

The akuB(KU80) mutant deficient for nonhomologous end joining is a powerful tool for analyzing pathogenicity in *Aspergillus fumigatus*.

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Abstract

To increase the frequency of homologous recombination, we inactivated the KU80 homologue in *Aspergillus fumigatus* (named akuB(KU80)). Homologous integration reached about 80% for both calcineurin A (calA) and polyketide synthase pksP (alb1) genes in the akuB(KU80) mutant to 3 and 5%, respectively, when using a wild-type *A. fumigatus* strain. Deletion of akuB(KU80) had no influence on pathogenicity in a low-dose murine infection model.

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