

Broth and Glycerol Stock preparation

A. Lysogeny Broth

Materials:

- 25 g LB broth
- 1 L distilled water

Procedures:

- Add 25g LB broth to 1 litre distilled water
- Autoclave

B. LB Agar plates

Materials:

- 37 g LB Agar
- 1 Litre distilled water

Procedures:

- Add 37g LB Agar to 1 litre distilled water
- Autoclave
- Antibiotics were added before pouring plates (see Table 1)

C. Glycerol Stocks

Materials:

- 500µl Filtered glycerol solution (80%)
- 500µl overnight culture

Procedures:

- Add 500µl glycerol (80%) to 1.5ml Glycerol stocks tube
- Add 500µl overnight culture in LB
- Store at -80°C

Table 1. Antibiotic concentrations

Antibiotic	Stock concentration	Working concentration
Ampicillin	100mg/ml	100µg/ml
Chloramphenicol	25 mg/mL (dissolved in EtOH)	25µg/ml
Kanamycin	50 mg/mL	50µg/ml

Gel Electrophoresis

Materials:

Agarose Powder

TAE buffer

Gel mould

5-10 μL SybrSafe

Gel Tank

8-10 μL DNA ladder

DNA loading dye

Procedures:

1. Prepare 1% w/v solution of agarose powder in 1/10 TAE buffer (e.g. 1.0 g agarose powder in 100 mL buffer) using a conical flask
2. Heat the mixture until agarose is completely dissolved. Do not let the solution boil.
3. Pour the solution into a gel mould
4. Add 5-10 μL SybrSafe to the solution. Make sure there are no bubbles in the solution.
5. Allow the solution to set (approx 15-20 minutes)
6. Transfer the agarose gel to a tank, remove the comb and apply:
 - 8-10 μL of the DNA ladder
 - DNA samples with the corresponding amount of DNA loading dye (6X)
7. Run the gel for 45mins at 100V

Primer Design

1. Primers must be specified 5' to 3', left to right.
2. 18 to 25 nucleotides in length
3. GC content = 40%- 60%
4. 3' ends = C or G, to promote binding (usually 2x, i.e. CC, CG GC GG; called "GC clamp"). GC base pairs have a stronger bond than AT pairs (3 hydrogen bonds vs 2).
5. 3' end, (11 terminal nts) = should be an exact match to the template DNA (proofreading DNA polymerases will degrade it otherwise).
6. When a restriction site sequence is added onto the 5' end of a primer, an additional 3-6 nts (a leader sequence) are needed to ensure efficient cutting.
7. Avoid runs of 4 or more of any one base, or dinucleotides repeats (ACCCC or ATATATAT); this can cause mispriming.
8. Check for secondary structures: primer dimers self-dimers and hetero dimers, and hairpins.
 - ¶ Use IDT oligo analyzer to detect secondary structures and hairpins.
<https://www.idtdna.com/calc/analyzer>
 - ¶ The delta G value for dimer analysis should be between 0- -5 kcal/mole for optimal design. More negative values will affect PCR reactions.
 - ¶ For hairpins, the melting temperature, T_m should be lower than the annealing temperature and no greater 50 degrees Celsius
9. Primer pairs should have similar T_m with a maximum difference of 5 degrees Celsius.
10. Primers should not be complementary to each other.
11. Use snapgene or ncbiprimer blast(www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/tools/primer-blast/) or UCSC in-silico PCR (genome.ucsc.edu) to verify that primer only anneal in one place.
12. Gradient PCR, 2- Step PCR, overlap-extension PCR, Gibson Assenbly/ HiFi, Golden Gate, 3A assembly.

Mini-prep Protocol

Materials:

1. Re-suspension buffer
2. Lysis solution
3. Neutralization solution
4. Wash solution
5. Elution buffer
6. Overnight culture
7. Eppendorf tubes
8. Benchtop centrifuge

Procedures:

1. Prepare overnight culture
2. Start with 2 mL of overnight culture
3. Centrifuge at 12500rpm for 5 mins
4. Discard supernatant and re-suspend with 250 μ L re-suspension buffer
5. Add 250 μ L lysis buffer and mix gently by inverting tubes 4-6 times
6. Add 350 μ L neutralization buffer and invert tubes immediately.
7. Centrifuge at 12500rpm for 5 mins
8. Transfer supernatant into spin-column
9. Add 750 μ L wash buffer and centrifuge for 1 mins at 12500 rpm.
10. Discard the flow-through and repeat step 9 and 10 again
11. Centrifuge 1 more minute to get rid of ethanol
12. Discard the tubes at the bottom of column and transfer it to Eppendorf tube
13. Add 30-50 μ l elution buffer and incubate at benchtop for 2 mins
14. Centrifuge for 1 mins
15. Collect the tubes with plasmid in it and store in -20°C freezer

Overnight Culture Preparation

Materials:

1. 10 ml LB media
2. Falcon Tube
3. Antibiotics (see Table 1)
4. Inoculation Loops

Procedures:

1. Add 10 ml LB media into Falcon tube
2. Add antibiotic at the appropriate final concentration
3. Use an inoculating loop, pick a colony and touch the culture by dipping
4. Seal the tube and incubate overnight at 37°C shaking incubator

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Transformation

Materials:

1. Ice box
2. 42°C water bath
3. 37°C water bath
4. 37°C shaking incubator
5. Eppendorf tubes
6. NEB10 β or DH5 α competent cells

Procedures:

1. Thaw cells on ice
2. Mix 1 - 5 μ l of DNA (usually 10 pg - 100 ng) into 20-50 μ L of competent cells in a microcentrifuge or falcon tube. GENTLY mix by flicking the bottom of the tube with your finger a few times.
3. Incubate the competent cell/DNA mixture on ice for 20-30 mins.
4. Heat shock each transformation tube by placing the bottom 1/2 to 2/3 of the tube into a 42°C water bath for 30-60 secs (45 secs is usually ideal, but this varies depending on the competent cells you are using).
5. Put the tubes back on ice for 2 min.
6. Add 250-1,000 μ l LB or SOC media (without antibiotic) to the bacteria and grow in 37°C shaking incubator for 45 min.
7. Plate some or all of the transformation onto a 10 cm LB agar plate containing the appropriate antibiotic.
8. Incubate plates at 37°C overnight.

Part A. Testing expression levels of fusion proteins:

1. Intimin'-SpyTag
2. Intimin'-SpyCatcher

Experiments in brief:

1. Two cell lines expressing either fusion protein will be combined and will measure sedimentation levels or using a particle sizer
 - a. Wild type + wild type - measure sedimentation
 - b. Wild type + SpyTag/Catcher - measure sedimentation (after DNACome)
2. Visualize protein localization using GFP tagged SpyTag or SpyCatcher added externally onto cells expressing surface binding partner (cell-protein interaction)
3. Visualize expression levels of each fusion protein using SDS PAGE gel
 - a. Run wild-types through the SDS PAGE.
4. His tag purification of complex formed

Protein Expression protocol

Day n-1, Late afternoon

Set up starter culture:

10ml medium/antibiotic

1 colony from plate/glycerol stock

37 oC o/n

Day 1

Subculture o/n culture into fresh medium/antibiotic.

Volume: more than enough to split into later cultures.

Dilution: Add o/n culture to 1-2% final volume.

37 oC, 2h Measure OD600

Blank w clean medium.

Induce if mid-log phase. (Log phase OD600 = 0.4-0.8. Mid-log phase is around 0.6.) (If not yet log phase/mid-log phase, return culture to incubator, check again in 20-30mins.)

Split culture into -+ induction (or whatever conditions you're trying). (Uninduced control is pretty important.)

Add inducer to relevant concentration (eg. IPTG to 1 mM).

Incubate: 37 oC, 2-3 h or 30 oC, 3-6 h or 16-25 oC o/n

Harvest cells:

Take final OD.

Pellet 2.5 OD cells in cooled microfuge (usually around 1-2ml culture). (4min, 8,000 xg, 4oC)

- wash in 500 µl cold buffer*, re-pellet

- resuspend in lysis buffer*

*Buffers to use here will depend on application. You don't want the wash buffer to be a lysis buffer, so Tris-Cl of ~ pH 7.5 w NaCl between 50-150 mM is ideal.

Lysis buffer: can be like wash buffer if sonicating. Can also add reagents for lysis, eg. detergents like Tween or Triton. Most commonly I add lysozyme to 1mg/ml final concentration and incubate at for 30 oC, 20min.

50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5

100 mM NaCl

1 mM DTT (for intracellular proteins)

5% glycerol (possibly)

I keep the final buffer to 250 µl usually. This means you'll have 2.5OD cells/250 µl = 0.01 OD/µl, which is a good concentration, as 10 µl of this (0.1OD) is a decent # cells and a decent amount of proteins to load onto SDS-PAGE.

Lysis either:

(1) sonication: cup horn sonicator, settings 100% amplitude, 2min, 30s on/30s off.

(2) lysozyme (see above) - typically followed by sonication as well.

(3) can freeze pellet after washing (see above), and on thawing, either do sonication or lysozyme method.

Separation of fractions: spin in cooled microfuge: 30' at 16,000 xg, 4oC pellet will contain **insoluble proteins**, membrane fractions. **Soluble** material can be transferred to new eppie. pellet can be resuspended in 250 µl 1X LB.

Prep samples for gel: Soluble: 15 µl sample + 15 µl 2xLB [= 30 µl, of which to load 20 µl on gel] boil 95oC, 5min

Insoluble: boil whole 250 µl as above.

Day 2

Run SDS-PAGE gels to determine whether your protein was expressed.

Typically, MW ladder (NEB colour prestained/broad range, 5 µl), soluble fractions, insoluble fractions. Soluble: load 20 (of 1:1 sample:2xLB), Insoluble: load 5 µl (of sample in 1xLB).

*Insoluble fractions run better if they've been passed through a syringe to break up DNA.

Typically: 80-100 V until samples get through stacking gel, then 120V+. This takes ~2h total. (Technically possible to run it much faster, resolution is very poor though.)
Stain: instant blue, 30min RT on rocker. Destain in dH₂O, 30min or o/n.
Capture on Licor

Part B. Testing covalent interaction between fusion proteins in vitro

SDS-PAGE to detect amide bond formation between SpyTag-fusion protein and SpyCatcher

Proteins mixed at 10 μ M in PBS pH7.4 at 24°C for 3hr (quantifications performed in triplicate)
Stop reaction by heating samples in SDS loading buffer on a Bio-Rad C1000 thermal cycler at 95 °C for 7 min.

SDS-PAGE on 14% polyacrylamide gels, at 200 V for approximately 1 h.

Gels stained with Instant Blue Coomassie stain (Triple Red Ltd.) and band intensities were quantified using a Gel Doc XR imager and Image Lab 3.0 software (Bio-Rad).

Reactions for pH-dependence: Mixing 10 μ M of each protein in 40 mM Na₂HPO₄ with 20 mM citric acid pH 7.0 (phosphate-citrate) for the indicated time at 25 °C, or at the indicated temperature and pH. (PBS alone would not enable proper buffering over the pH range explored.)

For determining temperature dependence: all reactions were incubated in a Bio-Rad C1000 thermal cycler at 4, 25, and 37 °C with a heated lid to prevent evaporation.

To calculate the rate constant, SpyTag-MBP and SpyCatcher at 10 μ M were mixed in triplicate in phosphate-citrate and incubated at 25 °C for 1, 3, or 5 min, in the linear part of the reaction. Samples were then heated to 95 °C for 7 min in SDS loading buffer and analyzed on 14% SDS-PAGE with Coomassie staining. Unreacted SpyCatcher concentration was quantified from band intensity as above. $1/[\text{unreacted Spy Catcher}]$ was plotted against time and a straight line, whose gradient corresponds to the second order rate constant, was fitted using the "LINEST" linear least squares curve-fitting routine in Excel. The units were converted from $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$ to $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$.

→ could include GFP to see in vivo localization of fusion proteins

Part C. Testing covalent interaction between fusion proteins

- Combine cultures, one expressing SpyTag fusion protein (that had the highest expression levels) with another culture expressing the SpyCatcher fusion protein (which had the highest expression levels)
- Repeat protein expression protocol
- Isolate protein extracts using His column
→ ensure His tag is on SpyCatcher

Cell aggregation:

<http://www.pnas.org/content/100/23/13259.full>

Microscopy and Data Acquisition. To record the motion of individual cells in the clusters, the slides were left undisturbed for ≈ 20 min on the microscope stage, which was found to be the optimal time required to form tight clusters that did not drift. Images were acquired within the window of 20–40 min because after 40 min many cells lost motility and the clusters had a tendency to disperse. This result is probably caused by exhaustion of oxygen by bacterial respiration. Cells grown in LB medium typically loose motility under a coverslip after ≈ 20 min. The cluster size in LB medium is comparable to that observed in minimal media (M9 glycerol). Both dark field and fluorescence microscopy were used to characterize the macroscopic cluster properties and the motility of single cells. Images were acquired at 15 frames/s by using a Nikon E800 microscope equipped with a cooled CCD camera (CoolSNAPHQ, Roper Scientific, Duluth, GA).

Data Analysis. Cells were tracked by using Metamorph (Universal Imaging Systems), which yielded the coordinates of each fluorescent cell for every frame of the video. Cells that left the field of view were not tracked. These data were then analyzed by using a tumble detection algorithm similar to Alon *et al.* (19) implemented in MATLAB (Mathworks, Natick, MA). Cells that swam at $<75\%$ of the mean speed were discarded from the data set. Success of the program was verified by visual examination of recordings and was found to be 90% accurate. The errors were largely due to cells that did not slow down while changing direction. It is possible that these may not in fact be tumble events but instead collisions with other cells or with the slide or coverslip. The center of a cluster was determined by averaging dark field images acquired over 6.5 s. In total, from the trajectories of 32 individual cells expressing GFP found in 28 clusters, 97 tumble events were registered. To determine the cell density profile, 19 clusters consisting only of cells expressing GFP were analyzed. The mean swimming speed of cells was determined to be $27 \mu\text{m/s}$, which is the projected 2D speed. The actual speed will be a slightly greater because the system is only quasi-2D; i.e., the height of the system was $\approx 40 \mu\text{m}$, which is approximately one-fifth of the typical cluster diameter.

