



The “target” plasmid pBC/SacRB (Klinakis *et al.*, 2000, *Insect Mol. Biol.* 9, 269-275) was constructed by subcloning a 2.6 Kb *Bam*HI-*Pst*I fragment from plasmid pUCD800 (Gay *et al.*, 1985, *J Bacteriol* 164, 918-921) into the respective sites of pBC KS+ vector (Stratagene). The cassette contains the regulatory region (SacR) and the coding sequence (SacB) that compose the 2 Kb *SacRB* gene of *Bacillus subtilis*.

*unique sites are in bold