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Golden Gate Assembly (Protocol for NEB® Golden Gate Assembly Mix)

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We use this protocol and it's working

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ABSTRACT

Golden Gate Assembly and its derivative methods exploit the ability of Type IIS restriction endonucleases (REases) to cleave DNA outside of the recognition sequence. The inserts and cloning vectors are designed to place the Type IIS recognition site distal to the cleavage site, such that the Type IIS REase can remove the recognition sequence from the assembly.

GUIDELINES

For complex (>10 fragment) assemblies, high efficiencies are achievable with increased ligase and Bsal-HFv2 levels (1000 units T4 DNA Ligase, 30 units Bsal-HFv2), as listed in this protocol. For assemblies involving 10 fragments and less, the standard amounts (500 units T4 DNA Ligase, 15 units Bsal-HFv2) are sufficient. Note the reaction volume of 25 µl is used to allow sufficient volume for precloned insert additions, if needed.

MATERIALS

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NEB 10-beta Competent E.coli (High Efficiency) - 6x0.2 ml New England Biolabs Catalog #C3019I

NEB Golden Gate Assembly Mix - 15 rxns New England Biolabs Catalog #E1600S

T4 DNA Ligase New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202

NEB 10-beta/Stable Outgrowth Medium - 4x25 ml New England Biolabs Catalog #B9035S

BsaI-HFv2 New England Biolabs Catalog # R3733L

pGGA Destination Plasmid*

LB Agar plates with chloramphenicol

* Included in the NEB Golden Gate Assembly Mix ([NEB #E1600](#))

SAFETY WARNINGS

Wear laboratory coat, gloves and goggles. Always check the safety warnings indicated by the Mix supplier.

Assembly Reactions

1 Set up 25 µl assembly reactions as follows:

	Assembly Reaction	Negative Control (If desired)
pGGA Destination Plasmid*, 75 ng/µl	1 µl (75 ng)	1 µl (75 ng)

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T4 DNA Ligas e Buffer (10X)	2.5 μl	2.5 μl
T4 DNA Ligas e, 2000 U/μl	0.5 μl (1000 units)	0.5 μl (1000 units)
Bsal- HFv2, 20 U/μl	1.5 μl (30 units)	1.5 μl (30 units)
Nucle ase- free H2O	1.5 μl	19.5 μl

*or user provided

- 2 Mix gently by pipetting up and down 4 times.
- 3 Briefly microcentrifuge (1 second) to bring material to the bottom of tube.
- 4 Transfer to thermocycler and program as follows: (5 min 37°C → 5 min 16°C) x 30 cycles followed by 5 minutes 60°C. If reactions are done overnight, add a 4°C terminal hold to the protocol, but repeat the final 5 minutes 60°C step the next day before the transformations.

Transformation

- 5 For each assembly, thaw a 50 μ L tube of NEB 10-beta competent *E. coli* cells on ice for 5–10 minutes.
- 6 Add 2 μ L of the assembly reaction; gently mix by flicking the tube 4-5 times.
- 7 Incubate on ice for 30 minutes.
- 8 Heat shock at 42°C for 30 seconds.
- 9 Place back on ice for 5 minutes.
- 10 Add 950 μ L of room temperature NEB 10-beta/Stable Outgrowth Medium. Incubate at 37°C for 60 minutes, shaking vigorously (250 rpm) or using a rotation device.

Plating

- 11 Warm LB agar plates containing chloramphenicol (for pGGA) at 37°C for 15 minutes.
- 12 Mix the cells thoroughly by flicking the tube and inverting, then spread 100 μ L outgrowth onto each plate.

13 Incubate the plates overnight at 37°C, or 24 hours at 30°C, or 48 hours at 25°C.