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0107445>

Fluorescence microscopy

For the selection lines derived from *E. coli* MGAY, when the cells reached an absorbance 0.2 (600 nm), they were placed on a slide that was layered with a 1.5% agarose pad and covered with a cover slip to immobilize the cells. Observations were made using differential interference contrast (DIC) and fluorescence imaging on Zeiss Axioimager M-1 upright microscope (100X/1.40 Oil DIC M27) with a color digital camera controlled by Axio software 4.8. Images both DIC/fluorescence were taken using exposure time of 30 millisecond illumination. The resulting images were processed and analyzed using Image J 1.44c software [25]. The fluorescence image alone was used for quantification of fluorescence intensity reflecting aggregate size whereas composite image formed by merging DIC and fluorescence was used to determine the location of protein aggregates in a cell.

Part D: Light induction

Introduce construct of best fusion protein partners in plasmid downstream of the light induction control promoter

1. Seed cultures from freshly transformed plates and grow overnight in 5 ml of LB medium supplemented with appropriate antibiotics at 37°C with shaking (225 rpm). Where specified, *N*-(3-oxo-hexanoyl)-l-HSL was added to the cultures at the indicated concentrations.
2. Overnight cultures were diluted into 5 ml of fresh pre-warmed M9 medium [(12.8 g $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 3 g KH_2PO_4 , 0.5 g NaCl , 1 g NH_4Cl), 1 M MgSO_4 , 1 M CaCl_2 , 0.2% (w/v) casamino acids and 20 mM glucose as a sole carbon source. As appropriate, antibiotics] for 2–3 h exponential outgrowth at 37°C with shaking (225 rpm).

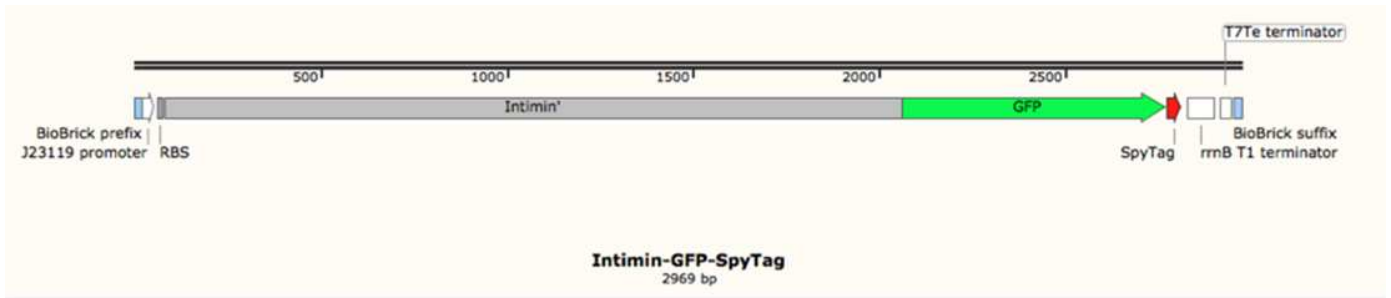
3. Cultures aliquoted (0.5 ml) into 0.5 ml of pre-warmed M9 medium in triplicates of total 1 ml volume in a flat-bottom 12-well microplate (Nunc™). The microplate was incubated at 37°C with shaking (120 rpm) in a mini shaker incubator with illumination or kept in dark (wrapped in black cloth covering all edges) between each cycle of measurements.
4. Cells are illuminated using a custom built 3 × 4 LED blue light panel (465 nm) with adjustable ON/OFF pulsing and intensity for individual wells.

IF WE SOMEHOW HAVE GFP expression as well, we could observe directly junction between cells that have adhered, fluoresce

Time series OD (600 nm) and fluorescence (GFP: excitation 485 nm, emission 528 nm and RFP: excitation 540 nm, emission 600 nm) were read using Synergy™ HTX Multi-Mode Microplate Reader (BioTek). In all experiments, auto-fluorescence was measured using a negative control strain lacking the fluorescence reporter. The fluorescence/OD600 (Fluo/OD600) at a specific time for a sample culture was determined after subtracting from each of the technical triplicate readings of the negative control cultures (fluorescence free) at the same time. The fluorescence synthesis rate (Fluo.OD600–1/min) of any sample at time t , was calculated by taking the difference of Fluo/OD600 values from two time points and dividing the result by the time interval δt . Normalization of Fluo/OD600 values was calculated into a new arbitrary range (min = 0) to (max = 1) with the observed original dataset min and max values.

Otherwise we would just perform protein expression assays post light induction vs no light induction and His tag column

1. Intimin GFP SpyTag



FusionGFPSpy: PROM-RBS-Intimin'-GFP-SpyTag-TT

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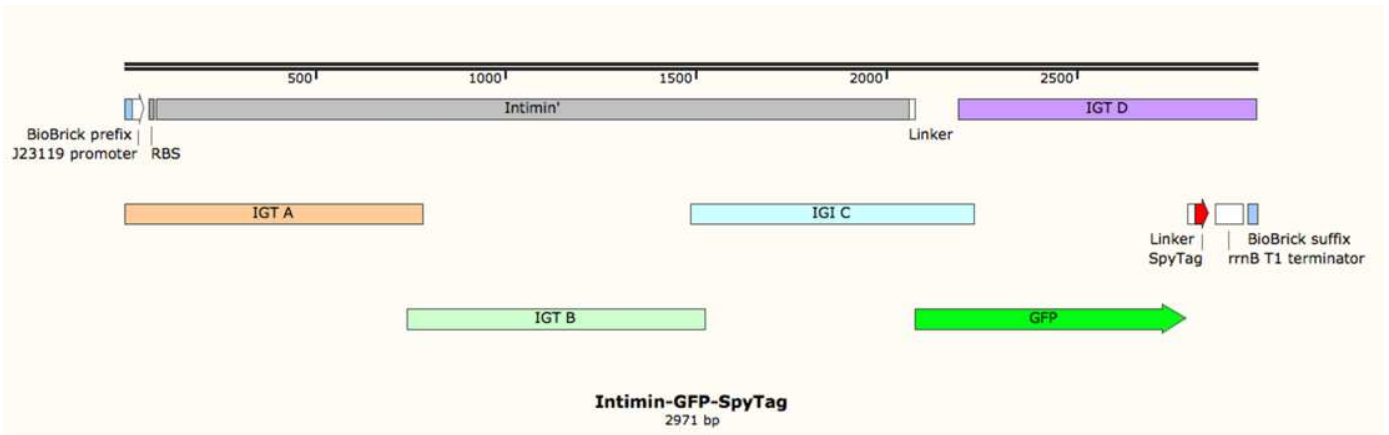
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Assembly through Gibson or in-fusion assembly



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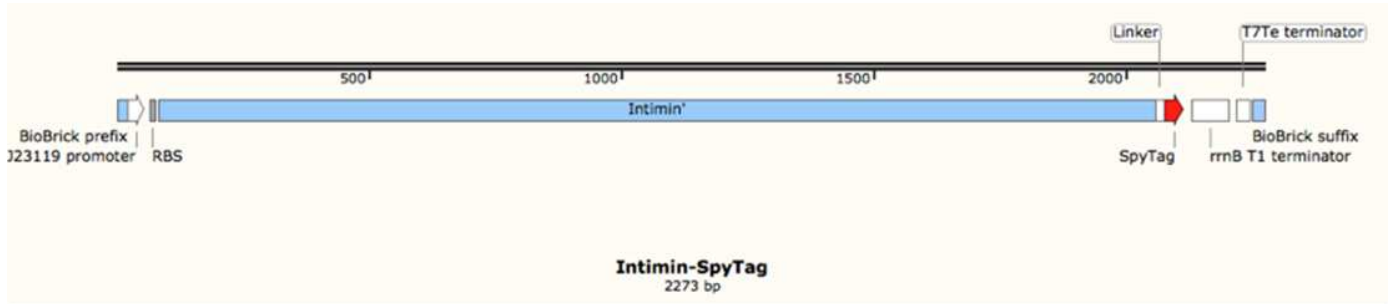
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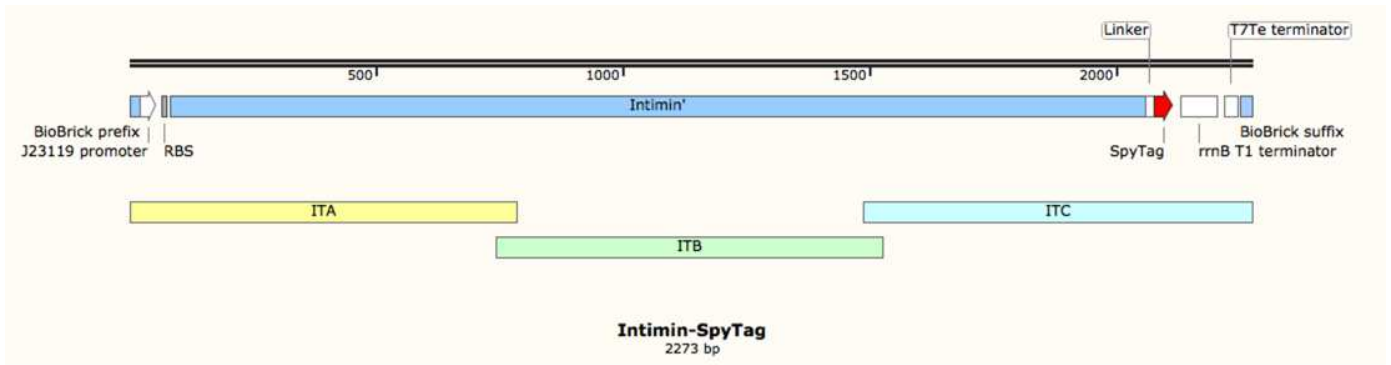
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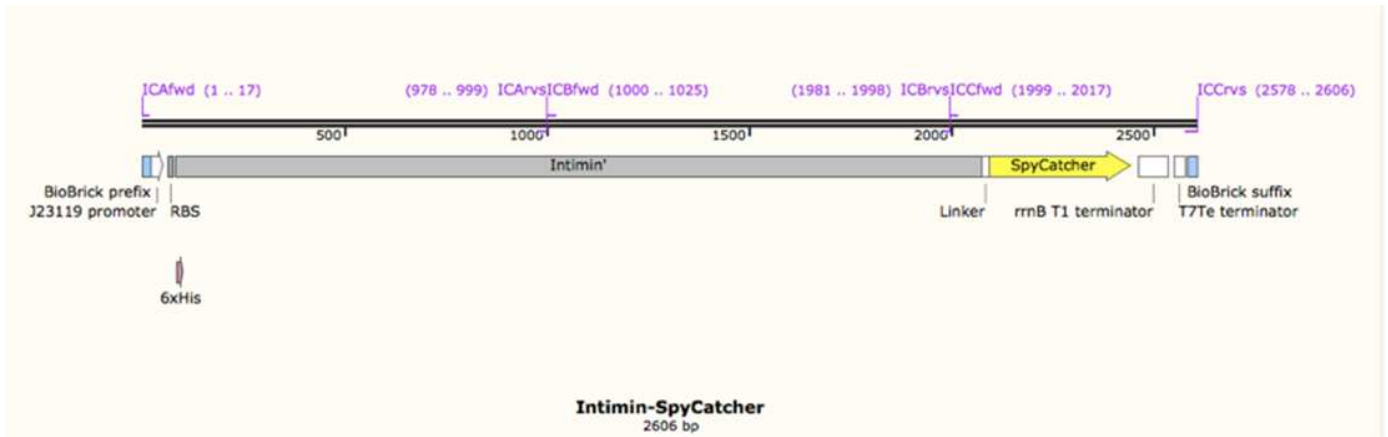
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3. Intimin SpyCatcher



