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## STEPS MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
<a href="#">Agarose</a>	A9539	<a href="#">Sigma Aldrich</a>
<a href="#">GeneRuler DNA Ladder Mix</a>	SM0331	<a href="#">Thermo Fisher Scientific</a>
<a href="#">DNA Gel Loading Dye (6X)</a>	R0611	<a href="#">Thermo Fisher Scientific</a>
<a href="#">TAE buffer (50x), molecular biology grade</a>	4254901	<a href="#">Serva, Germany</a>
<a href="#">Primer: 515Fmod_CS1</a>		<a href="#">Elisabeth Pharmacon</a>
<a href="#">Primer: 806mod_CS2</a>		<a href="#">Elisabeth Pharmacon</a>
<a href="#">DreamTaq Green DNA Polymerase (5 U/μL)</a>	EP0712	<a href="#">Thermo Fisher Scientific</a>
<a href="#">dNTP Set (100 mM each)</a>	BR0600601	
<a href="#">PCR H2O</a>	P040	<a href="#">Top Bio</a>
<a href="#">Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)</a>	B14	<a href="#">Thermo Fisher Scientific</a>

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## Primers

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Name	Direction	Sequence <sup>1</sup>	Target region <sup>2</sup>
515Fmod_CS1	Forward	ACA CTG ACG ACA TGG TTC TAC AGT <b>GYC AGC MGC CGT AA</b>	515-533
806Rmod_CS2	Reverse	TAC GGT AGC AGA GAC TTG GTC <b>TGG ACT ACN VGG GTW TCT AAT</b>	787-806

1. CS + primer sequence (in bold)
2. Relative to *E. coli* SSU rRNA gene



Primer: 515Fmod\_CS1

by Elisabeth Pharmacon

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Primer: 806mod\_CS2

by Elisabeth Pharmacon

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## PCR reaction

2 Prepare the following master mixture [🔗 On ice](#).

Don't forget to prepare an additional mixture for the negative (NTC) and positive controls, and to account for pipetting errors.

Reagent	Final. conc.	1 tube (25 µl)	100 reactions (96-well plate; µl)
PCR H <sub>2</sub> O		17.525	1752.5
10X DreamTaq Green Buffer	1X	2.5	250
dNTP (2 mM each)	0.2 mM	2.5	250
BSA (20 µg/µl)	80 ng µl <sup>-1</sup>	0.1	10
<b>515Fmod-CS1</b> (10 µM)	0.2 µM	0.625	62.5
<b>806Rmod-CS2</b> (10 µM)	0.2 µM	0.625	<b>62.5</b>
DreamTaq Green DNA Polymerase	0.625 U	0.125	12.5
<b>Final volume</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>2400</b>



DreamTaq Green DNA Polymerase (5 U/µL)

by Thermo Fisher Scientific

Catalog #: EP0712



dNTP Set (100 mM each)  
Catalog #: BR0600601





PCR H2O  
by Top Bio  
Catalog #: P040



Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)  
by Thermo Fisher Scientific  
Catalog #: B14

3 Vortex and spin down ⌚ 00:00:03

3s







4 Distribute  24 µl of the mixture to each tube and add  1 µl of template DNA or cDNA

PCR reaction

3s

5 Run the following PCR program:

17m 15s

1.  94 °C ⌚ 00:05:00
2. x 28 {
  - 2.1  94 °C ⌚ 00:00:45
  - 2.2  52 °C ⌚ 00:00:45
  - 2.3  72 °C ⌚ 00:00:45
3.  72 °C ⌚ 00:10:00
4.  4 °C hold

Evaluate PCR products on an agarose gel

40m

6 Prepare a 1.5% agarose gel by mixing:

 100 mL TAE

 1.5 g agarose

Heat in the microwave until dissolved and pour into a gel frame.  
Place solid gel into an electrophoresis bath filled with TAE buffer.



#### Agarose

by Sigma Aldrich

Catalog #: A9539



#### GeneRuler DNA Ladder Mix

by Thermo Fisher Scientific

Catalog #: SM0331



#### DNA Gel Loading Dye (6X)

by Thermo Fisher Scientific





Catalog #: R0611



#### TAE buffer (50x), molecular biology grade

by Serva, Germany

Catalog #: 4254901

- 7 Mix up to  **5 µl** of the PCR reaction sample with  **1 µl** of loading dye and load the sample into a well. In addition load  **5 µl** of DNA ladder mix (80-10,000 bp) into an empty well, as a marker.
- 8 Run the gel at 110V, 265mA for approx.  **00:40:00**
- 9 Stain gel for at least 40min in an Ethidium bromide TAE bath (or any other DNA stain).
- 10 Visualise the gel using a gel documentation system.

40m