

# NCM631-pIZ227



**Location:** Expresión 07

**Antibiotic resistance:** Cloramfenicol 15 µg/mL

**Referencia:** Mechanism of Coordinated Synthesis of the Antagonistic Regulatory Proteins NifL and NifA of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*  
F. GOVANTES, J. A. MOLINA-LÓPEZ AND E. SANTERO 1996. Journal of Bacteriology

## **Description:**

NCM631 pIZ227 is a BL21 ( $\lambda$ DE3) derivative strain that superproduces T7 RNA polymerase.

pIZ227 is derived from pACYC184 and was designed to achieve efficient repression of the synthesis of the T7 RNA polymerase from the lacUV5 promoter. It harbors a 1.4-kb BamHI-EagI fragment from pMM40 containing the lacIq promoter between the BamHI and EagI sites of plysE

**Genotype of *E. coli* strain NCM631 pIZ227 :** *hsdS gal \_DE3:lacI, lacUV5::gen1 (T7 RNA polymerase) \_lac linked to Tn10.*

## **TSS transformation:**

1. Inoculate one colony in 3 mL LB plus Cm. Incubate o/n 37°C with shaking
  2. Dilute 100 times in 10 mL LB plus Cm. Incubate 37°C with shaking until reach OD<sub>600</sub> 0.35. Take 1 ml alicuot and cold on ice.
  3. Centrifuge 30 sec. Discard supernatant.
  4. Add 75 µL cold LB and mix. Keep on ice 5 min
  5. Add 75 µL cold TSS2X, mix softly. Keep on ice 5 min.
  6. Add DNA (5 to 10 µL), mix softly. Keep on ice 30 min.
  7. Incubate 42°C durante 40 seg. Transfer to ice .
  8. Add 1 mL LB and incubate 37°C 90 min.
  9. Plate 100 µL on LB with Cm and the specific antibiotic for the plasmid selection.
- Centrifuge the rest of cells and plate them in another plaque. Incubate o/n at 37°C.

## **Medium TSS2x, 100 mL**

Tryptone 0.8g

Yeast extract 0.5g

NaCl 0.5g

PEG 8000 20g

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DMSO 10 mL  
MgSO<sub>4</sub> 7H<sub>2</sub>O 1M 10 mL  
H<sub>2</sub>O 70 mL  
Adjust pH 6.5  
Add water until 100 mL  
Autoclave and make alicuots

## **Induction of target protein using IPTG:**

The following induction protocol is a general guide for expression of genes under the control of IPTG-inducible promoters on an analytical scale (1 ml of induced culture). Most commonly, this protocol is used to analyze protein expression of individual transformants when using BL21(DE3) host strains in combination with plasmids containing T7 promoter constructs (e.g. pET vectors). Expression cassettes under the control of the trp/lachyrid promoter, tac, can be also induced using this protocol. In the case of tacpromoter constructs, non-DE3 lysogen strains can be employed as hosts.

1. Following transformation, pick a colony and inoculate it into 3 ml of LB medium containing the appropriate antibiotic with shaking at 37°C, overnight. For the BL21(DE3)pLysS strain, it is preferable to add chloramphenicol at a final concentration of 34 µg/ml in the overnight culture to maintain pLysS.

2. The next morning, transfer 0.5 ml of the overnight culture to a new 10 ml of LB medium containing the appropriate antibiotic to select the expression plasmid. Grow the culture with shaking at 37°C until the OD<sub>600</sub> reaches 0.5 (approximately 2 hrs but this depended on the expression plasmids ).

When using BL21(DE3)pLys, chloramphenicol is not usually required in the short-period culture.

3. When the OD<sub>600</sub> reaches 0.5, transfer an aliquot (e.g., 1 ml) of the culture to a new centrifuge tube and centrifuge it to harvest cells. Store the cells at -80°C until analysis. Add IPTG to a final concentration of 1 mM to the rest of the culture and grow the culture with shaking at 37°C for 3 hours.

The IPTG concentration and induction time are general values. It is recommended to determine the optimal condition for the target gene expression.

4. After the induction, harvest the cells. To analyze the expression, before harvesting the cells, transfer an aliquot of the culture (e.g., 1 ml) and centrifuge it to precipitate the cells.

## **Analysis by SDS-PAGE electrophoresis**

1. Suspend the precipitated cells (from the 1 ml culture) in 200 µl of 1× PBS buffer.
2. Mix an aliquot of the suspension (e.g., 100 µl) with an equal volume of 2 × SDS sample buffer.

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3. Heat the mixture at 85°C for 5 min, then centrifuge at 10,000 g for 10 min. Subject the supernatant (e.g., 5-25  $\mu$ l) to SDS-PAGE. Western blot will help analyzing the expression of the target protein.

## Recipes:

- 2  $\times$  SDS sample buffer : 2% sodium dodecyl sulfate, 5% 2-mercaptoethanol, 20 % glycerol, 0.02% BPB, 62.5 mM Tris-HCl, pH6.8
- 1 $\times$  PBS buffer.: 20 mM sodium phosphate, 150 mM sodium chloride, pH7.4

## ● Notes for expression:

1. When expressing proteins in BL21(DE3) cells, if it takes longer time (5 hrs or more) to reach 0.5 at OD<sub>600</sub> after inoculating the overnight culture (0.5 ml) to a new LB medium (10 ml), the expressed protein is likely toxic to *E. coli* cells. See a, b, and c in the section "otes for transformation 1"
2. When BL21(DE3) cells lyse after induction with IPTG, the expressed protein is likely toxic to *E. coli* cells.