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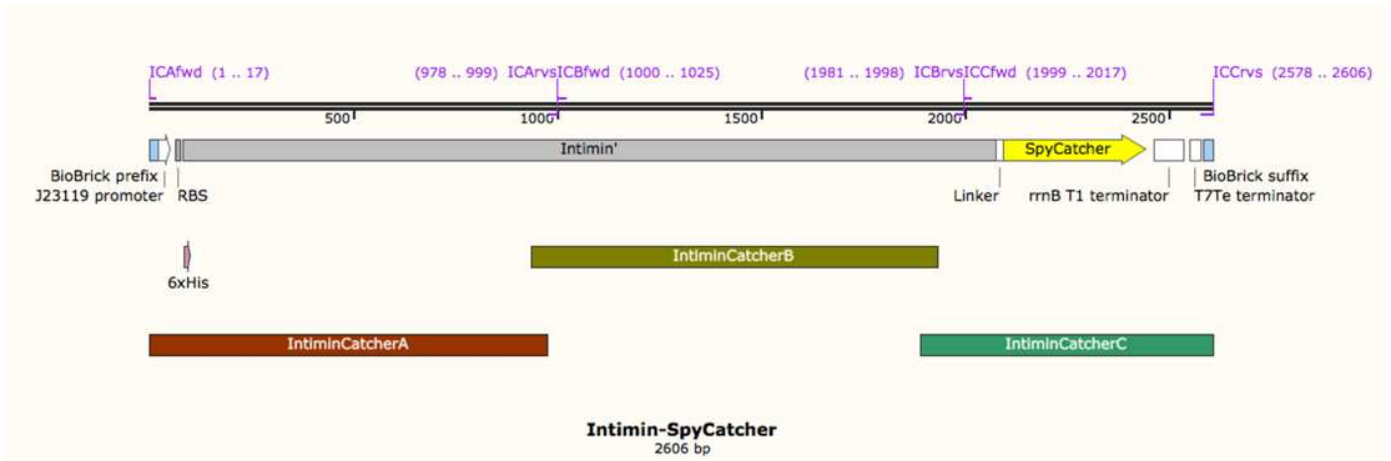
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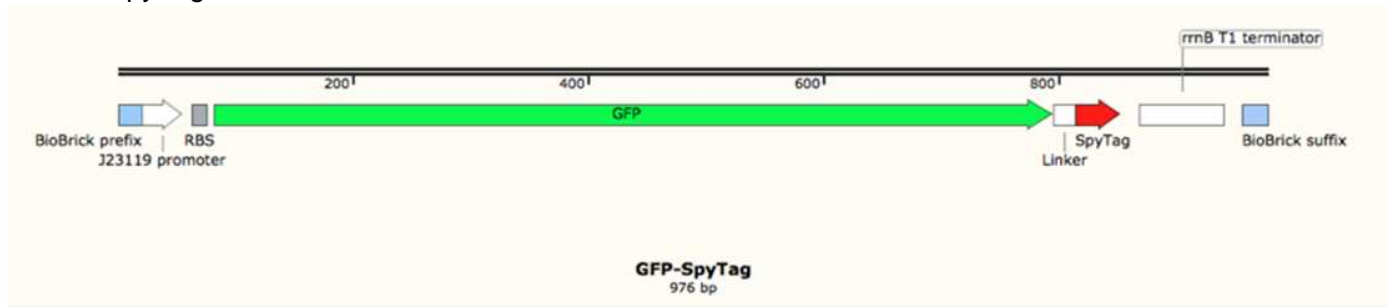
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4. GFP SpyTag



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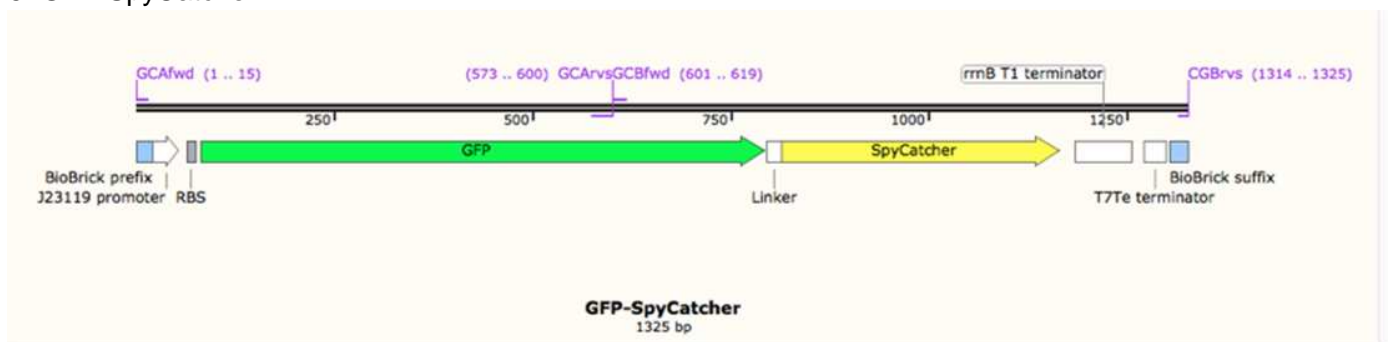
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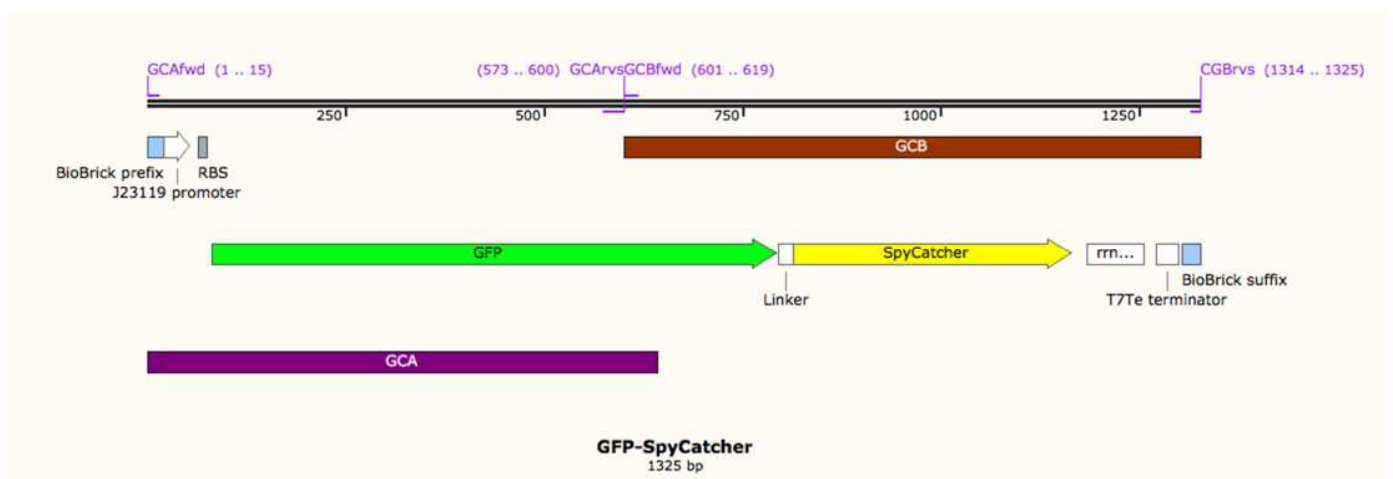
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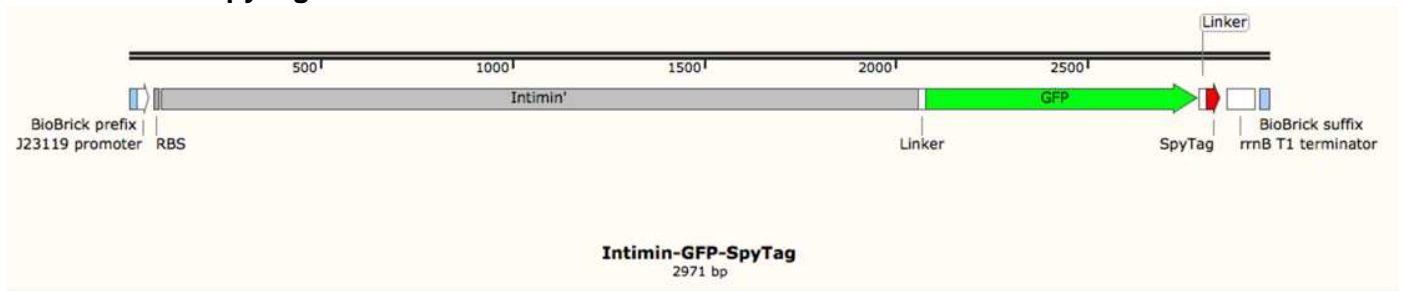
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1. Intimin GFP SpyTag



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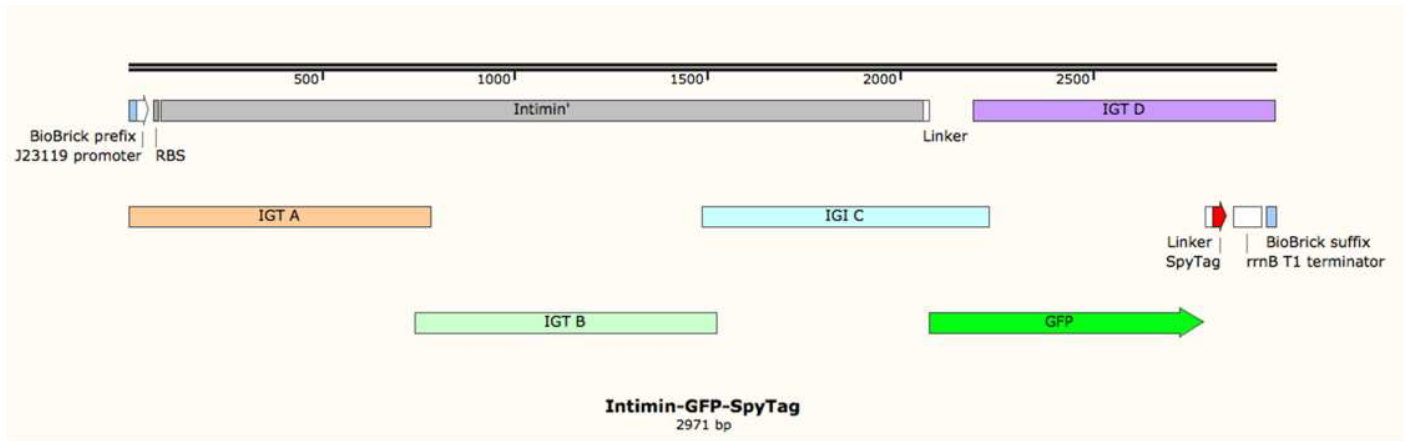
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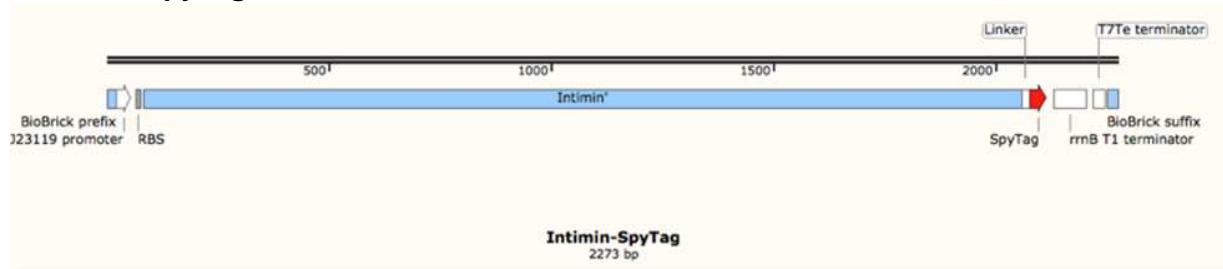
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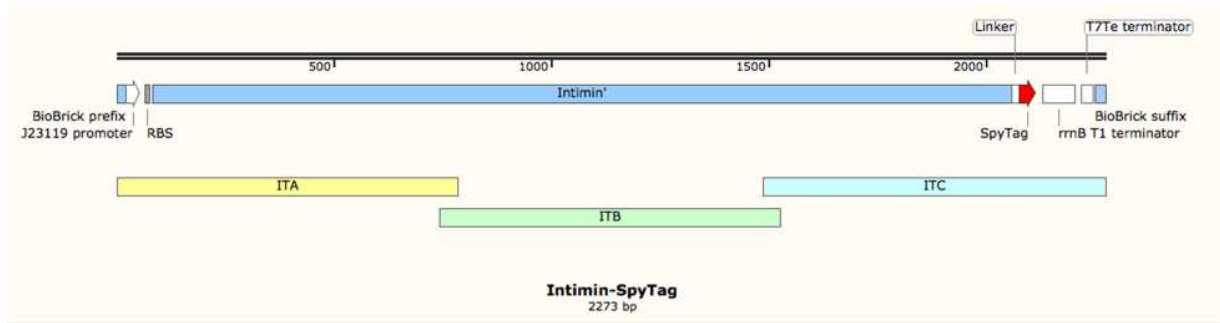
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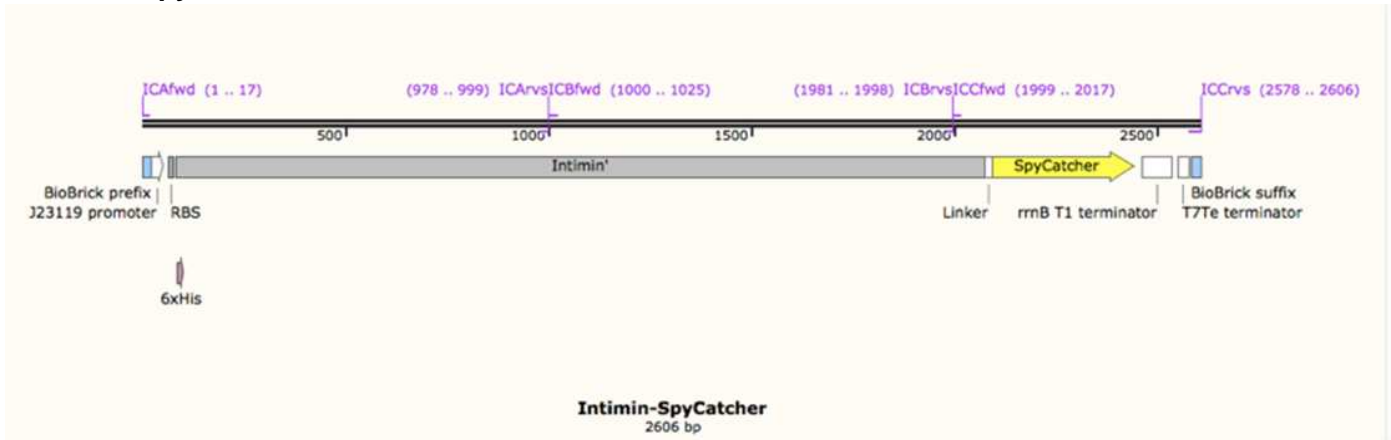
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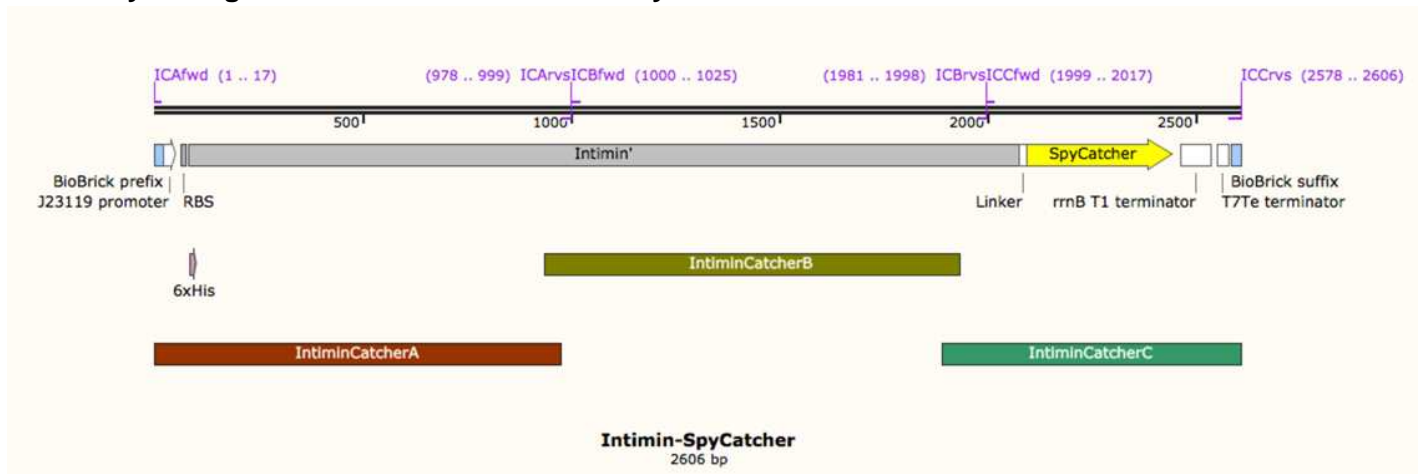
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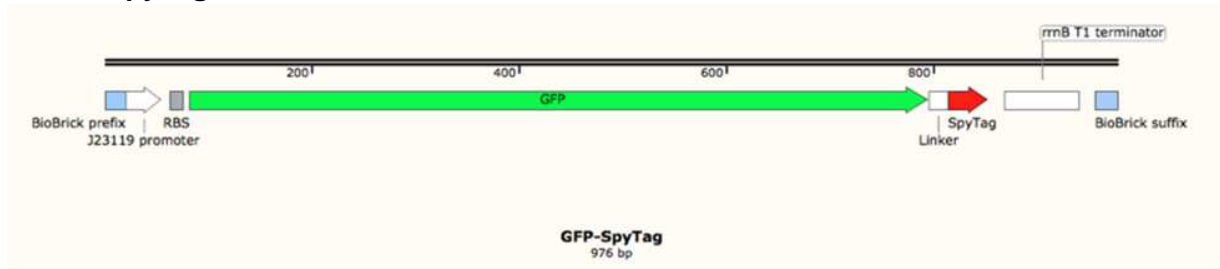
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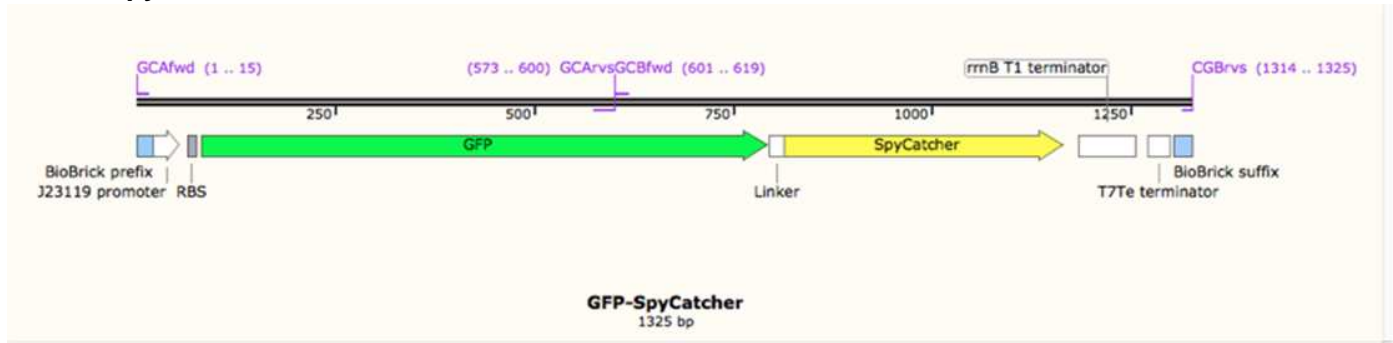
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Terminator

