

## pBABE-GFP Retroviral Vector

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**CATALOG NUMBER:** RTV-002

**STORAGE:** -20°C

**QUANTITY AND CONCENTRATION:** 10 µg at 0.5 µg/µL in TE

### **Background**

Retroviruses are efficient tools for delivering heritable genes into the genome of dividing cells. Cell Biolabs' GFP retroviral vector is based on the pBABE vector system, which is derived from Moloney murine leukemia virus (MMLV). The vector provides the viral package signal, transcription and processing elements, and a target gene. The viral *env* gene, produced by the package cell line, encodes the envelope protein, which determines the viral infectivity range. Transfection into a package cell line produces high-titer, replication-incompetent viruses. In addition to transfer and expression of exogenous genes in mammalian cells, recently, retroviruses are used to express silencing RNAs (siRNA) to decrease the expression of target genes both *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

The vector contains the bacterial origin of replication, ampicillin-resistance gene, and GFP gene useful for FACS sorting of stable clones of infected mammalian cells.

### **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 glove, use filtered tips and work under a biosafety hood.

### **References**

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