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We use this protocol and it's working

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Abstract

Summary:

Standard PCR conditions for genotyping of mutant mouse DNA extracted from somatic (e.g., tail) tissue.

Materials

MATERIALS

- Molecular grade H20 Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #W4502
- Betaine 5M Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #B0300
- MSO 99.9% Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #D8418
- X ATAQ DNA Polymerase kit Life Technologies Catalog #N8080172
- 2 100 MM DNTP set Life Technologies Catalog #10297018
- Associated Oligos (20uM) Life Technologies
- DNeasy® Tissue Kit Qiagen Catalog #69506
- Agarose Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #A9414
- X 1kb DNA ladder Life Technologies Catalog #10787-018
- SYBR SAFE DNA stain Invitrogen Thermo Fisher Catalog #S33102
- 2 100% EtOH Gold Shield Distributors Catalog #DSP-CA-151

Reagent Preparation:

Reagent 1: loading dye (15ml glycerol; 35ml H₂0, 125mM each Bromophenol Blue/Xylene Cyanol).

Note:

Sigma-Aldrich, RRID:SCR_008988 Life Technologies, RRID:SCR_008817 QIAGEN, RRID:SCR_008539

Safety warnings



Warning: use appropriate PPE at all times including lab coat, gloves, and eye protection.



1 I. DNA Extraction using DNEasy kit.

Procedure

- 1. Make a cocktail of ATL with 180uL buffer ATL and 20uL Proteinase K. Add 200uL to each tube. Be sure tail snip is submerged.
- 2. Incubate at 55°C for 6-12 hours in heat block or water bath.
- 3. Remove tubes from heat source and vortex.
- 4. Add 400 ul of AL/Ethanol mixture to each tube. Vortex.
- 5. Pour liquid into an appropriately labeled Qiagen spin column. Centrifuge at 8,000 rpm for 1 minute. NoteAL/Ethanol mixture is 1 part AL buffer to an equal part of Ethanol. Usually made 50 ml at a time, with 25 ml of AL and 25 ml of 200 proof (100%) Ethanol.
- 6. Transfer spin column to a new collection tube and add 500 ul of AW1. Be sure ethanol (200 proof) has been added to AW1 buffer; if you add ethanol to AW buffer, be sure to mark the bottle. Spin at 8,000 rpm for 1 minute.
- 7. Transfer spin column to new collection tube. Add 500 ul of AW2. Again, be sure 200 proof ethanol has been added. Spin at max speed (14,000 rpm) for 3 minutes.
- 8. Carefully remove tubes from centrifuge. Transfer to a 1.5 ml microtube. Check each spin column for Ethanol before placing in the microtube! If ethanol is still on the spin column, pour off the fluid from the collection tube and spin again for 1 minute at 14,000 rpm. *Residual ethanol may inhibit PCR!*
- 9. Add 200 ul of Buffer AE (elution buffer) to spin columns in microcentrifuge tubes. Incubate at room temp for 2 minutes. Spin at 8,000 rpm for 1 minute.
- 10. Once you have eluted twice (for a total of 200 ul in each tube), label each tube with the sample info that was put on the spin column. Be sure to date the first, last, and approximately every fifth tube for each batch of tails. Store in a cardboard box in the 4oC refrigerator for short term and -20oC for long term.

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2 II. PCR

1. Prepare the following master mix on ice:



Components	Volume per rxn
Molecular grade H20	14.38 ul
10 X PCR buffer II	2.0 ul
25mM MgCl	1.36 ul
dNTP (10mM each)	0.4ul
Oligo's (20mM each)	0.5 ul
Amplitaq® (5U/uL)	0.16 ul
total master mix	18.8 ul

- 2. Briefly vortex master mix and transfer 18.8 uL of to each 200ul thin walled reaction tube on ice.
- 3. Briefly vortex DNA and input 1.2 uL of ~100 ng DNA into reaction tube.
- 4. PCR with the following thermal conditions

Temp	Duration	Repetitions
94 °C	5 min	1x
94 °C	15 sec	
65 °C	30 sec	10X (decrease 1C/cycle)
72 °C	40 sec	
94 °C	15 sec	
55 °C	30 sec	30X
72 °C	40 sec	
72 °C	5 min	1x
15 °C	forever	

3 III. Data Analysis.

- 1. Prepare a 1.2% TBE Agarose gel (~1min per 100ml) with 10ul SyberSafe per 100ml agarose.
- 2. Line pipette tips with Loading Dye and mix with finished PCR reaction.
- 3. Inject 75% reaction volume into well (15 ul).
- 4. Run gel at 120 volts for 1.5 hours in TBE. TBE just covering the gel.



- 5. Image under UV and adjust and store image for record.
- 6. Controls: non-template control, isogenic wild type, 1kb plus ladder. (positive control if available).

Warning* where UV protection during imaging.