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# Protein expression and purification

- IV. DNA cloning

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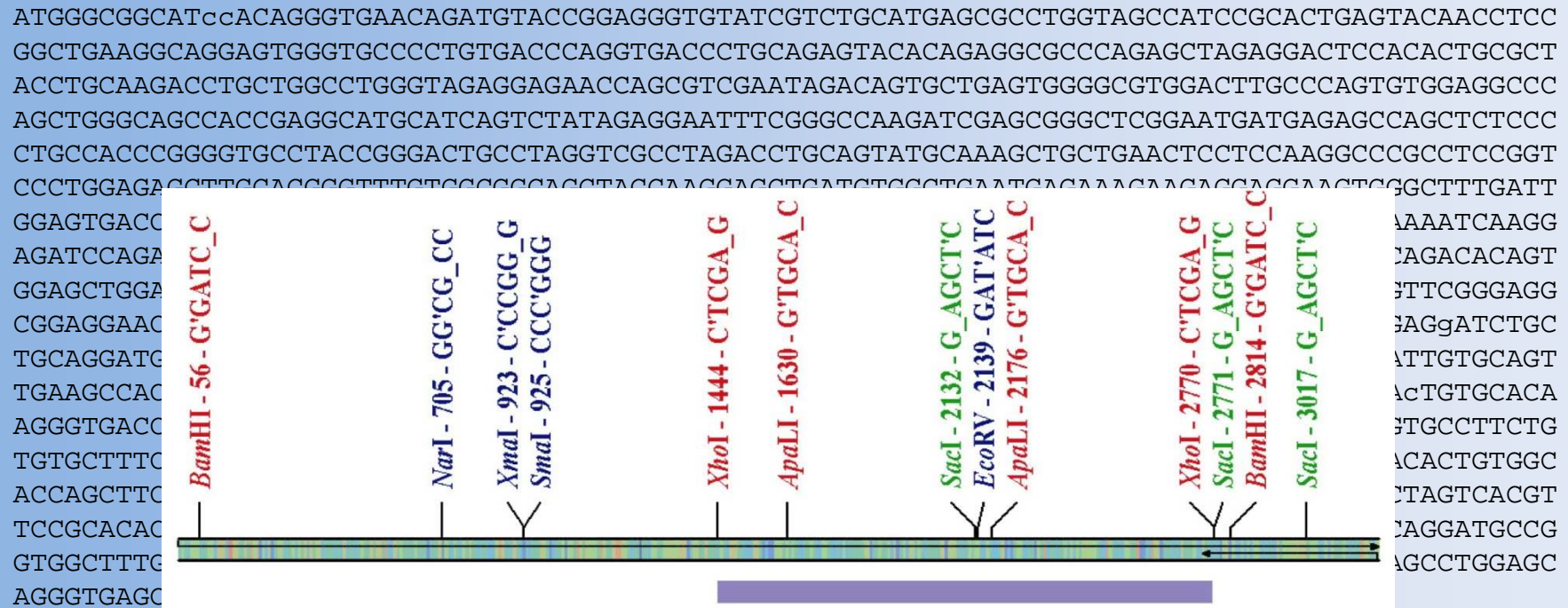


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## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.1. Introduction: correctness of your construct – cloning strategy



DGVRANELQLRWQEYRELVLLLLQWIRHHTAAFEERKFPSSFEEIEILWCQFLKFKETELPAKEADKNRSKVIYQSLEGAVQAGQLK  
IPPGYHPLDVEKEWGLHVAILEREKQLRSEFERLECLQRIVSKLQMEAGLCEEQLNQADALLQSDIRLLASGKVAQRAGEVERDL  
KADGMIRLLFNDVQTLKDGRHPQGEQMYRRVYRLHERLVAIRTEYNLRLKAGVGPVTVTLQSTQRRPELEDSTLRYLQDLLAWVE  
ENQRRIDSAEWGVDLPSVEAQLGSHRGMHQSIEEFRAKIERARNDSQLSPATRGAYRDCLGRLDLQYAKLLNSSKARLRSLES  
LHG LQLCCCIEAHLKENTAYFQFFSDVREAEELQKLQETLRRKYS CDRTITVTRLEDLLQDAQDEKEQLNEYKGHLSGLAKRAKAI  
VQL VEECQKFAKQYINAIKDYELQLITYKAQLEPVASPAKKPKVQSGSESVIQEYVDLTRYSELTTLTSQYIKFISETLRRMEEEE



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- Key concepts:
- Knowing the objectives before DNA cloning
  - Appreciating the complexity of plasmid systems in terms of the numbers of distinct plasmid options

### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.1. DNA-protein analysis

##### 4.2.1.1. Plasmid map

##### DNA sequence

```
ATGGCTAGCACAGATTCAGAGAGTGAGACTAGGGTCAAGTCAGTGCGTACCGGTCGAAAG
CCTATTGGGAACCCAGAGGACGAGCAAGAGACTTCCAAGCCGAGTGACGATGAATTCTTA
AGAGGAAAGAGAGTTCTTGTGGTCGATGATAACTTTATATCACGTAAAGTTGCAACAGGA
AAGCTGAAGAAGATGGGAGTCTCAGAGGTCGAACAATGCGACAGTGGGAAAGAAGCTTTG
AGATTAGTCACTGAAGGGCTTACACAAAGAGAAGAACAAGGTTTCAGTAGATAAACTTCCG
TTTGACTACATATTCATGGACTGCCAAATGCCAGAAATGGATGGCTATGAAGCAACTAGA
GAGATTAGGAAAGTGGAGAAAAGTTATGGGGTGCGTACACCAATTATAGCTGTATCTGGT
CATGATCCTGGTTCAGAGGAAGCAAGAGAAACCATTCAAGCTGGAATGGACGCCTTCTTA
GATAAAAGCTTGAATCAACTTGCAAACGTCATTAGAGAAATCGAAAGCAAACGTCAC
```

[www.expasy.ch](http://www.expasy.ch) translate

```
MASTDSESETRVKSVRTGRKPIGNPEDEQETS KPSDDEF LRGKRVLVVDDNFISRKVATG
KLKKMGVSEVEQCDSGKEALRLVTEGLTQREEQGSVDKLPFDYIFMDCQMPMDGYEATR
EIRKVEKSYGVRTPIIAVSGHDPGSEEFARETIQAGMDAFLDKSLNQLANVIREIESKRH
```

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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.1. DNA-protein analysis

##### 4.2.1.2. Secondary structure prediction

[www.expasy.ch](http://www.expasy.ch) jpred3

```
MASTDSESETRVKSVRTGRKPIGNPEDEQETSKPSDDEF LRGKRVLVDDNFISRKVATG
-- EEEEEEE---- EEEEEEEEEEE----- EEEEEEE-- HHHHHHHHHH
KLKMGVSEVEQCDSGKEALRLVTEGLTQREEQGSVDKLPFDYIFMDCQMPMDGYEATR
HHHH---- EEEEE-- HHHHHHHHHH----- EEEEE----- HHHHHH
EIRKVEKSYGVRTPIIAVSGHDPGSEEAR ETIQAGMDAFLDKSLNQLANVIREIESKRH
HHHH----- EEEEE----- HHHHHHHHHH----- E-- HHHHHHHHHHHHHH---
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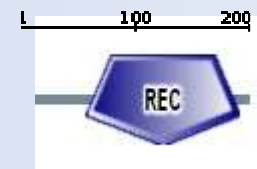
##### 4.2.1.3. Domains detected by SMART

[www.expasy.ch](http://www.expasy.ch) SMART

