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ABSTRACT

This protocol is about oligo ordering and preparation.



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MATERIALS TEXT

Probe oligos are ordered from **IDT** in a 96 well format with standard desalting. Cost is significantly reduced by ordering plates at **10 nanomole** synthesis scale.

Additional ordering specs are:

- Resuspended in IDTE
- v bottom plate
- normalized in nanomoles

Individual wells from the plate can be pooled by multichannel pipetting equal volumes from all wells into a trough. IDTE is used for dilutions of probe primers down to **[M]10 Micromolar (μM)**.

PER³⁰ hairpins typically function well if synthesized with *standard desalting* and a polyT of 7 T's on the 3' end of the hairpin (unless the primer sequence ends in a A bases, in which case the 3' tail should be designed to not hybridize to the concatemer sequence). They can be resuspended in IDTE () and stored as **[M]100 Micromolar (μM)** stocks.

Dilutions of hairpin down to **[M]5 Micromolar (μM)** for extension are also done in IDTE. Certain hairpins, however, require the addition of an **Inverted dT (InvdT)** at the 3' end and *HPLC purification* (see Step 1).

Fluorescent oligos are ordered with a **5' fluorescent adduct** and require *HPLC purification*. Yield is variable and cost is significantly reduced by ordering in bulk. These are resuspended in **ddH₂O** or IDTE to **[M]100 Micromolar (μM)** for storage, or as **[M]10 Micromolar (μM)** dilutions (diluted in ddH₂O or IDTE). A 3' InvdT on fluorescent oligo is not essential. A full list of primers, hairpins, and branches are available in **Supplementary Table 1.xlsx** (available on the [Nature Methods website](#)).

SAFETY WARNINGS

For hazard information and safety warnings, please refer to the SDS (Safety Data Sheet).

- 1 To generate a catalytic (telomerase-like) hairpin corresponding to the primers sequence (RC = reverse complement):

$A(\text{primer sequence})GGGCCTTTTGGCCC(\text{RC of primer sequence})T(\text{RC of primer sequence})/3\text{InvdT}/$

For example, given the primer 27 sequence of CATCATCAT, the catalytic hairpin h.27.27 sequence would be:

ACATCATCATGGGCCTTTTGGCCCATGATGATGATGATGATG/3InvdT/

- 2 The $/3\text{InvdT}/$ can be replaced with $TTTTTTT$ for most hairpins to save cost. We have found empirically however, that some hairpins (including those for primers 25, 32, and 41 seem to require the InvdT modification).
- 3 To change the primer appended to a probe set, a hairpin for primer switching ('re-mapping') can be used (Fig. S1a-c). Remapping hairpin is introduced in the same reaction as the catalytic hairpin, and the concentration is flexible (**[M]0.05 Micromolar (μM)** - **[M]0.25 Micromolar (μM)**). Reactions involving primer switching may require additional time for extension to equivalent lengths.

