

# Construction of Overexpression Vector of ACBP Gene in *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*

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## Abstract

The *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* is a kind of fermentation yeast which yield flavoring substance in the production of soy sauce. In order to the overexpression of the target protein in wild type strains, we choose PYEs<sub>2.0</sub> as the original carrier, the acyl-coA binding protein (ACBP) and GFP gene have been cloned in the multiple cloning site. The screening of labeled URA3 gene was replaced by KanMX gene which anti G418. The vector was obtained through the screening of G418 at the concentration of 25 ug/ml.

## Keywords

*Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*, Overexpression Vector, Acyl-coA Binding Protein, PYEs<sub>2.0</sub>

## 1. Introduction

In general, *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* often used as a salt tolerant yeast which produced the aroma substances in the late stage of soy sauce [1]. acyl-coA binding protein(ACBP)is an important intermediate in the metabolism of esters. ACBP is unable to bind free fatty acids, but have high affinity for 8 or more carbon atoms of long chain acyl acyl-coA ester [2]. ACBP is combined with acyl coenzyme A ester to play a role in the metabolism of acyl-coA. It can mediate membrane transport of acyl-coA, translocate to mitochondria and microbodies, were involved in the beta oxidation or glycerol biosynthesis. It also can protect the long chain acyl-coA ester is not hydrolyzed by acyl coenzyme A [3] [4] [5].

In the present study, we put the screening marker URA3 gene which is expressed in the auxotrophic strains change for the kanMX gene. This kanMX module was made the known kan' open reading-frame of the *E. coli* transposon Tn903 fused to transcriptional and translational control sequences of the TEF gene of the filamentous fungus Ash-

bya gossypii. This hybrid module permits efficient selection of transformants resistant against geneticin (G418) [6]. Constructing of such an express vector can be transformed exogenous gene and using G418 to positive screening in wild type strains. In order to study the metabolic mechanism in Wild type strain of *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*, we structured the vector which overexpression of ACBP. At first, the *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* was screened by G418. After inoculation (the original concentration about  $5 \times 10^6$  concentration) 48 hours, we founded that *Z. rouxii* does not appear monoclonal colony at 25 ug/mL G418 selective medium. In view of the above, we replaced the URA gene of pYES<sub>2.0</sub> of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* expression vector with kanMX gene to obtain the G418 resistance. The ACBP and GFP genes were cloned into the multiple cloning sites of the vector, and then transforming and cloning of *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* were carried out. Thus, the overexpression vector of ACBP gene had been constructed.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Strains and Plasmids

*Escherichia coli* DH5 $\alpha$ , *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*, pEGFP-N1 our laboratory preservation, pPYES<sub>2.0</sub> was purchased from (You Bia; Youbaobiology), *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* purchased from CTCC, PFA6a-GFPS65T-kanMX6 purchased from (Hangzhou Bao Sai bio).

### 2.2. Main Reagent

Premix Taq™ (Ex Taq™ Version<sub>2.0</sub>, Hot Start for genomic confirmation PCR), DNA Marker, pMD™19-T Vector Cloning Kit, All required restriction enzymes were purchased from the TaKaRa (Dalian); Agarose gel DNA Recovery Kit, plasmid small mention kit were purchased from the Tiangen (Beijing); Agarose, ISalcohol are purchased from Sang Biotech (Shanghai). Genome Extraction Kit purchased from the Phygene life sciences.

### 2.3. Design and Synthesis of Primers

According to the nucleotide sequence of pFA6a-GFPS65T-kanMX6, the primers were designed to amplify the KanMX gene sequence, and the NheI and NdeI restriction sites were introduced. According to the NCBI query to the *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* ACBP sequence, design primers ACBP-F, ACBP-R and introduced into NotI and XhoI sites and then cloned the GFP in the back of ACBP, in which was introduced into XhoI and XbaI sites. Specific primer base sequence is as **Table 1**.

### 2.4. Prep

All of the primers were synthesized by the Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI).

