

PCR amplification of repetitive DNA: a limitation to genome editing technologies and many other applications

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Supplementary information

Generation of dTALE12

For the generation of dTALE12, a Transcription Activator-like Effector containing 12 and a half repeats we followed the protocol of Golden Gate assembly as described previously ¹. The TALE repeat sequence is HD1, HD2, NI3, NG4, NN5, NN6, HD7, HD8, NI9, NI10, HD1, NI2, LR-HD. The final destination vector is pTAL2 (Addgene plasmid 31033).

Sequence data

TALE repeat in pTAL2 vector (only sequence between primers 534 and 535 is given)

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TALE repeat artifact products

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GFP repeat artifact product

1Kb artifact product (gel isolated from figure 10 and sequenced using primer 572)

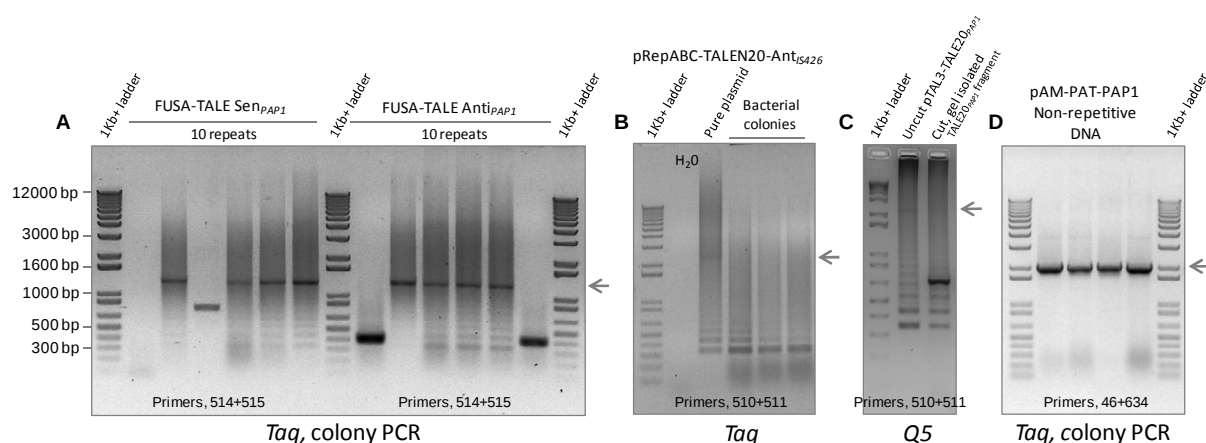
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Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Primers used

Primer name	Sequence (5'-3')
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314	ATCGAGCTCAAGTTATCATTTCG
390	CGAGATCATCCGTGTTTCAA
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535	GATCGGCGCGCCAGGCCAAGGCGACGAGGTGGTC
572	GAGTCAGTGAGCGAGGAAGC
634	AAGCGGATCCTTGACCAATTTACTTATACCTTT
825	GATCTGTACAAGAACCACCACCACC

Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. Primers and vector backbones are not the reason for PCR artifacts. (A) Typical colony PCR results obtained from *E. coli* colonies containing assembled 10 TALE repeats in pFusa vector backbone and using recommended primers (514+515) by the Golden Gate protocol. If the assembly of desired repeats is successful, a laddering effect is observed. The rest of the colonies amplifying distinct fragments are either empty or contain re-arrangements lacking TALE repeats. (B) Such laddering effects are observed in colony PCRs from different vector backbones as well, indicating that artifacts are generated independent of plasmid backbones. Similarly, the use of pure plasmids does not make a difference as well. (C) TALE DNA binding repeats were excised from TAL3-TALE20_{PAP1} vector by restriction digestion (NotI-AatII fragment) and the fragment containing 20 TALE DNA binding repeats is gel isolated. PCR analysis was carried out using either the uncut vector or the gel isolated TALE fragment as template using primers 510 and 511. Laddering effect was observed in both templates, indicating that not the vector backbone but the cloned repetitive DNA is the reason. (D) Such laddering effects were not observed in colony PCRs with bacteria containing non-repetitive DNAs. PCR conditions are given below.

