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Abstract

Protocol for cloning GEM-SCOPE plasmids via Gibson reaction



Design Cloning Reaction

- 1 Acquire sequences for the plasmid backbone and inserts
- 2 Upload into NEBuilder Assembly Tool (nebuilder.neb.com) and follow the steps to get primers with 5' and 3' ends compatible for Gibson assembly
- 3 Order primers and necessary templates

Linearize Plasmid

- 4 Mix 5ug of backbone plasmid (pFUW; Addgene #14882) with 2 uL NheI-HF (NEB R3131), 2 uL BamHI-HF (NEB R3136), 5 uL 10x CutSmart Buffer.
- 5 Add nuclease free water to a final volume of 50uL
- 6 Incubate at 37°C for at least 1 hour
- 7 Heat inactivate at 65°C for 20 minutes
- 8 Run the whole sample on a 1% agarose gel
- 9 Purify the desired gel fragment with a gel purification kit of choice

20m



PCR Amplification of Inserts

- 10 Combine 1 uL 10uM Forward Primer, 1 uL 10uM Reverse Primer, and 10 uL Q5 High-Fidelity 2X Master Mix (NEB M0493)
- 11 Add 20ng of template DNA



- 12 Add nuclease free water to a final volume of 20 uL
- 13 Repeat steps 7-9 for each insert
- 14 Run the PCR in a thermocycler. The following is for inserts of about 1000bp. Adjust annealing temperature and elongation time accordingly.
 1. 98°C for 30s
 2. Repeat the following 12x
 - 98°C for 10s
 - 72°C for 20s
 - 72°C for 30s
 3. Repeat the following 28x
 - 98°C for 15s
 - 60°C for 15s
 - 72°C for 30s
 4. 72° for 2m
 5. Hold at 4°C
- 15 Run the PCR reactions on a 2% agarose gel to verify band size. Purify the gel fragments with a gel purification kit.



Gibson Assembly

1h

- 16 Add nuclease free water to a final volume of 10 uL
- 17 Combine 5uL HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix (NEB E2621), 50 ng of linearized backbone with 3-fold molar excess of each insert ([NEBioCalculator](#))
- 18 Prepare a negative control with 5uL HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix, 50 ng of linearized backbone, and nuclease free water to a final volume of 10 uL.
- 19 Incubate at 50°C for 1h

1h

Purify Plasmid

30m



- 20 Thaw a tube of 10-beta Competent *E. coli* (NEB C3019) on ice for 10 minutes. Transfer 10uL into a fresh tube on ice.
- 21 Add 2uL of Gibson reaction to the bacteria and flick to mix
- 22 Keep the mixture on ice for 30m
- 23 Heat shock at 42°C for 30s
- 24 Place on ice for 5m
- 25 Add 250uL of room temperature NEB 10-beta/Stable Outgrowth Medium
- 26 Place at 37°C for 60 minutes with vigorous shaking
- 27 Meanwhile, warm up LB Agar plates with 100ug/mL ampicillin to 37°C
- 28 Spread 150uL of bacterial mixture onto plates
- 29 Incubate overnight at 37°C
- 30 Pick 1-3 colonies for mini prep isolation

30m

30s

5m

1h