### 2.5. ACBP Cloned

The amount of slant preservation were respectively *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* on YPD

**Table 1.** Primer sequences.

Primer name	Nucleotide sequence
KanMX-F	5'CCATATGGACATGGAGGCCAGAAT3'
KanMX-R	5'CTAGCTAGCCAGTATAGCGACCAGCA3'
ACBP-F	5'CCGCTCGAGATGGTATCACAATTAT3'
ACBP-R	5'GCTCTAGACTATTGAGAGTACTTCTGCTGT3'
GFP-F	5'CCGCTCGAGATGGTGAGCAAG3'
GFP-R	5'CTAGTCTAGACTACTTGTACAGCTCGTCCAT3'
pYES2-T7-F	5'TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG3'
pYES2-CYC1-R	5'GTGACATAACTAATTACATGATG3'
RV-M	5'GAGCGGATAACAATTTACACAGG3'
M13-47	5'CGCCAGGGTTTTCCAGTCACGAC3'

solid medium 30°C culture. And then selected single colony transfer to liquid YPD medium, 30°C, 180 rpm/min oscillation culture overnight. Take the right amount of bacteria liquid according to the yeast genome Extraction Kit specification for genome extraction.

ACBP PCR system: *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* genome as template 2 µL, ACBP-F, ACBP-R each 1 µL, Premix Taq (TaKaRa) 25 µL, added the deionized water up to 50 L.

Reaction conditions: Pre-denaturation at 95°C for 5 min; 95°C degeneration for 30 seconds, 53°C annealing for 30 seconds, 72°C Extension for 60 seconds, which were cycled for 30 times, and then 72°C extending again for 10 min, set up the final temperature at 12°C making the hot cover of PCR Amplifier down to room temperature.

## 2.6. GFP, KanMX Cloned

GFP PCR system: used the plasmid of pEGFP-N1 as template 1 µL, GFP-F, GFP-R each 1 µL, Premix Taq (TaKaRa) 25 µL, added the deionized water up to 50 µL. But the 60°C annealing for 30 seconds.

KanMX PCR system: used the plasmid of pFA6a-GFPS65T-kanMX6 as template 1 µL, KanMX-F, KanMX-R each 1 µL, Premix Taq (TaKaRa) 25 µL, added the deionized water up to 50 µL. But the 63°C annealing for 30 seconds.

## 3. Construction of Expression Vector

Sequencing to verified the amplified sequence and the restriction sites were introduced into the correct, and start construct vector.

### 3.1. The G418 Resistance Gene Cloned

The T vector with the kanMX gene and the PYES<sub>2,0</sub> plasmid had used the NdeI and NheI restriction endonuclease respectively.

Enzymatic syste (30 µL): plasmid < 1 ug, 10\*Buffer 3 L, restriction.

Endonuclease 1  $\mu\text{L}$ , up to dd  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  30  $\mu\text{L}$ . 37°C water bath 1 h, and then carry on agarose gel electrophoresis, Gel Extraction.

Ligation system (20  $\mu\text{L}$ ): To connect the recovered to a fragment containing the same restriction sites, In order to obtained the plasmid PYES-kanMX with G418 resistance screening marker. kanMX fragment: 12  $\mu\text{L}$ , carrier fragment: 5  $\mu\text{L}$ , T4DNA ligase 1  $\mu\text{L}$ , 10\*Buffer 2 ul. 16°C overnight ligation. The next transformation into competent DH5 $\alpha$  cells and then verify positive clone.

### 3.2. Cloning the Target Gene of ACBP

The T vector with the ACBP gene and the PYES-kanMX had used the NotI and XhoI endonuclease respectively and obtained the plasmid PYES-kanMX-ACBP.

The enzymatic system and ligation system had the same way with 3.1.

### 3.3. Cloning the GFP Gene

This gene connected to the back of the ACBP gene in the multiple cloning site of PYES<sub>2.0</sub> plasmid. Used the XhoI and XbaI endonuclease to restriction digested the T vector containing GFP fragment and the expression vector PYES-kanMX-ACBP respectively and obtained the plasmid PYES-kanMX-ACBP-GFP.

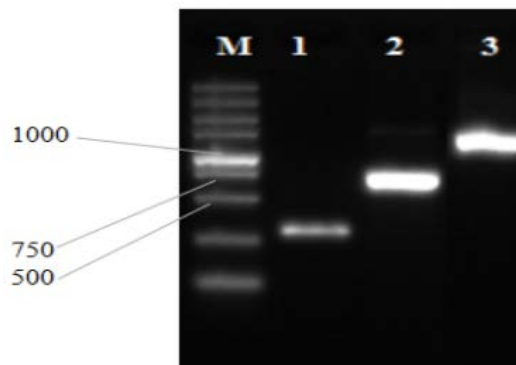
The enzymatic system and ligation system had the same way with 3.1.

