**pTYB21**

pTYB21 is an E. coli plasmid cloning vector designed for recombinant protein expression and purification using the IMPACT™ Kit (NEB#E9991) (1,2). It contains the pMB1 origin of replication from pBR322 and is maintained at a similar copy number to pBR322; in addition, pTYB21 also contains an M13 origin of replication.

The multiple cloning site (MCS) is positioned to allow translational fusion of the Sce VMA intein tag to the N-terminus of the cloned target protein (2). The chitin binding domain (CBD) from B. circulans, facilitates purification of the intein-target protein precursor.

Transcription of the gene fusion is controlled by the inducible T7 promoter; requiring E. coli strains containing integrated copies of the T7 RNA polymerase gene [e.g., C2566 or BL21(DE3)] for expression. Basal expression from the T7 promoter is minimized by the binding of the Lac repressor, encoded by the lac' gene, to the lac operator downstream of the T7 promoter (3).

Translation of the fusion utilizes the translation initiation signal (Shine-Dalgarno sequence) from the strongly expressed T7 gene 10 protein (a10).

pTYB21 contains a SapI site which allows for cloning of a target gene without any extra amino acids. pTYB22 is identical to pTYB21 except for the MCS regions (see below). pTYB22 contains an NdeI site overlapping the initiating methionine codon of the intein fusion gene. pTYB22 differs from pTYB11 in that it contains a universal MCS that is compatible with all NEB expression systems.

Enzymes with unique restriction sites are shown in bold type. Coordinates indicate position of cutsite on the top strand.

In previous catalogs, coordinates referred to the position of the 5’ most base on the top strand, please note makeup of new numbering system.

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. Component genes or regions of fusion ORFs are indicated below the ORF itself.

pMB1 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 (ApR) gene coordinates include the signal sequence.

**References**