

LSCI 3000 Synthetic Biology Workshop

Lab Log 4

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1. Experiment 1 (*Prerequisite: Lab 3 Experiment 2 + Lab 3 Experiment 4*)

1.1. Objective

- To generate compatible sticky ends in the DNA samples (pRSFDuet-1 + GFP encoding gene) by double restriction digestion and purify them.

1.2. Precautions

- Wear gloves.
- Dispose of the pipette tips after each transfer.

1.3. Materials

1.3.1. Restriction digestion

- 32µL of extracted pRSFDuet-1
- 32µL of purified GFP encoding gene
- 8µL of Anza red buffer (10×)
- 4µL of EcoRI enzyme
- 4µL of PstI enzyme

1.3.2. iNtRON MEGAquick-spin plus total fragment DNA purification kit

- 400µL of BNL buffer
- 1500µL of washing buffer

1.3.3. Miscellaneous

- 60µL of ddH₂O
- Ice

1.4. Equipment

1.4.1. Machineries

- Centrifuge
- 37°C incubator
- -20°C refrigerator

1.4.2. Apparatus

- Pipettes (P10/P20/P200/P1000) and appropriate pipette tips

1.4.3. Containers

- 6 centrifuge tubes
- 2 spin columns (from the iNtRON kit)
- 2 collection tubes (from the iNtRON kit)
- Ice box

1.4.4. Miscellaneous

- Marker pen

1.5. Preparations

- Add ethanol to the washing buffer as per the instructions on the bottle.
- Pre-chill the DNA samples in ice.
- Pre-chill the enzymes in ice.
- Pre-chill the Anza red buffer in ice.
- Label all centrifuge tubes and columns appropriately.

- Mount the columns into the collection tubes as necessary before use.

1.6. Procedures

1. Pipette 16 μ L of pRSFDuet-1 into two separate centrifuge tubes.
2. Pipette 16 μ L of GFP DNA into two separate centrifuge tubes.
3. Pipette 2 μ L of Anza red buffer to each sample.
4. Pipette 1 μ L of EcoRI enzyme to each sample.
5. Pipette 1 μ L of PstI enzyme to each sample.
6. Centrifuge the samples at 1000rpm for 15 seconds to mix.
7. Incubate the samples at 37°C for 1 hour.
8. Transfer one pRSFDuet-1 sample to the other with a pipette to combine both samples.
9. Transfer one GFP DNA sample to the other with a pipette to combine both samples.
10. Pipette 200 μ L of BNL buffer to each sample.
11. Gently mix the samples by inverting the tubes 10 times.
12. Transfer the sample mixtures to separate columns with a pipette.
13. Centrifuge the samples at 11000 $\times g$ for 30 seconds.
14. Discard the filtrate fluids in the collection tubes and remount the columns into the same collection tubes.
15. Pipette 750 μ L of washing buffer to each column.
16. Centrifuge the samples at 11000 $\times g$ for 30 seconds.
17. Discard the filtrate fluids in the collection tubes and remount the columns into the same collection tubes.
18. Centrifuge the samples at 16000 $\times g$ for 3 minute or until the filter membranes are dry.
19. Put the columns into separate sterile centrifuge tubes. Remove and discard the used collection tubes.
20. Pipette 30 μ L of ddH₂O directly onto the filter membrane of each column.
21. Let the samples stand for 2 minutes.
22. Centrifuge the samples at 16000 $\times g$ for 1 minute.
23. Discard the columns and store the purified DNA at -20°C for future use.