

Cloning

- Plan construction
 - plasmid according to host organism/selection marker/copy number/etc.
 - order primers for insert (if needed)
 - (SnapGene Software is nice)
- Prepare insert (PCR) and clean it up
- Restriction Digest of plasmid and insert
 - 1-2ug DNA
 - 1ul of each restriction enzyme
 - 2ul buffer (FastDigest)
 - ddW up to 20ul
- Blunting (optional)
 - Add 1ul of Klenow(it will fill 5' and remove 3') and 1ul of 2mM dNTP to restriction mix and incubate 15 min at 37C
- To prevent plasmid ligation on itself add 1ul of CIAP/other alkaline phosphatase after restriction of plasmid and incubate 1h 37C (optional)
- Gel purification of fragments (run agarose gel with fresh TAE buffer, cut fragment with clean knife then use DNA purification kit)
- Ligation with Instant Ligase Master Mix (NEB)
 - Combine 20-100ng of plasmid and insert (1:1, 1:3 or 3:1 molar ratios)
 - Add ddW up to 4ul
 - Add 4ul of Blunt or Sticky end Ligation Mix and mix by pipeting
 - Keep on ice for 10min (for blunt ends keep 15min at Room and then place on ice)
- Bacterial Transformation