```
← KRVLVDDNFISRKVATGKLKMGVSEVEQCDSGKEALRLVTEGLTQREEQGSVDKLP
FDYIFMDCQMPMDGYEATREIRKVEKSYGVRTPIIAVSGHDPGSEEAR ETIQAGMDA
FLDKSLNQLANVI ←
```

**Confidently predicted domains, repeats, motifs and features:**

| Name | Begin | End | E-value              |
|------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| REC  | 43    | 171 | 1.19e <sup>-26</sup> |



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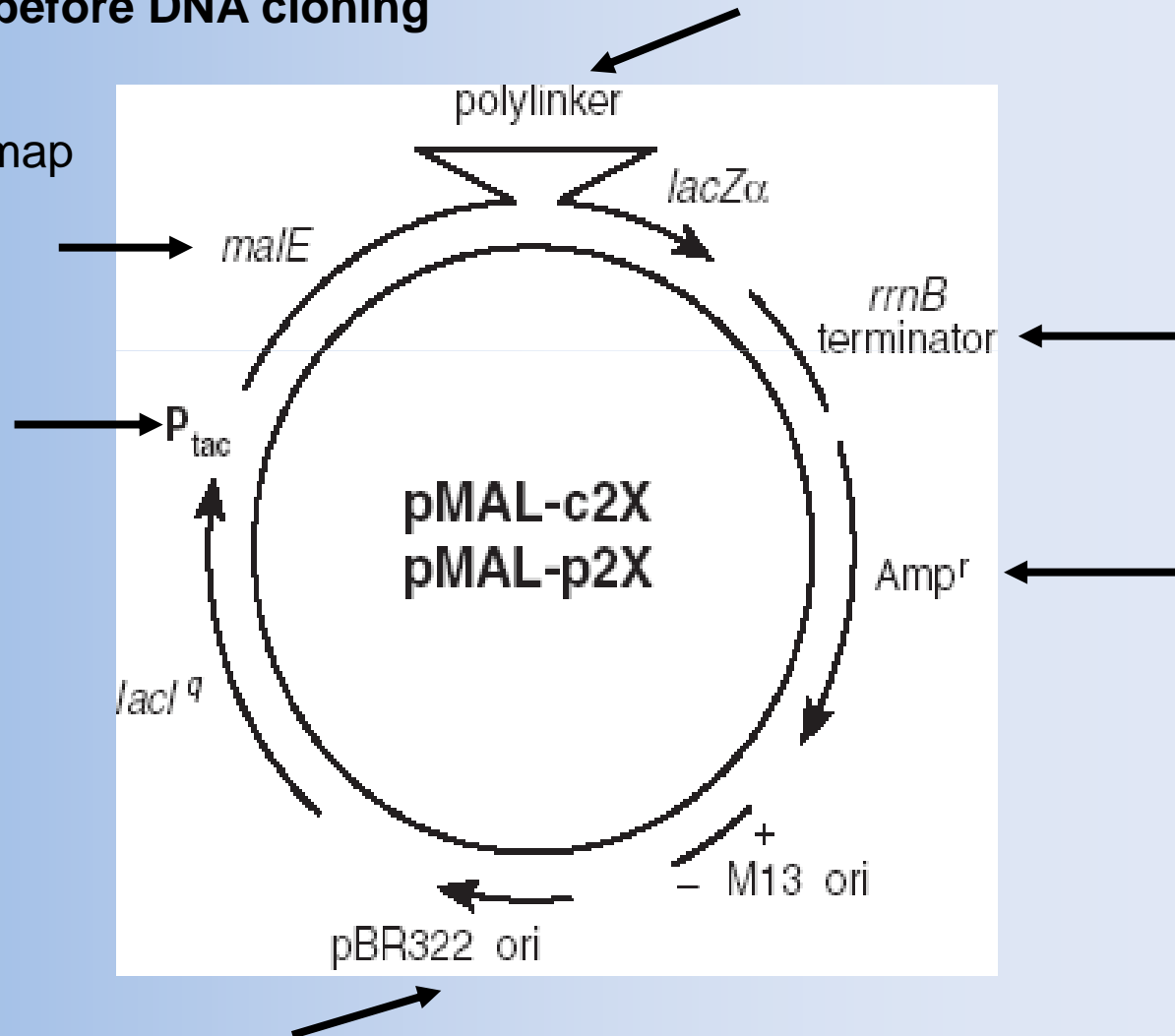
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- Appreciating the complexity of plasmid systems in terms of the numbers of distinct plasmid options

### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.2. Plasmid option

##### 4.2.2.1. Plasmid map



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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.2. Plasmid option

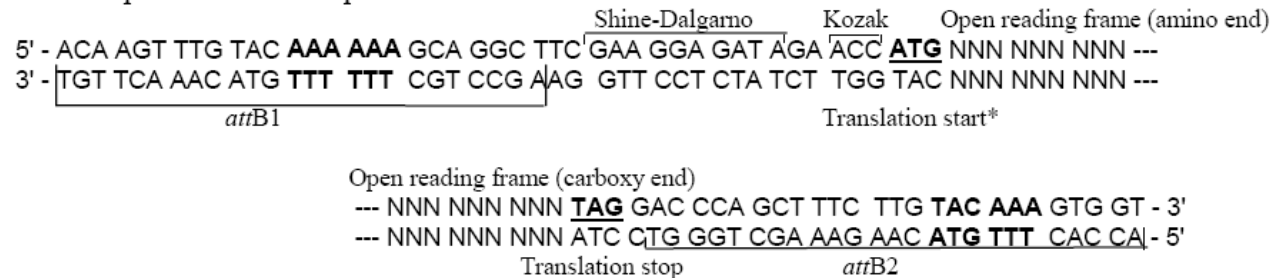
##### 4.2.2.1. Plasmid map

- Strong promoter ptac, ptrp,  $\lambda$ pL, pT<sub>7</sub>
- Promoter regulation ptrp-tryptophan/IAA  
ptac-IPTG  
 $\lambda$ pL – temperature  
pT<sub>7</sub> – IPTG
- Transcription terminator T<sub>7</sub> term, rrnT1,T2
- Ribosome binding site AAGG (upstream of the AUG initiation)
- SD-AUG spacing and base composition Spacing is crucial to high level expression.  
(optimal distance 6–10 bp, AT rich base composition)

A. Expression clone structure:



B. Expression clone sequence:



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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.2. Plasmid option

##### 4.2.2.2. Promoters

- *lacUV5*, *tac* and *trc* promoters are repressed by the *lac* repressor (*lacI* or *lacI<sup>q</sup>*) and induced with IPTG.
- *Trp* promoter is repressed by the *trp* repressor and induced with tryptophan (or indole-3-acetic acrylic acid).
- *T7* promoter requires expression of phage RNA polymerase (host strain usually contains this polymerase expressed from *lac UV5* promoter induced by addition of IPTG).
- P<sub>L</sub> lambda phage promoter exhibits maximum expression when induced and has low basal expression when the *cI* repressor is present.

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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.2. Plasmid option

##### 4.2.2.2. Promoters

##### 4.2.2.2.1. T7/*lac* promoter

Relative basal uninduced expression levels of cloned  $\beta$ -galactosidase with various vector/host combinations

|            |       |       |       |                |                |                |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| • Promoter | T7    | T7    | T7    | T7/ <i>lac</i> | T7/ <i>lac</i> | T7/ <i>lac</i> |
| • Host     | (DE3) | (DE3) | (DE3) | (DE3)          | (DE3)          | (DE3)          |
|            |       | pLysS | pLysE |                | pLysS          | pLysE          |
| • Activity | 100%  | 30%   | 10%   | 10%            | 3%             | 1%             |



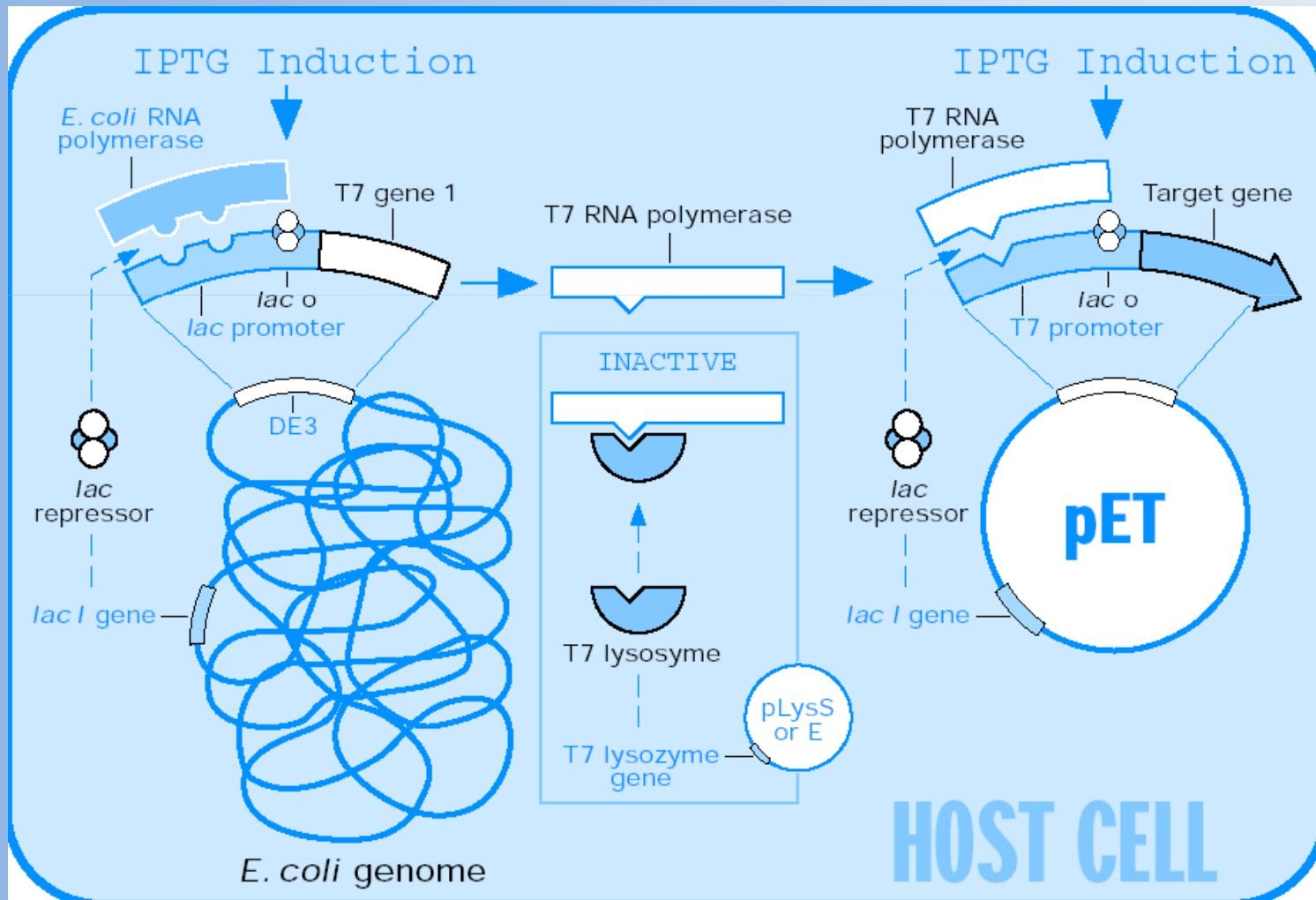
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#### 4.2.2. Plasmid option

##### 4.2.2.2. Promoters

##### 4.2.2.2.1. T7/lac promoter



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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.2. Plasmid option

##### 4.2.2.3. Examples of *E. coli* expression systems

| Vector system | Promoter/<br>induction method               | Special host protein<br>tag strains required: | Source                        | Web site   |
|---------------|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Pinpoint      | <i>tac</i> /IPTG or T7 IPTG                 | Yes   | Biotin binding domain         | <a href="http://www.promega.com">www.promega.com</a>                         |
| * pET         | T7 IPTG                                     | Yes   | His <sub>6</sub> , T7 gene 10 | <a href="http://www.novagen.com">www.novagen.com</a>                         |
| * pGEX        | <i>tac</i> /IPTG                            | No  | GST                           | <a href="http://www.amershambiosciences.com">www.amershambiosciences.com</a> |
| pBAD          | <i>araBAD</i>                               | Yes   | His <sub>6</sub> , GFP        | <a href="http://www.invitrogen.com">www.invitrogen.com</a>                   |
| pLEX          | <i>P<sub>L</sub></i> /trp                   | Yes   |                               |  |
