

## 1. Bacterial strains, media, chemicals and other materials

The bacterial strains and plasmids and others used in this study are listed in Supplementary Table 1.

*E. coli* T7-K12 was used for the construction of the original plasmid paraC and ptetR. The *araC* segment and *tetR* segment were mutated by epPCR to construct and screen a random mutation library.

*E. coli* bacteria were cultured in the Luria-Bertani (LB) medium for propagation. LB liquid medium was prepared by LB Broth, powder 4.8g and ampicillin 0.01 g in 0.1 liter of pure water, while LB solid medium contained 15 g/liter of agar.

## 2. Expression vector construction

Analysis of the Multiple Cloning Site (MCS) of the paraC segment and the *tetR* segment. ParaC segment and *tetR* were connected to ptetR, *araC* synthesized by Sangon Biotech (Shanghai) are shown in supplementary Table 2. Primer sequence of *tetR*, *araC* synthesized by Sangon Biotech (Shanghai) are shown in supplementary Table 1.

The detailed steps are as follows:

### 2.1 Enzyme digestion of *araC* plasmid

First, we use double digestion to cut the two plasmids containing the target segment.

Double digestion reaction system:

DNA	1μg
Kpn I	1μL
Sal I	1μL
10× LabFD <sup>TM</sup> Buffer	2μL
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	6μL

Reaction conditions:

temperature	time
37°C	15min
80°C	20 min

As the length of the *araC* target segment was similar to that of the remaining portion of the original plasmid (both approximately 2500bp), we used a single digestion on *araC* to produce two segments of 1067bp and 1500bp. This allowed for clear separation when Rubber recovery.

Single digestion reaction system:

DNA	1μg
Xho I	1μL
10× LabFD <sup>TM</sup> Buffer	2μL
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	8μL

Reaction conditions:

temperature	time
37°C	15min
80°C	20 min

### 2.2 Enzyme digestion of *tetR* plasmid

Reaction system:

DNA	1μg
Pst I	1μL
Spl I	1μL
10×LabFD <sup>TM</sup> Buffer	2μL
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	6μL

Reaction conditions:

temperature	time
37°C	15min
80°C	20 min

## 2.3 Agarose gel electrophoresis

System:

DNA	100 μL
6×Loading Buffer	20 μL

## 2.4 Rubber recovery

DNA segments were purified from agarose gels by using the TIAgel Midi Purification Kit (TIANGEN, Beijing, China).

## 2.5 Digest ptrc99a

To facilitate Segment Interconnect, we use the same endonuclease to cut ptrc99a, *araC* and *tetR*.

Double digestion reaction system:

DNA	1μg
Kpn I	1μL
Sal I	1μL
10×LabFD <sup>TM</sup> Buffer	2μL
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	6μL

Reaction conditions:

temperature	time
37°C	15min
80°C	20 min

## 2.6 The carrier is connected to the segment

*Escherichia coli* DNA ligase and T4 DNA ligase are the main ligases used in genetic engineering. T4 ligase can catalyze the formation of phosphodiester bond between the 5' -P end and 3' -OH end of double-stranded DNA, and also has good ligation efficiency for viscous end joining and end joining, it is wide application and have more users. Therefore, T4 ligase was selected for interconnection in this experiment.

Reaction condition:

Composition	Volume
Destination DNA segment	≈0.1pmol
Carrier DNA	≈0.01pmol
10×T4 DNA Ligase Buffer	1μL
T4 DNA Ligase	1μL
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	Up to 10μL

Overnight connection at 16°C, 3-5μL of the connection product was transformed into 100μL competent cells.

## **2.7 Observation**

Fluorescence microscope was used to observe whether the cells were successfully imported.

Since there is green fluorescent protein in the arabinose promoter, it can appear green under 450-480nm blue light excitation. If green fluorescence is shown, it is considered to be successful introduction. Therefore, arabinose was added to the culture medium of cells containing the ptrc99a plasmid and fluorescence was observed whether the color was developed.

