

# Blue/White Selection

## Materials

Materials needed for DNA origami (see preparation)

*E. coli* MG1655 strain was obtained from DiBo biotechnology® (Shanghai, China).

100 mM IPTG and 20 mg/ml X-gal solutions were obtained from Solarbio® (Beijing, China).

## Procedures

### 1. Loading Helper Strand

- Prepare the M13, S-x, S-G4-x, Apt-cap-x, and S-PAM-cap-x mix in a single microcentrifuge tube on ice by adding the components indicated below. The molar ratio of M13 (5nM) and helper strands (50 nM) is 1:10.

DNA origami (DO G) (with Apt-cap-x, and S-PAM-cap-x)

Reagents	Volume
TAE/Mg <sup>2+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> buffer	48 µl
S-G4-x	0.25ul × 136 = 34µl
S-x	0.25ul × 34 = 8.5µl
Apt-cap-x	0.25ul × 12 = 3µl
S-PAM-cap-x	0.25ul × 6 = 1.5µl
M13	5µl

S-G4-15	S-G4-64	S-G4-124	S-G4-174	S-108
S-G4-16	S-G4-65	S-G4-129	S-G4-175	S-109
S-G4-17	S-G4-66	S-G4-130	S-G4-176	S-116
S-G4-20	S-G4-67	S-G4-131	S-G4-177	S-125
S-G4-21	S-G4-68	S-G4-134	S-G4-178	S-126
S-G4-22	S-G4-69	S-G4-135	S-G4-179	S-127
S-G4-26	S-G4-70	S-G4-136	S-G4-182	S-128
S-G4-27	S-G4-71	S-G4-137	S-G4-183	S-132
S-G4-28	S-G4-74	S-G4-138	S-G4-184	S-133
S-G4-29	S-G4-75	S-G4-139	S-G4-185	S-156
S-G4-30	S-G4-76	S-G4-140	S-G4-186	S-157
S-G4-31	S-G4-77	S-G4-141	S-G4-187	S-180
S-G4-32	S-G4-78	S-G4-142	S-G4-188	S-181
S-G4-33	S-G4-79	S-G4-143	S-G4-189	S-194
S-G4-34	S-G4-80	S-G4-146	S-G4-190	S-198
S-G4-35	S-G4-81	S-G4-147	S-G4-191	S-199
S-G4-38	S-G4-82	S-G4-148	S-G4-195	S-203
S-G4-39	S-G4-83	S-G4-149	S-G4-196	S-204

S-G4-40	S-G4-86	S-G4-150	S-G4-197	S-PAM-Cap102
S-G4-41	S-G4-87	S-G4-151	S-G4-200	S-PAM-Cap103
S-G4-42	S-G4-88	S-G4-152	S-G4-201	S-PAM-Cap104
S-G4-43	S-G4-93	S-G4-153	S-G4-202	S-PAM-Cap113
S-G4-44	S-G4-94	S-G4-154	S-13	S-PAM-Cap114
S-G4-45	S-G4-95	S-G4-155	S-14	S-PAM-Cap115
S-G4-46	S-G4-98	S-G4-158	S-18	Apt-Cap1
S-G4-47	S-G4-99	S-G4-159	S-19	Apt-Cap2
S-G4-50	S-G4-100	S-G4-160	S-23	Apt-Cap6
S-G4-51	S-G4-105	S-G4-161	S-36	Apt-Cap7
S-G4-52	S-G4-106	S-G4-162	S-37	Apt-Cap11
S-G4-53	S-G4-107	S-G4-163	S-60	Apt-Cap12
S-G4-54	S-G4-110	S-G4-164	S-61	Apt-Cap205
S-G4-55	S-G4-111	S-G4-165	S-84	Apt-Cap206
S-G4-56	S-G4-112	S-G4-166	S-85	Apt-Cap210
S-G4-57	S-G4-117	S-G4-167	S-89	Apt-Cap211
S-G4-58	S-G4-118	S-G4-170	S-90	Apt-Cap215
S-G4-59	S-G4-119	S-G4-171	S-91	Apt-Cap216
S-G4-62	S-G4-122	S-G4-172	S-92	
S-G4-63	S-G4-123	S-G4-173	S-101	