| pPROTet       | <i>P<sub>Ltet</sub></i> /anhydrotetracyclin | No  | His <sub>6</sub>              | <a href="http://www.clontech.com">www.clontech.com</a>                       |
| pTYB          | T7 IPTG                                     | Yes   | Chitin binding domain         | <a href="http://www.neb.com">www.neb.com</a>                                 |
| * pMAL        | <i>tac</i> /IPTG                            | Yes   | Maltose binding domain        |  |
| pQE           | T5/IPTG                                     | Yes/TOPP                                      | His <sub>6</sub>              | <a href="http://www.qiagen.com">www.qiagen.com</a>                           |
| pCAL          | T7/IPTG                                     | Yes   | Calmodulin binding<br>peptide | <a href="http://www.stratagene.com">www.stratagene.com</a>                   |
| pFLAG         | <i>tac</i> /IPTG                            | Yes   |                               | <a href="http://www.sigmaldrich.com">www.sigmaldrich.com</a>                 |

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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.3. N-terminal amino acids

N-terminal amino acids that reduce stability of proteins.

- Arg, Lys, Phe, Leu, Trp and Tyr

Tobias et al, 1991, Science

Amino acids stabilized in penultimate position  
N-terminal methionin.

His, Gln, Glu, Phe, Met, Lys, Tyr, Trp, Arg

Hirel et. al., 1989, PNAS a Lathrop et al. 1992

Liao et.al., 2004, Protein Science



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#### 4.2.4. Protease recognition sites

Check the sequence of the fusion partner for the presence of additional protease recognition sites.

- Thrombin  
pH 8.0  
Pro-Arg/Gly  
Pro-Lys/Leu  
Ala-Arg/Gly  
Gly-Lys/Ala  
Ile-Arg/Ser  
Leu-Arg/Ala  
Ile-Arg/Ile
- PreScission  
pH 8.9  
Leu-Glu-Val-Leu-Phe-Gln/Gly-Pro
- Factor Xa  
pH 6.5–7.5  
Ile-Glu-Gly-Arg/X
- Enterokinase  
pH 7.0–8.0  
Asp-Asp-Asp-Asp-Lys/X ~~AHP2~~

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#### 4.2.5. Antibiotic selection

- *bla* gene                      ampicillin resistance  
Ampicillin x Carbenicilin
- *kan* gene                      kanamycin resistance

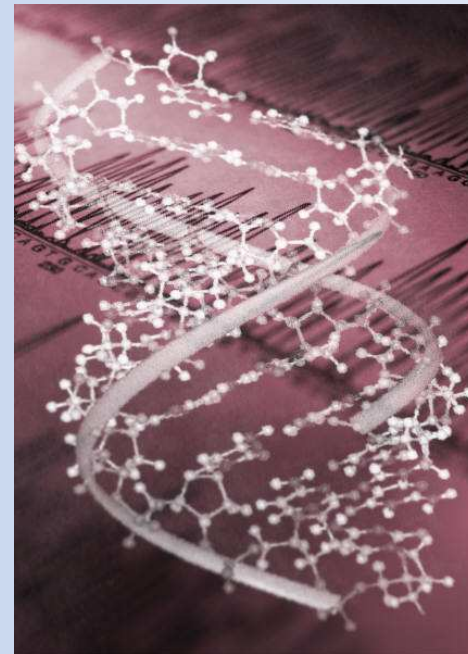
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#### 4.2.6. Codons with translation problems

- Arginine AGG  
AGA  
CGA  
CGG
- Isoleucine AUA
- Leucine CUA
- Glycine GGA
- Proline CCC

BL21-Codon plus-RIL



BL21-Codon plus-RP

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### 4.2. The key questions before DNA cloning

#### 4.2.6. Codons with translation problems

<http://www.kazusa.or.jp/codon/>

##### *Escherichia coli* K12

|                |                |                 |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| UUU 19.7       | UCU 5.7        | UAU 16.8        | UGU 5.9         |
| UUC 15.0       | UCC 5.5        | UAC 14.6        | UGC 8.0         |
| UUA 15.2       | UCA 7.8        | <b>UAA</b> stop | <b>UGA</b> stop |
| UUG 11.9       | UCG 8.0        | <b>UAG</b> stop | UGG 10.7        |
| CUU 11.9       | CCU 8.4        | CAU 15.8        | CGU 21.1        |
| CUC 10.5       | <b>CCC 6.4</b> | CAC 13.1        | CGC 26.0        |
| <b>CUA 5.3</b> | CCA 6.6        | CAA 12.1        | <b>CGA 4.3</b>  |
| CUG 46.9       | CCG 26.7       | CAG 27.7        | <b>CGG 4.1</b>  |
| AUU 30.5       | ACU 8.0        | AAU 21.9        | AGU 7.2         |
| AUC 18.2       | ACC 22.8       | AAC 24.4        | AGC 16.6        |
| <b>AUA 3.7</b> | ACA 6.4        | AAA 33.2        | <b>AGA 1.4</b>  |
| AUG 24.8       | ACG 11.5       | AAG 12.1        | <b>AGG 1.6</b>  |
| GUU 16.8       | GCU 10.7       | GAU 37.9        | GGU 21.3        |
| GUC 11.7       | GCC 31.6       | GAC 20.5        | GGC 33.4        |
| GUA 11.5       | GCA 21.1       | GAA 43.7        | <b>GGA 9.2</b>  |
| GUG 26.4       | GCG 38.5       | GAG 18.4        | GGG 8.6         |

##### *Arabidopsis thaliana*

|                 |                |                 |                  |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| UUU 21.8        | UCU 25.2       | UAU 14.6        | UGU 10.5         |
| UUC 20.7        | UCC 11.2       | UAC 13.7        | UGC 7.2          |
| UUA 12.7        | UCA 18.3       | <b>UAA</b> stop | <b>UGA</b> stop  |
| UUG 20.9        | UCG 9.3        | <b>UAG</b> stop | UGG 12.5         |
