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## Abstract

The ligation of dumbbell (hairpin) oligos to linear dsDNA produces pseudo-circular DNA. Including deoxyUridine in the PCR primer sequences causes Q5 and other high-fidelity polymerases to arrest elongation. This results in overhangs that were successfully ligated to a complementary hairpin structure. The deoxyUridine reduced the PCR product by approximately two-thirds, but this was ameliorated by increasing the Q5 DNA polymerase concentration three-fold.

## Attachments



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## Materials

**Rv0678 amplification primers** (you can use any primer set here, and multiplex them, these are not yet optimized, the random sequence is for blunt-end cloning to detect *chimeras*)

	A	B
	Forward primer	/5Phos/GUCTATTTTCTGTTGGT GCTGATATTGC
	Reverse primer	/5Phos/GUCTATACTTGCCTGTC GCTCTATCTTC

	A	B
	uDu mBel I	/5Phos/ATAGACCGAGACAGTAGAAGACCATGAACAAGCAGCACACGATAAACTAGACACCCT ACTGTCTCG

Preferably PAGE purified

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☒ Q5 Hot Start High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase - 500 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0493L**

☒ Agencourt AMPure XP **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63880**

☒ T4 DNA Ligase - 20,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202S**

### Optinal

☒ Exonuclease I (E.coli) - 15,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0293L**

☒ Exonuclease VIII truncated **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0545S**

## Troubleshooting

## Amplicon PCR

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A	B
Component	Volume (ul)
5X Reaction Buffer	10
5X Q5 High GC Enhancer	10
10 mM dNTPs	1
Forward primer	2.5
Reverse primer	2.5
DNA (5ng)	2
Q5 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase	1.5
Nuclease-Free Water	20.5

PCR using primer set

A	B	C	D
Step	Temp (C)	Time (s)	Cycles
Denaturation	98	30	1
Denaturation	98	10	34
Annealing	62	10	
Extension	72	20	
Extension	72	2	1

Cycle parameters

## Adapter ligation



- 2 Prepare the dumbbell (hairpin) by incubating at 80 °C followed by cooling to room temperature over 00:30:00 (this only needs to be done once)

30m

3

A	B
Component	Volume (ul)
T4 DNA Ligase Buffer (10X)	2
PCR product (upto 1ug), as low as 50ng, probably much lower possible)	10
dumbell adapter	3
Ligase (add last, don't vortex)	1
H2O	4

Incubate as below, with the lid temperature set to 40 °C

A	B
Temp	Minutes
22	30
15	120
4	120
65	5

- 4 Incubate at Room temperature for 00:05:00

8m

Place on amagnetic rack

Aspirate supernatant

Add 200 µL 70 % (v/v) ethanol

Wait for 00:00:30

Aspirate and discard the supernatant

Add 200 µL 70 % (v/v) ethanol

Wait for 00:00:30

Aspirate and discard the supernatant

Resuspend beads in 20 µL of H2O



Incubate for 00:02:00

Transfer to a clean PCR tube

## Exonuclease treatment – optional

1h

5

1h

A	B
Component	Volume (ul)
NEBuffer 4 (10x)	1
Exonuclease VIII (truncated)	1
DNA	18

Incubate at 37 °C for 00:30:00

Stop reaction by adding EDTA to at least 11 mM.

Heat Inactivation 70 °C C for 00:30:00