## **3. protein structure prediction**

### **3.1 data processing**

The database we used contains data on the binding of thousands of protein sequences and their amino acids to DNA. Firstly, we extracted the information of amino acids from the database which contained 20 common amino acids and encoded each amino acid, then stored the information of each amino acid in a row vector. Each amino acid vector contained the types of the top n amino acids of the extracted amino acids, the types of the last n amino acids, the types of amino acids at the position, that position of the amino acids in the protein, the total number of amino acids in the protein, and information on the binding of amino acids at that position to DNA. Finally, we constructed a dataset containing 296610 amino acid vectors, each representing an amino acid and its information in the protein. (n=10)

### **3.2 Prediction and scoring calculation**

After constructing the dataset, we used the first 200000 pieces as the training set and the last 100000 pieces as the prediction set. We used the random forest algorithm to calculate the relationship between DNA binding sites and other information, established a prediction model, and evaluated the overall probability of DNA binding. Using the protein sequence to be tested for extraction and prediction, a matrix containing all amino acid vectors of the protein will be generated. The prediction results will be filled in the last row of each column, and the DNA binding site data in the last row will be directly output to determine whether the protein has a DNA binding site. The evaluated binding probability will be summed up and output to represent the overall binding of the protein to DNA. The dataset is listed in Supplementary Table 1.

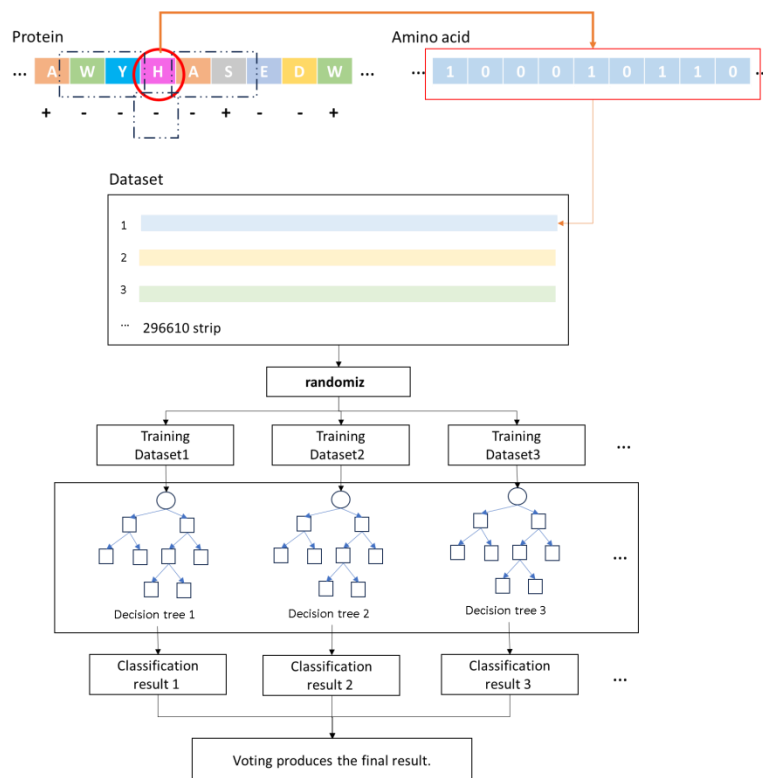


Figure 1 How to calculate the score  $p$

### 3.3 Iteration process

We constructed an iterative model for protein directed mutation based on the prediction of the above data in the iteration process (figure 2). Firstly, input the amino acid sequence of the protein to be measured, evaluated its binding site and binding probability  $P_i$  by using a trained model, and then stored it. Randomly replaced the amino acids within the specified range of the protein and evaluated the binding probability  $P_{i+1}$  after mutation. If the scores increased, the replaced amino acid sequence and its scores would be stored and be replaced in the next round. If the scores decreased or remained, the current scores and sequence would not be stored, and the amino acid sequence before replacement would be used for the next round of replacement. When the scores of 20 mutations did not increase, it was judged that it had reached a local optimal solution. Due to the fact that this algorithm could not specify the binding site of DNA, in order to avoid making significant changes to the protein active site, we limited its iteration frequency to no more than 1000 times to prevent excessive deviation of the binding site.