Supplementary Figure 1A, Taq DNA polymerase colony PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		25µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	20,88	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO ₄	10	X	1	X	2,5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	0,5	µl
Primer –Frw 514	10	µM	0,2	µM	0,5	µl
Primer –Rev 515	10	µM	0,2	µM	0,5	µl
Template <i>E. coli</i> colonies containing either pFUSA-TALE-sense or pFUSA-TALE-Antisense TALE repeat assemblies						µl
Taq DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,12	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 5 min

35 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 45 sec
Final extension	68°C	5 min	

Supplementary Figure 1B, *Taq* DNA polymerase colony PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		25µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	20,88	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO ₄	10	X	1	X	2,5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	0,5	µl
Primer –Frw 510	10	µM	0,2	µM	0,5	µl
Primer –Rev 511	10	µM	0,2	µM	0,5	µl
Template bacterial colonies containing pRepABC-TALEN-Ant. _{IS426} plasmid or the pure plasmid						µl
<i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,12	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 5 min

30 cycles of

Denature	95°C	30 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	2 min

Final extension 68°C 2 min

Supplementary Figure 1C, Q5 DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Template DNA (gel isolated TALE fragment from pTAL2 plasmid)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
Q5 DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M04478G)	2	U/µl	0,02	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	10 sec	
Extend	72°C	30 sec/Kb	45 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Supplementary Figure 1D, Taq DNA polymerase colony PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		25µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	20,88	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO ₄	10	X	1	X	2,5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	0,5	µl
Primer -Frw 46	10	µM	0,2	µM	0,5	µl
Primer -Rev 634	10	µM	0,2	µM	0,5	µl
Template <i>E. coli</i> colonies containing pAM-PAT-PAP1 plasmid						µl
Taq DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,12	µl

