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10 µg **Lot: 0011111** **Exp: 11/14**
200 mg/ml **Store at -20°C**

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Source: pTWIN2 contains two mini-inteins, one derived from the *Synechocystis sp* DnaB intein (154 amino acids) (6) and the other from the *Methanobacterium thermoautotrophicum* intein (134 amino acids) (7).

Supplied in: 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM EDTA.

Features of pTWIN2:

- A pBR322 derivative
- The SapI sites are recommended for directional cloning of both the 5' and 3' ends of an insert.
- Expression of the fusion gene is under the control of the T7 promoter (8) and is regulated by IPTG due to the presence of a *lacI* gene.

Polylinker Region: pTWIN2

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GAT TTG ACT GTG CCA GGA CCA CAT AAC TTT GTC GCG AAT GAC ATC ATT GTA CAC AAC
      NruI

      Gly Arg Ala Met Gly Gly Arg Glu Phe Leu Glu Gly Ser Ser Cys Val Ser Gly Asp Thr
GGA AGA GCC ATG GGC GGC CGC GAA TTC CTC GAG GGC TCT TCC TGC GTA TCC GGT GAC ACC ATT
      SapI NcoI NotI EcoRI XhoI SapI

      ...Mth RIR1 InteIn...
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- Origin of DNA replication from the bacteriophage M13 allows for the production of single-stranded DNA by helper phage superinfection of cells bearing the plasmid.
- Thiol-induced cleavage of the Mth RIR1 intein is dependent on the amino acids adjacent to the intein. The amino acid Gly at the C-terminus of the target protein is recommended for use with this intein.

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- Ampicillin resistance.

Recommended Buffers:

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- *Ssp* DnaB InteIn Cleavage Buffer: 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.0) containing 500 mM NaCl.
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