5. GFP SpyCatcher



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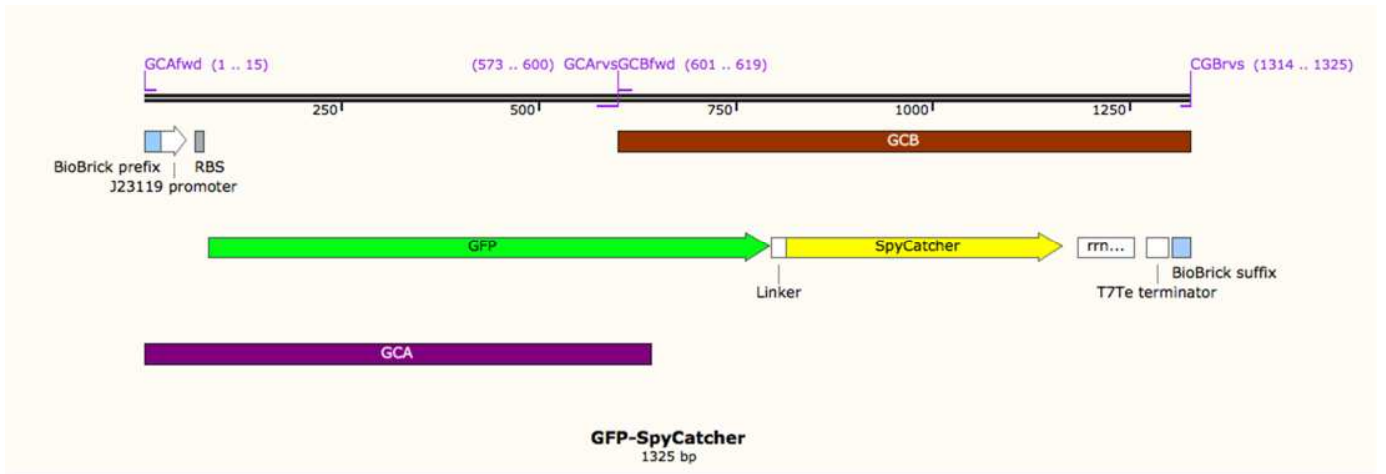
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Intimin'

Linker

SpyCatcher

Assembly through Gibson or in-fusion assembly



GCA

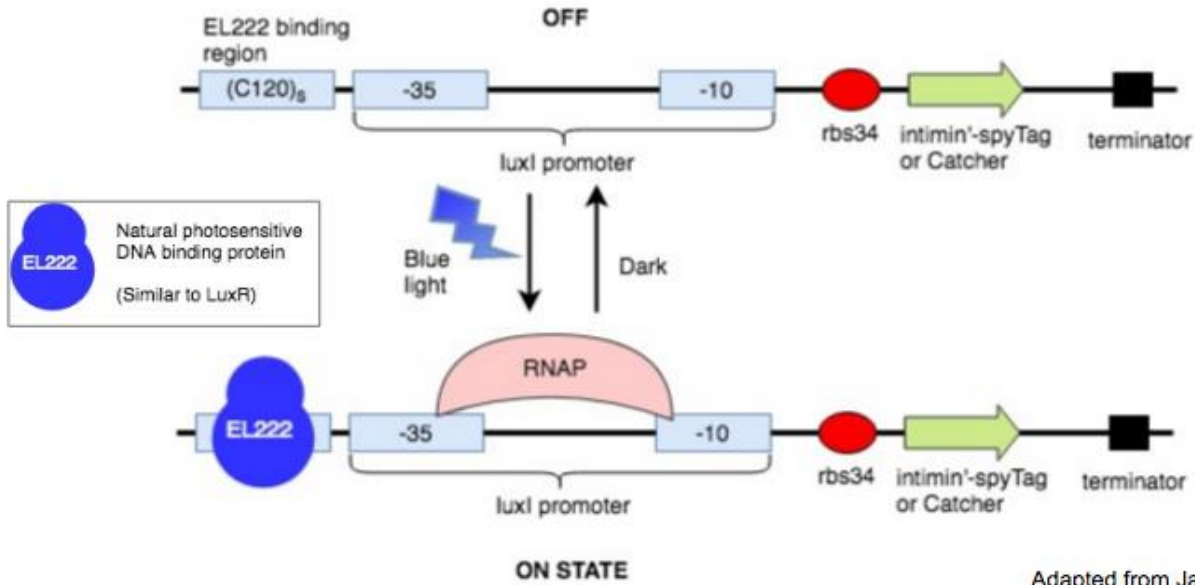
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PART B: Light induction

1. Blue-light inducible promoter (Transcriptional control)



1. EL222 binding region and promoter: PBlind-v1-rbs34-GFP (962bp)

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Prefix/Suffix

EL222 binding region, -35 hexamer, -10 hexamer

Rbs34

GFP ← WILL BE REPLACED BY OUR FUSION PROTEINS

Double terminator

2. EL222: rrrBp1-rbs34-EL222 (constitutive promoter) (906bp)

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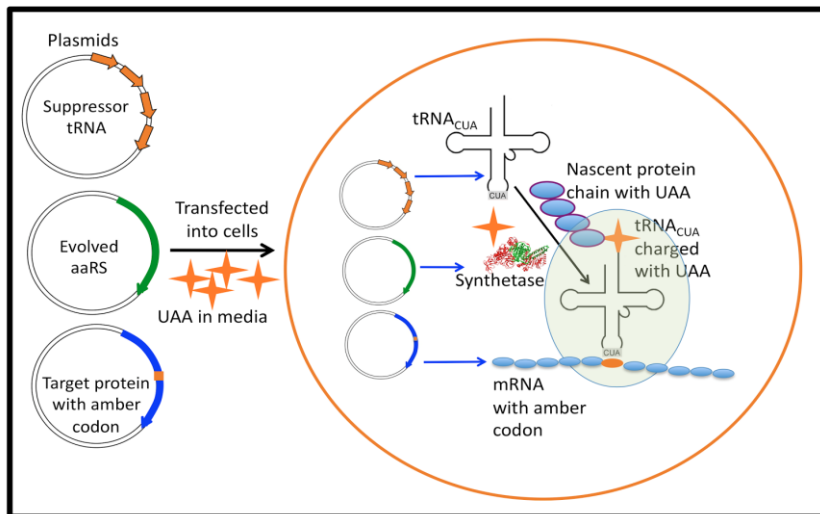
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EL222

Double terminator

PART B: Light induction

2. Photocaging - Post-translational control



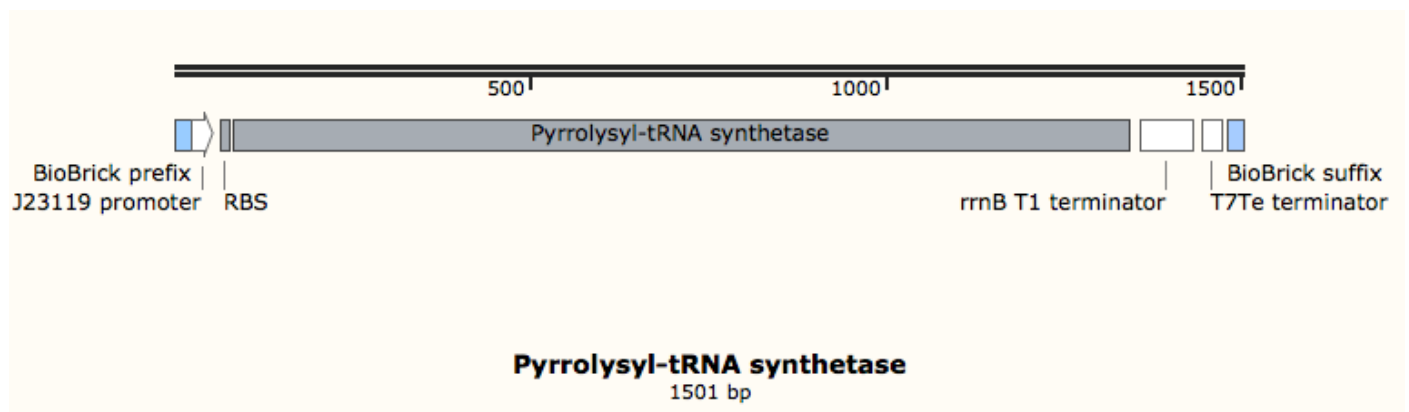
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2. Pyrrolysyl-tRNA synthetase
3. *N*ε-methyl-L-lysine
4. Protein with amber codon

Charging of tRNA_{CUA} with pyrrolysine

Incorporating pyrrolysine onto the amber codon

Photocaging lysine residue on SpyCatcher

To verify that this peak represents photocaged methyl lysine, protein was subjected to photolysis for 20 minutes with ≥ 365 nm light



Pyrrolysyl-tRNA synthetase CDS (1501bp)

