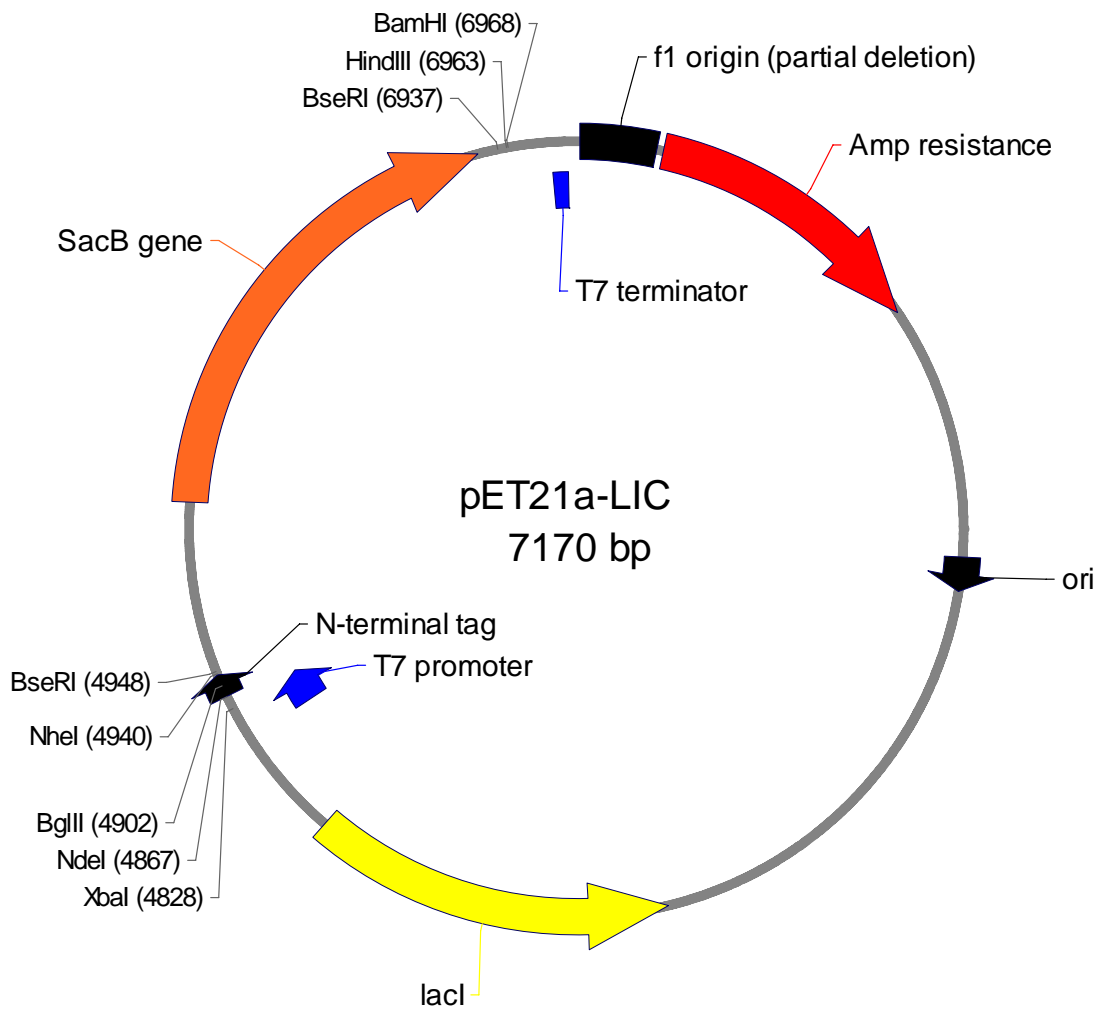


pET21a-LIC Vector (GenBank accession EF456737)

