

# Nuclease

## Week 1

Summarized below are the experiments conducted this week in chronological order. Click on the experiment name to view it. To go back to this summary, click **Summary** in the footer.

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## 1 Colony Picking of pSB1C3-Nuc

### Responsible

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### Protocols used

- Colony Picking
- PCR
- Collecting BioBrick from Distribution

## Experimental Set Up

**Description:** The aim of this experiment was to confirm the presence and construct of BioBricks ordered from iGEM Headquarters. Furthermore, the aim was to create liquid cultures for for later purification and making glycerol stocks.

4 colonies were picked for pSB1C3-Nuc, two were used to start a PCR and a two were used to make a liquid culture. The liquid culture was incubated at 37°C , 180 rpm. The PCR was run with primers VF2 and VR (both at the final concentration 0.2  $\mu$ M).

The liquid cultures were grown to an OD of 0.6 (at 600nm wavelength, taking approximately 4.5 h) and 250  $\mu$ l were used to make glycerol stocks (250  $\mu$ l bacteria + 250  $\mu$ l 50% glycerol) The remaining 175  $\mu$ l of the liquid cultures were grown for another hour, then transferred to an incubator without shaking and left there until completing their 16h incubation. On the 24.06.16, liquid cultures were spun down (15 min, 6000g), supernatant removed and pellets frozen at -20°C .

Working Stock VF2 primer	18 $\mu$ l
Working Stock VR primer	18 $\mu$ l
10x PCR Buffer	90 $\mu$ l
Taq DNA Polymerase	4.5 $\mu$ l
dNTP mix	18 $\mu$ l
Autoclaved ddH <sub>2</sub> O	751.5 $\mu$ l

## Sample Calculation

For the PCR, a mastermix for 18 samples was created (final volume: 1800  $\mu$ l). For a tube of 900  $\mu$ l Master Mix (two tubers were used) the reagents under 'Experimental Data' were added together.

## Results and Conclusions

The Nuc samples had the anticipated size of 900 base pairs; the Nuc BioBrick BBa\_K729004 had 570 bp and the primers had approximately 250 bp . The results from the gel were considered reliable.

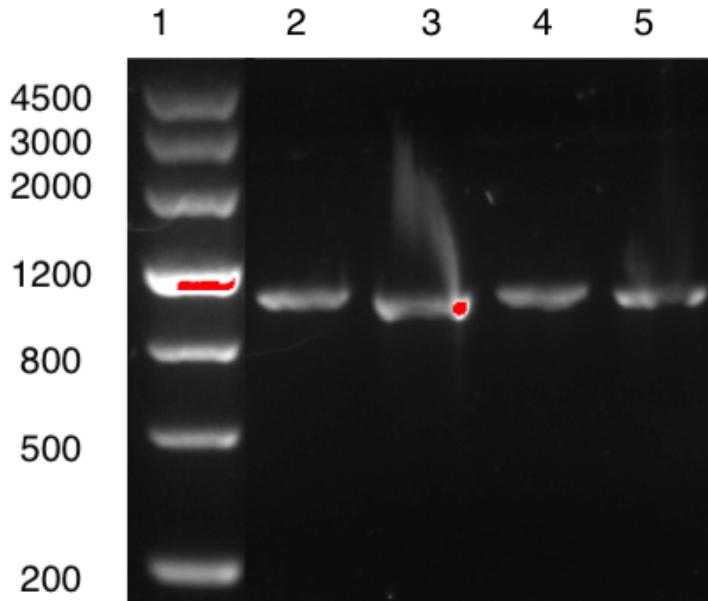


Figure 1: (1) Ladder (2) Nuc (3) Nuc (4) Nuc (5) Nuc

## Discussion and Troubleshooting

PCR products will be purified and sent for sequencing. Glycerol stocks were frozen for long-term storage and pellets from liquid cultures frozen for future purification when the results from sequencing will be available.

## 2 PCR purification of pSB1C3-Nuc

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### Protocols used

- PCR Purification Protocol

### Modifications to protocols

- Used 50  $\mu$ L of DNA sample which was too little, and resulted in a too low concentration.
- Reduced elution buffer (EB) to 30  $\mu$ L to increase final DNA concentration

## Experimental Set Up

**Description:** The aim was to purify PCR product from the ordered Nuc BioBrick (BBa\_K729004), and prepare it for sequencing.

Prepared HCl 1M

Made Sodium Acetate Solution 3M, pH 5

Purified Nuc1, Nuc2, with 50  $\mu$ L elution buffer

## Sample Calculation

Following reactions were prepared for the experiment.

Table 1: HCL, Sodium Acetate, Forward Primer

Reaction	Volume	Calculation
HCL 1 M	100 ml	12.8 ml HCl 25% + 87.2 ml dH <sub>2</sub> O
Sodium Acetate 3M	~15 ml	4.1 g of sodium acetate + 10 ml of dH <sub>2</sub> O Adjust pH to 5, used around 8 ml of HCl 1M
Forward Primer 5 $\mu$ M	50 $\mu$ l	25 $\mu$ L of 10 $\mu$ M into 25 $\mu$ l sterilized dH <sub>2</sub> O

## Results and Conclusions

After PCR, the nanodrop showed the following concentration of the Nuc1 and Nuc2 samples:

Table 2: Concentrations of Nuc

Sample	Concentration (ng/ $\mu$ L)	Ready for Sequencing
Nuc1	29.2	Yes
Nuc2	21.6	Yes

## Discussion and Troubleshooting

Nuc 1, Nuc 2, can be sent for sequencing (after being mixed with 5 $\mu$ M forward primer).