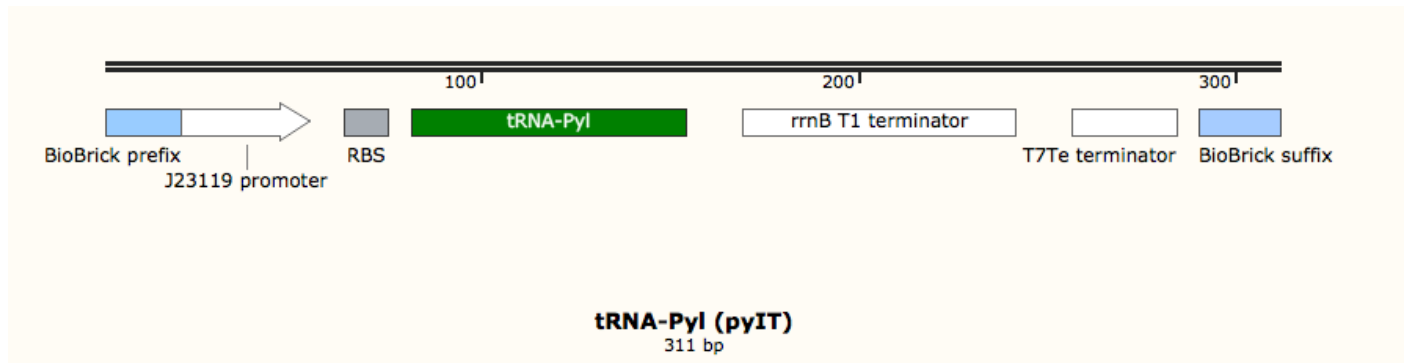
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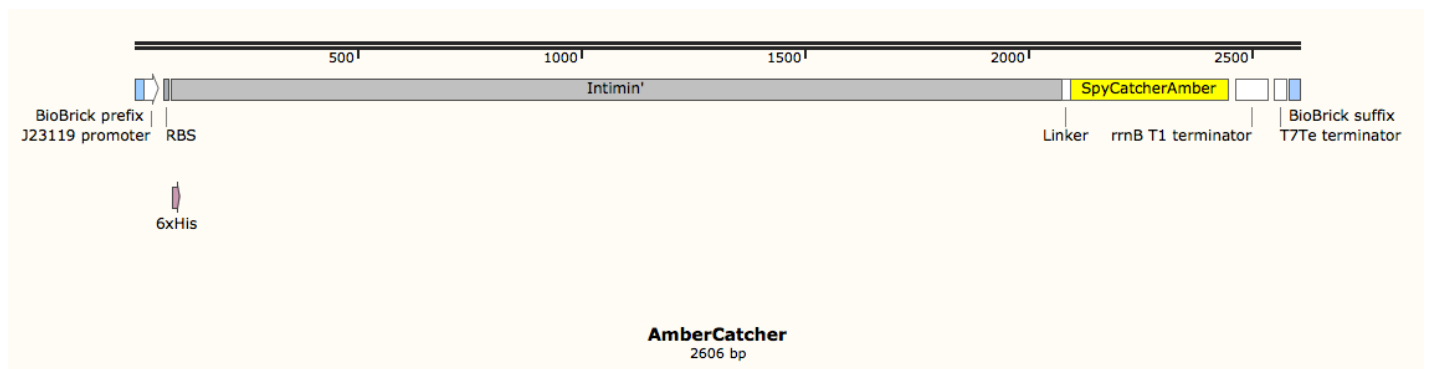


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Prefix/Suffix
 tRNA-Pyl
 Double terminator



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Prefix/Suffix

6xHis

Intimin'

SpyCatcherAmber

Double terminator

Part A. Testing expression levels of fusion proteins:

1. Intimin'-SpyTag
2. Intimin'-SpyCatcher

Experiments in brief:

1. Two cell lines expressing either fusion protein will be combined and will measure sedimentation levels or using a particle sizer
 - a. Wild type + wild type - measure sedimentation
 - b. Wild type + SpyTag/Catcher - measure sedimentation (after DNAcome)
2. Visualize protein localization using GFP tagged SpyTag or SpyCatcher added externally onto cells expressing surface binding partner (cell-protein interaction)
3. Visualize expression levels of each fusion protein using SDS PAGE gel
 - a. Run wild-types through the SDS PAGE.
4. His tag purification of complex formed

Protein Expression protocol

Day n-1, Late afternoon

Set up starter culture:

10ml medium/antibiotic

1 colony from plate/glycerol stock

37 oC o/n

Day 1

Subculture o/n culture into fresh medium/antibiotic.

Volume: more than enough to split into later cultures.

Dilution: Add o/n culture to 1-2% final volume.

37 oC, 2h Measure OD600

Blank w clean medium.

Induce if mid-log phase. (Log phase OD600 = 0.4-0.8. Mid-log phase is around 0.6.) (If not yet log phase/mid-log phase, return culture to incubator, check again in 20-30mins.)

Split culture into -+ induction (or whatever conditions you're trying). (Uninduced control is pretty important.)

Add inducer to relevant concentration (eg. IPTG to 1 mM).

Incubate: 37 oC, 2-3 h or 30 oC, 3-6 h or 16-25 oC o/n

Harvest cells:

Take final OD.

Pellet 2.5 OD cells in cooled microfuge (usually around 1-2ml culture). (4min, 8,000 xg, 4oC)

- wash in 500 µl cold buffer*, re-pellet

- resuspend in lysis buffer*

*Buffers to use here will depend on application. You don't want the wash buffer to be a lysis buffer, so Tris-Cl of ~ pH 7.5 w NaCl between 50-150 mM is ideal.

Lysis buffer: can be like wash buffer if sonicating. Can also add reagents for lysis, eg. detergents like Tween or Triton. Most commonly I add lysozyme to 1mg/ml final concentration and incubate at for 30 oC, 20min.

50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5

100 mM NaCl

1 mM DTT (for intracellular proteins)

5% glycerol (possibly)

I keep the final buffer to 250 µl usually. This means you'll have 2.5OD cells/250 µl = 0.01 OD/µl, which is a good concentration, as 10 µl of this (0.1OD) is a decent # cells and a decent amount of proteins to load onto SDS-PAGE.

Lysis either:

(1) sonication: cup horn sonicator, settings 100% amplitude, 2min, 30s on/30s off.

(2) lysozyme (see above) - typically followed by sonication as well.

(3) can freeze pellet after washing (see above), and on thawing, either do sonication or lysozyme method.

Separation of fractions: spin in cooled microfuge: 30' at 16,000 xg, 4oC pellet will contain **insoluble proteins**, membrane fractions. **Soluble** material can be transferred to new eppie. pellet can be resuspended in 250 µl 1X LB.

Prep samples for gel: Soluble: 15 µl sample + 15 µl 2xLB [= 30 µl, of which to load 20 µl on gel] boil 95oC, 5min

Insoluble: boil whole 250 µl as above.

Day 2

Run SDS-PAGE gels to determine whether your protein was expressed.

Typically, MW ladder (NEB colour prestained/broad range, 5 µl), soluble fractions, insoluble fractions. Soluble: load 20 (of 1:1 sample:2xLB), Insoluble: load 5 µl (of sample in 1xLB).

*Insoluble fractions run better if they've been passed through a syringe to break up DNA.

Typically: 80-100 V until samples get through stacking gel, then 120V+. This takes ~2h total. (Technically possible to run it much faster, resolution is very poor though.)
Stain: instant blue, 30min RT on rocker. Destain in dH₂O, 30min or o/n.
Capture on Licor

Part B. Testing covalent interaction between fusion proteins in vitro

SDS-PAGE to detect amide bond formation between SpyTag-fusion protein and SpyCatcher

Proteins mixed at 10 μ M in PBS pH7.4 at 24°C for 3hr (quantifications performed in triplicate)
Stop reaction by heating samples in SDS loading buffer on a Bio-Rad C1000 thermal cycler at 95 °C for 7 min.

SDS-PAGE on 14% polyacrylamide gels, at 200 V for approximately 1 h.

Gels stained with Instant Blue Coomassie stain (Triple Red Ltd.) and band intensities were quantified using a Gel Doc XR imager and Image Lab 3.0 software (Bio-Rad).

Reactions for pH-dependence: Mixing 10 μ M of each protein in 40 mM Na₂HPO₄ with 20 mM citric acid pH 7.0 (phosphate-citrate) for the indicated time at 25 °C, or at the indicated temperature and pH. (PBS alone would not enable proper buffering over the pH range explored.)

For determining temperature dependence: all reactions were incubated in a Bio-Rad C1000 thermal cycler at 4, 25, and 37 °C with a heated lid to prevent evaporation.

To calculate the rate constant, SpyTag-MBP and SpyCatcher at 10 μ M were mixed in triplicate in phosphate-citrate and incubated at 25 °C for 1, 3, or 5 min, in the linear part of the reaction. Samples were then heated to 95 °C for 7 min in SDS loading buffer and analyzed on 14% SDS-PAGE with Coomassie staining. Unreacted SpyCatcher concentration was quantified from band intensity as above. $1/[\text{unreacted Spy Catcher}]$ was plotted against time and a straight line, whose gradient corresponds to the second order rate constant, was fitted using the "LINEST" linear least squares curve-fitting routine in Excel. The units were converted from $\mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$ to $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$.

→ could include GFP to see in vivo localization of fusion proteins

Part C. Testing covalent interaction between fusion proteins

- Combine cultures, one expressing SpyTag fusion protein (that had the highest expression levels) with another culture expressing the SpyCatcher fusion protein (which had the highest expression levels)
- Repeat protein expression protocol
- Isolate protein extracts using His column
→ ensure His tag is on SpyCatcher

Cell aggregation:

<http://www.pnas.org/content/100/23/13259.full>

Microscopy and Data Acquisition. To record the motion of individual cells in the clusters, the slides were left undisturbed for ≈ 20 min on the microscope stage, which was found to be the optimal time required to form tight clusters that did not drift. Images were acquired within the window of 20–40 min because after 40 min many cells lost motility and the clusters had a tendency to disperse. This result is probably caused by exhaustion of oxygen by bacterial respiration. Cells grown in LB medium typically loose motility under a coverslip after ≈ 20 min. The cluster size in LB medium is comparable to that observed in minimal media (M9 glycerol). Both dark field and fluorescence microscopy were used to characterize the macroscopic cluster properties and the motility of single cells. Images were acquired at 15 frames/s by using a Nikon E800 microscope equipped with a cooled CCD camera (CoolSNAPHQ, Roper Scientific, Duluth, GA).

Data Analysis. Cells were tracked by using Metamorph (Universal Imaging Systems), which yielded the coordinates of each fluorescent cell for every frame of the video. Cells that left the field of view were not tracked. These data were then analyzed by using a tumble detection algorithm similar to Alon *et al.* (19) implemented in MATLAB (Mathworks, Natick, MA). Cells that swam at $<75\%$ of the mean speed were discarded from the data set. Success of the program was verified by visual examination of recordings and was found to be 90% accurate. The errors were largely due to cells that did not slow down while changing direction. It is possible that these may not in fact be tumble events but instead collisions with other cells or with the slide or coverslip. The center of a cluster was determined by averaging dark field images acquired over 6.5 s. In total, from the trajectories of 32 individual cells expressing GFP found in 28 clusters, 97 tumble events were registered. To determine the cell density profile, 19 clusters consisting only of cells expressing GFP were analyzed. The mean swimming speed of cells was determined to be $27 \mu\text{m/s}$, which is the projected 2D speed. The actual speed will be a slightly greater because the system is only quasi-2D; i.e., the height of the system was $\approx 40 \mu\text{m}$, which is approximately one-fifth of the typical cluster diameter.

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0107445>

Fluorescence microscopy

For the selection lines derived from *E. coli* MGAY, when the cells reached an absorbance 0.2 (600 nm), they were placed on a slide that was layered with a 1.5% agarose pad and covered with a cover slip to immobilize the cells. Observations were made using differential interference contrast (DIC) and fluorescence imaging on Zeiss Axioimager M-1 upright microscope (100X/1.40 Oil DIC M27) with a color digital camera controlled by Axio software 4.8. Images both DIC/fluorescence were taken using exposure time of 30 millisecond illumination. The resulting images were processed and analyzed using Image J 1.44c software [25]. The fluorescence image alone was used for quantification of fluorescence intensity reflecting aggregate size whereas composite image formed by merging DIC and fluorescence was used to determine the location of protein aggregates in a cell.

Part D: Light induction

Introduce construct of best fusion protein partners in plasmid downstream of the light induction control promoter

1. Seed cultures from freshly transformed plates and grow overnight in 5 ml of LB medium supplemented with appropriate antibiotics at 37°C with shaking (225 rpm). Where specified, *N*-(3-oxo-hexanoyl)-l-HSL was added to the cultures at the indicated concentrations.
2. Overnight cultures were diluted into 5 ml of fresh pre-warmed M9 medium [(12.8 g $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 3 g KH_2PO_4 , 0.5 g NaCl, 1 g NH_4Cl), 1 M MgSO_4 , 1 M CaCl_2 , 0.2% (w/v) casamino acids and 20 mM glucose as a sole carbon source. As appropriate, antibiotics] for 2–3 h exponential outgrowth at 37°C with shaking (225 rpm).

3. Cultures aliquoted (0.5 ml) into 0.5 ml of pre-warmed M9 medium in triplicates of total 1 ml volume in a flat-bottom 12-well microplate (Nunc™). The microplate was incubated at 37°C with shaking (120 rpm) in a mini shaker incubator with illumination or kept in dark (wrapped in black cloth covering all edges) between each cycle of measurements.
4. Cells are illuminated using a custom built 3 × 4 LED blue light panel (465 nm) with adjustable ON/OFF pulsing and intensity for individual wells.

IF WE SOMEHOW HAVE GFP expression as well, we could observe directly junction between cells that have adhered, fluoresce

Time series OD (600 nm) and fluorescence (GFP: excitation 485 nm, emission 528 nm and RFP: excitation 540 nm, emission 600 nm) were read using Synergy™ HTX Multi-Mode Microplate Reader (BioTek). In all experiments, auto-fluorescence was measured using a negative control strain lacking the fluorescence reporter. The fluorescence/OD600 (Fluo/OD600) at a specific time for a sample culture was determined after subtracting from each of the technical triplicate readings of the negative control cultures (fluorescence free) at the same time. The fluorescence synthesis rate ($\text{Fluo} \cdot \text{OD600}^{-1} / \text{min}$) of any sample at time t , was calculated by taking the difference of Fluo/OD600 values from two time points and dividing the result by the time interval δt . Normalization of Fluo/OD600 values was calculated into a new arbitrary range (min = 0) to (max = 1) with the observed original dataset min and max values.