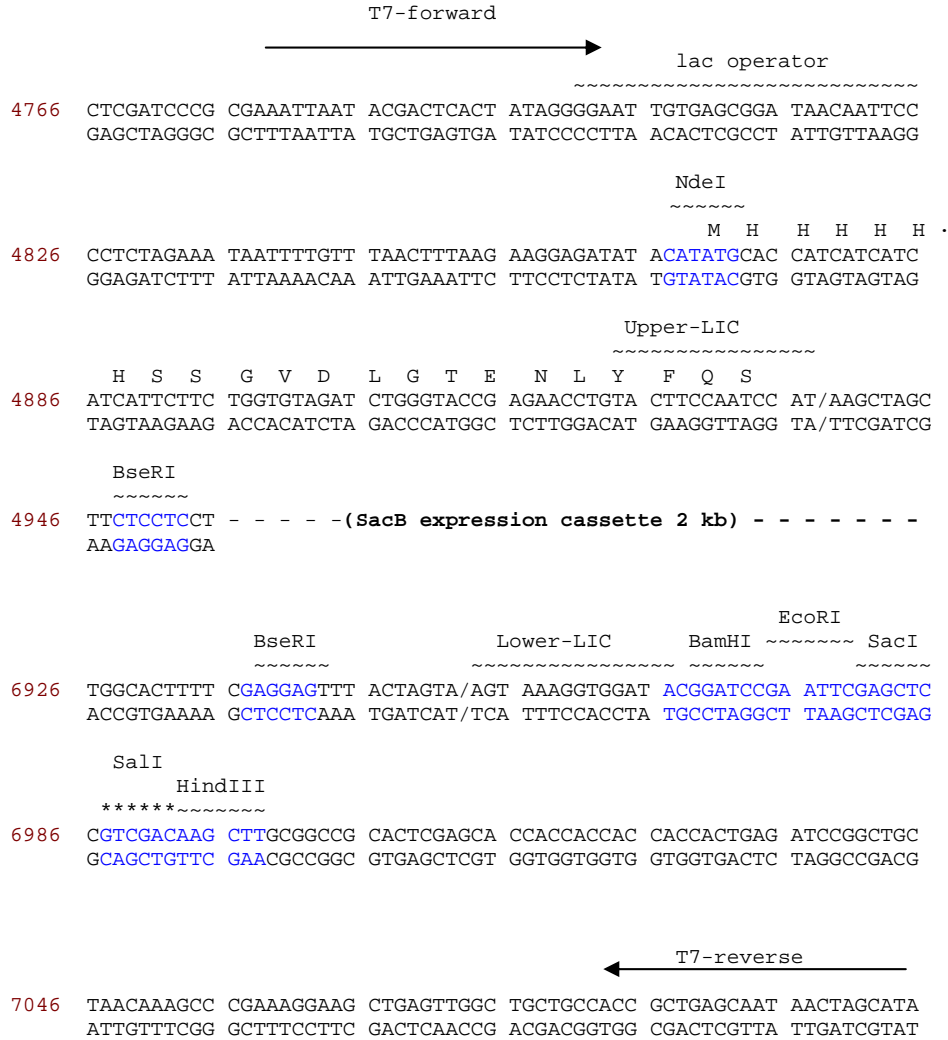
Source	Constructed by Peter Loppnau
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Description	The pET21a-LIC (aka pLIC-SGC1) vector was derived from expression plasmid pMSCG7 (1). It is used for T7 promoter driven expression of recombinant proteins with the addition of a 23 amino acid N-terminal fusion tag containing a 6X His-tag followed by a TEV protease cleavage site. Two stop codons are included in the primer and vector at the C-terminal cloning site.
Antibiotic resistance	Ampicillin, 100 ug/ml
Promoter	T7 - lacO
Cloning Methods	Designed for ligation independent cloning. Vector treated with BseRI, then with T4 DNA polymerase in presence of dGTP). PCR insert treated with T4 DNA polymerase in presence of dCTP. Negative selection of the original plasmid on 5% sucrose. Alternative is infusion cloning. Insertion of DNA sequence into the cloning/expression region is preformed using BD-Biosciences Infusion enzyme mediated directional recombination between complementary 15 nucleotide DNA sequences at the ends of the insert (PCR product) and BseRI linearized vector.
Initiation Codon	NdeI site in vector at 4870 bp
N – terminal fusion sequence	MHHHHHSSGVDLGTENLYFQ*SM--- (* - TEV cleavage site)
Termination codons	TAACAGTAA included in 3' PCR primer and vector. No amino acid residues added at cloning junction
Additional features	
Preferred Hosts	DE3 hosts: BL21, Rosetta, etc. MUST express T7 RNA polymerase.
5' primer for amplification of insert	5'-TACTTCCAATCCATG---3' The 'ATG' is the first codon of the inserted gene
3' primer for amplification of insert	5'-TATCCACCTTTACTGTTA---3' <u>CTA</u> ---3' <u>TCA</u> ---3' Any one of the three stop codons can be used
5' sequencing primer T7-Fwd	5' AATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGG 3'
3' sequencing primer T7-Rev	5' ATGCTAGTTATTGCTCAGCGG 3'

pET21a-LIC vector map

T7 promoter	4782-4798
N-terminal tag coding sequence	4870-4937
N-terminal cloning site	4924-4937
C-terminal cloning site	6953-6966
T7 terminator	7099-7145
f1 origin (partially deleted)	12-239
<i>bla</i> coding sequence	260-1117
pBR322 origin	1878
<i>lacI</i> coding sequence	3312-4391
<i>sacB</i> coding sequence	5459-6877



pET21a-LIC cloning/expression region



Reference

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