| CUU 24.1        | CCU 18.7       | CAU 13.8        | CGU 9.0          |
| CUC 16.1        | <b>CCC 5.3</b> | CAC 8.7         | CGC 3.8          |
| <b>CUA 9.9</b>  | CCA 16.1       | CAA 19.4        | <b>CGA 6.3</b>   |
| CUG 9.8         | CCG 8.6        | CAG 15.2        | <b>CGG 4.9</b>   |
| AUU 21.5        | ACU 17.5       | AAU 22.3        | AGU 14.0         |
| AUC 18.5        | ACC 10.3       | AAC 20.9        | AGC 11.3         |
| <b>AUA 12.6</b> | ACA 15.7       | AAA 30.8        | <b>AGA 19.0</b>  |
| AUG 24.5        | ACG 7.7        | AAG 32.7        | <b>AGG 11.0</b>  |
| GUU 27.2        | GCU 28.3       | GAU 36.6        | GGU 22.2         |
| GUC 12.8        | GCC 10.3       | GAC 17.2        | GGC 9.2          |
| GUA 9.9         | GCA 17.5       | GAA 34.3        | <b>GGA 24.2!</b> |
| GUG 17.4        | GCG 9.0        | GAG 32.2        | GGG 10.2         |

**Leu-CUA** 5.3/7.2/9.9  
**Ile-AUA** 3.7/7.5/**12.6**  
**Pro-CCC** 6.4/**19.8**/5.3  
**Gly-GGA** → 9.2/16.5/24.2

**Arg-CGA** 4.3/6.2/6.3  
**Arg-CGG** 4.1/**11.4**/4.9  
**Arg-AGA** → 1.4/12.2/19.0  
**Arg-AGG** → 1.6/12.0/11.0

Key concepts: Being aware of solubility as a function of protein structure

#### 4.3. Protein solubility

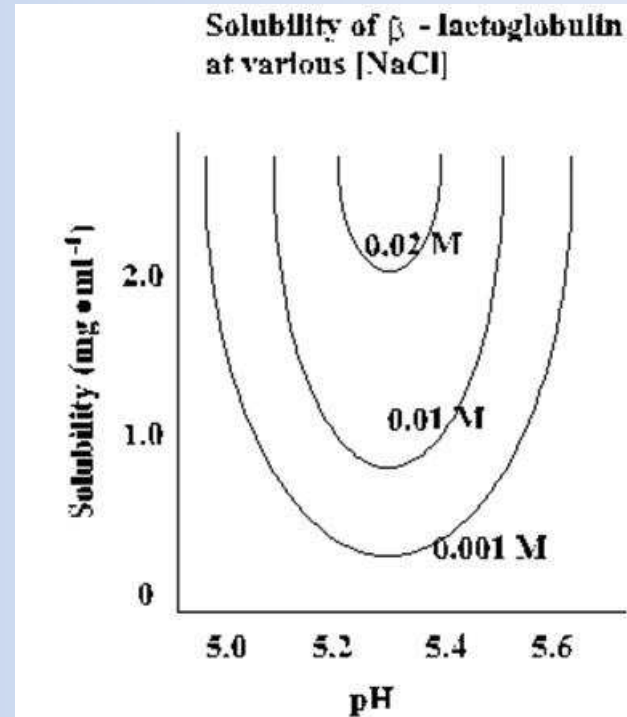
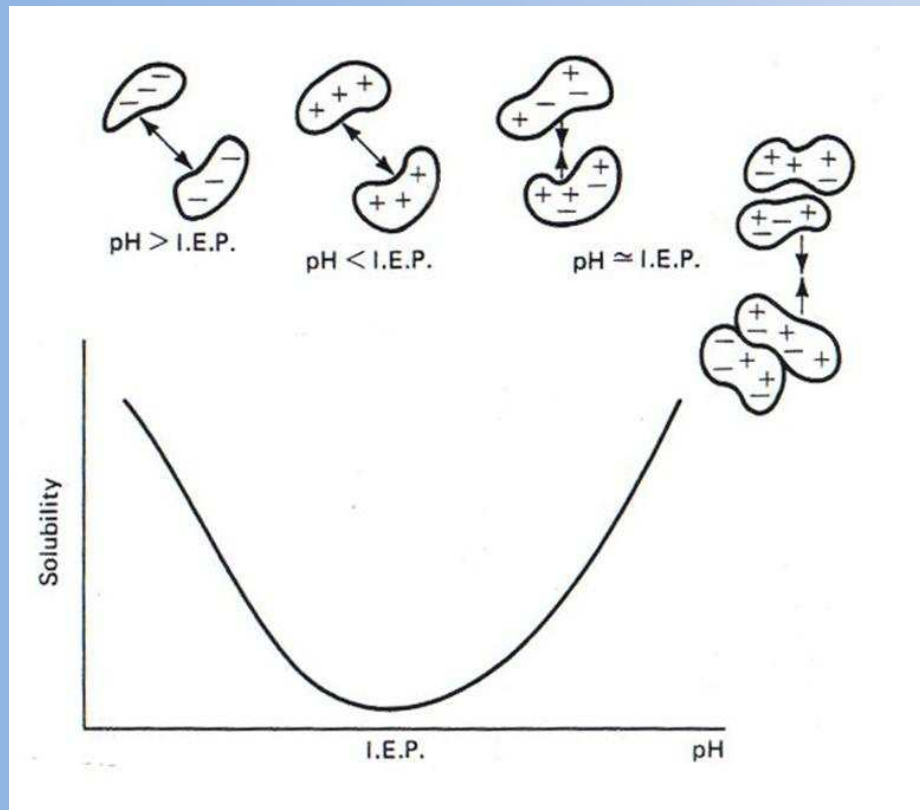
<http://www.biotech.ou.edu/>

- Low solubility in aqueous solvents is often regarded as an indication that a protein is “hydrophobic”.
- As native, properly folded structures aggregate less than unfolded, denatured ones, there is a close relationship between solubility and stability.
- The free energy of protein stabilization in an aqueous solution is very low (12 kcal/mol at 30°C).
- Free energy of unfolding is observed to be only 5–20 kcal/mol.
- Consequently, proteins are on the verge of denaturation.

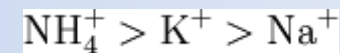


### 4.3. Protein solubility

#### 4.3.1. Determining surface charge



Most precipitation



Least precipitation

Isoelectric focusing gives the  $\text{pI}$ , the pH at which the protein shows no net charge in isoionic conditions.

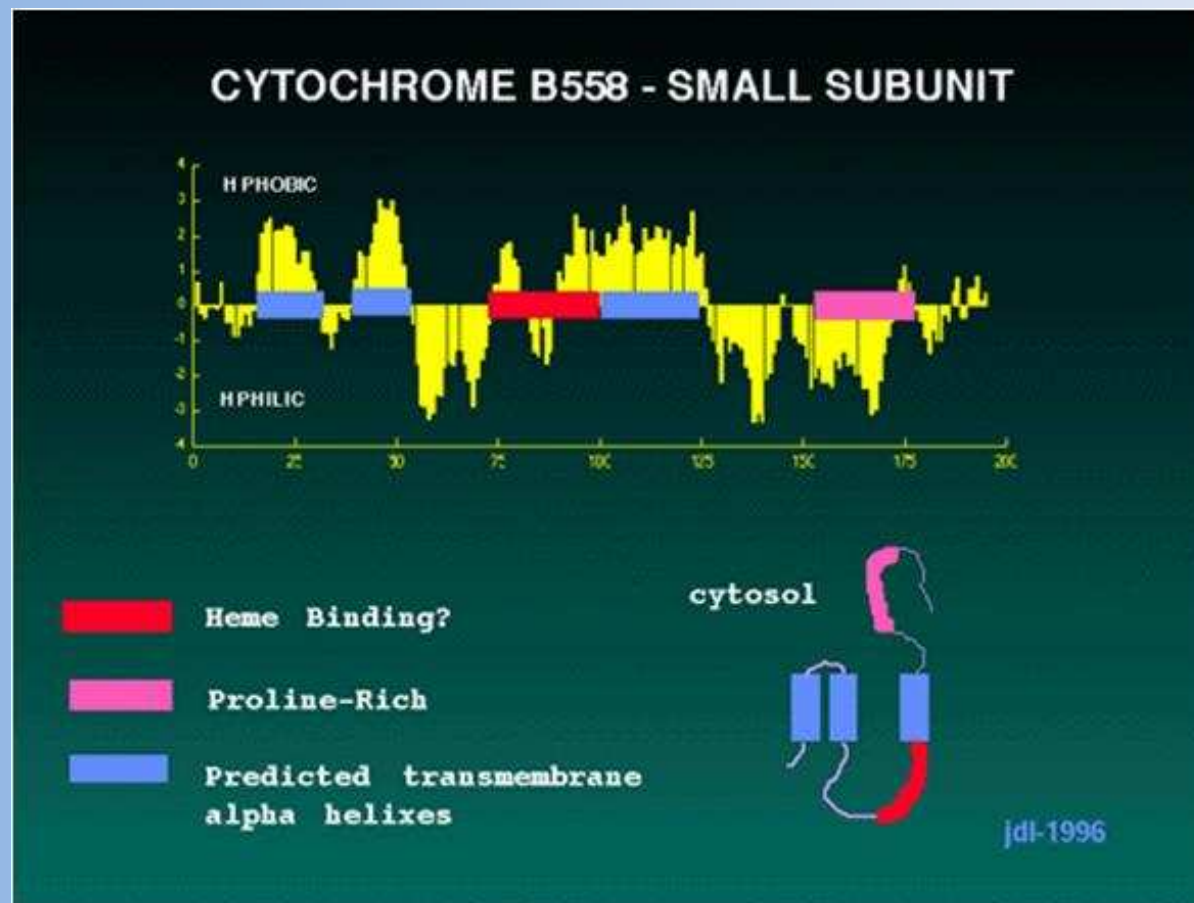
Generally, charged proteins can be “salted in” by counterions.

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### 4.3. Protein solubility

#### 4.3.2. Determining hydrophobicity

<http://www.roselab.jhu.edu/~raj/MISC/hphobh.html>



### 4.3. Protein solubility

<http://www.biotech.ou.edu/>

#### 4.3.3. Solubility model

### The revised Wilkinson-Harrison solubility model

$$CV = \lambda_1 \left( \frac{N+G+P+S}{n} \right) + \lambda_2 \left| \left( \frac{(R+K)-(D+E)}{n} - 0.03 \right) \right|$$

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| n                      | number of amino acids in the protein     |
| N, G, P, S             | number of Asn, Gly, Pro, or Ser residues |
| R, K, D, E             | number of Arg, Lys, Asp, or Glu residues |
| $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ | coefficients (15.43 and -29.56)          |

The probability of the protein being soluble is based on the parameter  $CV - CV'$ , where  $CV'$  is the discriminant, equal to 1.71.

If  $CV - CV'$  is **positive**, the protein is predicted **to be insoluble**, while if  $CV - CV'$  is **negative**, the protein is predicted **to be soluble**.

The probability of solubility or insolubility can be predicted from the following equation:

Probability of solubility or insolubility =

$$0.4934 + 0.276 |(CV-CV')| - 0.0392 (CV-CV')^2$$

### 4.3. Protein solubility

#### 4.3.4. Protein engineering to increase solubility

##### 4.3.4.1. Amino acid solubility and water affinity

- Hydrophobic amino acids cluster to avoid water.
- Most positively charged and amide side chain residues (His, Lys, Arg, Gln, Asn) were on the surfaces of the proteins studied.
- The interiors were primarily composed of aliphatics (Gly, Ala, Ile, Leu, Val, Phe).
- But only 23% of Trp residues and 13% of the Tyr in the structures were not accessible to the solvent, similar to that of the negative polar residues Glu (20%) and Asp (14.5%).

| Amino acid |   | Transfer free energy<br>kJ/mol | % buried |
|------------|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| Phe        | F | 15.5                           | 48%      |
| Met        | M | 14.2                           | 50%      |
| Ile        | I | 13                             | 65%      |
