**G0864 pAd5hSyn1mcsSV40pA**

### Plasmid Features: 6155bp

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**Antibiotic Resistance:** Ampicillin  
**Backbone:** pBR322  

**Note:** To check the integrity of the Ad5 plasmid, perform single restriction enzyme digestions with NheI, BssHII, SacII and XmaI.
Multiple cloning site (MCS). Upstream of SV40pA

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Background Information on hSyn1 Promoter

The human synapsin 1 (hSyn1) gene promoter is highly specific to neuronal cells. This is useful as it is difficult to target neuronal cells rather than other cells in the neurological tissues, such as glial cells. For more information on the hSyn1 promoter, see Human synapsin 1 gene promoter confers highly neuron-specific long-term transgene expression from an adenoviral vector in the adult rat brain depending on the transduced area.
Information and Cloning Suggestions for Working with pacAd5 plasmids:

**Background:**
Adenoviruses are very important tools in basic research. They are used to identify a protein's role in different biological processes both in vivo and in vitro. Virus construction is performed using the RapAd™ System developed by the University of Iowa VVC (For a description, refer to the article "A simple method for the rapid generation of recombinant adenovirus vectors" published in *Gene Therapy* 7:1034-1038, 2000). Adenovirus vectors prepared in the core are E1 and E3 deleted. They have a total E1a deletion (*m.u. 1.4 to 4.5) plus a partial E1b deletion (*m.u. 4.7 to 9.2). These deletions are what make the vector replication deficient. The vectors also have a partial E3 deletion: 720bp deleted in the sub360 backbone, 1.6Kb deleted in the dl309 backbone, and 3.1Kb deleted for the total E3 deleted backbone.

*m.u = Map units (1 m.u = 360bp)*

**Adenovirus Characteristics:**
- Episomal gene expression.
- Infects dividing and non-dividing cells.
- Transient high-level protein expression.
- Accommodates inserts of up to 7.5kb. Larger inserts can be added, provided that an equivalent part of the viral genome has been properly deleted.
- Preps can be produced either as: Regular concentration preps: 1E+10 to 5E+10pfu/ml (1E+12pt/ml) or High concentration preps: 8E+10 to 1E+11/ml (1E+13pt/ml).

**Disadvantages and adverse effects:**
- Elicits host immune response, thus depleting the number of transduced cells in vivo.
- Viral particles can be neutralized by the host immune response.
- Short-term expression of the transgene due to lack of integration into the host genome.

**Cloning Adenovirus Plasmids:**
The RapAd™ System uses a two plasmid transfection system to generate recombinant adenovirus particles, the shuttle plasmid and the viral backbone plasmid:

1. **The Shuttle Plasmid:** The shuttle plasmid is usually cloned by the investigator and contains the gene of interest driven by the desired promoter and any other elements needed for a single or bicistronic construct. Reporter genes such as eGFP may be cloned into this plasmid or may come from the viral backbone plasmid. See the advantages and disadvantages below. The VVC offers shuttle plasmids with a number of common promoters already prepared and are available free of charge. The VVC also offers limited cloning services for investigators.

2. **The Viral Backbone Plasmid:** This plasmid contains most of the adenoviral genome, including the partially (or fully) deleted E3 region. With a portion of the E3 deleted, an additional gene cassette can be added. The VVC offers several very convenient viral backbone plasmids with and without reporters for investigators to choose from. No cloning of these plasmids is necessary unless you have a custom design in mind. Simply choose the desired backbone when ordering the virus construction.

- Inserting a reporter gene in the shuttle plasmid allows for tracking of protein of interest expression and/or location, depending on cloning design, i.e. fused proteins, bicistronic elements, etc. It also allows tracking viral infection efficiency. The advantages of using a viral backbone plasmid expressing a reporter gene include reduced shuttle plasmid cloning time and complexity and it also offers very high expression of the reporter. The main disadvantages are that the expression of the reporter is not directly tied to the expression of the protein of interest. So, these backbones should only be used for tracking infection efficiency and not protein of interest expression. Also, due to the high expression level of the reporter it can elicit a toxic effect depending on the reporter and the cell line used.