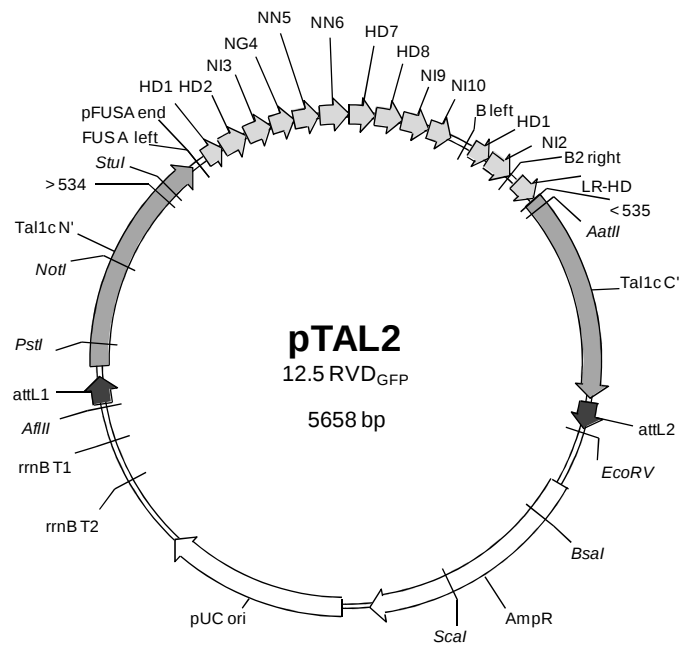
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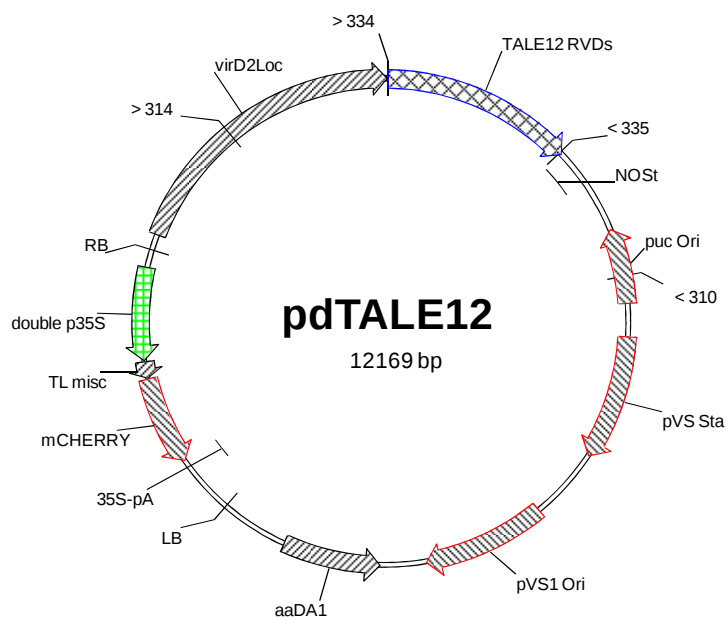
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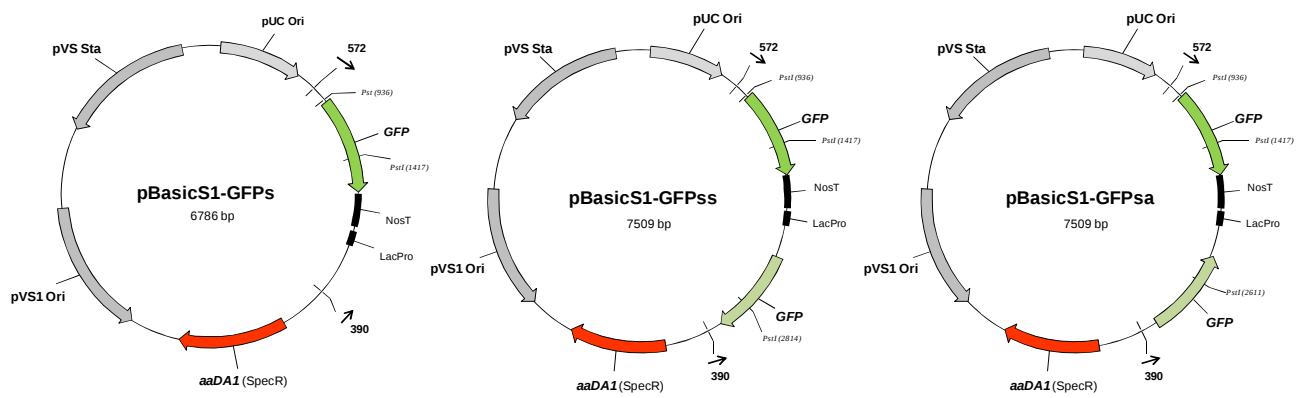
Final extension 68°C 5 min



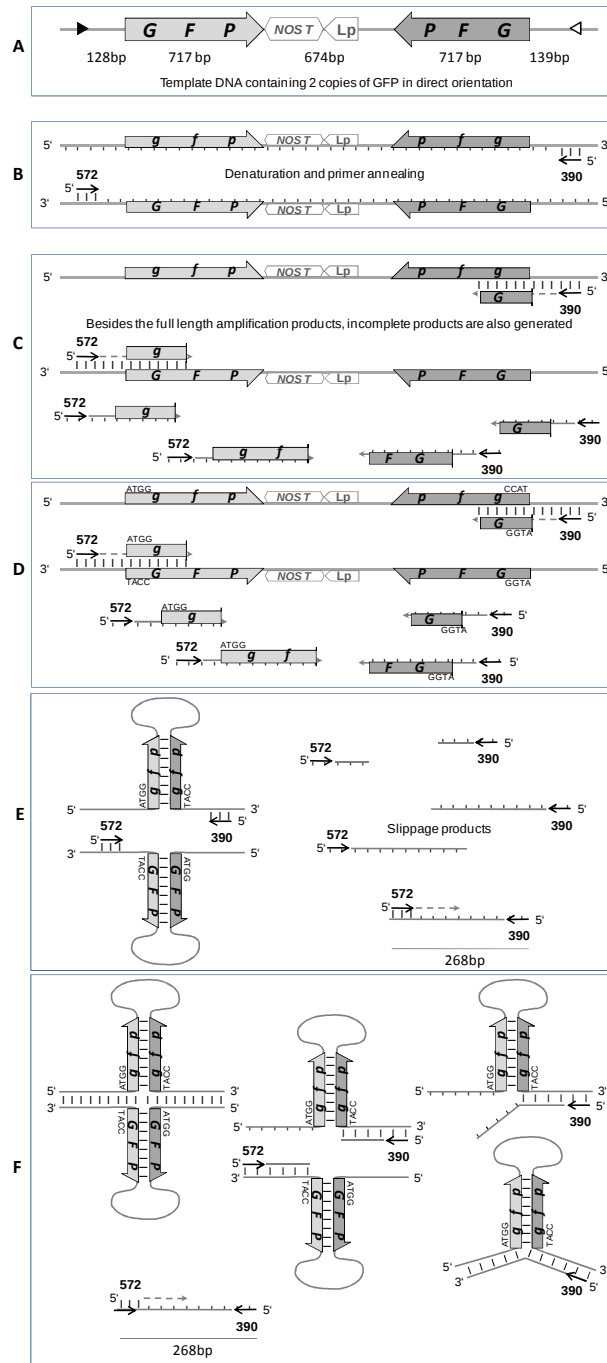
Supplementary Figure 2. Plamid map of pTAL2 vector with 12.5 RVD_{GFP}.



