

## Plasmids used in this work

Plasmid name	Relevant characteristic <sup>a</sup>	Drug resistance	Reference, source or short description/construction
pUC19	-	Ap	(1)
pACYC184	-	Cm, Tc	(2)
pBR322	-	Ap, Tc	(3)
pZS*24-MCS-1	-	Km	(4)
pNM481, pNM482	' <i>lacZ</i>	Ap	(5)
pEsp1396	<i>R M C</i>	-	Plasmid which occurs naturally in <i>Enterobacter</i> sp. RFL1396 and codes for <i>Esp1396I</i> RM system
pEsp1396IRM5.6	<i>R M C</i>	Ap	<i>Bgl</i> II-linearized pEsp1396 was ligated with the <i>Bam</i> HI-cleaved pUC19
pACNM481, pACNM482	' <i>lacZ</i>	Tc	The DNA fragment harboring ' <i>lacZ</i> gene was subcloned from high copy number plasmids pNM481 or pNM482 to low copy number vector pACYC184 to yield plasmids pACNM481 and pACNM482, respectively ( <i>Bsp</i> 119I- <i>Eco</i> RI DNA fragment of 3.55-kb either from pNM481 or from pNM482 replaced the <i>Bst</i> 1107I- <i>Eco</i> RI DNA fragment of pACYC184; <i>Bsp</i> 119I-generated cohesive DNA ends were blunted)
pBR-C	<i>C</i>	Ap	<i>Mun</i> I- <i>Sca</i> I DNA fragment of 0.54-kb from pEsp1396IRM5.6 was ligated with the <i>Eco</i> RI- <i>Eco</i> 32I DNA fragment of 4.17-kb from pBR322
pEspM::Lac <sup>b</sup>	<i>M</i> ::' <i>lacZ</i>	Tc	<i>Psu</i> I DNA fragment of 0.21-kb from pEsp1396IRM5.6 was ligated into <i>Bam</i> HI-cleaved pACNM481
pEspCR::Lac	<i>C R</i> ::' <i>lacZ</i>	Tc	<i>Mun</i> I- <i>Xho</i> I DNA fragment of 0.96-kb from pEsp1396IRM5.6 was ligated into <i>Eco</i> RI- <i>Sal</i> I cleaved pACNM482
pEspC::Lac	<i>C</i> ::' <i>lacZ</i>	Tc	<i>Mun</i> I- <i>Xba</i> I DNA fragment of 0.33-kb from pEsp1396IRM5.6 was ligated into <i>Eco</i> RI- <i>Sma</i> I cleaved pACNM481 (sticky DNA ends produced by <i>Xba</i> I were blunted)
pEsp <sup>+4</sup> CR::Lac	<i>R</i> ::' <i>lacZ</i>	Tc	Obtained after the digestion of pEspCR::Lac with <i>Xba</i> I (which possesses a unique target within the <i>esp1396IC</i> ) followed by filling-in and re-circularization. The <i>esp1396IC</i> gene in pEsp <sup>+4</sup> CR::Lac contains four extra nucleotides resulting in +1 frameshift mutation
pEsp <sup>+12</sup> CR::Lac	<i>R</i> ::' <i>lacZ</i>	Tc	Obtained after the insertion of octanucleotide GAGATCTC into <i>Xba</i> I-digested and blunted pEspCR::Lac. The <i>esp1396IC</i> gene in pEsp <sup>+12</sup> CR::Lac contains 12 extra nucleotides resulting in four additional amino acid residues within the regulatory protein
pZS-C <sup>c</sup>	<i>C</i>	Km	The gene for <i>C.Esp1396I</i> was amplified using primers 5'-CAG <u>GTA CCG</u> AAT AGA AAA TAT TAG TTA TGG AA-3' and 5'-GAC <u>GCG TTT</u> AGT CAT GCT TTA AAA TCT CC-3' ( <i>Kpn</i> I and <i>Mlu</i> I targets introduced into primer sequences are underlined), <i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase, plasmid pEsp1396IRM5.6 as template and following reaction conditions: initial denaturation, 95°C, 2 min; denaturation, 95°C, 1 min; annealing, 58°C, 1 min; extension, 72°C, 30 seconds; number of cycles, 30. PCR fragment of 0.2-kb was cleaved with <i>Kpn</i> I and <i>Mlu</i> I and inserted into pZS*24-MCS-1 pre-cleaved with <i>Kpn</i> I- <i>Mlu</i> I. The inserted sequence was verified by dideoxy sequencing (6).

<sup>a</sup> *R, M, C* - genes for *Esp1396I* Enase, Mtase and regulatory protein, respectively

<sup>b</sup> Introduction of pEspM::Lac into *E. coli* was carried out using the host cells which expressed the *Esp1396I* repressor gene located within the plasmid pBR-C

<sup>c</sup> Gene for regulatory protein is under the control of promoter P<sub>lac/ara-1</sub>

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