## **Datasheet**

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# **BL21 (DE3) pLysS Chemically Competent Cell**

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BL21 (DE3) pLysS Chemically Competent Cell is designed for chemical transformation of DNA, with a transformation efficiency of over 10<sup>7</sup> cfu/µg DNA (tested by pUC19 plasmid DNA). This cell is resistant to chloramphenicol (Cam<sup>R</sup>) and contains the pLysS plasmid which expresses the T7 lysozyme gene, reducing the background of target protein expression without disturbing IPTG functionality. The control plasmid (Amp<sup>+</sup>) is used for detection of cell expression functions (protein size: ~25 kDa). Suitable for non-toxic and toxic protein expression.

The genotype is: F ompT hsdS(r<sub>B</sub> m<sub>B</sub>) gal dcm(DE3) pLysS Cam<sup>R</sup>.

The 1 ml size consists of 10 × 100 µl Competent Cells, and 20 µl (0.1 ng/µl) Control Plasmid pUC19.

Target: BL21 (DE3) pLysS Chemically Competent Cell

Storage: Store at -70 °C for up to 6 months. Do not store in liquid nitrogen. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Note: THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC, THERAPEUTIC OR

COSMETIC PROCEDURES. NOT FOR HUMAN OR ANIMAL CONSUMPTION.

This product is shipped with dry ice.

### **Directions for**

### **Recommended Protocol:**

use:

- 1. Equilibrate a water bath to 42 °C. Bring a vial of SOC medium or LB medium to room temperature. Warm selective plates to 37 °C for 30 minutes.
- 2. Thaw 100 μl of BL21 (DE3) pLysS Chemically Competent Cell on ice. Aliquot 50 μl of cells into a prechilled 1.5 ml tube, then add target DNA (1-5 μl). Do not mix by pipetting up and down. Leave on ice for 30 minutes
- 3. Heat-shock the cells for 45 seconds at 42 °C, without shaking. Immediately transfer to the tube to ice. Leave on ice for 2 minutes without shaking.
- 4. Add 500 µl of prewarmed SOC medium or LB medium (without antibiotics) into the tube. Mix well and shake at 37 °C for 1 hour at 200 RPM for cell recovery and expression of antibiotic resistance.
- 5. Spread 20-200 µl from each transformation vial onto a pre-warmed selective plate. Cells that have not been plated can be stored at 4 °C and plated the next day if required.
- 6. Invert the plates and incubate at 37 °C overnight.
- 7. Select colonies and analyse by restriction enzyme digestion, PCR or sequencing.

#### Note

Higher efficiency transformation can be achieved by transforming cells immediately following thawing. Avoid repeated thawing. All samples and reagents require gentle handling throughout the entire procedure.