

Biobrick Safety Sheet

Risk level:

Plasmid: pSB3C5

Chassis: *Escherichia coli* (BW25113 strain)

pLAC 0-1

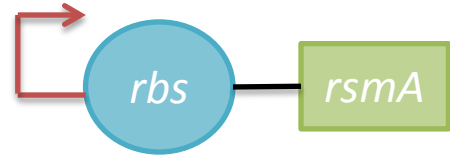


Diagram of the construction

BioBrick code : none for the moment

Construction method

- Technic: Gibson Assembly
- Biobricks:
 - pLAC -rbs coms from [BBa I13601](#)
 - *rsmA* originates from iGEM Grenoble 2011 team work

Promoter



: plac 0-1([BBa_R0011](#))

Origin and initial function :

This promoter is a hybrid one made up of two natural promoters. It consists of the phage lambda promoter P(L) which activates the pathogenicity by increasing the transcription. The phage lambda destroys E.coli using a toxin which destroys the membrane. In this regulatory region, instead of the *ci* binding site, there is *lacO1* (from E.coli *LacI* operon). *LacO1* is an operator from lactose operon, it binds *LacI* (the *lac* repressor) which is released upon complexation with IPTG, the inducer.

E.coli: are bacteria commonly used in laboratories. Some strains are dangerous but most of them are harmless.

Phage lambda: is an E.coli virus without any pathogenicity towards humans.

Purposes in the system :

It can let the production of RsmA, which binds to the *fha1* RBS. This prevents the production of mCherry.

Size :

55 bp

RBS

rbs

: Elowitz RBS ([B0034](#))

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 transcription of *rsma*.

Size:

12 bp

Coding sequence

rsmA

Alternate name: carbon storage regulator

Origin and initial function:

RsmA is a coding sequence from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which increases the pathogenicity by allowing type VI secretion. Taken alone, it does not code for a dangerous protein and it does not increase the risk level.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa: it is a level 2 pathogenic bacterium that leads to nosocomial infection. It is ubiquitous.

Purposes in the system :

It binds to the *fha1* RBS to prevent the production of mCherry.

Size :

Around 200 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	We do not know if there is any consequences. Theoretically there would be no dangerous effect.

Safety issues:

- 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?

Tests to do in order to answer safety issues :

- test organism's survival in sewers.
- check organism's presence in the researchers' bodies. What are the consequences?

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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