly Leu<br>GGT CTC<br>CCA GAG | Asp Ser<br>GAT TCT<br>CTA AGA |
| 3441                              | Thr Arg Th<br>ACG CGT AC<br>TGC GCA TG | C GGT TAG  | TAATGAG<br>ATTACTC            | ITT AAAC(<br>AAA TTTG         | CCGCTG A<br>GGCGAC T          | TCAGCCTCC<br>AGTCGGAGC          | G ACTGTGC<br>C TGACACC        | CCTT CTA<br>GGAA GAT          |

## Generating Stable Flp-In<sup>™</sup> Expression Cell Lines

### Introduction

This section provides general information for cotransfecting your expression clone and pOG44 plasmids into your mammalian Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line to generate your stable Flp-In<sup>™</sup> expression cell line. We recommend that you include the pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT positive control vector and a mock transfection (negative control) to evaluate your results. Specific guidelines and protocols as well as detailed information about pOG44 and generation of the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line can be found in the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> System manual.

**Note:** If you wish to assay for transient expression of your gene of interest, you may transfect the expression clone directly into the mammalian cell line of choice.

Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell lines which stably express the *lacZ-Zeocin*<sup>™</sup> fusion gene from pFRT/*lacZeo* or pFRT/*lacZeo*2 and which contain a single integrated FRT site are available from Invitrogen (see page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** for ordering information). For more information on these cell lines, refer to our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or contact Technical Support (page 16).

### Plasmid Preparation

Once you have generated your expression clone, you must isolate plasmid DNA for transfection. Plasmid DNA for transfection into eukaryotic cells must be very clean and free from phenol and sodium chloride. Contaminants will kill the cells, and salt will interfere with lipid complexing, decreasing transfection efficiency. We recommend isolating plasmid DNA using the S.N.A.P.<sup>™</sup> MiniPrep Kit (10-15 µg DNA, Catalog no. K1900-01), the S.N.A.P.<sup>™</sup> MidiPrep Kit (10–200 µg DNA, Catalog no. K1910-01), or CsCl gradient centrifugation.

# Generating Stable Flp-In<sup>™</sup> Expression Cell Lines, continued

#### Positive Control

pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT is provided as a positive control vector for mammalian cell transfection and expression (see page 15 for a map) and may be used to assay for recombinant protein expression levels in your Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line. Cotransfection of the positive control vector and pOG44 into your Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line allows you to generate a stable cell line expressing chloramphenicol acetyl transferase (CAT) at the same genomic locus as your gene of interest. If you have several different Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell lines, you may use the pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT control vector to compare protein expression levels between the various cell lines.

To propagate and maintain the plasmid:

- Resuspend the vector in 10 μL sterile water to prepare a 1 μg/μL stock solution. Use the stock solution to transform a *recA*, *endA E*. *coli* strain like TOP10, DH5α, JM109, or equivalent.
- Select transformants on LB agar plates containing 50-100 μg/mL ampicillin.
- 3. Prepare a glycerol stock of a transformant containing plasmid for long-term storage.

### Determination of Hygromycin Sensitivity

The pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST vector contains the hygromycin resistance gene (Gritz and Davies, 1983) for selection of transfectants with the antibiotic, hygromycin B (Palmer *et al.*, 1987). Before generating a stable cell line expressing your protein of interest (Flp-In<sup>TM</sup> expression cell line), we recommend that you generate a kill curve to determine the minimum concentration of hygromycin required to kill your untransfected Flp-In<sup>TM</sup> host cell line. Generally, concentrations between 10 and 400 µg/mL hygromycin are required for selection of most mammalian cell lines. For instructions to handle and store hygromycin B and for general guidelines on performing a kill curve, refer to the Flp-In<sup>TM</sup> System manual.

# Generating Stable Flp-In<sup>™</sup> Expression Cell Lines, continued

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**REMINDER:** Remember that the hygromycin resistance gene in pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST lacks a promoter and an ATG initiation codon; therefore, transfection of the pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST plasmid alone into mammalian host cells will **not** confer hygromycin resistance to the cells. The SV40 promoter and ATG initiation codon required for expression of the hygromycin resistance gene are integrated into the genome (in the Flp-In<sup>™</sup> host cell line) and can only be brought into the correct proximity and frame with the hygromycin resistance gene through Flp recombinase-mediated integration of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST at the FRT site.