| Leu        | L | 11.7                           | 41%      |
| Val        | V | 10.9                           | 56%      |
| Cys        | C | 8.4                            | 47%      |
| Trp        | W | 7.9                            | 23%      |
| Ala        | A | 6.7                            | 38%      |
| Thr        | T | 5                              | 25%      |
| Gly        | G | 4.2                            | 37%      |
| Ser        | S | 2.5                            | 24%      |
| Pro        | P | -0.8                           | 24%      |
| Tyr        | Y | -2.9                           | 13%      |
| His        | H | -12.5                          | 19%      |
| Gln        | Q | -17.1                          | 6%       |
| Asn        | N | -20.1                          | 10%      |
| Glu        | E | -34.3                          | 20%      |
| Lys        | K | -36.8                          | 4%       |
| Asp        | D | -38.5                          | 15%      |
| Arg        | R | -51.4                          | 0%       |

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### 4.3. Protein solubility

#### 4.3.4. Protein engineering to increase solubility

##### 4.3.4.2. Peptide solubility

- For peptides of more than 8 amino acids, sequences favouring  $\alpha$ -helix or random coil structures are more soluble in polar solvents than those forming  $\beta$ -sheet structures.

- For other peptides, insertion of arg-NO<sub>2</sub> residues, or replacement of hydrophobic residues, improved solubility and lowered aggregation tendencies.

| Amino acid | Transfer free energy<br>kJ/mol | % buried | Chou-Fasman<br>coil index |      |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------|
| Phe        | F                              | 15.5     | 48%                       | 0.71 |
| Met        | M                              | 14.2     | 50%                       | 0.58 |
| Ile        | I                              | 13       | 65%                       | 0.66 |
| Leu        | L                              | 11.7     | 41%                       | 0.68 |
| Val        | V                              | 10.9     | 56%                       | 0.62 |
| Cys        | C                              | 8.4      | 47%                       | 1.18 |
| Trp        | W                              | 7.9      | 23%                       | 0.75 |
| Ala        | A                              | 6.7      | 38%                       | 0.7  |
| Thr        | T                              | 5        | 25%                       | 1.07 |
| Gly        | G                              | 4.2      | 37%                       | 1.5  |
| Ser        | S                              | 2.5      | 24%                       | 1.82 |
| Pro        | P                              | -0.8     | 24%                       | 1.59 |
| Tyr        | Y                              | -2.9     | 13%                       | 1.06 |
| His        | H                              | -12.5    | 19%                       | 1.06 |
| Gln        | Q                              | -17.1    | 6%                        | 0.86 |
| Asn        | N                              | -20.1    | 10%                       | 1.35 |
| Glu        | E                              | -34.3    | 20%                       | 1.2  |
| Lys        | K                              | -36.8    | 4%                        | 0.98 |
| Asp        | D                              | -38.5    | 15%                       | 1.2  |
| Arg        | R                              | -51.4    | 0%                        | 1.04 |

### 4.3. Protein solubility

#### 4.3.4. Protein engineering to increase solubility

##### 4.3.4.3. Primary structure alterations

- **Replacement** of the hydrophobic EGN**FF**GKIIDYIKLMFHHWFG C-terminal amino acids of penicillin-binding protein 5 with a shorter hydrophilic sequence – IRRPAAKLE – made the protein soluble and allowed crystallization.

- A 13 residue deletion EVLNENLLR**FF**V A in  $\alpha$ -casein makes the molecule more soluble.

- ***Phenylalanine residues are likely to self-interact and are frequently found at subunit interfaces.***

| Amino acid | Transfer free energy kJ/mol | % buried | Chou-Fasman coil index |      |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|------|
| Phe        | F                           | 15.5     | 48%                    | 0.71 |
