

## Biobrick Safety Sheet

Risk level: 1

Plasmid: pSB4C5

Chassis: *Escherichia coli* (BW25113 strain  $\Delta cyaA$ )

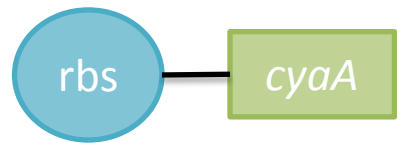


Diagram of the construction

BioBrick code : none for the moment

## Construction method

- Technic: Restriction/ligation
- Biobricks:
  - *rbs - cyaA* comes from a colony PCR on E. Coli (BW25113 strain)

RBS

rbs

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*cyaA* Ribosome Binding Site

### Origin and initial function :

This rbs is hosted in E. Coli . It does not code for a protein and does not increase the risk level.

### Purposes in the system :

It allows the translational regulation of the Adenylate cyclase production.

### Size:

30 bp

Coding sequence *cyaA*

Adenylate cyclase

### Origin and initial function:

This protein is present in *E. Coli*. It catalyzes the production of cyclic AMP (cAMP) by an intramolecular transfer of the adenylyl group of ATP to the 3'-hydroxy group. cAMP is an important signaling molecule. Via binding to the CAP/CRP protein, it acts as a partner in the transcription of many genes.

### Purposes in the system :

The adenylate cyclase is used to produce cAMP in *E. Coli*  $\Delta cyaA$  strain.

### Size :

2547 bp

Feedback

### Theoretical interactions:

- For the moment we do not know what would happen if the microorganism were scattered outside of the laboratory. Therefore the question to answer is: in which environment can this microorganism live?

### The environment in which it has been used and the consequences :

Environment	Consequences
This biobrick is only used in a biology laboratory of level 1 for the moment	Overexpression of <i>cyaA</i> is lethal in wild type strains. (REF) The construction has not been built yet. Therefore we do not know if there are any consequences. Theoretically there would be no dangerous effect.

## Safety issues:

- For the moment we do not know what would happen if the microorganisms were scattered outside of the laboratory. However we do know that cAMP acts as a messenger between cells (Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes except for plants); its overexpression could lead to unexpected consequences on the environment. Therefore the question to answer is: in which environment can this microorganism live?

## Tests to do in order to answer safety issues :

- test the organism survival in sewers.
- check the organism's presence in the researchers' bodies.
- Test interactions with organisms known to be sensitive to cAMP concentrations.

## Limitation :

- Because no tests have been done in a different environment than a biology laboratory of level 1, the use of those microorganisms should be forbidden in other environments until a study proves that the risk is low enough.
- when using this microorganism good laboratory practice must be followed

## characterization :

put here the information about the functioning of the BioBrick and experimental results.

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