

Gibson Assembly

- Modified from Gibson et al. (2009)
- This assembly method is an isothermal, single-reaction method for assembling multiple overlapping DNA molecules. By coordinating the activity of a 5'-exonuclease, a DNA polymerase and a DNA ligase two adjacent DNA fragments with complementary terminal sequence overlaps can be joined into a covalently sealed molecule, without the use of any restriction endonuclease.
- Preparation of DNA molecules for *in vitro* recombination.
- Generate the complementary sequence overlaps by PCR using the Phusion DNA polymerase. If necessary, add 5 M Betaine to the reaction mix by reducing the amount of H₂O to decrease the number of false PCR products.
- Identify the PCR products of interest by gel electrophoresis with known DNA standards.
- Extract the PCR products from the gel by cutting out the DNA fragments and clean them up by using a commercial gel clean-up kit.
- *in vitro* recombination:

Assembly mixture:

- 1) 320 μ L 5x isothermal reaction buffer
- 2) 0.64 μ L of 10 U mL⁻¹ T5 exonuclease (for DNA molecules overlapping by greater than 150 bp add 3.2 μ L of 10 U mL⁻¹ T5 exonuclease)
- 3) 20 μ L of 2 U mL⁻¹ Phusion DNA polymerase
- 4) 160 μ L of 40 U mL⁻¹ taq DNA ligase and add ddH₂O water up to a final volume of 1.2 mL

- Aliquot 15 μ L of the reagent-enzyme mix and store it at -20 °C.
- Thaw 15 μ L assembly mixture aliquot and keep it on ice prior to use.
- Add 5 μ L of the purified DNA molecules in equimolar amounts (between 10 and 100 ng of each DNA fragment).
- Incubate the resulting mixture at 50 °C for 15 to 60 min, with 60 min being optimal.
- Transformation (via heat shock or via electroporation) without cleaning up the assembly product.

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