| Met        | M                           | 14.2     | 50%                    | 0.58 |
| Ile        | I                           | 13       | 65%                    | 0.66 |
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| Val        | V                           | 10.9     | 56%                    | 0.62 |
| Cys        | C                           | 8.4      | 47%                    | 1.18 |
| Trp        | W                           | 7.9      | 23%                    | 0.75 |
| Ala        | A                           | 6.7      | 38%                    | 0.7  |
| Thr        | T                           | 5        | 25%                    | 1.07 |
| Gly        | G                           | 4.2      | 37%                    | 1.5  |
| Ser        | S                           | 2.5      | 24%                    | 1.82 |
| Pro        | P                           | -0.8     | 24%                    | 1.59 |
| Tyr        | Y                           | -2.9     | 13%                    | 1.06 |
| His        | H                           | -12.5    | 19%                    | 1.06 |
| Gln        | Q                           | -17.1    | 6%                     | 0.86 |
| Asn        | N                           | -20.1    | 10%                    | 1.35 |
| Glu        | E                           | -34.3    | 20%                    | 1.2  |
| Lys        | K                           | -36.8    | 4%                     | 0.98 |
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| Arg        | R                           | -51.4    | 0%                     | 1.04 |

## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.3. protein solubility

#### 4.3.4. Protein engineering to increase solubility

##### 4.3.4.3. Primary structure alterations

- A series of point mutations altered the stability and solubility of insulin.

Asn21 is deamidated in an acid solution, resulting in a dimer formation with Gly, Ser, Thr, Asp, His, and Arg.

- Specific sequence changes in proteins from a thermophilic organism show a tendency to replace lysine and glutamic acid with arginine and aspartic acid and a preference for the hydrophobic amino acids Phe, Val and Ile over Leu, Ala and Met.

- ***Most of these changes occur in  $\alpha$ -helical regions and increase the net hydrophobicity of the residue.***

| Amino acid | Transfer free energy<br>kJ/mol | % buried | Chou-Fasman<br>coil index |      |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------|
| Phe        | F                              | 15.5     | 48%                       | 0.71 |
| Met        | M                              | 14.2     | 50%                       | 0.58 |
| Ile        | I                              | 13       | 65%                       | 0.66 |
| Leu        | L                              | 11.7     | 41%                       | 0.68 |
| Val        | V                              | 10.9     | 56%                       | 0.62 |
| Cys        | C                              | 8.4      | 47%                       | 1.18 |
| Trp        | W                              | 7.9      | 23%                       | 0.75 |
| Ala        | A                              | 6.7      | 38%                       | 0.7  |
| Thr        | T                              | 5        | 25%                       | 1.07 |
| Gly        | G                              | 4.2      | 37%                       | 1.5  |
| Ser        | S                              | 2.5      | 24%                       | 1.82 |
| Pro        | P                              | -0.8     | 24%                       | 1.59 |
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| Gln        | Q                              | -17.1    | 6%                        | 0.86 |
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### 4.3. Protein solubility

#### 4.3.4. Protein engineering to increase solubility

##### 4.3.4.4. Post-isolation alterations

- One can alter the solubility of isolated proteins in vitro by coupling to polyethylene glycol (Knauf et al., 1988).

##### 4.3.4.5. Designer proteins

A site directed mutagenesis might simply replace a surface hydrophobic amino acid with acidic residues when aggregation problems arise.

Obviously, the problem of designing soluble proteins is greatly dependent on the ability to predict protein structure.