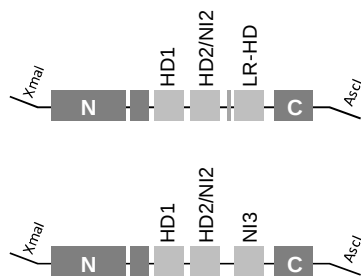
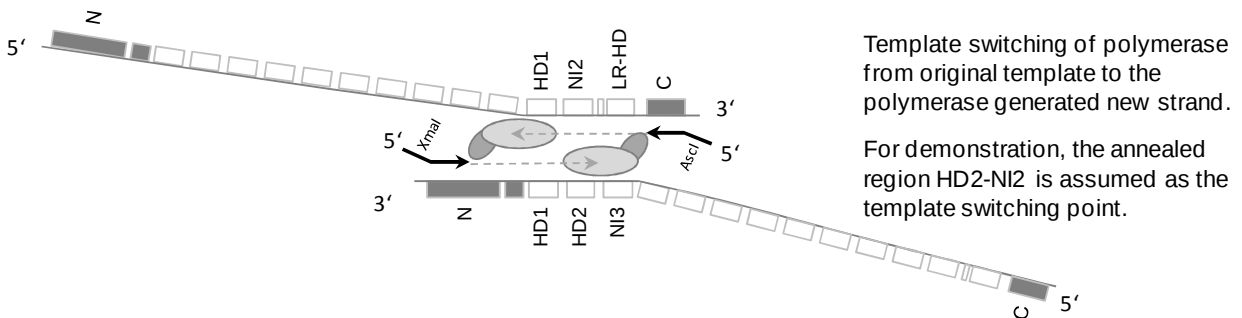
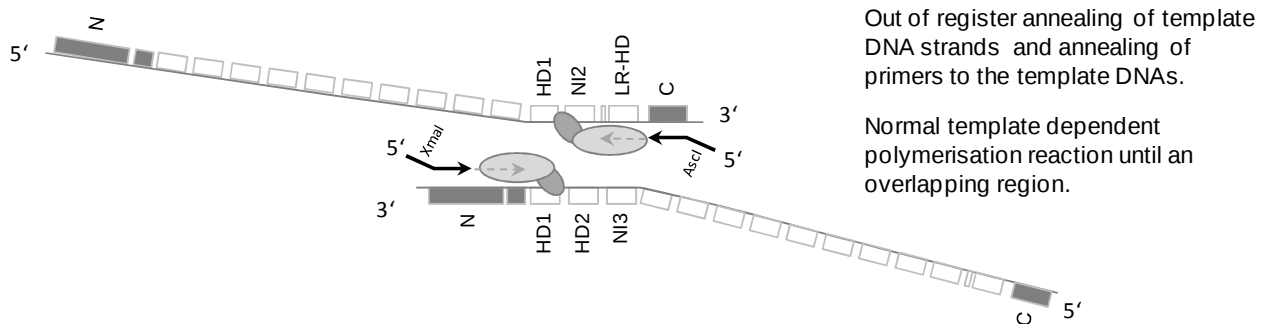
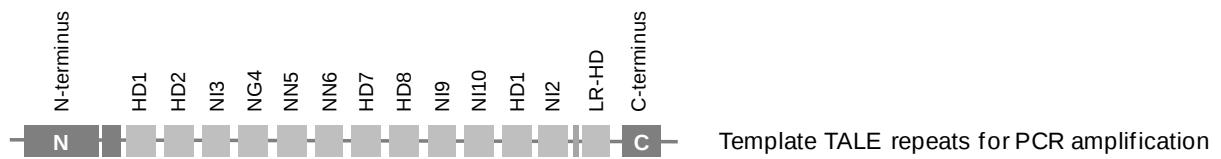
Supplementary Figure 3. Plamid map of pdTALE12.



Supplementary Figure 4. pBasicS1-GFP plasmid maps used in experiments.



Supplementary Figure 5. The model of *GFP* sequences arranged as inverted repeats separated by a linker DNA.



Artifact amplification products with deletions/rearrangements

Supplementary Figure 6. Template switching by DNA polymerase could also explain how the truncated PCR artifacts are generated.

Supplementary material and methods

PCR conditions

Figure 1, *Pfu* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	40	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	10	X	1	X	5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	1	µl
<i>Pfu</i> DNA polymerase (Bioline)	2,5	U/µl	0,05	U/µl	1	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

33 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	72°C	1 min/Kb	3 min (extended)

Final extension 72°C 5 min

Figure 1, *Taq* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	39,75	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO ₄	10	X	1	X	5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
<i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,25	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

33 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	2 min

Final extension 68°C 5 min

Figure 2A, Q5 DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
Q5 DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M04478G)	2	U/µl	0,02	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	10 sec	
Extend	72°C	30 sec/Kb	45 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Figure 5, Phusion DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	30	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
MgCl ₂ (supplied with enzyme)	25	mM	0,75	mM	1,5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
Phusion DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0530S)	2	U/µl	0,02	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

33 cycles of

Denature	98°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	15 sec	
Extend	72°C	15 sec/Kb	25 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Figure 5, Q5 DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H2O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
Q5 DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M04478G)	2	U/µl	0,02	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	10 sec	
Extend	72°C	30 sec/Kb	45 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Figure 5, Primestar GXL DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H2O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix	2,5	mM	0,2	mM	4	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
Primestar GXL DNA polymerase (TAKARA, R050A)	1,25	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	1	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	15 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec

Final extension 68°C 2 min

Figure 5, PrimeSTAR GXL DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix (supplied with the polymerase)	2,5	mM	0,2	mM	4	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,5	µM	2,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
PrimeSTAR GXL DNA polymerase (TAKARA, R050A)	1,25	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	1	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	15 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec

Final extension 68°C 2 min

Figure 5, PrimeSTAR Max DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	21	µl
PrimeSTAR® Max Premix , TAKARA, R045A	2	X	1	X	25	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	5 sec	
Extend	72°C	5 sec/Kb	10 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Figure 5, PrimeSTAR HS DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix (supplied with the polymerase)	2,5	mM	0,2	mM	4	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
PrimeSTAR HS DNA polymerase (TAKARA, R010A)	2, 5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	10 sec	
Extend	72°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Figure 5, AccuPrime Pfx DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	39,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+dNTPs (premix)	10	X	1	X	5	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,3	µM	1,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,3	µM	1,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
AccuPrime Pfx DNA polymerase (Life Technologies, 12344-024)	2,5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec

Final extension 68°C 2 min

Figure 6, *DeepVentR* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H2O	-	-	-	-	31,65	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
MgSO4	100	mM	2	mM	1	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,4	µM	2	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,4	µM	2	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,75	ng/µl	0,07 (0,14)	ng/µl	2-(4)	µl
<i>DeepVentR</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0258S)	2	U/µl	0,014 (0,004-0,03)	U/µl	0,35 (varied)	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	15 sec	
Extend	72°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec

