# pCMV-Gag-Pol Vector

# CATALOG NUMBER: RV-111 STORAGE: -20°C

# **QUANTITY AND CONCENTRATION:** 10 $\mu$ g at 0.25 $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ L in TE

#### **Background**

Retroviruses are efficient tools for delivering heritable genes into the genome of dividing cells. Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus (MMLV)-based retroviral vector system is the most commonly used gene transfer vehicle. pCMV-Gag-Pol expresses the retroviral structure proteins under the control of the CMV immediate-early promoter. The gag region encodes genes which comprise the capsid proteins; the pol region encodes the reverse transcriptase and integrase proteins.

Retrovirus can be produced using one of the following methods:

- 1) Transfection of a retrovirus packaging cell line with a retrovirus expression vector. Packaging cell lines usually stably express gag, pol and env genes. For example, transfection of Plat-E packaging cell line (Cat. # RV-101) with a pMXs vector would produce an ecotropic retrovirus.
- 2) Cotransfection of a host cell with plasmids containing LTRs, Gag, Pol, Env. For example, cotransfection of 293RTV (Cat.# RV-100) with pMXs, pCMV-Gag-Pol (Cat. # RV-111) and pCMV-VSV-G (Cat. # RV-110) would produce VSVG-pseudotyped retrovirus.

*Note:* We recommend cotransfection of expression vector:gag-pol vector:envelope vector at the following plasmid ratios:

(a) For ecotropic or amphotropic retrovirus, 3:1:1

(b) For VSVG-pseudotyped retrovirus, 3:1:0.5

The pCMV-Gag-Pol vector contains the ampicillin-resistance gene for propagation and antibiotic selection in bacteria (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Schematic representation of pCMV-Gag-Pol vector.



## **Plasmid Digestion**

Single digestion: XbaI or SacII

Double digestion: NotI and XbaI yield 7.2 kb and 3.5 kb

## **Safety Consideration**

Remember that you will be working with samples containing infectious virus. Follow the recommended NIH guidelines for all materials containing BSL-2 organisms. Always wear gloves, use filtered tips and work under a biosafety hood.

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