[www.expasy.ch](http://www.expasy.ch)

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*Please solve the problem.*

**Question 1: I am a promoter.**

I am present on the *DE3* lysogenic phage. 5 points

In expression strains, I am very often found before the *T7 RNA* polymerase gene. 3 points

A *lac* operator is present in my sequence. 2 points

Originally, I am found before a gene encoding lactose utilization protein. 1 point

***lac promoter***

*Please solve the problem.*

**Question 2: I am an amino acid.**

I am a positively charged amino acid with absence of C -  $\epsilon$ . 5 points

Expression of my tRNA is reinforced in *E. coli* strain BL21-Codon plus-RIL. 3 points

In terms of structure, I am not a buried amino acid. 2 points.

In one letter coding, I am designated R. 1 point

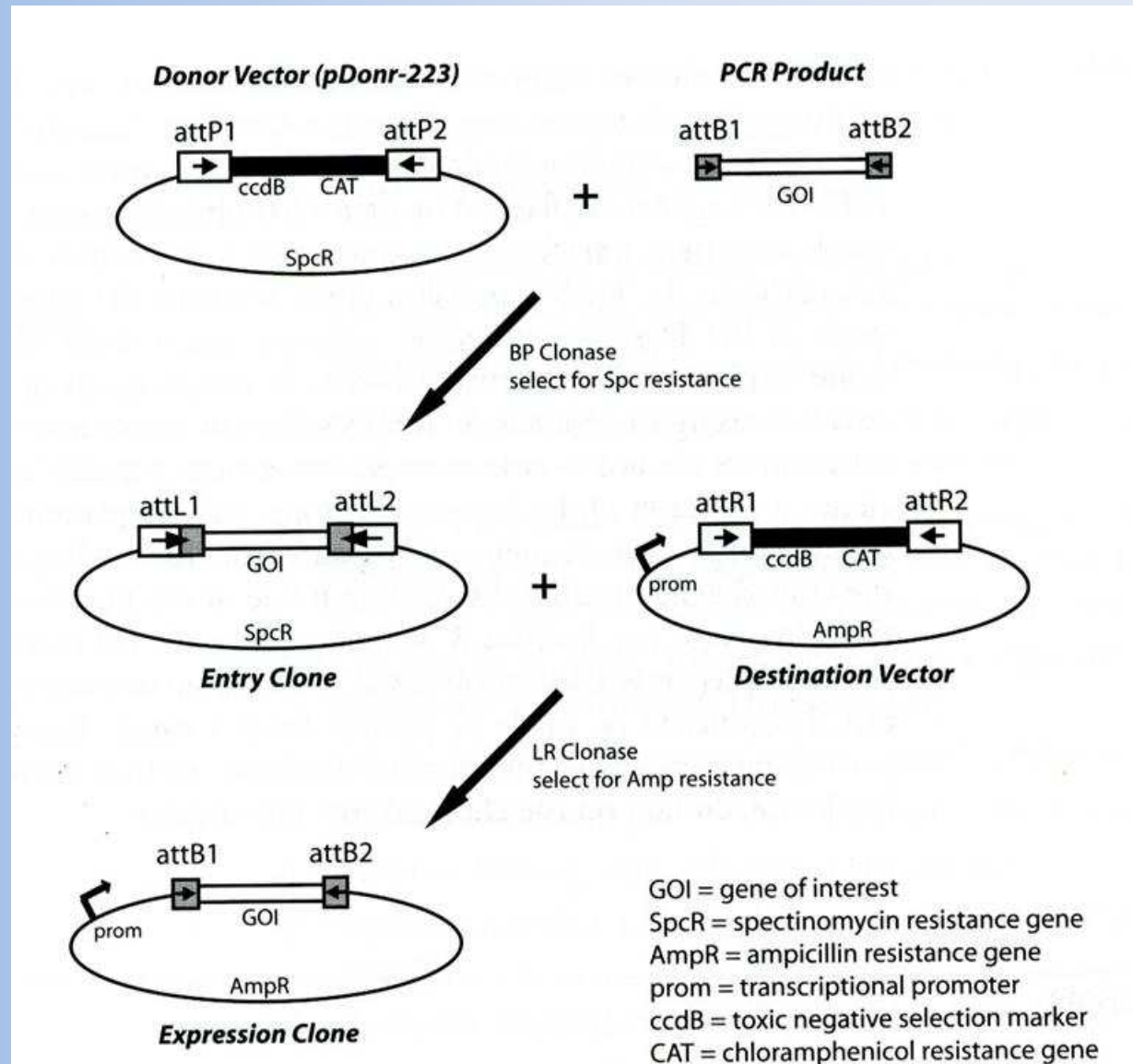
**Arginin**

## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.1. Gateway cloning for protein expression

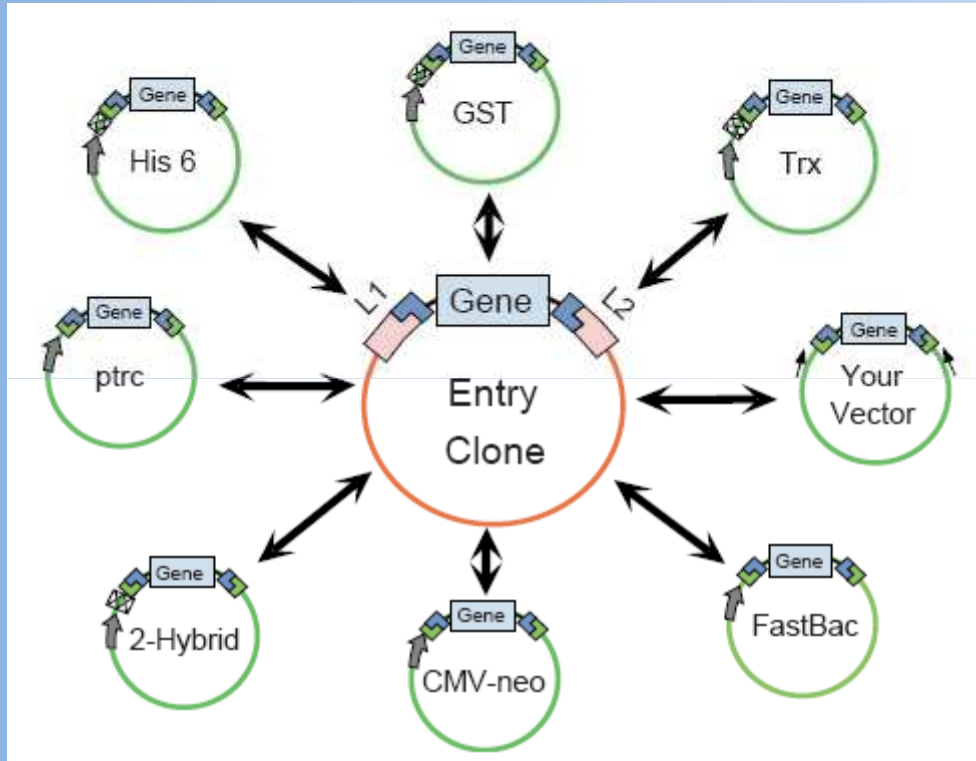
The protein encoding by *ccdB* gene interferes with the activity of DNA gyrase and acts to inhibit partitioning of the chromosomal DNA.



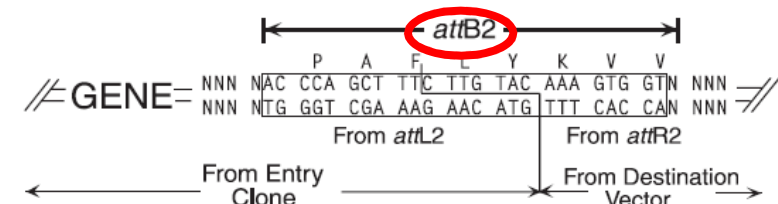
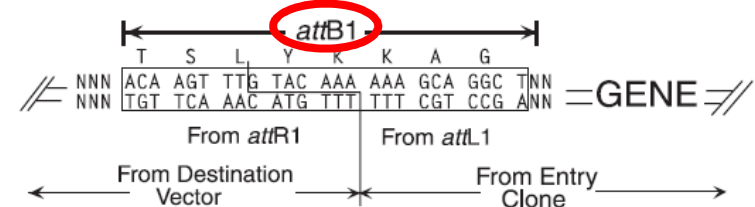
## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.1. Gateway cloning for protein expression



- PCR reaction of the gene containing the terminal *att* sites
- BP reaction of the 1st cloning
- Entry clone – entry vector
- LR reaction of the 2nd cloning
- Destination vector – terminal vector



## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.1. Gateway cloning for protein expression

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| GOI-stop       | Aminoterminal fusions   |
| GOI-nonstop    | Aminoterminal and/or carboxyterminal fusions                                  |
| Kozak-GOI-stop | Aminoterminal fusions or native eukaryotic expression                         |
| TEV-GOI-stop   | Cleavable aminoterminal fusions   |
| TEV-GOI-Tag    | Cleavable aminoterminal fusions with carboxyterminal epitope/purification tag |
| SD-GOI-stop    | Native expression in <i>E. coli</i>   |
| Tag-GOI-stop   | Aminoterminal tag inside the entry clone                                      |

## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

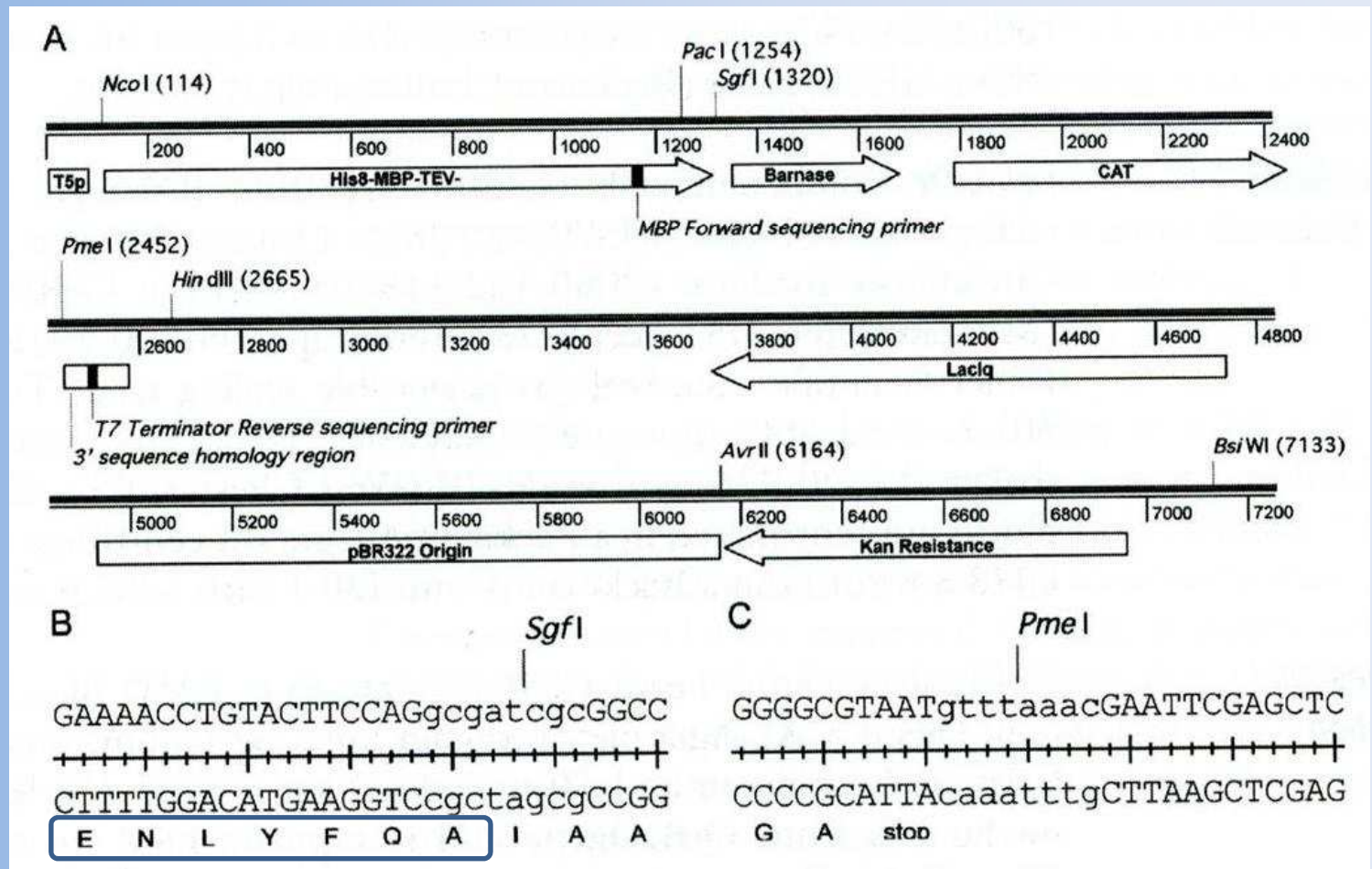
#### 4.4.2. Flexi vector cloning

<http://plasmid.hms.harvard.edu>

Ligation-dependent cloning method facilitated by selection for the replacement of a toxic gene insert in an acceptor vector.

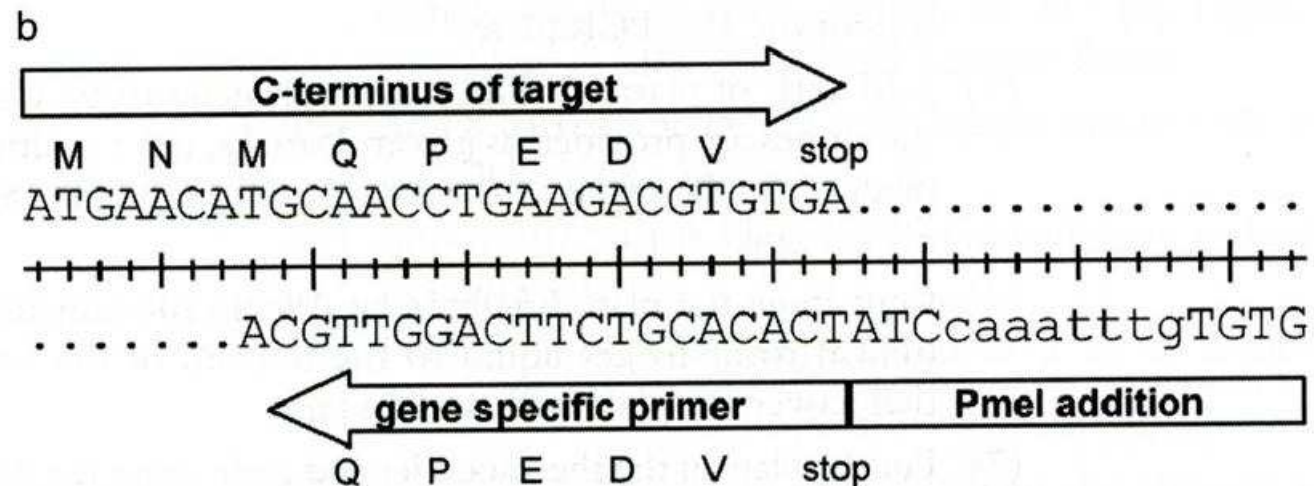
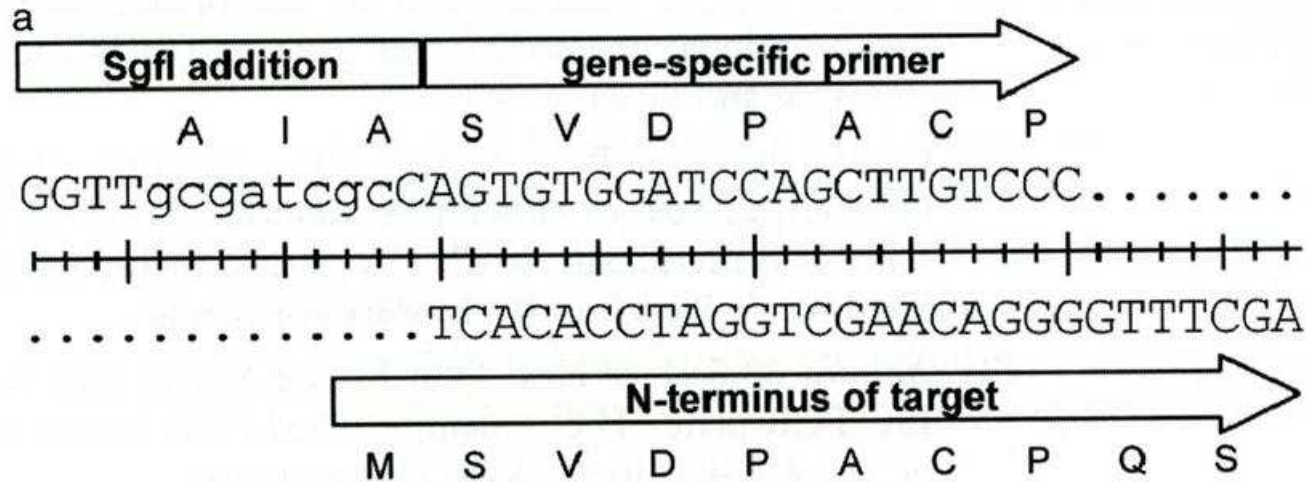
#### Cloning efficiency:

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Human              | 98.9% |
| Mouse              | 98.9% |
| Rat                | 98.8% |
| <i>C. elegans</i>  | 98.5% |
| Zebra fish         | 97.8% |
| <i>Arabidopsis</i> | 97.6% |
| Yeast              | 97%   |



4.4. Gene cloning

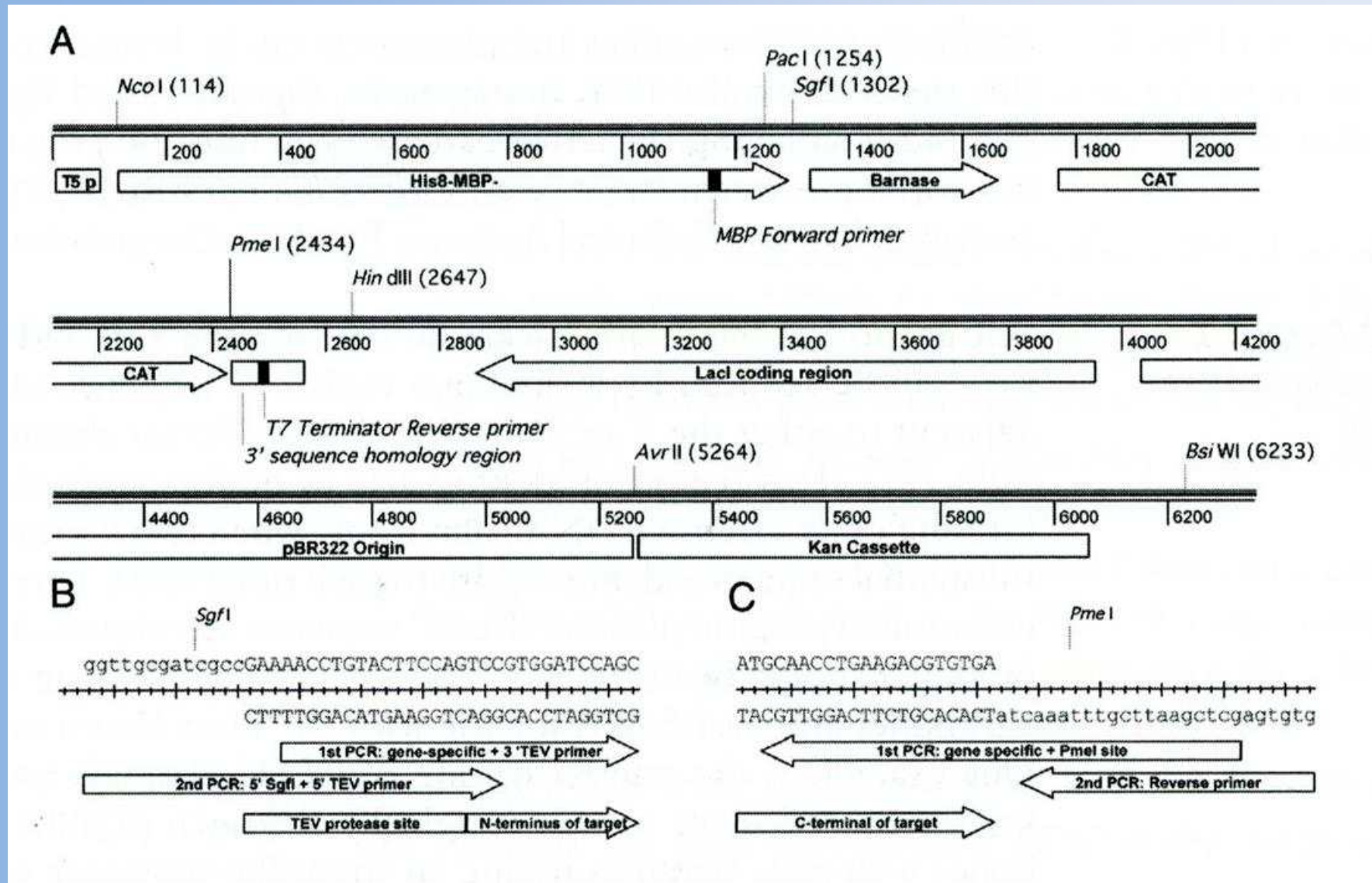
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## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.2. Flexi vector cloning





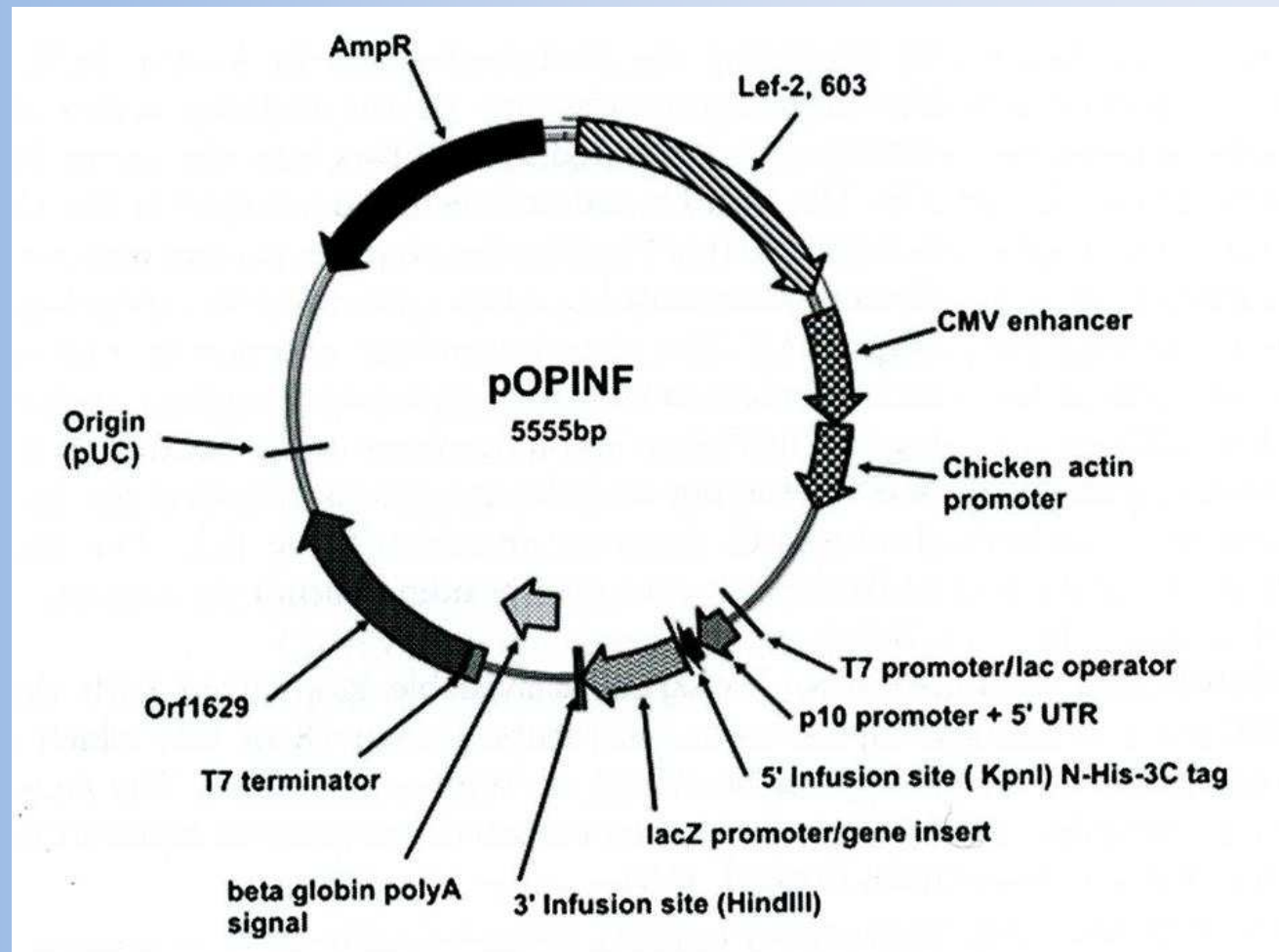
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### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.3. In-fusion PCR cloning

<http://bioinfo.clontech.com/infusion/>

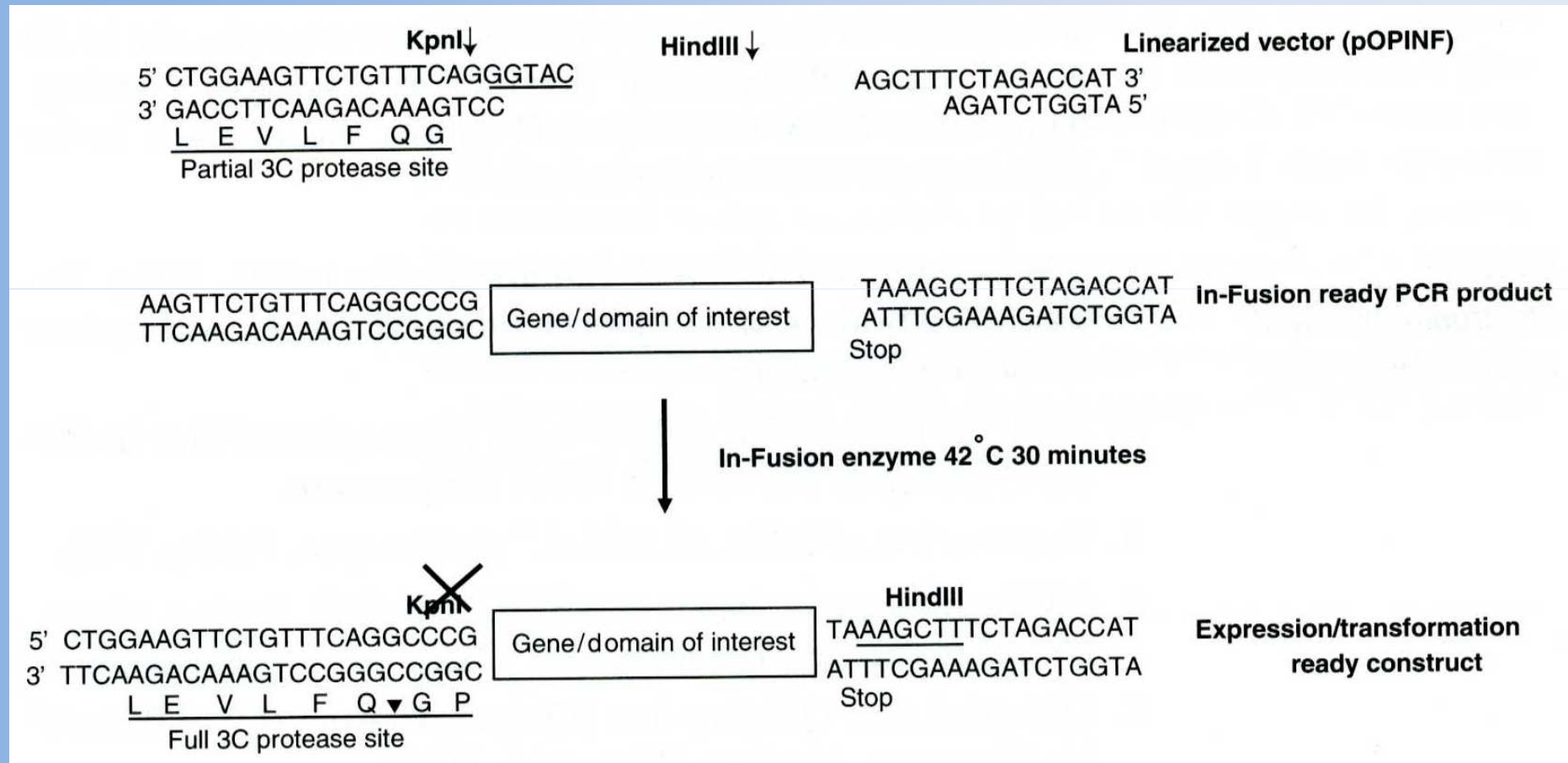
The system is based on an enzyme with proof-reading exonuclease activity that catalyses the joining of DNA duplexes via exposure of complementary single-stranded sequences.



## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.3. In-fusion PCR cloning



## IV. DNA cloning

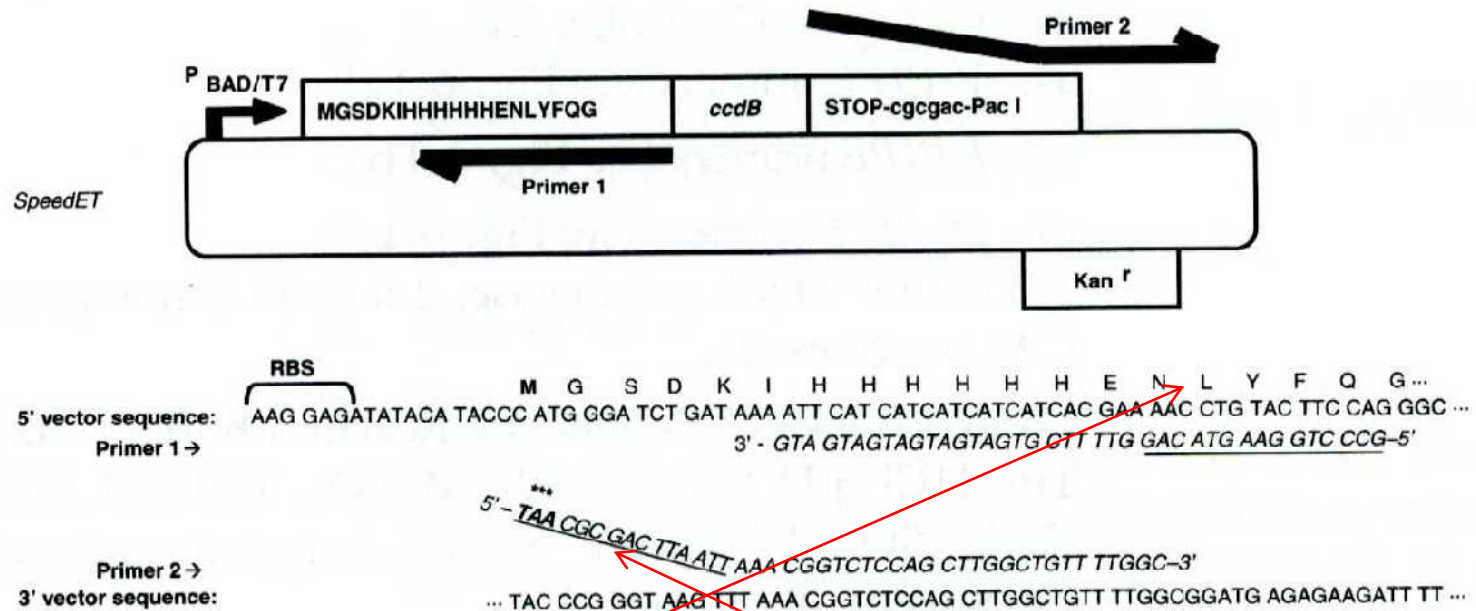
| Vector | Fusion tag   | Parent vector/antibiotic resistance | Restriction sites for linearization of the vector | Forward primer extension           | Reverse primer extension         | Approximate increase in size of PCR product with T7 primer (bp) |
|--------|--|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| pOPINA | ...KHHHHHHH tag  | pET28a/Kanamycin                    | NcoI and DraI                                     | AGGAGATATAACCATG                   | GTGGTGGTGGT-GTTT                 | 110   |
| pOPINB | MGSSHHHHHHSSGLEVL-FQUGP... tag   | pET28a/Kanamycin                    | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sup>†</sup> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA <sub>2</sub> | 130   |