- We also offer the ability to express multiple proteins within a single viral particle with custom made backbones. See the available E3 shuttles for cloning. The combination of shuttle plasmids and viral backbones offer the investigators great versatility in gene expression. One example is our pacAd5(9.2-100)RSVrtTA-Advanced backbone used with the pacAd5TRE-tightmescPA
plasmid. This method allows for the transactivator protein (rtTA) and the TRE driven gene of interest protein to be expressed in the same cell from a single viral particle. Previously, the transactivator and gene of interest expression cassettes had to be packaged in separate vectors and co-infected.

Insert Size:
Adenovirus vectors can accommodate inserts of up to 7.5kb, this includes promoters, gene(s) of interest, and other elements. Larger inserts can be accommodated though, provided that an equivalent part of the viral genome has been properly deleted. The VVC currently has two backbones with additional portions of the E3 region deleted (known as the G0685 pacAd5 (9.2-100)Δ1.6KbE3 and G0686 pacAd5 (9.2-100)Δ3.1KbE3).

E. coli Competent Cell Recommendations:
We recommend using DH5alpha cells to grow the adenovirus plasmids.

Required Plasmid Quality Control:
As part of our standard quality control practices, we now require new constructs to provide a standard ITR digest on the shuttle plasmid, which should include a single digest with each SacII, XmaI, and PacI (or NheI). All wells and the ladder must be clearly labeled, as well as a list of expected fragments. We also require the full text sequence and map, and NCBI gene identification numbers for all inserted plasmid elements. It is imperative that we follow NIH guidelines for recombinant DNA technology. Therefore, all work must be approved by our Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee. Complete gene information must be completed on the Service Request Form. University of Iowa Investigators need a copy of the approved rDNA form.

Recommended Plasmid Quality Control:

Sequencing:
The following primers have been deposited at the University of Iowa DNA facility to aid in sequencing pacAd5CMVmcspA plasmid.

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<td>CMV 544 forward</td>
<td>5'-GTG GGA GGT CTA TAT AAG CAG AGC TCG-3'</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ad5 Forward</td>
<td>5'-ACT GAA TAA GAG GAA GTG AAA-3'</td>
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It is highly recommended to sequence all genes inserted into the viral shuttle plasmid before it is sent to us for virus construction.

Protein Expression:
All of the adenoviral shuttle plasmids can act as expression plasmids and it is therefore highly recommended that shuttle plasmids are tested for protein expression prior to sending it to the VVC.

Integrity Digest:
We recommend that submitted plasmids be checked by digest as well as sequencing. We suggest single restriction enzyme digestions with PacI, BssHII, SacII and XmaI. As a required step during viral production, the shuttle and backbone plasmids need to be linearized. Generally, the PacI restriction enzyme is used for linearization. If PacI is no longer a unique site in your plasmid the unique NheI site will be used. We appreciate knowing if your final plasmid does not contain either a unique PacI or NheI site ahead of time.

Virus Construction:
The shuttle plasmid and viral backbone plasmids are linearized with PacI or NheI and transfected into HEK293 cells where homologous recombination occurs at the overlapping section of the Ad5 genome. See the diagram below.
Recombination and Biosafety:
The recombinant adenoviruses can revert to wild type during virus production, thus packaging replication competent particles (RCA). For this reason, each new lot produced at the core is tested for the presence of RCA by immunostaining. It is still highly recommended that all work incorporating recombinant Adenovirus be done under biosafety level 2 conditions, including animal studies.

Adenovirus Construction
RapAd™ System

EI shuttle and backbone plasmids digestion with PacI RE.
Transfection of linearized plasmid into HEK 293 cells

Homologous recombination in HEK 293 cells

Immunofluorescence

Purification
Available Shuttle vectors:
The map and sequence for these vectors are found on our webpage (http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/vectorcore/ad/shuttles/). You can also login to our online ordering system iLabs using your account registration information, then go to “Request Services” Plasmid - Information and Request Forms”

Additional plasmids are always being constructed. Please inquire.

