

gRNA seed sequence insertion via PCR

All reagents must be kept **on ice** at all times. Assemble and mix **on ice** as well.

We are using the X7 DNA Polymerase (Common stock) and Phusion buffer 5X HF (Sotirios' lab)

Primers are:

- fw.gRNA1 **CCACTAGTGC**ACTGCCCTGTGGATAACAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG 51-mer / 45% GC; 23 annealed bp / T_m = 53 °C; 49 annealed bp when fully amplified / T_m = 69 °C
- fw.gRNA2 **CCACTAGTTT**GAGAAAGACCTGGGATCCGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG 51-mer / 43% CG; 23 annealed bp / T_m = 52 °C; 49 annealed bp when fully amplified / T_m = 69 °C
- fw.gRNA3 **CCACTAGTGAT**CATTAAGTGAATGATGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG 51-mer / 35% CG; 24 annealed bp / T_m = 53 °C; 49 annealed bp when fully amplified / T_m = 64 °C
- rv.gRNA **GGACTAGT**ATTATACCTAGGACTGAG 26-mer / 42% CG; 24 annealed bp / T_m = 53 °C

Reagents:

- nuclease free mqH₂O
- 5X Phusion HF buffer
- dNTPs
- 10X forward primers
- 10X reverse primers
- template DNA
- X7 DNA polymerase (X7 DNAP)

Procedure:

Thermocycler settings

1. **Initialization (hot start PCR):** 60 seconds at 98 °C for X7 DNAP activation
2. **25 cycles:**
 - i. **Denaturation:** 10 sec. at 98 °C for dsDNA denaturation;
 - ii. **Annealing:** 30 sec at 55 °C for DNA-primers annealing;
 - iii. **Elongation:** 90 sec. at 72 °C for dNTPs polymerization.
3. **Final elongation:** 10 minutes at 72 °C to make sure that all single strands are fully elongated.
4. **Hold:** 10 °C for short-term storage 10°C.

PCR reaction

- Dilute the primers to 1X working dilution using nuclease free H₂O.
- Prepare master mix as follow
 - Final volume of 440 µL
 - 325 µL nuclease free mqH₂O
 - 100 µL 5x Phusion HF buffer
 - 10 µL dNTPs
 - 5 µL X7 DNAP

- ❑ Aliquot 44 μL of master mix in nine properly labeled 0.2 mL PCR tube. **Mix before aliquoting**
- ❑ Add 2.5 μL of proper forward primer. **Mix primers before adding.**
- ❑ Add 2.5 μL of proper reverse primer. **Mix primers before adding.**
- ❑ Add 1.0 μL of DNA template. **Mix DNA template before adding.**