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Abstract

This protocol details how to clone DNA plasmids by Gibson assembly (New England Biolabs, E2621), an exonuclease-based method to easily assemble DNA in the correct order.

Materials

-  Wizard SV Gel and PCR Clean-Up System **Promega Catalog #A9281**
-  NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix **New England Biolabs Catalog #E2621**



Purification of DNA Fragments

- 1 Prepare the DNA fragments by digestion with restriction enzyme or PCR amplification.

Note

- DNA fragments can be also synthesized by companies like Twist Bioscience.
- Ensure that the DNA fragments have overlapping ends of 15-20 base pairs.

- 2 Purify the DNA fragments by agarose gel electrophoresis, followed by excision of the corresponding band and extracting the DNA from the gel piece using a clean-up system like the Wizard SV Gel and PCR Clean-Up System.
- 3 Determine the DNA concentrations with a Nanodrop spectrophotometer.

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1h

- 4 For a reaction with 2-3 fragments, prepare the following mixture  On ice , Molar ratio   
vector:insert = 1:2

-  50 ng of vector (or bigger DNA fragment) + double in pmol of insert(s) +
 10 μ L NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix + to  20 μ L deionized H₂O.

Note

- $\text{pmols} = (\text{weight in ng}) \times 1,000 / (\text{base pairs} \times 650 \text{ Daltons})$
- For other number of fragments and other detailed information please refer to, <https://www.neb.com/en/protocols/2014/11/26/nebuilder-hifi-dna-assembly-reaction-protocol>
- Other total reaction volume can be set as far as the Master Mix (2x) is diluted to a final concentration of 1x.

- 5 Incubate at  50 °C for  01:00:00 .

1h





6 Place the reaction  On ice .



7 Transform  50 μL of competent bacteria with  2 μL of the Gibson assembly reaction.



Note

Use of NEB Stable Competent E. coli (High Efficiency) increases the efficiency of the cloning.