

Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

GENETIC ELEMENT (GENE)

BCH-GENE-SCBD-101942-3

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General information

Name of genetic element

5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate synthase

EN

Abbreviation

CS-epsps-ARTGO

EN

Category

Protein coding sequence

Is this genetic element a synthetic molecule?

No

Donor organism

Donor organism(s)

[BCH-ORGA-SCBD-101938-6](#) ORGANISM | ARTHROBACTER GLOBIFORMIS (ARTHROBACTER) |

Bacteria

Characteristics of the protein coding sequence

Name of the protein expressed by the coding sequence

5-enolpyruvylshikimate-3-phosphate-synthase

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Biological function of the protein

The enzyme participates in biosynthesis of the aromatic amino acids phenylalanine, tyrosine and tryptophan. The enzyme is a target for herbicides as these amino acids are only synthesized in plants and microorganisms. Glyphosate acts as a competitive inhibitor for phosphoenolpyruvate, as substrate of EPSPS, and is used as a broad-spectrum systemic herbicide.

EN

Related trait(s) or use(s) in biotechnology

Resistance to herbicides
Glyphosate

Additional Information

Other relevant website addresses and/or attached documents

? [5—Enolpyruvylshikimate 3—Phosphate Synthase: From Biochemistry to Genetic Engineering of Glyphosate Tolerance](#) (*English*)

? [US7834249 \(GRG23 EPSP synthase - compositions and methods of use\).pdf](#) (*English*)

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Further Information

Questions about the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or the operation of the Biosafety Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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