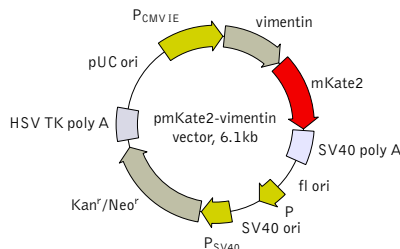


## pmKate2-vimentin vector

The vector sequence has been compiled using the information from sequence databases, published literature, and other sources, together with partial sequences obtained by Evrogen. This vector has not been completely sequenced.



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### Location of features

P<sub>CMV IE</sub>: 1-589  
 Enhancer region: 59-465  
 TATA box: 554-560  
 Transcription start point: 583  
 Vimentin-mKate2 fusion: 637-2751  
 Vimentin: 637-2034  
 Start codon (ATG): 637-639  
 Last amino acid in Vimentin: 2032-2034  
 mKate2: 2056-2754  
 Stop codon: 2752-2754  
 SV40 early mRNA polyadenylation signal  
 Polyadenylation signals: 2907-2912 & 2936-2941  
 mRNA 3' ends: 2945 & 2957  
 f1 single-strand DNA origin: 3004-3459  
 Bacterial promoter for expression of Kan<sup>r</sup> gene  
 -35 region: 3521-3526; -10 region: 3544-3549  
 Transcription start point: 3556  
 SV40 origin of replication: 3800-3935  
 SV40 early promoter  
 Enhancer (72-bp tandem repeats): 3633-3704 & 3705-3776  
 21-bp repeats: 3780-3800, 3801-3821 & 3823-3843  
 Early promoter element: 3856-3862  
 Major transcription start points: 3852, 3890, 3896 & 3901  
 Kanamycin/neomycin resistance gene  
 Neomycin phosphotransferase coding sequences:  
 Start codon (ATG): 3984-3986; Stop codon: 4776-4778  
 G->A mutation to remove Pst I site: 4166  
 C->A (Arg to Ser) mutation to remove BssH II site: 4512  
 Herpes simplex virus (HSV) thymidine kinase (TK) polyadenylation signal  
 Polyadenylation signals: 5014-5019 & 5027-5032  
 pUC plasmid replication origin: 5363-6006

Product	Cat.#	Size
pmKate2-vimentin vector	<b>FP318</b>	20 µg
Vector type	mammalian expression vector	
Reporter	mKate2	
Reporter codon usage	mammalian	
Promoter for mKate2	P <sub>CMV IE</sub>	
Host cells	mammalian	
Selection	prokaryotic - kanamycin eukaryotic - neomycin (G418)	
Replication	prokaryotic - pUC ori eukaryotic - SV40 ori	
Use	far-red fluorescent labeling of vimentin	

### Vector description

pmKate2-vimentin is a mammalian expression vector encoding mKate2-vimentin fusion protein. The vector can be used for fluorescent labeling of vimentin in living cells.

mKate2 codon usage is optimized for high expression in mammalian cells, i.e. humanized (Haas et al. 1996). Human vimentin is fused to the mKate2 N-terminus.

pmKate2-vimentin vector can be used as a source of mKate2-vimentin hybrid sequence. The vector backbone contains unique restriction sites that permit its excision and further insertion into expression vector of choice.

**Note:** The plasmid DNA was isolated from dam<sup>+</sup>-methylated *E. coli*. Therefore some restriction sites are blocked by methylation. If you wish to digest the vector using such sites you will need to transform the vector into a dam<sup>-</sup> host and make fresh DNA.

The vector backbone also contains immediate early promoter of cytomegalovirus (P<sub>CMV IE</sub>) for protein expression, SV40 origin for replication in mammalian cells expressing SV40 T-antigen, pUC origin of replication for propagation in *E. coli*, and f1 origin for single-stranded DNA production. SV40 polyadenylation signals (SV40 poly A) direct proper processing of the 3' end of the reporter mRNA.

SV40 early promoter (P<sub>SV40</sub>) provides neomycin resistance gene (Neo<sup>r</sup>) expression to select stably transfected eukaryotic cells using G418. Bacterial promoter (P) provides kanamycin resistance gene expression (Kan<sup>r</sup>) in *E. coli*. Kan<sup>r</sup>/Neo<sup>r</sup> gene is linked with herpes simplex virus (HSV) thymidine kinase (TK) polyadenylation signals.

### Expression in mammalian cells

pmKate2-vimentin can be transfected into mammalian cells by any known transfection method. CMV promoter provides strong, constitutive expression of the mKate2-vimentin fusion in eukaryotic cells. If required, stable transformants can be selected using G418 [Gorman 1985].

### Propagation in *E. coli*

Suitable host strains for propagation in *E. coli* include DH5alpha, HB101, XL1-Blue, and other general purpose strains. Plasmid incompatibility group is pMB1/ColE1. The vector confers resistance to kanamycin (30 µg/ml) to *E. coli* hosts. Copy number in *E. coli* is about 500.

### References

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