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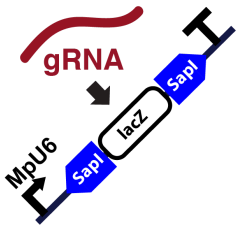

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Abstract

This protocol explains how to design and clone the guide RNA target sequence into a L2 plasmid ready to accept the gRNA by cloning with SapI (L2 plasmid also contains a cassette to express Cas9)

Summary of design of gRNA and cloning into L2 with SapI

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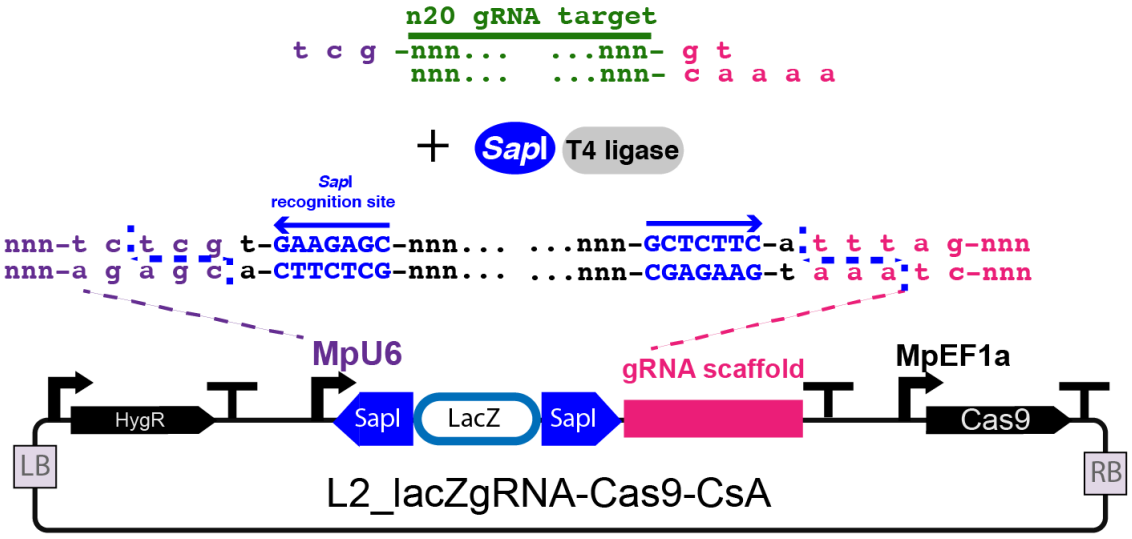

Design of oligos for gRNA SapI mediated cloning into L2_lacZgRNA-Cas9-CsA vector. The L2_lacZgRNA-Cas9-CsA SapI digested vector has AGC and TTT overhangs. Therefore, oligos for gRNA should be designed such that the forward strand has a 5' overhang of TCG and the reverse strand has a 5' overhang of gt-AAA (addition of “gt” nucleotides is necessary to reconstitute the full sequence of the gRNA scaffold in pink).Blue arrows: SapI recognition site. Blue dashed lines: SapI cleavage site. LacZ: lacZα cassette for blue-white screening of colonies.

Protocol for design of gRNA and cloning into L2 with SapI

2 **gRNA oligo design**

Order two oligos that contain the forward and reverse guide sequence plus the overhangs necessary for ligation (highlighted with bold) into L2_lacZgRNA-Cas9-CsA:

oligo F: 5′- **TCG**-NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN-**gt** 3′
oligo R: 5′-**AAAac**-NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN-3′

Note: Standard de-salted oligos are ok

3 **Oligo annealing**

Mix oligos with water as follow:

oligo F (100µM) 1µl

oligo R (100µM) 1µl
water 8µl
Total volume 10µl

Anneal in a thermocycler using the following parameters: 37^{O}C for 30 min, 95^{O}C for 5 min and then ramp down to 25^{O}C at 5^{O}C per min. After annealing the gRNA can be directly cloned into L2_lacZgRNACas9-CsA plasmid without the need of any further processing (step 4).

4 **Cloning into backbone vector**

In a 0.2 mL tube set up the following reaction:

	Component	Volume (µL)
	Sterile water	5
	10x Tango buffer (Thermo Fisher)	1
	1 mg/mL bovine serum albumin (NEB)	0.5
	T4 DNA ligase (5 U/µL) (Thermo Fisher)	0.25
	10mM ATP (SIGMA)	1
	SapI (LguI) (5 U/µL) (Thermo Fisher)	0.25
	L2_lacZgRNACas9-Csa (25-50 ng)	1
	annealed oligo	1
	Final volume	10

- Place samples on the thermocycler and incubated using the following program:

Assembly: 15 cycles: 3 minutes at 37^{O}C and 4 minutes at 16^{O}C

Termination: 5 minutes at 50^{o}C and 10 minutes at 80^{o}C

- Transform chemically competent using 1 µL of reaction and plate on LB agar plates with 100 µg/mL spec and X-gal 40. Incubate at 37 oC for 16 h.

- Confirm with sequencing