## 4. Results

### 4.1. Cloning of Gene Fragment and DNA Sequencing Comparison

After recovery and purification, connected the carrier of pMD19-T respectively, and sent to The Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI) to sequencing verification.

According to the above 2.4 and 2.5 experimental method, Agarose gel electrophoresis results were in agreement with the expected results (**Figure 1**). Gel recovery and purification of amplified products, and then connection to the PMD-19T Cloning vector, Plasmid transfor-mated state feelings *E. coli*. Bacterial fluid PCR detection also obtained the expected size of the fragment, extraction plasmid to sequencing.



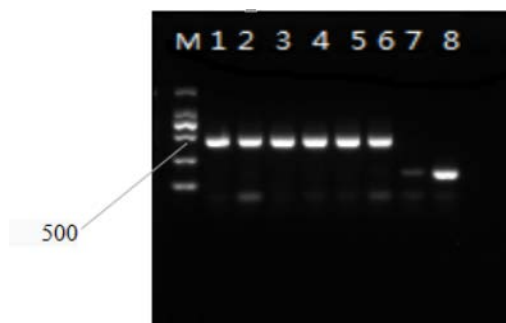
**Figure 1.** This figure show the amplified target fragment through PCR, Fromleft to right in the order: Marker5000, ACBP, GFP, KanMX.

The positive clone sequencing was consistent with the sequence Of Genbank, accession numbers: ACBP: NC\_012990.1; GFP: Protien.

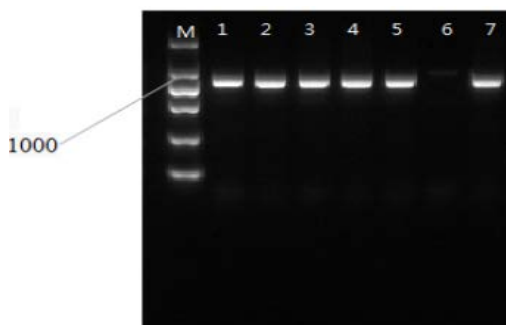
ID: AII16632.1; kanMX: The sequencing results were consistent with the sequence alignment of kanMX sequences in the pFA6a-GFPS65T-kanMX6 plasmid. Amplificated gene fragments and used T4DNA ligase cloning with the PMD-19T vector, and then transformed *E. coli* strain. **Figure 2** is the Positive clone detection with the gene of ACBP. **Figure 3** is the Positive clone detection with the gene of GFP. **Figure 4** is the Positive clone detection with the gene of KanMX.

## 4.2. Construction of Expression Vector

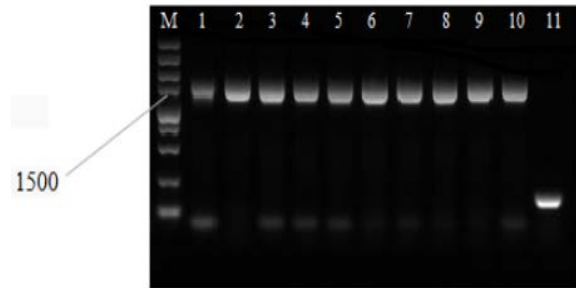
Making the PYES<sub>2.0</sub> expression vector and PMD-19T containing genes to enzyme digestion, which make it contains the same restriction enzyme site. And then let the gene fragment was connected with expression vector, recombination plasmid transformed state feelings *E. coli*. Bacterial fluid PCR to detected the positive clone (**Figures 5-7**). The enzymatic system and ligation system as described in 3.1, 3.2, 3.3. Picked two or more than positive clones expand the culture to plasmid extraction and enzyme digestion to further validation (**Figure 8**).



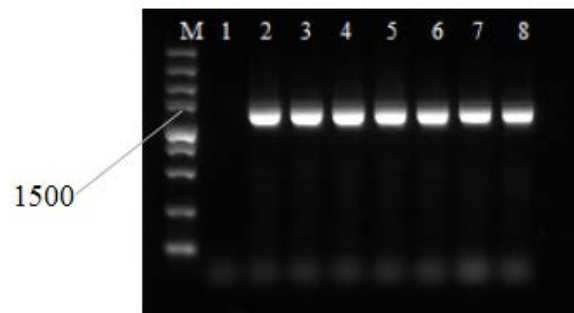
**Figure 2.** Amplification for ACBP gene in transformed *E. coli* strain; M.DL 2000 marker; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 was the PCR production of ACBP gene; 7, 8 was the corresponding colonies are false positive.