### Methods of Transfection

For established cell lines (*e.g.* HeLa, CHO), consult original references or the supplier of your cell line for the optimal method of transfection. We recommend that you follow exactly the protocol for your cell line. Pay particular attention to medium requirements, when to pass the cells, and at what dilution to split the cells. Further information is provided in *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology* (Ausubel *et al.*, 1994).

Methods for transfection include calcium phosphate (Chen and Okayama, 1987; Wigler *et al.*, 1977), lipid-mediated (Felgner *et al.*, 1989; Felgner and Ringold, 1989) and electroporation (Chu *et al.*, 1987; Shigekawa and Dower, 1988). If you wish to use a lipid-based reagent for transfection of adherent or suspension cells, we recommend using Lipofectamine<sup>™</sup> 2000 Reagent available from Invitrogen (Catalog no. 11668-027). For more information on transfection reagents available from Invitrogen, refer to our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or contact Technical Support (page 16).

# Generating Stable Flp-In<sup>™</sup> Expression Cell Lines, continued

| Detection of<br>Recombinant<br>Fusion<br>Proteins | If you have recombined the gene of interest in frame with the V5 epitope, you may detect expression of your recombinant fusion protein by Western blot analysis using Anti-V5 antibodies available from Invitrogen (see page <b>Error!</b><br><b>Bookmark not defined.</b> for ordering information). In addition, the Positope <sup>™</sup> Control Protein (Catalog no. R900-50) is available from Invitrogen for use as a positive control for detection of fusion proteins containing a V5 epitope tag. The ready-to-use WesternBreeze <sup>™</sup> Chromogenic and WesternBreeze <sup>™</sup> Chemiluminescent Kits are available from Invitrogen to facilitate detection of antibodies by colorimetric or chemiluminescent methods. For more information, refer to our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or contact Technical Support (page 16). |
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| Assay for CAT<br>Protein                          | If you use pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT as a positive control vector, you may assay for CAT expression using your method of choice. Note that CAT is fused to the C-terminal V5 epitope tag, so you can use Western blot analysis and an Anti-V5 antibody to detect expression of CAT. CAT Antiserum is also available separately from Invitrogen (see page v for ordering information). Other commercial kits are available for assaying CAT expression. The molecular weight of the CAT fusion protein is approximately 30 kDa.  |
| Note  | The C-terminal peptide tag containing the V5 epitope will add approximately 5 kDa to the size of your protein.   |

## Appendix

### Human EF-1α Promoter

#### Description The diagram below shows the features of the human EF-1 $\alpha$ promoter (Mizushima and Nagata, 1990) used in the pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST vector. Features are marked as described in Uetsuki et al., 1989. 5' end of human EF-1α promoter 339 GGAGTGCCTC GTGAGGCTCC GGTGCCCGTC AGTGGGCAGA GCGCACATCG CCCACAGTCC CCGAGAAGTT GGGGGGAGGG GTCGGCAATT GAACCGGTGC CTAGAGAAGG TGGCGCGGGG 399 459 TAAACTGGGA AAGTGATGTC GTGTACTGGC TCCGCCTTTT TCCCGAGGGT GGGGGAGAAC Start of Transcription TATA box CGTATATAAG TGCAGTAGTC GCCGTGAACG TTCTTTTCG CAACGGGTTT 519 GCCGCCAGAA Exon I 5' end of Intron 1 579 GCGTGCCTTG AATTACTTCC ACCTGGCTGC AGTACGTGAT TCTTGATCCC GAGCTTCGGG 639 TTGGAAGTGG GTGGGAGAGT TCGAGGCCTT GCGCTTAAGG AGCCCCTTCG CCTCGTGCTT 699 GAGTTGAGGC CTGGCCTGGG CGCTGGGGCC GCCGCGTGCG AATCTGGTGG CACCTTCGCG 750 CCTGTCTCGC TGCTTTCGAT AAGTCTCTAG CCATTTAAAA TTTTTGATGA CCTGCTGCGA 819 879 CGCTTTTTTT CTGGCAAGAT AGTCTTGTAA ATGCGGGCCA AGATCTGCAC ACTGGTATTT Sp 1 CGGTTTTTGG GGCCGCGGGC GGCGACGGGGG CCCGTGCGTC CCAGCGCACA TGTTCGGCGA 939 Sp 1 GGCGGGGCCT GCGAGCGCGG CCACCGAGAA TCGGACGGGG GTAGTCTCAA GCTGGCCGGC 999 Sp 1 Sp 1 CTGCTCTGGT GCCTGGCCTC GCGCCGCCGT GTATCGCCCC GCCCTGGGCCG GCAAGGCTGG 1059 CCCGGTCGGC ACCAGTTGCG TGAGCGGAAA GATGGCCGCT TCCCGGCCCT GCTGCAGGGA 1119 Sp 1 GCTCAAAATG GAGGACGCGG CGCTCGGGAG AGCGGGCGGG TGAGTCACCC ACACAAAGGA 1179 Ap 1 1239 AAAGGGCCTT TCCGTCCTCA GCCGTCGCTT CATGTGACTC CACGGAGTAC CGGGCGCCGT 1299 CCAGGCACCT CGATTAGTTC TCGAGCTTTT GGAGTACGTC GTCTTTAGGT TGGGGGGGAGG GGTTTTATGC GATGGAGTTT CCCCACACTG AGTGGGTGGA GACTGAAGTT AGGCCAGCTT 1359 GGCACTTGAT GTAATTCTCC TTGGAATTTG CCCTTTTTGA GTTTGGATCT TGGTTCATTC 1419 1479 TCAAGCCTCA GACAGTGGTT CAAAGTTTTT TTCTTCCATT TCAGGTGTCG TGA... 5' end of Exon 2