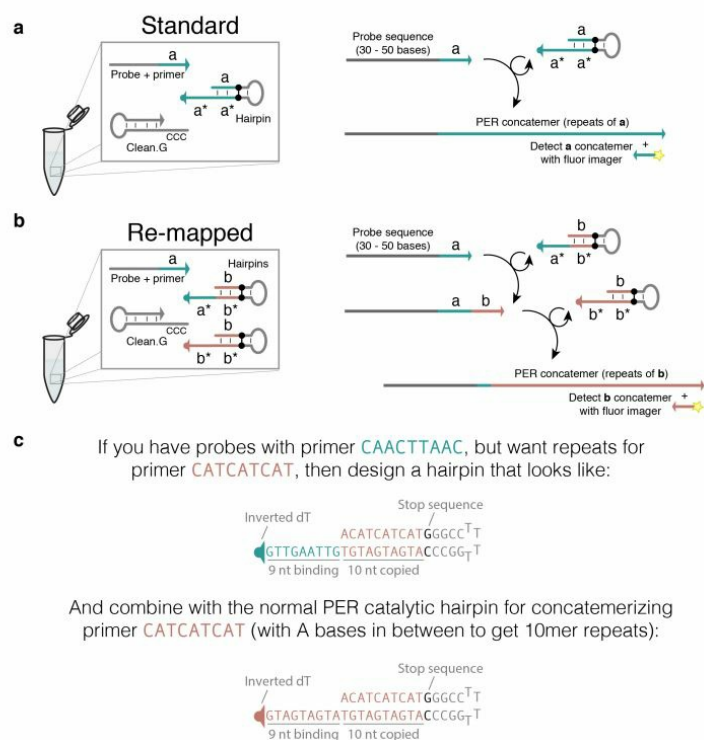


Figure S1: Designing PER primer re-mapping reactions. **a**, Standard PER setup, which uses one PER hairpin to concatemerize the **a** sequence. **b**, Re-mapping PER setup, which uses an additional re-mapping hairpin to swap one sequence for another (in this case, **b** for **a**). **c**, Design example for primer re-mapping primer (A)CAACTTAAC to repeats of sequence (A)CATCATCAT.

To generate a hairpin for primer switching:

$A(\text{new primer})GGGCCTTTTGGCCC(\text{RC of new primer})T(\text{RT of old primer sequence})/3\text{InvdT}/$

A detailed schematic for designing such a hairpin can be seen in Fig. S1c. Here, as above, $/3\text{InvdT}/$ can generally be replaced with $TTTTTTT$ for most hairpins to save cost.

- 4 Fluorescent oligos are designed as follows:

$/5\text{dye}/TT(\text{RC of primer sequence})T(\text{RC of primer sequence})T$

This represents a 20mer binding sequence with a 5' conjugated dye linked to the binding region by a TT' linker

PER primer re-mapping

- 5 Probe sets with one primer (e.g. primer sequence **a**) that have to be used in the same experiment with another set that has the same primer (**a**) can be re-mapped to alternate PER concatemer sequences using a two-hairpin reaction (Fig. S1a-b).

An example for designing re-mapping hairpins given a starting primer sequence and desired concatemer sequence is depicted in Fig. S1c. (The original 9 nt primer sequence is not predicted to hybridize to the complementary 20mer imager sequence at 37°C in 1×PBS, so one of the probe sets can usually be concatemerized with the original primer sequence. In this case it is good to have a control condition with just that probe set missing to verify no cross-talk between channels.)

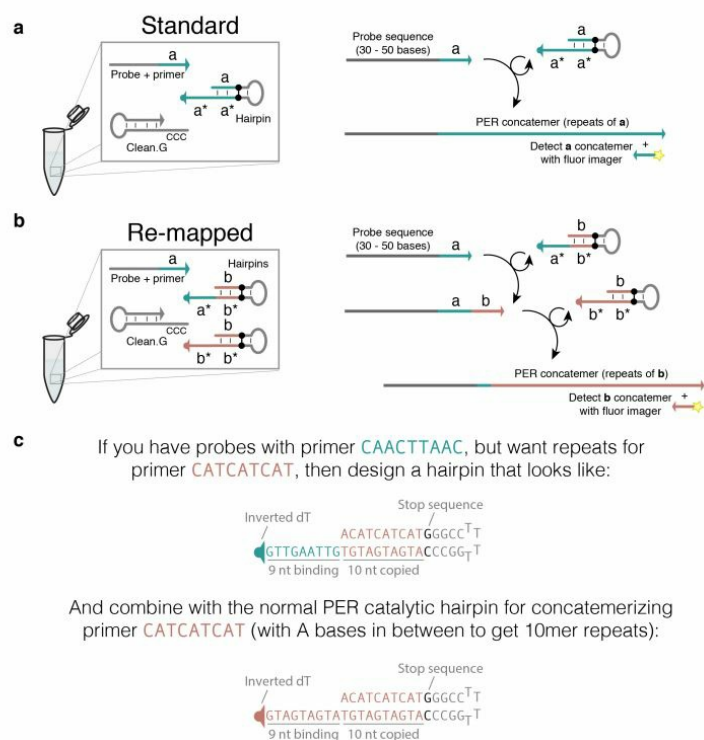


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