Otherwise we would just perform protein expression assays post light induction vs no light induction and His tag column

24/07/17

Experiment:

Culture Preparation

Introduction:

Prepare the overnight culture for experiments on bacterial viabilities in lubricants and M9 media. The experiments are based on the irrE transformed and non-transformed cells. Another test is also done as reference on the original strain from which the plasmid was obtained.

Materials:

ON Culture 1 = NEB 10- β irrE transformed cells (Positive) + LB + 20 μ l Ampicillin

ON Culture 2 = NEB 10- β irrE non-transformed cells (Negative, wild type) + LB

ON Culture 3 = irrE Stellar cells (plasmid original transformed strain) + LB + 20 μ l Ampicillin

20 ml each for 3 cultures.

Method:

Normal inoculation method.

Keep everything sterilized and culture is supposed to be autoclaved.

Take optical densities tomorrow.

Appendix:



Cell adhesion control experiments

Experiments in brief:

1. Two cell lines expressing either fusion protein will be combined and will measure sedimentation levels or using a particle sizer
 - a. Wild type + wild type - measure sedimentation
 - b. Wild type + SpyTag/Catcher - measure sedimentation (after cells come)
2. Visualize expression levels of each fusion protein using SDS PAGE gel
 - a. Run wild-types through the SDS PAGE
3. Visualize protein localization using GFP tagged SpyTag or SpyCatcher added externally onto cells expressing surface binding partner (cell-protein interaction).
4. His tag purification of complex formed

31/07/17

Experiment:

Cell Growth against oxidative stress, high salinity environment and lack of nutrients.

Introduction:

Test the growth conditions of IrrE plasmid harboring cells and negative control in media with various stress. The oxidative stress is brought by hydrogen peroxide. The high salinity environment is created by high molarity NaCl solution. The M9 media is a good environment to test the cell growth in lack of nutrients.

The experiment can be referred to previous paper. Certain modification on the concentration of H₂O₂ and NaCl so that more data can be collected and be characterized. Both positive and negative control should have plasmid but positive has IrrE plasmid and negative has plain plasmid.

Materials:

Plate reader

ON culture of +/-

96 x well plates

Ampicillin (Depends on the vector)

LB broth

Methods: (+/-=control groups, 3= triplicates as biological repeats)

Take 1 ml of ON culture, measure OD₆₀₀

- **H₂O₂ + M9/LB**

1. Pellet 1 ml cell culture and re-suspend with 1 ml LB with 15 µl of H₂O₂ for 10 mins
2. Pellet and re-suspend with LB/M9
3. Measure the optical density and calculate equivalent volume of OD₆₀₀=0.1
4. Inoculate to 12 tubes (3+&3- in LB)/ (3+&3- in M9)

- **NaCl + M9/LB**

1. Measure the optical density and calculate equivalent volume of OD₆₀₀=0.1
2. Add NaCl to LB/M9 culture to 1 M.
3. Inoculate to 12 tubes (3+&3- in LB)/ (3+&3- in M9)

- **M9/LB Media**

1. Measure the optical density and calculate equivalent volume of OD₆₀₀=0.1
2. Inoculate to 12 tubes (3+&3- in LB)/ (3+&3- in M9)

The results should provide sets of comparing data.

1. Growth in 3 stresses conditions. (Stress only variable and has the negative control all)
2. Cell growth in Pure M9 and LB as reference. (Both Negative and Positive)

Appendix:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2635966/>

For M9 + Salt.

M9

(-)

	+			-		
			$\frac{M9}{M9}$			
$\frac{M9}{M9}$			① $\frac{M9}{M9}$		$M9 + H_2O_2$	$M9 NaCl$
① M9	$M9 + H_2O_2$	$M9 + NaCl$				
② M9	$M9 H_2O_2$	$M9 + NaCl$	② M9	$M9 H_2O_2$	$M9 NaCl$	
③ M9	$M9 H_2O_2$	$M9 + NaCl$	③ M9	$M9 H_2O_2$	$M9 NaCl$	
			<u>LB</u>			
<u>LB</u>			① LB	$LB H_2O_2$	$LB NaCl$	
① LB	$LB H_2O_2$	$LB NaCl$				
② LB	$LB H_2O_2$	$LB NaCl$	② LB	$LB H_2O_2$	$LB NaCl$	
③ LB	$LB H_2O_2$	$LB NaCl$	③ LB	$LB H_2O_2$	$LB NaCl$	

20 mL LB x 18

01/08/17

Experiment:

IrrE Positive and Negative Hydrogen Peroxide Resistance Preliminary Screening

Introduction:

To pre-test the viability of IrrE harbouring strains and negative control strain in the presence of 1.5% and 1.0% of H₂O₂. This provides the information for the culturing experiments in next session.

Materials:

LB

H₂O₂

Agar plates and agar plates with 100 µg/ml Ampicillin

Spreaders

Methods:

1. Take the ON culture of both strains

Centrifuge 3 tubes of 1 ml of each, labelled as LB, LB+1.0% H₂O₂, LB+1.5% H₂O₂. Do the same labelling on negative ones.

2. Re-suspend 2 tubes labelled as LB with fresh LB

Re-suspend 2 tubes labelled as LB+1.0% H₂O₂ with 990 µl of LB and 10 µl of H₂O₂

3. Re-suspend 2 tubes labelled as LB with fresh LB

Re-suspend 2 tubes labelled as LB+1.0% H₂O₂ with 985 µl of LB and 15 µl of H₂O₂

4. Incubate all tubes in 37°C water bath for 10 mins

5. Take 4 tubes with H₂O₂ and centrifuge. Then re-suspend with fresh LB

4 Plates are used, labelled as: (with quarters) Q = Quarter

+ Group Amp 1.0%: 1stQ = LB 2ndQ = LB+1.0% H₂O₂ 3rdQ = 1/10 LB+1.0% H₂O₂ 4thQ = N/A

+ Group Amp 1.5%: 1stQ = LB 2ndQ = LB+1.5% H₂O₂ 3rdQ = 1/10 LB+1.5% H₂O₂ 4thQ = N/A

- Group Agar 1.0%: 1stQ = LB 2ndQ = LB+1.0% H₂O₂ 3rdQ = 1/10 LB+1.0% H₂O₂ 4thQ = N/A

- Group Agar 1.5%: 1stQ = LB 2ndQ = LB+1.5% H₂O₂ 3rdQ = 1/10 LB+1.5% H₂O₂ 4thQ = N/A

Plate as labelled accordingly.

Incubate the plates ON to see the colonies.

25/07/17

Experiment:

Cell Growth in M9 media and Lubricant

Introduction:

Monitor the growth of irrE cells in different media by measuring the optical densities. The cells are cultures for 8hrs. Measurements are taken every 20 mins when the cells duplicate.

Materials:

ON culture 1 2 3

12 Shaking flasks

Pipette gun

Lubricant

M9 solution

LB media

Method:

Take optical densities of each ON culture and dilute them into same cell density.

Prepare 50ml of culture 1/2/3/4

1= M9 solution

2= LB media

3= Lubricant + LB media (Lubricant concentration 40%v/v)

4= Lubricant + M9 solution (Lubricant concentration 40%v/v)

Label 12 flasks as below

- (+) Culture 1/2/3/4

- (-) Culture 1/2/3/4

- (s+) Culture 1/2/3/4 12 flasks in total.

Inoculate accordingly into each flask.

The number of cells inoculated must be same for three cultures.

The method is described below:

The Equation was $C_1V_1=C_2V_2$, the concentration (C) and volume (V) before and after dilution.

OD₆₀₀ of ON culture 1 2 3 (1/8 dilution)

$C_1=0.154*8=1.232$ $C_2V_2=0.5$

$C_2=0.160*8=1.280$ $C_2V_2=0.5$

$C_3=0.214*8=1.712$ $C_2V_2=0.5$

After inoculating

Take optical density of 12 cultures every 20 mins for 8 hours.

Appendix:

Data was saved on the Excel in the same folder.



12/07/17

Experiment:

irrE Exposure Experiments III

Introduction:

Test the viability of cells transformed with irrE plasmids (+) as positive group with the comparison to non-transformed ones (-). The viabilities of two groups are compared against period of exposure. The overnight culture was prepared in advance. Additionally, the plated is covered with aluminum to prevent *E.coli* photo-reactivation and another reference group is un-covered.

Materials:

Sterile 6-well plates

ON culture of both Positive and negative groups.

Autoclaved Spreaders

LB Plates

LB Plates with Ampicillin

Sterile PBS solution

Methods:

Sterilize everything used involving cells.

Centrifuge 2 ml of ON culture of each and re-suspend with PBS.

Take out 5 μ l of both resuspension cultures.

Pipette cell culture onto the according wells. (as shown in the appendix)

Re-suspend with 1995 μ l of PBS.

Expose the plates in the UV cross-linker for the period required.

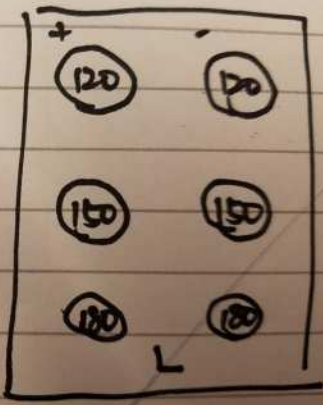
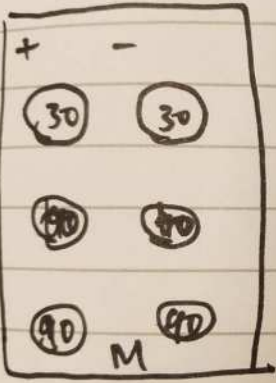
Both culture re-suspensions are exposed for 30/60/90/120/150/180 mins and get covered with aluminum foil.

Prepare one plate for UV exposed but not uncovered as reference. The Exposure time is 90 mins.

Take 20 μ l of the culture after exposure and plate it onto plates with according antibiotics.

Repeat the steps when exposure period increases.

Appendix:

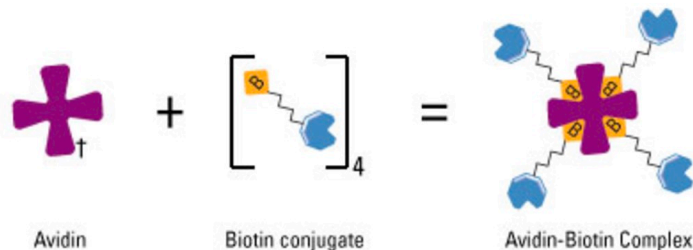


20/09/17

Experiment: Cell Adhesion by Biotin-Avidin Conjugation

Experiment Design:

Avidin has a high affinity to biotin, one Avidin molecule can bind up to 4 biotin molecules, which are normally conjugated to an enzyme, antibody or target protein to form an avidin-biotin complex.

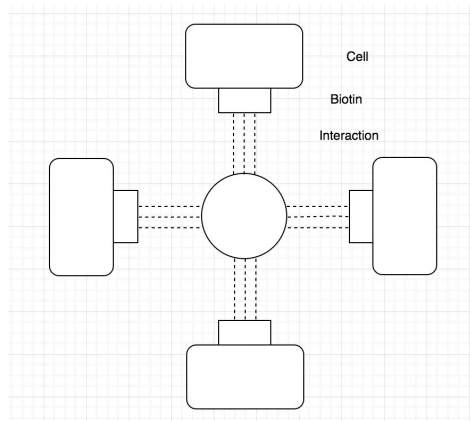


By this design, we can apply similar idea to *E.coli* cells. Once cells are biotinylated and biotin molecules are attached to the surface of the cells, the cell-biotin conjugate will be able to bind to avidin once avidin is added. Cell adhesion is achieved.

For tetrameric avidin, the theoretical maximum is 4 moles biotin:1 mole Avidin [1]

There is no way to see how many cells have been biotinylated. Two experiments of different Avidin Biotin-cell ratio are used in the experiment with a control.

Measurements to be discussed.



Materials:

Sulfosuccinimidobiotin, NHS-Biotin Solution, Dimethylformamide(DMF), Ice-cold PBS solution (pH 8.0), *E.coli* pUC 19 Overnight culture , 25°C Waterbath, Glycine, Avidin and **Measurement instruments.**

Lab-based Methods:

A. Cell Biotinylation [2]

1. Wash cells three times with ice-cold PBS (pH 8.0) to remove amine-containing culture media and proteins from the cells. (6000rpm 5 mins each time)
2. Suspend cells at concentration of $OD_{600} = 0.032$ in PBS.
3. 20mM NHS-Biotin solution (4-5mg to 0.5ml DMF).
4. Add 100 μ l solution to 1ml of cell suspension and incubate for 30 mins at room temperature.

5. Wash cells with PBS+100mM Glycine to remove excess biotin

B. Biotin-Avidin System

Avidin is very soluble both in water and salt solutions so avidin is going to be dissolved in PBS solution to required molarity.

1. Control: Cells are re-suspended in 100µl of 20mM NHS-Biotin solution and mixed with PBS as control.
2. 1:1: Cells are re-suspended in 100µl of 20mM NHS-Biotin solution and mixed with 100µl 20mM Avidin solution.
3. 1:4: Cells are re-suspended in 100µl of 20mM NHS-Biotin solution and mixed with 25µl 20mM Avidin solution.

Following procedures depend on how measurements are made.

