

# **Reconstruction of the diaminopimelic acid pathway to promote L-lysine production in *Corynebacterium glutamicum***

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## **The build processes of recombinant plasmids**

### **The plasmid pEC-XK99E-*ddh* construction**

The nucleotide sequences of the gene *ddh* from *C. glutamicum* XQ-5 with two restriction sites (i.e., *EcoRI* and *XbaI*) were amplified by PCR, and then ligated with plasmid pEC-XK99E. The resulted plasmid was designated as pEC-XK99E-*ddh*.

### **The plasmid pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *amtR* construction**

The homology arm sequences of the gene *amtR* from *C. glutamicum* XQ-5 with two restriction sites (i.e., *EcoRI* and *XbaI*) were amplified by fusion PCR, and then ligated with plasmid pK18*mobsacB*. The resulted plasmid was designated as pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *amtR*.

### **The plasmid pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *dapD* construction**

The homology arm sequences of the gene *dapD* from *C. glutamicum* XQ-5 with two restriction sites (i.e., *SmaI* and *HindIII*) were amplified by fusion PCR, and then ligated with plasmid pK18*mobsacB*. The resulted plasmid was designated as pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *dapD*.

### **The plasmid pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *ddh* construction**

The homology arm sequences of the gene *ddh* from *C. glutamicum* XQ-5 with two restriction sites (i.e., *EcoRI* and *XbaI*) were amplified by fusion PCR, and then ligated with plasmid pK18*mobsacB*.

The resulted plasmid was designated as pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *ddh*.

### **The plasmid pK18*mobsacB*-T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6 construction**

The T1 terminator and the left homologous arm of gene *dapD* were designed on the same primer, and then the gene *dapD* homologous arm sequences were amplified by fusion PCR, and then ligated

with plasmid pK18*mobsacB*. The resulted plasmid was designated as pK18*mobsacB*-T1. Construction of plasmid pK18*mobsacB*- T2, T3, T4, T5, T6 were similar to that of plasmid pK18*mobsacB*-T1.

### **The procedures of recombinant strain constructions**

Construction of XQ-5-2 ( $\Delta$ *amtR*), XQ-5-4 ( $\Delta$ *dapD*), XQ-5-5 ( $\Delta$ *ddh*) and XQ-5-6 ( $\Delta$ *amtR* $\Delta$ *dapD*)

The plasmid pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *amtR*, pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *ddh* and pK18*mobsacB*- $\Delta$ *dapD* were electroporated into *C. glutamicum* XQ-5, and then the positive transformants were screened with 25 $\mu$ g/mL concentration of kanamycin in LBH medium. The final positive transformants were obtained by eliminating the plasmids according to the sucrose lethal principle. The deletion of genes *amtR*, *ddh* and *dapD* were analyzed by PCR, and strain XQ-5-2, XQ-5-4 and XQ-5-5 were obtained. The strain XQ-5-6 was based on strain XQ-5-2 by deleting the gene *dapD* through the same steps.

Construction of XQ-5-1 (XQ-5/pEC-*ddh*), XQ-5-3 ( $\Delta$ *amtR*/pEC-*ddh*), XQ-5-7 ( $\Delta$ *dapD*/pEC-*ddh*) and XQ-5-8 ( $\Delta$ *amtR* $\Delta$ *dapD*/pEC-*ddh*)

The plasmid pEC-XK99E-*ddh* was transformed into XQ-5, XQ-5-2, XQ-5-4 and XQ-5-6, respectively, and then resulting in XQ-5-1, XQ-5-3, XQ-5-7 and XQ-5-8, respectively.

Construction of XQ-5-W1, XQ-5-W2, XQ-5-W3, XQ-5-W4, XQ-5-W5 and XQ-5-W6.

The plasmid pK18*mobsacB*-T1, pK18*mobsacB*-T2, pK18*mobsacB*-T3, pK18*mobsacB*-T4, pK18*mobsacB*-T5 and pK18*mobsacB*-T6 were electroporated into strain XQ-5-3 ( $\Delta$ *amtR*/pEC-*ddh*), and then the positive transformants were screened with 25 $\mu$ g/mL concentration of kanamycin in LBH medium. The final positive transformants were obtained by eliminating the plasmids according to the sucrose lethal principle. The strain XQ-5-W1, XQ-5-W2, XQ-5-W3, XQ-5-W4, XQ-5-W5 and XQ-5-W6 were obtained by PCR analysis.

**Table S1** The Sequence of Terminators

name	terminator sequence (5'-3')	strength
T1	CCAATTATTGAAGCGGCTAACGCCGCTTTTTTTGTTTCTGGT	67.43
T2	CCAATTATTGAACACCCTAACGGGTGTTTTTTTGTCTGGT	128.86
T3	GACGAACAATAAGGCCTCCCTAACGGGGGGCCTTTTTTATT	177.94
T4	CTCGGTACCAAATTCCAGAAAAGAGACGCTGAAAAGCGTC	239.91
T5	CTCGGTACCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGACACTGAAAAGCGT	309.20
T6	GGAAACACAGAAAAAAGCCCGCACCTGACAGTGCGGGCT	382.13

