

## Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISM (LMO)


BCH-LMO-SCBD-116035-3

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### Living Modified Organism identity


The image below identifies the LMO through its unique identifier, trade name and a link to this page of the BCH. Click on it to download a larger image on your computer. For help on how to use it go to the LMO quick-links page.



Drought tolerant sugarcane

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<https://bch.cbd.int/database/record?documentID=116035>



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Name

Drought tolerant sugarcane

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Transformation event

NXI-4T

Developer(s)

- **ORGANIZATION:** PT PERKEBUNAN NUSANTARA XI | [BCH-CON-SCBD-116034-1](#)

#### ORGANIZATION

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Description

The sugarcane (*Saccharum officinarum*) was modified for abiotic (drought, salt) stress tolerance through the expression of *Rhizobium meliloti* choline dehydrogenase, which leads to increased glycine betaine biosynthesis. Glycine betaine maintains a cell's water potential by osmotic adjustment. The expression of choline dehydrogenase may also increase sugar content and promote early maturing.

The sugarcane also contains *Escherichia coli* neomycin phosphotransferase II and hygromycin B phosphotransferase for kanamycin and hygromycin resistance, respectively.

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## Recipient Organism or Parental Organisms

The term “Recipient organism” refers to an organism (either already modified or non-modified) that was subjected to genetic modification, whereas “Parental organisms” refers to those that were involved in cross breeding or cell fusion.

[BCH-ORGA-SCBD-115592-1](#) ORGANISM | SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM L. - SUGARCANE, SUGAR CANE |

Point of collection or acquisition of the recipient organism or parental organisms

Sugarcane cultivar BL579

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Related LMO(s)

[BCH-LMO-SCBD-116038-1](#) | Drought tolerant sugarcane | Changes in physiology and/or production - Yield, Growth rate, Ripening Resistance to antibiotics - Hygromycin, Kanamycin Selectable marker genes and reporter genes Tolerance to abiotic stress - Drought, Salinity

[BCH-LMO-SCBD-259084-1](#) | Drought-tolerant sugarcane | Changes in physiology and/or production (Ripening, Yield), Resistance to antibiotics (Hygromycin, Kanamycin, Neomycin), Selectable marker genes and reporter genes, Tolerance to abiotic stress (Drought, Salinity)

## Characteristics of the modification process

Vector

pMLH2113

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Techniques used for the modification

Agrobacterium-mediated DNA transfer

Genetic elements construct

P-nos-RHIRD  
0.000 kb

CS-nptII-ECOLX  
0.000 kb

T-nos-RHIRD  
0.000 kb

P-35S-CaMV  
0.000 kb

L-omega-TMV  
0.000 kb

TP-gdh1-SOLLC  
0.000 kb

CS-betA-RHIML  
0.000 kb

T-nos-RHIRD  
0.000 kb

P-35S-CaMV  
0.000 kb

CS-hpt-ECOLX  
0.000 kb

T-35S-CaMV  
0.000 kb

Introduced or modified genetic element(s)

Some of these genetic elements may be present as fragments or truncated forms. Please see notes below, where applicable.

[BCH-GENE-SCBD-100287-7](#) CAMV 35S PROMOTER |

Promoter

[BCH-GENE-SCBD-116036-1](#) GLUTAMATE DEHYDROGENASE MITOCHONDRIAL TRANSIT PEPTIDE - SOLANUM LYCOPERSICUM - TOMATO, SOLLC |

[BCH-GENE-SCBD-116039-1](#) CHOLINE DEHYDROGENASE - SINORHIZOBIUM MELILOTI - RHIML |  
Changes in physiology and/or production - Yield, Ripening Tolerance to abiotic stress - Drought, Salinity

[BCH-GENE-SCBD-100269-8](#) NOPALINE SYNTHASE GENE TERMINATOR |

Terminator

<b>BCH-GENE-SCBD-14991-8</b>	<b>HYGROMYCIN B PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE GENE   (BACTERIA)</b>
Protein coding sequence   Resistance to antibiotics (Hygromycin),Selectable marker genes and reporter genes	
<b>BCH-GENE-SCBD-100290-6</b>	<b>CAMV 35S TERMINATOR</b>
Terminator	
<b>BCH-GENE-SCBD-100270-6</b>	<b>NOPALINE SYNTHASE GENE PROMOTER</b>
Promoter	
<b>BCH-GENE-SCBD-15001-5</b>	<b>NEOMYCIN PHOSPHOTRANSFERASE II   (BACTERIA)</b>
Protein coding sequence   Resistance to antibiotics (Kanamycin)	
<b>BCH-GENE-SCBD-104820-3</b>	<b>OMEGA 5' UNTRANSLATED LEADER   (TMV)</b>
Leader	

Notes regarding the genetic elements present in this LMO

The modified sugarcane contains three gene cassettes: *Rhizobium meliloti* choline dehydrogenase (*betA*); *Escherichia coli* neomycin phosphotransferase (*nptII*) and *E. coli* hygromycin B phosphotransferase (*hph*).

The *betA* sequence is under control of a *Cauiflower mosaic virus* (CaMV) 35S promoter and *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* nopaline synthase (*nos*) terminator. At the 5' end of the *betA* coding sequence is a *Tobacco mosaic virus* omega 5' leader to enhance translation and a *Solanum lycopersicum* glutamate dehydrogenase mitochondrial transit peptide, which directs the translated protein to the mitochondria.

The *hph* coding sequence is under transcriptional control of a CaMV 35S promoter and terminator.

The *nptII* coding sequence is under transcriptional control of a *nos* promoter and terminator.

#### Important notes:

- The CaMV promoter associated with the *betA* coding sequence may have two tandem repeats of -419 to -90.

## LMO characteristics

Modified traits

Resistance to antibiotics
Hygromycin
Kanamycin
Tolerance to abiotic stress
Drought
Salinity
Changes in physiology and/or production
Ripening
Yield
Selectable marker genes and reporter genes

Common use(s) of the LMO

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Biofuel  
Food

## Additional Information

### Additional Information

The events NXI-1T and NXT-6T were developed while producing NXT-4T.

### Other relevant website addresses and/or attached documents

- ? [EUGenius - NXI-4T sugarcane](#) ( *English* )
- ? [ISAAA - NXI-4T sugarcane](#) ( *English* )
- ? [Biotechnology\\_of\\_Drought-Tolerant\\_Sugarcane.pdf](#) ( *English* )
- ? [Beating the heat \(Nature Biotechnology\).pdf](#) ( *English* )
- ? [Application No AU 200059458 B2 - Early-maturing sugarcane with high sugar content.pdf](#) ( *English* )
- ? [Efficient Promoter Cassettes for Enhanced Expression of Foreign Genes in Monocot and Dicot plants.pdf](#) ( *English* )
- ? [Sugarcane Water Stress Tolerance Mechanisms and Its Implications on Developing Biotechnology Solutions.pdf](#) ( *English* )
- ? [Powerpoint July 2019 - Jember University - Biosafety Certification.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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