C. Part 3-Cell adhesion measurement

To be discussed

[1] https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/content/dam/sigma-aldrich/docs/Sigma/Product_Information_Sheet/a9275pis.pdf

[2] https://tools.thermofisher.com/content/sfs/manuals/MAN0011206_EZ_NHS_Biotin_Reag_UG.pdf

22/09/17

Bacterial Cell Aggregation by Biotin-Avidin adhesion

Materials:

Biotin: 50 mg ✓

Avidin: 2mg ✓

Glycine: >2 g ✓

BL21(DE3) pET14b-GFP (Amp): 50mL ✓

BL21(DE3) pL4SS-mCherry (Cam): 50mL ✓

Autoclaved LB Media: 500 mL ✓

Autoclaved Baffled Shaking Flasks with cotton: 2

Fume Hood

Procedures:

A. Solution Preparation (On Wednesday)

1. 30 mL of 100mM Glycine: 225 mg of glycine in 30mL PBS (Filter glycine solution before use)
2. Add 2 mg Avidin to 1 mL PBS (0.0312mM Avidin)(3mg left)
3. Add 8.868 mg Biotin to 1ml DMF (10mM Biotin)

B. Cell Preparation (Ready until Wednesday)

1. Inoculate both strains onto according plates and incubate at 37°C overnight ✓
2. Take out 2 plates and put them into 4°C freezer (Friday) ✓
3. Pick in total of 5-10 colonies (on one inoculation loop) and inoculate into 10ml LB. ✓
4. Incubate overnight at 37°C at 160rpm ✓
5. Prepare 50mL LB with according antibiotics in 250mL baffled shaking flasks (Tuesday)
6. Inoculate 100µL of overnight culture(Tuesday)
7. Induce with IPTG when $OD_{600}=1$ (Tuesday)
8. Put cultures at room temperature overnight shaking at 160 rpm.
9. Proceed same procedure with the other strain. Overnight culture $OD_{600} >5.0$

C. Biotinylation

1. Wash 20mL of cells three times with ice-cold PBS (pH 8.0) at 5000rpm 5 mins each time
2. Measure OD_{600} and adjust to 1
3. Add 100µL of 10mM NHS-Biotin to 900µL of cells and flick the tube 5-6 times to mix (Repeat for all samples except for the un-biotinylated cells)
4. Incubate cells in room temperature for at least 1 hour
5. Wash cells in 1mL Glycine solution to remove excess biotin
6. Re-suspend cells to $OD_{600}=1.0$ with 1 mL PBS

D. Adhesion

For filming aggregation, start with $OD_{600}=1.0$

For microscopy and sedimentation with plating, start with $OD_{600}=1.0$

Experiment groups: (Repeat same procedure with the other strain)

Do the experiment on the most fluorescent cells.

Groups	Cells	Biotin	Avidin	DMF	PBS	
Control 1	1mL	-	100µl 0.0312mM	100µl	-	
Control 3	1ml	-	-	100µl	100µl	
Control 2	1mL	100µl 1.0 mM	-	-	100µL	
4:1	1mL	100µl 0.125 mM	100µl 0.0312mM	-	-	
X:1(Excess Biotin)	1mL	100µl 1.0 mM	100µl 0.0312mM	-	-	Excess Biotin
		Control 1	Un-Biotinylated			
		Control 2	Un-Avidinated			
		Control 3	Unlabelled and un-avidinated			

E. Incubation

1. Incubate all vials of cells at 25°C water bath for 1 hour.
2. After incubation, aggregation should have started and measurements should be taken at first time point when they are taken out of the water bath.
3. Put vials at benchtop for 5 hours. Measurement intervals stated below.

F. Measurements

1. Film sedimentation
Use normal phone to focus at the tube, film for 5 hours. (or less)
2. Natural Sedimentation, plate and count colonies
 1. Let all groups to be settled down. Mark a point for consecutive measurements.
 2. Take out 10 µL of supernatant of the culture FROM SAME POINT. Time interval: 30 mins, 1hour, 2hours, 3hours, 5hours.
 3. Re-suspend 10 µL in 90 µL of LB (x10 dilution)
 4. Plate onto according antibiotics containing plates
 5. Incubate at 37°C overnight
3. Cytometric Microscopy
 1. Take 10µL of the initial culture
 2. Observe under wide-field microscope

26/09/17

Bacterial Cell Aggregation by Biotin-Avidin adhesion

Materials:

Nhs Biotin: 50 mg □

Avidin: 2mg□

Glycine: >2 g□

BL21(DE3) pET14b-GFP (Amp): 50mL□

BL21(DE3) pL4SS-mCherry (Cam): 50mL□

Autoclaved LB Media: 500 mL□

Autoclaved Baffled Shaking Flasks with cotton: 2

Fume Hood

Procedures:

1. Preparation

1. Prepare 50 mL of 100mM Glycine: 375 mg of glycine in 50mL PBS (Filter glycine solution before use)
2. Add 2 mg Avidin to 1 mL PBS (0.0312mM Avidin)(3mg left)
3. Add 8.868 mg Biotin to 1ml DMF (10mM Biotin) – **dilute to 1mM?**
4. Prepare 2x 250mL baffled conical flasks, each containing 50m LB with appropriate antibiotics
5. Prepare 2x 50mL LB with appropriate antibiotics in 50mL Falcon tubes
6. Prepare 500mL PBS. Filter sterilize and store in 4°C fridge.
7. Prepare an appropriate tube rack and lighting setup for 5 hour video capture of cell aggregation in tubes.

2. Cell Preparation

1. Streak both strains onto plates with appropriate antibiotic and place in static incubate at 37°C overnight□
2. Move plates to 4°C freezer for overnight storage. Seal with nesco film. □
3. Pick in total of 10 colonies (on one inoculation loop) into 10ml LB with appropriate antibiotic. □
4. Incubate overnight at 37°C at 160rpm□
5. 9am Use 100µL of each culture to inoculate 50m LB with with appropriate antibiotics in 250mL flasks.
6. Incubate at 37°C at 160rpm. Monitor OD hourly and add X volume of Y conc. IPTG when $OD_{600}=1$ then leave incubation to continue overnight.

3. Biotinylation (for both strains)

1. Move 20mL of culture from conical flask to 50mL Falcon tube.
2. Cf at 5000rpm for 5 mins
3. Discard supernatant and resuspend pellet in 20mL ice-cold PBS (pH 8.0)
4. Repeat above 3 steps three times.
5. Measure OD600 of final PBS / cell solution.
6. Dilute an aliquot of the PBS / cell solution of the necessary volume to result in an 8mL PBS / cell solution of $OD_{600} = 1$.

Biotinylation continued.

7. Transfer 900µL of the OD600 = 1 PBS / cell solution to each of eight 1.5mL Eppendorf tubes, labelled A-H.
8. Add the solutions indicated in Table 1 'Step 1 Biotinylation' to each of the tubes, labelled A-H.
9. Incubate all tubes for 1 hour at Room Temp.
10. Cf tubes at XXX RPM. Discard supernatant.
11. Resuspend pellet in 1mL Glycine.
12. Cf tubes at XXX RPM. Discard glycine supernatant.
13. Resuspend pellet in 900µL PBS.

4. Avidin incubation

14. Add the solutions indicated in Table 2 'Step 2 Avidin incubation' to each of the tubes. **Take a note of the time.** Gently swirl tubes 3 times.
15. Proceed immediately to aggregation measurement.

5. Aggregation measurements

1. Transfer 500 µL of cell solution gently into a second, labeled tube for video recording.
2. Place these new tubes in an appropriate tube rack and lighting setup for 5 hour video capture of cell aggregation.
3. Place 40x 1.5mL Eppendorf tubes in a rack. Add 90 µL PBS to each tube.
4. Each hour for 5 hours, remove 10µL FROM THE UPPER SURFACE of the culture and add to 90 µL PBS in a separate tube. Transfer what is now a 100µL to a LABELLED LB agar plate, containing appropriate antibiotic, and spread. Place plate in static incubator overnight. Log approx. colony counts the next day.
5. Use the remaining 500 µL of cell solution from step 1. above for microscopy studies with Steffi Frank.

Table 1

Step 1 Biotinylation					
Tube Label	Vol. OD = 1 PBS cell solution	1000µM nhs-Biotin	125µM nhs-Biotin	PBS	DMF
A	900µL				100µl
B	900µL				100µl
C	900µL			100µL	
D	900µL			100µL	
E	900µL		100µL		
F	900µL		100µL		
G	900µL	100µL			
H	900µL	100µL			

Step 2 Avidin Incubation	
32µM Avidin	PBS
100µl	
	100µl
100µl	
	100µl
100µl	
	100µl
100µl	
	100µl

Product Information

Avidin from egg white

BioUltra

Catalog Number **A9275**

Storage Temperature 2–8 °C

CAS RN 1405-69-2

Product Description

In the late 19th century and the 1910's, several reports indicated that feeding large quantities of dried egg white to animals produced a nutritional deficiency.^{1,2}

Administration of vitamin H, also known as biotin, remedied this deficiency. Eventually, it emerged that this deficiency resulted from the binding of biotin to a protein in egg white.^{3,4} This protein was called "avidin", after its "avidity" for biotin.

Avidin is a tetrameric glycoprotein with an approximate molecular mass of 66–67 kDa.⁵ It is composed of four subunits with each subunit containing 128 identical amino acid residues and a variable carbohydrate moiety.^{5,6} The subunits may vary slightly in molecular mass due to the carbohydrate composition. Only Asp¹⁷ is glycosylated.^{5,7} The carbohydrate moiety can have at least three different carbohydrate structural types.⁸ Avidin can be dissociated into subunits under strongly denaturing conditions. Each subunit is separately capable of binding biotin with a dissociation constant (K_d) = 10^{-7} M.^{6,9}

The avidin-biotin association constant ($K_a = 10^{15}$ M⁻¹) is one of the strongest affinities known. The complex is stable to 100 °C, and significantly stable to detergents and denaturants.¹⁰ Avidin is stable to ~85 °C without biotin. Biophysical studies of the avidin-biotin complex have implicated particular tryptophan and lysine residues in the biotin-binding site of avidin.^{11,12} The crystal structure of avidin has been published.¹³ The crystal structure of a deglycosylated form of avidin complexed with biotin has been reported.¹⁴

Because of the stability of both avidin and biotin, each of these molecules has been used as "labels" for antibodies, fluorescent dyes, proteins, and other molecules of interest to biochemists. Avidin and biotin have each been incorporated into immobilized matrices. (The only way that monomeric avidin can exist is through its attachment to an agarose support.⁹)

This product (A9275) is purified using affinity chromatography. It is dialyzed extensively against deionized water before being lyophilized. The basic procedures are modified from literature preparations.^{13,15,16} This product is sold by protein content (determined by E^{1%}₂₈₀).

Unit Definition: One unit will bind 1.0 µg of d-biotin.

Unit activity: ≥10 units per mg protein

Isoelectric point (pI):^{8,9} 10

K_d for the avidin-biotin complex:⁶ 10^{-15} M (neutral pH)

Binding capacity: For tetrameric avidin, the theoretical maximum is 4 moles biotin:1 mole avidin^{6,13} or ~15 µg biotin/mg protein.¹⁴

Reported fluorescent wavelength:⁹

338 nm (avidin)

328 nm (avidin-biotin complex)

Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

Preparation Instructions

Avidin is very soluble both in water, up to 20 mg/mL,⁸ and in salt solutions. Avidin solutions are stable over a wide range of pH and temperatures, particularly when combined with biotin.^{6,17} Avidin can be crystallized from ammonium sulfate at >2.5 M at pH 5.¹³ Since one tryptophan residue per subunit is involved in the binding site, avidin can be inactivated by oxidizing agents such as ozone, peroxide, or strong light.¹¹ Solutions should be stored at –20 °C.

Storage/Stability

The avidin-biotin complex is even more heat stable than avidin alone:

- It is only 10% dissociated after 15 minutes at 100 °C.⁶ It is not completely dissociated after 60 minutes at 100 °C.
- The complex can be quantitatively dissociated only under autoclaving conditions, e.g. 120 °C, 15 minutes.¹⁵

When avidin was reduced in the presence of 9 M urea, its biotin-binding activity was unchanged. The protein was denatured and lost biotin-binding activity as the pH was gradually lowered to pH 1. However, when the pH was raised to pH 3, avidin regained native configuration and binding activity. The complex is also extremely stable at high pH, being only 20% ionized even at pH 13.¹⁷

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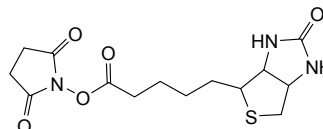
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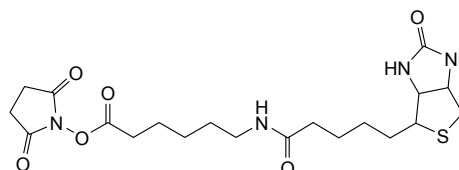
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Spacer Arm Length: 22.4 Å

Net Mass Added: 339.16

Storage: Upon receipt store desiccated at 4°C. Product is shipped at ambient temperature.

21343 EZ-Link[®] NHS-LC-LC-Biotin, 50 mg, succinimidyl-6-(biotinamido)-6-hexanamido hexanoate

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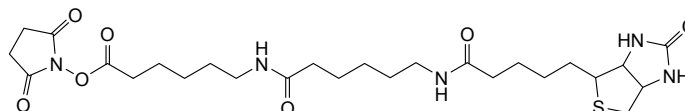
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Introduction

EZ-Link[®] NHS-Biotin Reagents enable simple and efficient biotin labeling of antibodies, proteins and any other primary amine-containing macromolecules in solution. Differing only in spacer arm lengths, the three reagents offer researchers the possibility of optimizing labeling and detection experiments where steric hindrance of biotin binding is an important factor.

Biotin is a small naturally occurring vitamin that binds with high affinity to avidin and streptavidin proteins. Because it is so small (244 Da), biotin can be conjugated to many proteins without altering their biological activities. Labeled proteins may be purified from unlabeled proteins using immobilized streptavidin and avidin affinity gels (see Related Thermo Scientific Products), and they may be detected easily in ELISA, dot blot or Western blot applications using streptavidin or avidin-conjugated probes.