Final extension 72°C 2 min

Figure 7, DeepVentR DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H2O	-	-	-	-	29,65	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
MgSO4	100	mM	2	mM	1	µl
BSA (NE Biolabs, B9000S, various dilutions) or RNaseA (Life technologies, 12091-039, various dilutions) or hexamer oligo (Life technologies, various dilutions) or ET SSB (NE Biolabs M2401S, various dilutions)					2	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,4	µM	2	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,4	µM	2	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,75	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
DeepVentR DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0258S)	2	U/µl	0,014	U/µl	0,35	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	15 sec	
Extend	72°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec
Final extension	72°C	2 min	

Figure 8, Taq DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	38,75	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO ₄	10	X	1	X	5	µl
ET SSB , NE Biolabs M2401S (50ng/ul)	50	ng/µl	2	ng/µl	2	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
Taq DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,25	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	2 min

Final extension 68°C 5 min

Figure 8, AccuPrime Pfx DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	38,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+dNTPs (premix)	10	X	1	X	5	µl
ET SSB , NE Biolabs M2401S (50ng/ul)	50	ng/µl	2	ng/µl	2	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,3	µM	1,5	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,3	µM	1,5	µl
Template DNA (pTAL2 plasmid)	1,755	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
AccuPrime Pfx DNA polymerase (Life Technologies, 12344-024)	2,5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	95°C	15 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	1 min 30 sec

Final extension 68°C 2 min

Figure 9, *Taq* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H2O	-	-	-	-	39,75	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO4	10	X	1	X	5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pdTALE12 plasmid)	1,75	ng/µl	0,07	ng/µl	2	µl
<i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,25	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 94°C 4 min

34 cycles of

Denature	94°C	30 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	4 min 30 sec

Final extension 68°C 10 min

Figure 10, *Taq* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H2O	-	-	-	-	39,75	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO4	10	X	1	X	5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pBasicS1-GFP plasmids)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
<i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,25	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 94°C 4 min

34 cycles of

Denature	94°C	30 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	2 min 40 sec

Final extension 68°C 10 min

Figure 12, *PrimeSTAR HS* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	31,5	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
dNTP-mix (supplied with the polymerase)	2,5	mM	0,2	mM	4	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pBasicS1-GFP plasmids)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
<i>PrimeSTAR HS</i> DNA polymerase (TAKARA, R010A)	2, 5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,5	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 98°C 2 min

34 cycles of

Denature	98°C	10 sec	
Anneal	60°C	10 sec	
Extend	72°C	1 min/Kb	2 min 40 sec

Final extension 72°C 5 min

Figure 12, *DeepVentR* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	31,65	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer	5	X	1	X	10	µl
MgSO ₄	100	mM	2	mM	1	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,4	µM	2	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,4	µM	2	µl
Template DNA (pBasicS1-GFP plasmids)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
<i>DeepVentR</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0258S)	2	U/µl	0,014	U/µl	0,35	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 95°C 5 min

34 cycles of

Denature	95°C	30 sec	
Anneal	60°C	15 sec	
Extend	72°C	1 min/Kb	2 min 40 sec

Final extension 72°C 5 min

Figure 13, *Taq* DNA polymerase PCR condition

Component	Stock		Final		50µl reaction	
dd H ₂ O	-	-	-	-	39,75	µl
Polymerase reaction buffer+2mM MgSO ₄	10	X	1	X	5	µl
dNTP-mix	10	mM	0,2	mM	1	µl
Primer -Frw	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Primer -Rev	10	µM	0,2	µM	1	µl
Template DNA (pBasicS1-GFP plasmids)	5	ng/µl	0,2	ng/µl	2	µl
<i>Taq</i> DNA polymerase (NE Biolabs, M0273S)	5	U/µl	0,025	U/µl	0,25	µl

Cycling conditions

Denature 94°C 4 min

34 cycles of

Denature	94°C	30 sec	
Anneal	60°C	30 sec	
Extend	68°C	1 min/Kb	5 min

Final extension 68°C 10 min

dNTP-mix, if not supplied with the individual polymerases, was obtained from NE Biolabs (N0447S).

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