

LITMUS 38i

2,814 base pairs
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LITMUS 38i is a small, high copy number *E. coli* plasmid vector designed for efficient transcription of double-stranded RNA using the HiScribe RNAi Transcription Kit (NEB #E2000S). It contains the origin of replication from pUC19 and is maintained at a similar copy number to pUC19. In addition, it contains an ampicillin selectable marker, an M13 origin of replication, and wild type T7 promoters flanking the multiple cloning site (MCS) (1).

LITMUS 28i (previous page) is identical to LITMUS 38i except for the MCS region between the *SnaB* I and *Stu* I sites. The MCS of both vectors is in frame with the *lacZα* gene, allowing screening for insertions using α-complementation (blue/white).

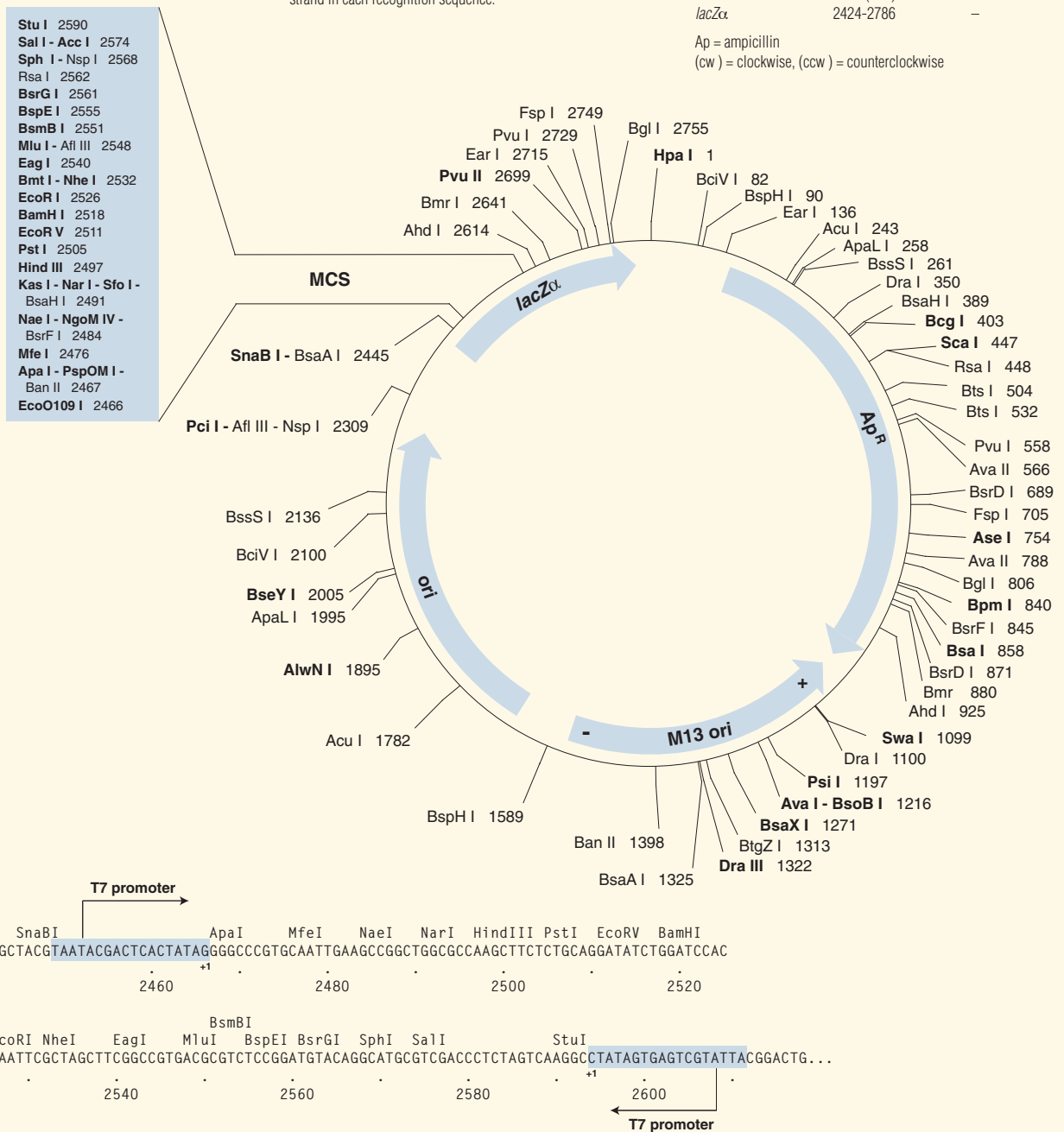
Enzymes with unique restriction sites are shown in **bold** type and enzymes with two restriction sites are shown in regular type. The accompanying table shows restriction sites of those enzymes that cut a moderate number of times. Restriction site coordinates refer to the position of the 5'-most base on the top strand in each recognition sequence.

Open reading frame (ORF) coordinates are in the form "translational start – translational stop"; numbers refer to positions on the top (clockwise) strand, regardless of the direction of transcription and include the start and stop codons.

pUC19 origin of replication coordinates include the region from the -35 promoter sequence of the RNAII transcript to the RNA/DNA switch point. For the M13 origin, the arrow shows the direction of synthesis of the (+) strand, which gets packaged into phage particles. *bla* (*Ap^R*) gene coordinates include the signal sequence.

Feature	Coordinates	Source
<i>bla</i> (<i>Ap^R</i>)	143-1003	<i>Tn3</i>
M13 origin	1045-1554	M13
origin	1665-2253	pUC19
T7 promoter	2449-2466	T7
transc. start	2466 (cw)	-
MCS	2467-2579	-
T7 promoter	2611-2594	T7
transc. start	2594 (ccw)	-
<i>lacZα</i>	2424-2786	-

Ap = ampicillin
 (cw) = clockwise, (ccw) = counterclockwise



References

1. Evans, P.D. et al. (1995) *Biotechniques* 19, 130-135.