N-Hydroxysuccinimide (NHS) esters of biotin are the most popular type of biotinylation reagent. NHS-activated biotins react efficiently with primary amino groups (-NH₂) in pH 7-9 buffers to form stable amide bonds. Proteins, including antibodies, generally have several primary amines in the side chain of lysine (K) residues and the N-terminus of each polypeptide that are available as targets for labeling with NHS-activated biotin reagents. Several different NHS esters of biotin are available, with varying properties and spacer arm lengths. The three EZ-Link[®] NHS-Biotin Reagents are not directly water soluble and must be dissolved in organic solvents such as DMSO or DMF before addition to aqueous solutions at the final concentration for the labeling reaction.

Biotinylation of intact cells has emerged as an important tool for studying the expression and regulation of receptors and transporters, differentiation of plasma membrane proteins from those localized to organelle membranes, and distribution of membrane proteins in polarized epithelial cells. Sulfo-NHS-Biotin reagents (see Related Thermo Scientific Products) do not readily permeate cell membranes and are commonly used for specifically labeling the cell surface. By contrast, NHS-Biotin reagents are membrane permeable and may be used to biotinylate proteins inside intact cells. Parallel experiments with NHS- and Sulfo-NHS-Biotin analogs may help to localize particular proteins of interest.

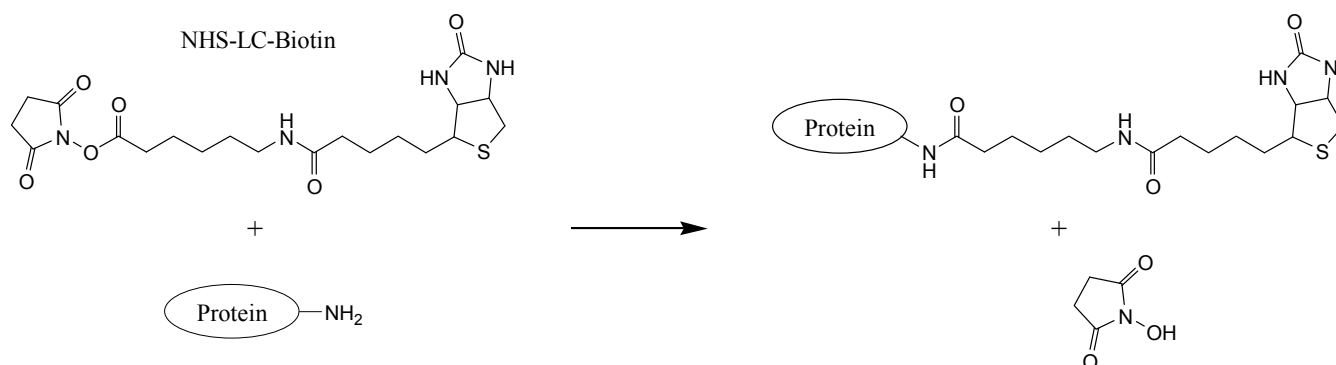


Figure 1. Reaction of NHS-LC-Biotin with primary amine. If drawn to scale, the oval representing the protein would be many times larger than the structures shown in this scheme and would likely contain several amino groups, each of which would be labeled in some proportion of the protein molecules in the reaction. Note that NHS is a leaving group (byproduct) in the reaction; this leaving group as well as any nonreacted biotin reagent is removed during the final desalting step in the procedure.

Important Product Information

- NHS-Biotin reagents are moisture-sensitive. If the vial of reagent has been stored cold, fully equilibrate vial to room temperature before opening to avoid moisture condensation inside the container.
- As directed in the procedure, dissolve the biotin reagent immediately before use. The NHS ester moiety readily hydrolyzes and becomes nonreactive; therefore, weigh and dissolve only a small amount of the reagent at a time, and do not prepare stock solutions for storage. Discard any unused reconstituted reagent.
- Avoid buffers containing primary amines (e.g., Tris or glycine) as these will compete with the reaction (see Figure 1). If necessary, dialyze or otherwise desalt to exchange the protein sample into an amine-free buffer such as phosphate buffered saline (PBS; see Related Thermo Scientific Products).

- When biotinylating proteins in solution, excess non-reacted biotin and reaction byproducts are easily removed by size exclusion using either desalting columns or dialysis (See Additional Information and Related Thermo Scientific Products). A 10 ml desalting column is best suited for processing biotinylation reactions involving 1-10 mg of protein in approximately 0.5-2 ml. For smaller amounts of protein and/or smaller reaction volumes, both the biotinylation reaction and subsequent buffer exchange may be performed in a single Slide-A-Lyzer[®] MINI Dialysis Unit. For larger reaction volumes than can be processed with a desalting column, either split the sample between two columns or use an appropriate Slide-A-Lyzer[®] Dialysis Cassette for buffer exchange steps.

Additional Materials Required

- Water-miscible organic solvent such as dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) or dimethylformamide (DMF)
- Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) or other amine-free buffer having pH 7-8 for use as reaction buffer (see Important Product Information and Related Thermo Scientific Products)
- Desalting columns or dialysis units for buffer exchange (see Important Product Information and Related Thermo Scientific Products)

Procedure for Biotinyating Proteins

The following procedure ordinarily will yield incorporation of 3-5 biotins per molecule of protein. Antibodies, which are large proteins, often will label with ~8-12 biotin molecules per molecule of IgG, especially when greater molar excesses of biotin reagent are used (see Calculations). The molar ratio of biotin reagent to protein may be adjusted to obtain the level of incorporation desired.

A. Calculations

The amount of biotin reagent to use for each reaction depends on the amount of protein to be labeled and its concentration. By using the appropriate molar ratio of biotin to protein, the extent of labeling can be controlled. When labeling more dilute protein solutions, a greater molar fold excess of biotin is necessary to achieve the same results. Generally, for best results use ≥ 12 -fold molar excess of biotin for a 10 mg/ml protein solution or ≥ 20 -fold molar excess of biotin for a 2 mg/ml protein solution.

1. Calculate millimoles of biotin reagent to add to the reaction for a 20-fold molar excess:

$$\text{ml protein} \times \frac{\text{mg protein}}{\text{ml protein}} \times \frac{\text{mmol protein}}{\text{mg protein}} \times \frac{20 \text{ mmol Biotin}}{\text{mmol protein}} = \text{mmol Biotin}$$

- 20 = Recommended molar fold excess of biotin for 2 mg/ml protein sample

2. Calculate microliters of 10 mM biotin reagent solution (prepared in Step B.3) to add to the reaction:

$$\text{mmol Biotin} \times \frac{1,000,000 \mu\text{l}}{\text{L}} \times \frac{\text{L}}{10 \text{ mmol}} = \mu\text{l Biotin}$$

Example Calculation:

For 1 ml of a 2 mg/ml IgG (150,000 MW) solution, ~27 μl of 10 mM biotin reagent will be added.

$$1 \text{ ml IgG} \times \frac{2 \text{ mg IgG}}{1 \text{ ml IgG}} \times \frac{1 \text{ mmol IgG}}{150,000 \text{ mg IgG}} \times \frac{20 \text{ mmol Biotin}}{1 \text{ mmol IgG}} = 0.000266 \text{ mmol Biotin}$$

$$0.000266 \text{ mmol Biotin} \times \frac{1,000,000 \mu\text{l}}{\text{L}} \times \frac{\text{L}}{10 \text{ mmol}} = 26.6 \mu\text{l Biotin Reagent}$$

B. Biotin Labeling Reaction

1. If the biotin reagent has been stored cold, remove the vial from storage and fully equilibrate it to room temperature before opening in step 3.
2. Dissolve 1-10 mg protein in 0.5-2.0 ml PBS according to the calculation made in section A.
Note: Protein that is already dissolved in amine-free buffer at pH 7.2-8.0 may be used without buffer exchange or dilution with PBS. Proteins in Tris or other amine-containing buffers must be exchanged into a suitable buffer.
3. Immediately before use, prepare a 10 mM solution of the biotin reagent in an organic solvent such as dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) or dimethylformamide (DMF):
 - For NHS-Biotin (Product No. 20217), dissolve 2.0 mg reagent in 590 μ l of solvent.
 - For NHS-LC-Biotin (Product No. 21336), dissolve 2.3 mg reagent in 500 μ l of solvent.
 - For NHS-LC-LC-Biotin (Product No. 21343), dissolve 2.0 mg reagent in 350 μ l of solvent.
4. Add the appropriate volume (see Calculations in section A) of 10 mM biotin reagent solution to the protein solution.
5. Incubate reaction on ice for two hours or at room temperature for 30 minutes.
Note: Other than the possibility of ordinary protein degradation or microbial growth, there is no harm in reacting longer than the specified time.
6. Protein labeling is complete at this point, and although excess non-reacted and hydrolyzed biotin reagent remains in the solution, it is often possible to perform preliminary tests of the labeled protein by ELISA or Western blot. Once proper function and labeling of the protein has been confirmed, the labeled protein may be purified for optimal performance and stability using desalting or dialysis. If the level of biotin incorporation will be determined using the EZ™ Biotin Quantitation Kit (HABA assay; see Related Thermo Scientific Products), the protein first must be desalted or dialyzed to remove non-reacted biotin.

Procedure for Biotinylating Cells

Many variations of this procedure exist in the literature. Sulfo-NHS-Biotin reagents (see Related Thermo Scientific Products) do not readily permeate cell membranes and are commonly used for specifically labeling the cell surface. By contrast, NHS-Biotin reagents are membrane permeable and may be used to biotinylate proteins inside intact cells. Parallel experiments with NHS- and Sulfo-NHS-Biotin analogs may help to localize particular proteins of interest.

Labeling may be performed on cells in suspension or on adherent cells in culture plates. In the latter situation, diffusion of the NHS-Biotin reagent to all surfaces of the cells will be limited, and labeling will occur predominately on and through the exposed surface. Culture media must be washed from the cells, or amine-containing components will compete and quench the reaction to cell proteins. Using a more concentrated cell suspension is most effective since less biotin reagent will be required in the reaction. Generally, a final concentration of 2-5 mM NHS-Biotin reagent is effective. NHS-Biotin reactions occur more rapidly at higher pH; therefore, pH 8.0 is used in the following example so that labeling can be completed as quickly as possible.

1. Wash cells three times with ice-cold PBS (pH 8.0) to remove amine-containing culture media and proteins from the cells.
2. Suspend cells at a concentration of $\sim 25 \times 10^6$ cells/ml in PBS (pH 8.0).
3. Prepare a 20 mM solution of NHS-Biotin reagent by dissolving 4-5 mg of reagent per 0.5 ml of water-miscible organic solvent such as dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) or dimethylformamide (DMF).
4. Add 100 μ l of NHS-Biotin reagent solution to each 1 ml of cell suspension (results in ~ 2 mM biotin reagent).
5. Incubate reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 minutes.
Note: Longer reaction time may be necessary to ensure significant diffusion of NHS-Biotin reagent into the cells; otherwise, most labeling may occur at the cell surface.
6. Wash cells three times with PBS + 100 mM glycine to quench and remove excess biotin reagent and byproducts.
7. Lyse and/or analyze biotin-labeled cells as required for the research method.

Additional Information

Visit the web site for additional information related to this product, including the Tech Tip procedure titled “Perform labeling and other reactions in Slide-A-Lyzer® Dialysis Cassettes.”

Related Thermo Scientific Products

21217	EZ-Link® Sulfo-NHS-Biotin , 50 mg, sulfosuccinimidobiotin
21335	EZ-Link® Sulfo-NHS-LC-Biotin , 100 mg, sulfosuccinimidyl-6-(biotin-amido)hexanoate
21338	EZ-Link® Sulfo-NHS-LC-LC-Biotin , 50 mg, sulfosuccinimidyl-6-(biotinamido)-6-hexanamido hexanoate
28372	BupH™ Phosphate Buffered Saline Packs , 40 pack, each pack yields 500 ml of 0.1 M sodium phosphate, 0.15 M sodium chloride, pH 7.2 when reconstituted with 500 ml water.
69576	Slide-A-Lyzer® MINI Dialysis Unit Kit , for 10-100 µl sample volumes, 10 units plus float
66382, 66807	Slide-A-Lyzer® Dialysis Cassette Kits , for 0.5-3 ml and 3-12 ml sample volumes, respectively
89889	Zeba™ Desalt Spin Columns , 5 × 2 ml columns, for desalting 200-700 µl samples
89891	Zeba™ Desalt Spin Columns , 5 × 5 ml columns, for desalting 500-2,000 µl samples
28005	EZ™ Biotin Quantitation Kit , HABA assay kit to determine levels of biotin incorporation
21450, 21440	EZ-Link® NHS-PEO₄-Solid Phase Biotinylation Kit , one-step antibody labeling and purification
20347	Immobilized Streptavidin Gel , 2 ml
20228	Immobilized Monomeric Avidin Kit , bind and gently elute biotin-labeled molecules
21126	Streptavidin, Horseradish Peroxidase Conjugated , 1 mg

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Strains Specifications:

BL21(DE3) pET14B-GFP (Amp)

BL21(DE3) pL3SS-mCherry (Cam) **incubated on Thursday**

Freeze in fridge on Friday over the weekend

For each:

1. Pick 5-10 colonies and inoculate into 10ml LB **On Monday**
2. Incubate overnight at 37°C at 160rpm **On Monday**
3. Prepare 50mL LB with according antibiotics in 250mL baffled shaking flasks **On Tuesday**
4. Inoculate 500µL of overnight cultures into the flask and incubate at 37°C at 160rpm **On Tuesday**
5. Induce with IPTG when $OD_{600} = 1$ **On Tuesday**
6. Put cultures at room temperature overnight shaking at 160 rpm. **On Wednesday**

Start Biotinylation experiment