| pOPINC | ...KHHHHHHH tag  | pTriEx4/Ampicillin                  | NcoI and PmeI                                     | AGGAGATATAACCATG <sub>1</sub>      | GTGATGGTGAT-GTTT <sup>†</sup>    | 200   |
| pOPIND | MAHHHHHHHSSGLEVL-FQUGP... tag  | pTriEx4/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sup>†</sup> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA <sub>2</sub> | 225   |
| pOPINE | ...KHHHHHHH tag  | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | NcoI and PmeI                                     | AGGAGATATAACCATG <sub>1</sub>      | GTGATGGTGAT-GTTT <sup>†</sup>    | 170   |
| pOPINF | MAHHHHHHHSSGLEVL-FQUGP... tag  | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sup>†</sup> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA <sub>2</sub> | 225   |
| pOPING | MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLL MGCVAOETG... cleavable secretion leader and.KHHH-HHH tags                              | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and PmeI                                     | GCGTAGCTGAAACCGGC                  | GTGATGGTGAT-GTTT                 | 260   |
| pOPINH | MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLL MGCVAOETMAHHHHHHS SGLEVL FQUGP..... cleavable secretion leader and cleavable N-his tag | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sup>†</sup> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA              | 315   |
| pOPINI | MAHHHHHHHSSG... tag  | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and HindIII                                  | ACCATCACAGCAGCGGC                  | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA              | 200   |
| pOPINJ | MAHHHHHHHSSG-GST-LEVL FQUGP... tag   | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sup>†</sup> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA <sub>2</sub> | 890   |
| pOPINK | MAHHHHHHHSSG-GST-LEVL FQUGP... tag   | pET28a/Kanamycin                    | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sub>2</sub> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA <sub>2</sub> | 790   |
| pOPINM | MAHHHHHHHSSG-MBP-LEVL FQUGP... tag   | pTriEx2/Ampicillin                  | KpnI and HindIII                                  | AAGTTCTGTTTCAG-GGCCCG <sub>2</sub> | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA <sub>2</sub> | 1,330   |
| pOPINS | MGSSHHHHHHH-SUMO... tag  | pET28a/Kanamycin                    | KpnI and HindIII                                  | GCGAACAGATCGGTGGT                  | ATGGTCTA-GAAAGCTTIA              | 400   |

## IV. DNA cloning

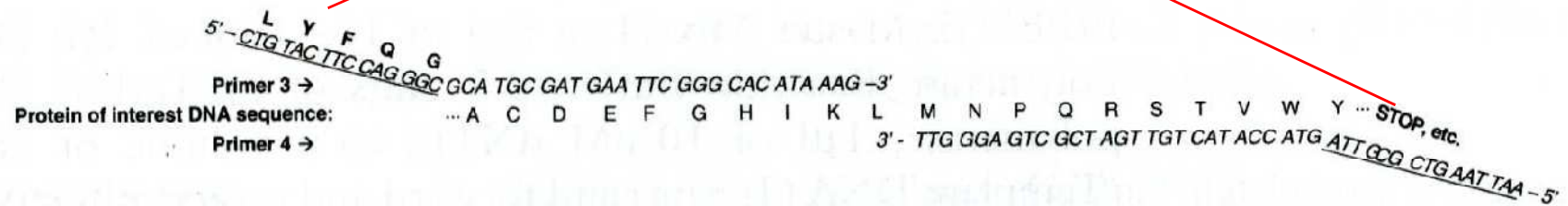
### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.4. The polymerase primer extension (PIPE)

##### A. V-PIPE



##### B. I-PIPE



## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.4. The polymerase primer extension (PIPE)

**C. M-PIPE**

**Substitutions (LMN → GGG):**

Primer 5 →  
 Protein of interest sequence:  
 Primer 6 →

... A C D E F G H I K L M N P Q R S T V W Y ...  
 3'-ACG CTA CTT AAG CCC GTG TAT TTC CCT CCG CCA GGA-5'  
 K G G G P

**Deletions (ΔLMN):**

Primer 7 →  
 Protein of interest sequence:  
 Primer 8 →

... A C D E F G H I K L M N P Q R S T V W Y ...  
 3'-ACG CTA CTT AAG CCC GTG TAT TTC GGC GTC G-5'  
 I K

**Insertions (M → INS ← N):**

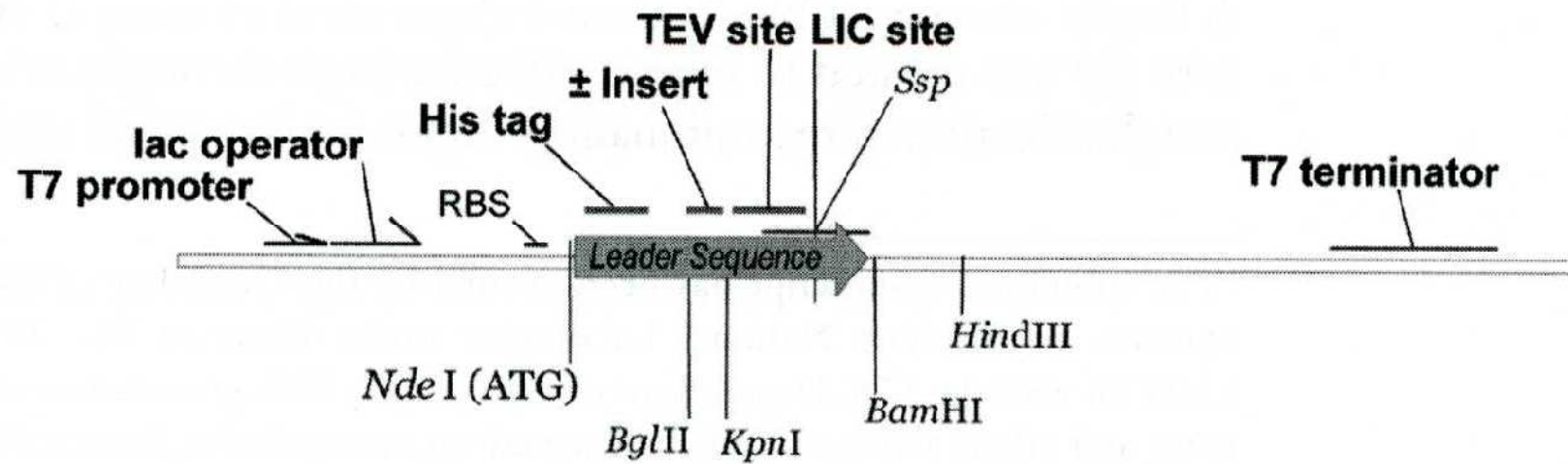
Primer 9 →  
 Protein of interest sequence:  
 Primer 10 →

... A C D E F G H I K L M N P Q R S T V W Y ...  
 3'-ACG CTA CTT AAG CCC GTG TAT TTC CCT TAC TAG TTG AGG TTG-5'  
 M I N S

## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.5. LIC vectors



## IV. DNA cloning

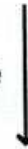
### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.5. LIC vectors

##### Vector

```
--CTGACTTCCAATCCAAT      ATTGGAAGTGGATAACGG--  
--GACATGAAGGTTAGGTTA    TAACCTTCACCTATTGCC--
```

T4 polymerase | dGTP



```
--CTG      ATTGGAAGTGGATAACGG--  
--GACATGAAGGTTAGGTTA          GCC--
```

##### PCR product

```
TACTTCCAATCCAATGCX----TAACATTGGAAGTGGATAA  
ATGAAGGTTAGGTTACGY----ATTGTAACCTTCACCTATT
```

T4 polymerase | dCTP



```
TACTTCCAATCCAATGCX----TAAC  
CGY----ATTGTAACCTTCACCTATT
```

##### Annealed (N-terminal side)

```
- L Y F Q S N A - - - - -  
---CTGACTTCCAATCCAATGCX-----  
---GACATGAAGGTTAGGTTACGY-----
```

## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.5. LIC vectors

| