



**pKNOCK-*bla*-*ermG*a/b suicide vectors (Structure 16: 1-11).** Base suicide vectors contain *ermG* for selection on erythromycin in *Bacteroides* spp. and *bla* for selection on ampicillin in *E. coli*. Vectors are derivatives of pKNOCK-cm (*Biotechniques* **26**(5): 824-828). The complete nucleotide sequence has been deduced. The pBR325 *cat* gene was removed from pKNOCK-cm by *Mlu*I digestion and replaced with a PCR-amplified, *bla*-*ermG*-containing fragment from pGERM (*Methods* **20**: 35-46). The added *bla*-*ermG* fragment, with *Mlu*I ends, was inserted into the pKNOCK-cm *Mlu*I sites in both possible orientations (“a” and “b” designation). Select restriction sites are shown along with the multiple cloning site (MCS), R6K replication origin (oriR6K) and the RP4 transfer origin (RP4 oriT). In general, the “b” version was used for downstream constructions.