**Table S2** The oligonucleotides used in this study

primer	sequence (5'-3')	restriction sites
<i>amtR</i> -L-F	CCGGAATTCGAATCACTCGTGCTTCACCCC	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>amtR</i> -L-R	TTGGCCTATTGATCTCAAGAGATTGTAGCCAGTA	
<i>amtR</i> -R-F	AGATCAATAGGCCAACTCGCCACCGAAATCGT	
<i>amtR</i> -R-R	TGCTCTAGAGTGCAGCCTGGTGGATCCATT	<i>XbaI</i>
<i>dapD</i> -L-F	TCCCCCGGGGAACCGTGGATTCTTCGCT	<i>SmaI</i>
<i>dapD</i> -L-R	GAATAATTTCTATCGGCCTATCAGTTCAAGT	
<i>dapD</i> -R-F	TAGAAATTATTCCTTAGCCTGGATCCGATC	
<i>dapD</i> -R-R	CCCAAGCTTCTACCTCGCCTCCATCATGAT	<i>HindIII</i>
<i>ddh</i> -L-F	CCGGAATTCCTCACGGATGCTGTTGGGCA	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>ddh</i> -L-R	TTGTAATCCTCCAAAATTGTGGTGGCACTGTC	
<i>ddh</i> -R-F	TTTGGAGGATTACAATCGAGGGGCAAGGAAACA	
<i>ddh</i> -R-R	TGCTCTAGACGTCACAAACCCATCTTTAG	<i>XbaI</i>
pEC- <i>ddh</i> -F	CCGGAATTCGCTTCGCTTTCGGTCCCTGAT	<i>EcoRI</i>
pEC- <i>ddh</i> -R	CTAGTCTAGAGTCACGCCTGTCTGGTTTCCT	<i>XbaI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W1</sup> -L-F	CCGGAATTCGCTTTCCTCATCATTGGT	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W1</sup> -L-R	ACCAGAAACAAAAAAGCGGCGTTAGCCGCTTC AATAATTGGCCTATCAGTTCAAGTCGGAAGG	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W1</sup> -R-F	AGCGGCTAACGCCGCTTTTTTTTGTCTTCTGGTCCG ATAGAAATTATTCTGGACGTC	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W1</sup> -R-R	CCCAAGCCTGTCCGTTGGTGAAAGCGAT	<i>HindIII</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W2</sup> -L-F	CCGGAATTCGCTTTCCTCATCATTGGT	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W2</sup> -L-R	CCAGAAACAAAAAACACCCGTTAGGGTGTTCA ATAATTGGCCTATCAGTTCAAGTCGGAAGG	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W2</sup> -R-F	ACACCCTAACGGGTGTTTTTTTGTCTTCTGGTCCGA TAGAAATTATTCTGGACGTC	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W2</sup> -R-R	CCCAAGCCTGTCCGTTGGTGAAAGCGAT	<i>HindIII</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W3</sup> -L-F	CCGGAATTCGCTTTCCTCATCATTGGT	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W3</sup> -L-R	AATAAAAAAGGCCCCCCGTTAGGGAGGCCTTATTG TTCGTCCCTATCAGTTCAAGTCGGAAGG	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W3</sup> -R-F	AGGCCTCCCTAACGGGGGGCCTTTTTTATTCCGATA GAAATTATTCTGGACGTC	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W3</sup> -R-R	CCCAAGCCTGTCCGTTGGTGAAAGCGAT	<i>HindIII</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W4</sup> -L-F	CCGGAATTCGCTTTCCTCATCATTGGT	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W4</sup> -L-R	GACGCTTTTCAGCGTCTCTTTTCTGGAATTTGGTAC CGAGCCTATCAGTTCAAGTCGGAAGG	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W4</sup> -R-F	AATTCCAGAAAAGAGACGCTGAAAAGCGTCCCGA TAGAAATTATTCTGGACGTC	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W4</sup> -R-R	CCCAAGCCTGTCCGTTGGTGAAAGCGAT	<i>HindIII</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W5</sup> -L-F	CCGGAATTCGCTTTCCTCATCATTGGT	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W5</sup> -L-R	ACGCTTTTCAGTGCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTGGTACCG AGCCTATCAGTTCAAGTCGGAAGG	

**Refer to Table S2 (continued)**

primer	sequence (5'-3')	restriction sites
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W5</sup> -R-F	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGACACTGAAAAGCGTCCGA TAGAAATTATTCTGGACGTC	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W5</sup> -R-R	CCCAAGCCTGTCCGTTGGTGAAAGCGAT	<i>HindIII</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W6</sup> -L-F	CCGGAATTCCGCTTTCCTCATCATTGGT	<i>EcoRI</i>
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W6</sup> -L-R	GCCCGCACTGTCAGGTGCGGGCTTTTTTCTGTGTTT CCCCTATCAGTTCAAGTCGGAAG	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W6</sup> -R-F	GAAAAAAGCCCGCACCTGACAGTGCGGGCTCCGAT AGAAATTATTCTGGACGTC	
<i>dapD</i> <sup>W6</sup> -R-R	CCCAAGCCTGTCCGTTGGTGAAAGCGAT	<i>HindIII</i>

**Table S3** Primers used for RT-PCR in this work

primers	sequence (5'-3')
16SRNA-F:	ACCTGGAGAAGAAGCACCG
16SRNA-R	TCAAGTTATGCCCCGTATCG
<i>ddh</i> -F	CGTGCTGTTCTGTGCATG
<i>ddh</i> -R	AGAACATTCCTGGATCCCAGC
<i>dapD</i> -F	GCCTCCTCAACAATGTCGTG
<i>dapD</i> -R	CACGAAGCCCTCATGCATCA