## Map and Features of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST

Map of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST The map below shows the elements of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST. DNA from the entry clone replaces the region between bases 1652 and 3335. The complete sequence of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST is available from our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or by contacting Technical Support (page 16).



# Map and Features of pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST, continued

# Features of<br/>pEF5/FRT/V5-pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST (7528 bp) contains the following<br/>elements. All features have been functionally tested.DEST

| Feature   | Benefit  |
|---|--|
| Human elongation factor $1\alpha$ (hEF-<br>$1\alpha$ ) promoter | Allows overexpression of your recombinant<br>protein in a broad range of mammalian cell types<br>(Goldman <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Mizushima and Nagata,<br>1990)   |
| T7 promoter   | Allows <i>in vitro</i> transcription in the sense orientation  |
| attR1 and attR2 sites   | Allows recombinational cloning of the gene of interest from an entry clone   |
| Chloramphenicol resistance gene                                 | Allows counterselection of expression clones   |
| ccdB gene   | Allows negative selection of expression clones   |
| V5 epitope  | Allows detection of your recombinant protein with Anti-V5 antibodies (Southern <i>et al.</i> , 1991)   |
| Bovine growth hormone (BGH) polyadenylation signal              | Allows efficient transcription termination and<br>polyadenylation of mRNA (Goodwin and<br>Rottman, 1992)   |
| <u>Flp R</u> ecombination <u>T</u> arget<br>(FRT) site          | Encodes a 34 bp (+14 bp of non-essential) sequence<br>that serves as the binding and cleavage site for Flp<br>recombinase (Gronostajski and Sadowski, 1985;<br>Jayaram, 1985; Senecoff <i>et al.</i> , 1985)       |
| Hygromycin resistance gene<br>(no ATG)                          | Allows selection of stable transfectants in<br>mammalian cells (Gritz and Davies, 1983) when<br>brought in frame with a promoter and an ATG<br>initiation codon through Flp recombinase-<br>mediated recombination |
| SV40 early polyadenylation signal                               | Allows efficient transcription termination and polyadenylation of mRNA   |
| pUC origin  | Allows high-copy number replication and growth in <i>E. coli</i>   |
| <i>bla</i> promoter   | Allows expression of the ampicillin ( <i>bla</i> ) resistance gene   |
| Ampicillin (bla) resistance gene                                | Permits selection of transformants in <i>E. coli</i>   |

## Map of pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT

Description pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT is a 6560 bp control vector expressing chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT). pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT was constructed using the Gateway<sup>™</sup> LR recombination reaction between an entry clone containing the CAT gene and pEF5/FRT/V5-DEST. CAT is expressed as a fusion to the V5 epitope tag. The molecular weight of the fusion protein is approximately 30 kDa.

Map of pEF5/FRT/V5/G W-CAT The map below shows the elements of pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT. The complete sequence of pEF5/FRT/V5/GW-CAT is available from our Web site (www.invitrogen.com) or by contacting Technical Support (page 16).



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