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## Abstract

This standard operating procedure describes nested PCR protocols for the generation of amplicons from *V. cholerae* and *S. typhi*.

PCR primers have been sourced from the literature or designed using Geneious, with primer pooling tested to minimise primer-primer interactions. Whilst the first round of PCR may be sufficient alone for detection (and will yield larger amplicons) a second round of PCR has been included to increase sensitivity.

## Materials

 DreamTaq PCR Master Mix (2X) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #K1071**

**Cost per sample:** £0.90

28 primers required (cost excluded from estimate as primers do not need to be ordered each time)

Dreamtaq cost per sample: ~£0.45 per sample

**Extra equipment required:**

thermocycler, vortex, mini centrifuge

## Primer preparation step

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A	B	C	D
Primer name	Primer	Pool G	Pool B
3.1.1_4.3.1.1.P1_F	CCGGATATCGATCACCCCAA	G	B
3.1.1_4.3.1.1.P1_R	GCTTTCGTGATGTCGCTCAG	G	
3.1.1_Inner_Rev	ACACGGCCACAGTAAGGG		B
4.3.1_4.3.1.2_1_F	AGAATTTTCGCATCAGGGGGAT	G	
4.3.1_4.3.1.2_1_R	CCAGTCATTAACGAGGCGCTT	G	
4.3.1.2_Inner_For	CGTCGCCTCGGTTTTAACATTA		B
4.3.1.2_Inner_Rev	CGCTGATGAATCCGCACTC		B
tviD_842_F	TGCAAGCTGCTTAGTGATCGA	G	B
tviD_842_R	TGAGTCCGGTAAAACGAGCTC	G	
tviD_Inner_R	CAGGATGGATATTCCTGCGT		B
1_3_4.3.1_F	ACGATGGTACTGAACAACCCT	G	
1_3_4.3.1_R	TACGCTGTTTCAGCCCGATATC	G	
2.2.2_2_F	AGCACAGTTCATCCGAGTGAT	G	
2.2.2_2_R	AGCATCAGACTCTGCGACAC	G	
2.5_4.3.1.2.1_3.3_F	CGGTTTCGTTGTCCATTTTCGG	G	
2.5_4.3.1.2.1_3.3_R	GGCGGCTTTCTTCAGTTTTTCA	G	
3.3.1_3.3_F	GCGAAATCGTTCCCGGAAAAA	G	
3.3.1_3.3_R	TCCATCGGAAAGCCTTCGTAA	G	
4.3.1.1_F	TCTGGCCTGATACCTGGATGT	G	
4.3.1.1_R	CGATCGGATATCCAGCACCA	G	
gyrA_F	TGACGCCTTCTTCGTACTCAC	G	
gyrA_R	CTGAAGCTGATCGCCGATAAAC	G	
parC_F	GCCAGACGACCGAACATATGT	G	
parC_R	TTCCTCGCAACCTGTCTCAC	G	
4.3.1.2.1.1_4_F	GTCAGGCCTGGTTTGACAATC	G	
4.3.1.2.1.1_4_R	CCTGTGAACTAACCCTGCA	G	
2.3.2_F	GACGATAAACCGCTTCCGTCA	G	
2.3.2_R	AGCCGGGTACAGTAGTCCAA	G	

### Primer preparation

1. Reconstitute primers to 100  $\mu$ M using nuclease-free water



2. Create working stocks of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  using nuclease-free water
3. Create 10  $\mu\text{M}$  primer pools G and B by mixing together 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of each primer marked as being part of the pool. Scale up as needed.

## 2 Workstation Preparation

Clean the PCR areas before setting up the reactions; clean room for the master mix and an area for the addition of the template.

- Clean the working area and pipettors with an approved DNase inhibitor solution.
- Clean the Class II biosafety cabinet and pipettes with 70% ethanol and wipe with a paper towel.

Place a disposal Dispo-safe "sweetie" jar or bio-bin on the bench.

## 3 Sample Retrieval

Place a rack inside a polystyrene sample box for sample transfer.

Remove tube containing the required samples from the  $-80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  freezer.

Close freezer and polystyrene box.

Allow the samples to thaw on ice.

## 4 Round 1 PCR reaction

Prepare the following Master mix in a 1.5ml Eppendorf Lobind tube:

	1 Reaction ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Reactions
DreamTaq 2x master mix	12.5	$\mu\text{L}$
Water	6.5	$\mu\text{L}$
Primer pool G	1	$\mu\text{L}$
Total volume	20	

Briefly vortex and centrifuge down the master mix and aliquot 20  $\mu\text{L}$  into each PCR tube.

Add 5  $\mu\text{L}$  of extracted DNA from each sample to a tube, mix well by pipette and label accordingly.

Briefly centrifuge down the PCR mixes and store on ice.

## 5 Amplify using the following cycling conditions:

A	B	C	D
CYCLE	STEP	TEMP ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	TIME
1	Initial Denaturation	95	2 minutes
35	Denaturation	95	30 seconds



A	B	C	D
	Annealing	56	30 seconds
	Extension	72	3 minutes
1	Final Extension	72	10 minutes
-	Hold	10	-

## 6 Round 2 PCR reaction

Prepare the following Master mix in a 1.5ml Eppendorf Lobind tube:

	1 Reaction (μL)	Reactions
DreamTaq 2x master mix	12.5	μL
Water	6.5	μL
Primer pool B	1	μL
Total volume	20	

Briefly vortex and centrifuge down the master mix and aliquot 20 μL into each PCR tube. Add 5 μL of extracted DNA from each sample to a tube, mix well by pipette and label accordingly.

Briefly centrifuge down the PCR mixes and store on ice.

## 7 Amplify using the following cycling conditions:

A	B	C	D
CYCLE	STEP	TEMP (°C)	TIME
1	Initial Denaturation	95	2 minutes
35	Denaturation	95	30 seconds
	Annealing	55	30 seconds
	Extension	72	1 minute
1	Final Extension	72	10 minutes
-	Hold	10	-

## 8 Gel electrophoresis bands

	First round amplicon length (bp)	Second round amplicon length (bp)
3.1.1.	2991	263

4.3.1.2	2725	398
tviD	843	238

## Protocol references

All primers were designed by Dr Anton Spadar, unpublished.