Viral Backbones Available for Use
Below are the current viral backbones that the VVC has available.

- G0431 pacAd5(9.2-100)sub360 (Δ720bp in E3)*
- G0186 pacAd5(9.2-100)RSVeGFP in E3
- G0940 pacAd5(9.2-100)RStntLacZ in E3
- G0599 pacAd5(9.2-100)RSVmCherry in E3
- G0808 pacAd5(9.2-100)RSVrtTA-Advanced (Tet-On)**
- G0685 pacAd5(9.2-100)Δ1.6Kb E3 (dl309)**
- G0686 pacAd5(9.2-100)Δ3.1Kb E3***

* Default viral backbone, no additional genes inserted into E3 region. If no backbone is specified on the order, this is the backbone that will be used.

** This backbones express the transactivator for the 2nd generation Tet-On system.

***The Δ1.6Kb and Δ3.1Kb have additional deletions in the E3 region, but no genes inserted into the region. These backbones are useful when attempting to create vectors with large inserts in the viral shuttle plasmid.

E3 Backbone Shuttle vectors
- G0226 pAd5E3RSVKan

The pAd5E3RSVKan backbones shuttle plasmid is used to create new backbones. The gene that is intended for backbone expression is inserted into this plasmid by the investigator or core personnel. Then the backbone will be created by the VVC by E. coli recombination. For more information contact us at Vectors@uiowa.edu.

Adenovirus Viral Production Services:
The VVC offers two standard services for adenovirus production:
1. Amplification, purification and titer from viral particles
2. Construction, amplification, purification and titer from plasmid

1. Amplification, purification & titer from viral particles

- **Sample required:** Viral Particles (either purified or crude cellular lysate)
- **Time line:** 3-5 weeks from the time the virus particles are received.
- **Service:**
  - Large-scale amplification.
  - Purification by double cesium chloride gradient
  - With every new lot an infectious titer (pfu/ml) is provided.
  - Each lot is checked for replication competent adenovirus (RCA) contamination.

- **Material provided:** 2ml and a 100ul tester of ready to use virus at a concentration of 1E+10 to 5E+10 pfu/ml (1E+12 pt/ml) or 1mL of High Titer virus at a concentration of 8E+10 to 1E+11 pfu/ml (1E+13 pt/ml).
- **Vehicle:** Adenovirus vectors are re-suspended in A195 buffer (See reference below).
• **Stock:** The vector is kept in stock. Additional 1ml aliquots can be purchased.

2. **Recombination, amplification, purification & titer**

• **Shuttle:** A cloning/expression adenovirus shuttle vector (see list below) is provided free of charge except for shipping after a Material Transfer Agreement is signed.

• **Sample required:** 40ug of adenovirus plasmid expressing the gene of interest at a concentration greater than 0.25ug/ul.

• **Time line:** 5-6 weeks from the time the plasmid is received.

• **Service:**
  o Transfection and recombination.
  o Large-scale amplification.
  o Purification by:
    - Double cesium chloride gradient or,
    - Adenopure™ filter purification method.
  o With every new lot an infectious titer (pfu/ml) is provided.
  o Each lot is checked for wild type virus contamination (RCA).

• **Material provided:** 2ml and a 100ul tester at a concentration of $1E+10$ to $5E+10$pfu/ml ($1E+12$pt/ml) or 1mL of High Titer virus at a concentration of $8E+10$ to $1E+11$pfu/ml ($1E+13$pt/ml).**

• **Vehicle:** Adenovirus vectors are re-suspended in A195 buffer (See reference below)

• **Stock:** The vector is kept in stock. Additional 1ml aliquots can be purchased.

**Additional charges apply to High Titer preparations

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