- b. Mix the above reagents and briefly centrifuge them. The mix is first heated at 95 °C for 10 minutes. Subsequently, annealing is performed by slowly cooling the mixture from 95 °C to 20 °C at a rate of 1 °C/min.
  - c. The Amicon® Ultra-0.5 Centrifugal Filter Devices (100kDa) are used to remove redundant helper strands three times. The purified DO G solution is obtained.
2. Loading functional strands
- a. Add 1.5 µL PAM-rich and 1.5µl aptamer stock solution to the purified DO G solution. Then, restore the volume to 100ul with TAE/Mg<sup>2+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>buffer.
  - b. Mix the above reagents and briefly centrifuge them. The mix is annealed from 45 °C to 25 °C at a rate of 5 min/°C for six cycles.
  - c. The Amicon® Ultra-0.5 Centrifugal Filter Devices (100kDa) are used to remove redundant PAM-rich and aptamer three times. The purified DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>G solution is obtained.
3. Loading sgRNA<sub>L</sub>/Cas9
- a. Prepare the sgRNA<sub>L</sub> and Cas9 mix in a single microcentrifuge tube on ice by adding the components indicated below. The molar ratio of sgRNA<sub>L</sub> and Cas9 is 1:1.

Reagents	Volume
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PBS (PH=7.4, free of RNase H)	94 $\mu$ l
sgRNA-L (5 $\mu$ M)	3 $\mu$ l
Cas9 (5 $\mu$ M)	3 $\mu$ l

- b. Mix the above reagents and briefly centrifuge them. Incubate at 37 °C for 10 minutes to get sgRNA<sub>L</sub>/Cas9 complex.
- c. Add 10  $\mu$ l of sgRNA<sub>L</sub>/Cas9 mixture to the purified DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>G solution, and make up to 100  $\mu$ l with TAE/Mg<sup>2+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> Buffer. The molar ratio of sgRNA<sub>L</sub>/Cas9 complex and DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>G is 3:1.
- d. Mix the above reagents and briefly centrifuge them. The mix is annealed from 37 °C to 4 °C at a rate of 1°C/min.
- e. The Amicon® Ultra-0.5 Centrifugal Filter Devices (100 kDa) are used to remove the redundant sgRNA<sub>L</sub>/Cas9. The purified DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>RCG is obtained.

#### 4. Loading Hemin

- a. Add 1  $\mu$ L of hemin stock solution to the concentrated DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>RCG solution obtained in the last step. Then, restore the volume to 100ul with TAE/Mg<sup>2+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> buffer.
- b. Gently resuspend the solution by pipetting three times using a wide-bore pipette tip.
- c. Briefly centrifuge at 500  $\times$  g for 3 seconds to sediment droplets.
- d. Incubate at room temperature for 1 hour.
- e. The Amicon® Ultra-0.5 Centrifugal Filter Devices (100 kDa) are used to remove redundant hemin. The purified DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>RCGH is obtained.

#### 5. Verifying the loading of Hemin

- a. Measure the absorbance of DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>RCGH solution at 385nm using Thermo Fisher Scientific NanoDrop One 2.12.0 and Python 3.13.
- b. Plot the absorption spectrum of the DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>RCGH solution.

#### 6. Blue/White Selection

- a. Revitalize the *E. coli* MG1655 strain and make a 5ml LB liquid overnight culture.
- b. Dilute the overnight culture to 1x10<sup>6</sup> CFU/ml.
- c. Co-culture 20  $\mu$ l 1x10<sup>6</sup> CFU/ml bacterial suspension with the DO<sup>A</sup><sub>PAM</sub>RCGH solution with appropriate concentration (sgRNA=35 nM) on a 96-well plate under 37 °C for 12 hours. Use an equal volume of TAE/Mg<sup>2+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> buffer as a control. Avoid light exposure as much as possible.
- d. Evenly spread 40  $\mu$ l 100 mM IPTG and 120  $\mu$ l 20 mg/ml X-gal solutions on each LB agar plate. Place the plates at 37 °C for at least half an hour to allow complete absorption of the mixed solution. Avoid light exposure

as much as possible.

- e. Evenly spread the liquid in each well of the 96-well plate on LB plates supplemented with IPTG and X-gal plates. Place the plates at 37 °C for 16 hours. Avoid light exposure as much as possible.
- f. Observe the plates.