

Description

Ready-to-use stabilized β-galactosidase mRNA

Cap Modification: Cap 1 | **Poly (A) Tail:** Yes

Concentration: 1.0 mg/mL

Buffer: 1 mM Sodium Citrate, pH 6.4

Full length mRNA: 3358 nt

Molecular weights: #MRNA3: 1093695 g/mol; #MRNA17: 1104315 g/mol.

β-Gal mRNAs have been designed to produce high expression level of β-galactosidase. OZB mRNAs are produced by *in vitro* transcription. mRNAs are stabilized at the 5' end by modified nucleotides capping (Cap1) and contain a poly(A) tail at the 3' end. Sequences have been optimized to yield improved stability and performance. β-Gal mRNA #MRNA17 does not bear any additional nucleotide modifications while #MRNA3 is modified with N1-methyl-pseudouridine (N1-mψ) to reduce innate immune responses.

Applications

The β-Gal mRNAs encode for the β-galactosidase which is a product of the bacterial LacZ gene. This enzyme catalyzes the conversion of β-galactosides into monosaccharides.

β-Gal detection

The levels of active β-galactosidase expression can be measured by colorimetric assays:

- CPRG assay kit (catalog #GC10002)
- ONPG assay kit (catalog #GO10001)

Or detected by histochemistry:

- X-gal staining kit (catalog #GX10003).

General considerations on OZB's mRNA

β-Gal mRNAs resemble fully matured mRNAs with 5' cap1 structure and 3' polyA tail, therefore ready to be translated by the ribosome. mRNA transfection provides several advantages over plasmid DNA (pDNA) delivery. It does not require nuclear uptake for being expressed since translation of mRNA occurs directly into cytoplasm. Indeed, nuclear delivery (transport through nuclear membrane) is one of the principal barriers for transfecting slow or non-dividing cells and consequently, mRNA transfection is particularly attractive for such purpose. This approach presents also the advantage of being non-integrative which is particularly appealing for stem cells, regenerative medicine or vaccine fields. Contrary to pDNA, mRNA cannot lead to genetic insertion causing mutations. Moreover, the protein expression from the mRNA is promoter-independent and faster than with DNA. For transfection we recommend RmesFect™ (#RM21000) and RmesFect™ Stem (#RS31000).

Quality Controls

Items	Specification	Standard QC	Superior Grade QC*
Integrity	Agarose gel mobility and HPLC	✓	✓
Concentration	1mg/ml +/- 5%	✓	✓
A260/280	>1.8 for Unmodified mRNAs >1.7 for chemically modified mRNAs	✓	✓
Sterility	Absence of bacterial growth at 37°C	✓	✓
Functionality**	Test for protein expression	✓	✓
Endotoxin	<0.5 EU/mL		✓
dsRNA	<0.5%		✓

* Our catalogue mRNAs undergo the standard QC. Superior Grade QC can be performed as an additional prestation.

** For reporter mRNAs and Spike SARS-Cov2 related mRNAs only for catalog mRNAs. Can be included in superior Grade QC

Certificate of analysis on demand.

Use, handling and storage

For Research Use Only. Not for use in humans. Not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

Long term storage (months): -80°C.

Short term storage (few days): -20°

We recommend to aliquot the mRNA solution for a better storage. Follow good laboratory practices for mRNA handling (work on ice, avoid freeze/thaw cycles, do not vortex, use RNase free water and barrier tips, ...)

mRNA Stability

RNA can suffer degradation when not handled, stored, or used properly. In order to assess the stability of OZ Biosciences mRNAs, we have tested a randomly chosen RNA from our catalog and submitted it to several freeze/thaw cycles as well as a 15-day storage at room temperature (RT). mRNA did not show any sign of degradation in any condition as observed on agarose gel (cf Stability note available on our website).

Kit contents

β-Gal mRNAs-20: 20 µg of mRNA.
β-Gal mRNAs-100: 100 µg mRNA.
β-Gal mRNAs-1000: 1 mg of mRNA.

Related Products

Ref	Description
#RM20500/21000	RmesFect™ transfection reagent (mRNA)
#RS30500/31000	RmesFect™ Stem transfection reagent (mRNA)
#MRNA11/15/22	mRNA GFP unmodified or 5moU or N1-mpU
#MRNA12/16/24	mRNA LUC unmodified or 5moU or N1-mpU
#MRNA40/41/42	mRNA OVA unmodified or 5moU or N1-mpU

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