Cloning: Gibson Assembly

Preparation of Gibson Assembly Master Mix

1. Set up the Gibson Assembly Master Mix as follows

Table 1: Representation of the composition of the Gibson Assembly Master Mix

Component	Concentration	Amount	
5x ISO buffer	5x	100 μL	
Taq DNA Ligase	40 U/μL	50 μL	
T5 Exonuclease	1 U/μL	2 μL	
Q5 Hi-Fi DNA Polymerase	2 U/μL	6.25 μL	
Nuclease-free water		216.75 μL	
Total volume		375 μL	

2. Prepare 15 µL aliquots in PCR tubes. Store at -20 °C.

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- 1. Generate dsDNA with 20 to 40 bp overlapping ends by PCR
- 2. Digest the vector PCR product with DpnI for 1 hour at 37 °C to digest unamplified vector
- 3. Gel extraction of amplified vector with overlapping ends using the ZymocleanTM Gel DNA Recovery Kit
- 4. Set up the following reaction on ice

Table 2: Representation of the composition of a Gibson Assembly reaction

Component	20 μL reaction
DNA	50-100 ng for vector with 2-3-fold
	excess insert
Gibson Assembly Master Mix (1,3x)	15 μL
Nuclease-free water	To 20 μL

- 5. Incubate samples at 50°C for 60 minutes.
- 6. Transform 1-5 μL of the reaction into 50 μL competent cells.