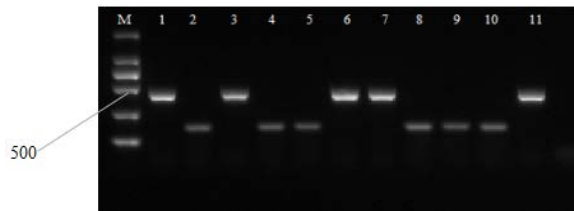
**Figure 3.** Amplification for GFP gene in transformed *E. coli* strain; M.DL2000 marker; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 was the PCR production of GFP gene; 6 was the corresponding colonies are false positive.



**Figure 4.** Amplification for KanMX gene in transformed *E. coli* strain; M.DL5000 marker; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 was the PCR production of KanMX gene; 11 was the corresponding colonies are false positive.



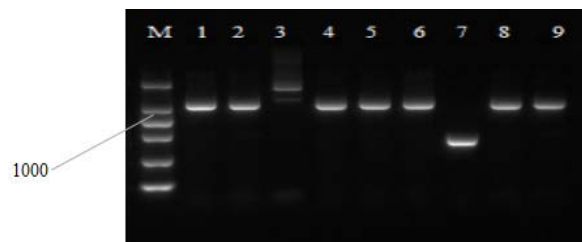
**Figure 5.** Connected the KanMX gene to PYES2.0 vector and then transformed in *E. coli* strain; M.DL5000 marker; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 was the KanMX gene has been linked to the vector; 1 was the corresponding colonies are false positive. Obtained the plasmid named PYES-KanMX.



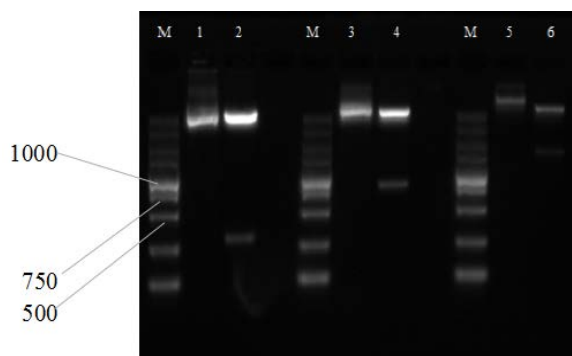
**Figure 6.** Connected the ACBP gene to PYES-KanMX vector and then transformed in *E. coli* strain; M.DL2000 marker; 1, 3, 6, 7, 11 was the ACBP gene has been linked to the vector; 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 was the corresponding colonies are false positive. Obtained the plasmid named PYES-KanMX-ACBP.

## 5. Discussion

ACBP is an 86 - 92 residue protein with a highly conserved sequence found in a wide range of species [7]. Bovine ACBP, rat l-ACBP, yeast ACBP, and ACBP from *Arabidopsis thaliana* bind saturated and unsaturated C14-C22-acyl-CoA esters with high specificity and affinity [2], Most of the aroma components in soy sauce are fatty acids



**Figure 7.** Connected the GFP gene to PYES-KanMX-ACBP vector and then transformed in *E. coli* strain; M.DL5000 marker 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 was the GFP gene has been linked to the vector; 3, 7 was the corresponding colonies are false positive. Obtained the plasmid named PYES-KanMX-ACBP-GFP.



**Figure 8.** This figure from left to right in order: M.DL5000 marker; 1 was the plasmid PYES-KanMX-ACBP and 2 was the Agarose gel electrophoresis after enzyme digestion; 3 was the plasmid PYES-KanMX-ACBP-GFP and 4 was the Agarose gel electrophoresis after enzyme digestion; 5 was the plasmid PYES-KanMX and 6 was the Agarose gel electrophoresis after enzyme digestion.

[8] [9]. It is obvious that have a great relationship between the both. It is necessary to study the ACBP of *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii* overexpression for the effect of the soy sauce aroma. The construction of overexpression vector with GFP gene, in order to we can real-time observation of the ACBP gene of *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*. In the next study, we can detect the change of the flavor of the soy sauce in the overexpression vector. This from the point of the molecular to study flavor of soy sauce, the source of the material, and the mechanism, which to improve the process of soy sauce has a great guiding role for us.

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