

α -Select Silver Efficiency Chemically Competent Cells

Shipping: On Dry Ice Catalog numbers
Batch No.: See vial BIO-85026 $\geq 10^8$ cfu/ μ g of pUC19
BIO-85046 $\geq 10^8$ cfu/ μ g of pUC19



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Store at -80°C

Storage and stability

α -Select Chemically Competent Cells are shipped on Dry and stored at -80°C .

Expiry

When stored under the recommended conditions and handled correctly, full activity of the cells is retained until the expiry date on the outer box label.

Product Specifications:

Efficiency	Pack Size	Control Vector
Silver 2 mL (10 x 200 μ L)		pUC19 (10 pg/ μ L)
Silver 1 mL (20 x 50 μ L)		pUC19 (10 pg/ μ L)

Genotype

F⁻ *deoR endA1 recA1 relA1 gyrA96 hsdR17(r_k⁻, m_k⁺) supE44 thi-1 phoA Δ (*lacZ*YA *argF*)U169 Φ 80/*lacZ* Δ M15 λ*

Safety precautions

This product is for R&D use only, not for human use, or any other use. Please refer to the material safety data sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practice.

Notes

Research Use Only.

Features

- Chemically Competent
- Different efficiencies available: $\geq 10^7$, $\geq 10^8$, or $\geq 10^9$ cfu/ μ g of pUC19
- Accommodates larger plasmids

Applications

- Transformation of cloned DNA into bacterial cells
- Ideal for subcloning and generating cDNA libraries
- Blue/white color screening

Description

α -Select Silver Competent Cells contain a *lacZ* marker that provides α -complementation of the β -galactosidase gene for blue/white color screening. The cells are ideal for generating cDNA libraries and subcloning.

α -Select Silver Competent Cells also provide *recA1* and *endA1* markers to minimize recombination and enhance the quality of the plasmid DNA. pUC19 DNA is also provided as a positive control.

Suggested Transformation Procedure for Optimal Results:

1. Remove cells from -80°C and let thaw on wet ice.
2. Gently mix cells by lightly flicking tube. Aliquot ~ 50 -100 μ L of cells into chilled, 17 x 100 mm polypropylene tube(s), e.g. Falcon 2059. Unused cells may be refrozen, but a small drop in efficiency may result. For optimal recovery, refreeze cells in a dry ice/ ethanol bath prior to -80°C storage.
3. Add DNA solution (≤ 5 μ L per 50 μ L cells) to cell suspension and gently swirl tube(s) for a few seconds to mix. If a control is desired, repeat this step with 2 μ L of the provided Control Vector (pUC19) in a separate tube.
4. Incubate on ice for 30 minutes.
5. Place tube(s) in 42°C water bath for ~ 30 to 45 seconds without shaking. For 50 μ L aliquots in Falcon 2059 tubes, 30 seconds is recommended for maximum efficiency.
6. Replace tube(s) on ice for ~ 2 minutes.
7. Dilute transformation reaction(s) to 1 mL by addition of 900-950 μ L SOC (SOC Medium: 2% Tryptone, 0.5% Yeast Extract, 0.4% glucose, 10 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM KCl, 10 mM MgCl₂ & 10 mM MgSO₄).
8. Shake tube(s) ~ 200 rpm for 60 minutes at 37°C .
9. Plate by spreading 5-200 μ L of cell transformation mixture on LB agar plates containing appropriate antibiotic and incubate overnight at 37°C .

When performing the pUC19 control transformation, plate 5 μ L of the transformation mixture on a LB agar plate containing 100 μ g/ml ampicillin. To facilitate cell spreading, place a pool of SOC (100 μ L) onto surface of plate prior to addition of transformation mixture.

Transformation Efficiency Calculation for Control Vector

$$\text{Transformation Efficiency (cfu/ μ g pUC19 DNA)} = \frac{\# \text{ colonies (colony forming units) pg pUC19 transformed}}{\text{pg pUC19}} \times \frac{10^6 \text{ pg}}{\mu\text{g}} \times \frac{\text{Final volume } (\mu\text{L}) \text{ of transformation mix}}{\text{Volume plated } (\mu\text{L})}$$

For example:

If 40 colonies were obtained after transforming 20 pg of pUC19 and plating 5 μ L of the final 1 mL transformation mixture, the calculated transformation efficiency would be:

$$\frac{40 \text{ cfu}}{20 \text{ pg pUC19}} \times \frac{10^6 \text{ pg}}{\mu\text{g}} \times \frac{1000 \mu\text{L}}{5 \mu\text{L}} = 4 \times 10^8 \text{ cfu/ μ g pUC19}$$

Associated Products:

Product Name	Pack Size	Cat No
α -select Gold Chemically Competent Cells	1 mL	BIO-85027
α -select Bronze Chemically Competent Cells	2 mL	BIO-85025
Quick-Stick Ligase	50 Reactions	BIO-27027
IPTG	5g	BIO-37036
X-GAL	1g	BIO-37035

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