

***Pichia pastoris* platform strains and plasmids for recombinant protein production**

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Pichia pastoris has become one of the major eukaryotic hosts for recombinant protein production, mainly because of its strong and tightly regulated *AOX1* promoter [1], ease of manipulation, growth to high cell-densities in inexpensive media, and ability to perform complex post-translational modifications [2]. Basic expression systems for recombinant protein production in *Pichia pastoris* have been commercially available in the recent past. We have developed a new independent well characterized expression platform with improved vectors and production strains based on wild-type strains. This pool is made available to enable co-operation projects and further advancements of *Pichia pastoris* as an industrial expression system.

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