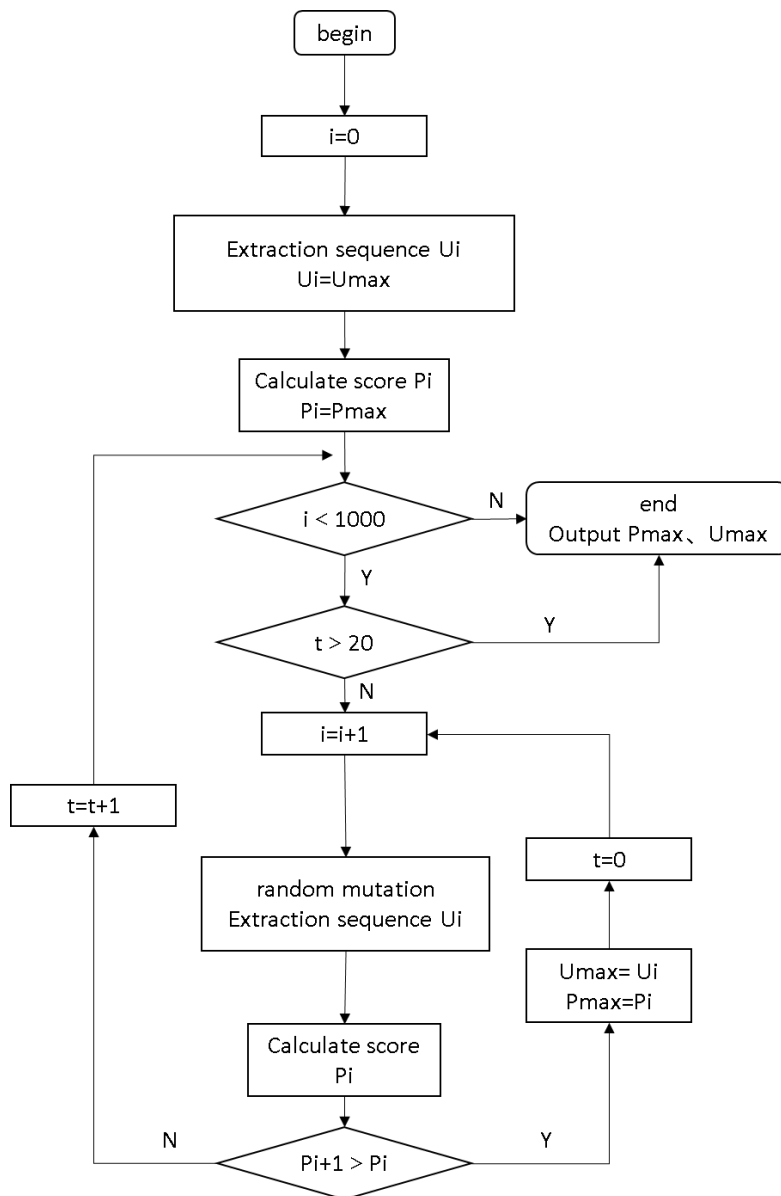


Figure 2 Program iteration process

#### 4. Error-prone PCR

##### 4.1 Error-prone PCR

Error-prone PCR takes advantage of the fact that Taq DNA polymerase does not have a 3'→5' proofreading function, and can introduce random mutations with a high probability under certain conditions.

The ptrc99a with target segment was mutated using the Controlled Error-prone PCR Kit, and the mutated plasmid was collected and purified by agarose gel electrophoresis and gel recovery.

Expected number of mutations	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Amount of Mn (uL)	0	1.0	2.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Amount of dG (uL)	0	0	0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
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#### Reaction system

ingredient	Amount of template 1	Amount of template 2	Amount of template 3
Error-prone PCR Mix, 10× (μL)	3	3	3
Error-prone PCR - specific dNTP, 10× (μL)	3	3	3
Error-prone PCR-specific MnCl <sub>2</sub>	According to the above calculation		
Error-prone PCR - specific dGTP	According to the above calculation		
DNA template	1 uL (1ng/uL)	1 uL (10ng/uL)	1 uL (100ng/uL)
PCR primer (10 uM each)	1 uL		
Error-prone PCR-specific Taq DNA polymerase	0.5μL		
Ultrapure water	Up to 30μL		

#### Reaction condition:

Initial denaturation	94°	3 minute
Error-prone PCR	94°	1 minute
	45°	1 minute
30-60 cycles		
Primer annealing	72°	1 minute

## 4.2 Agarose gel electrophoresis

The enzyme digested fragment and mutated fragments and plasmids were subjected to agarose gel electrophoresis to facilitate discrimination and extraction.

#### System:

DNA	100 μL
6×Loading Buffer	20 μL

## 4.3 Rubber recovery

Purified enzyme digested fragment, ligated fragments and plasmids. Repeated several times to increase concentration.

The error-prone PCR products were recovered from the gel, cloned and functionally screened or sequenced for single colonies, and the mutated DNA could be used as a template for the next round of error-prone PCR if needed to increase the mutation rate.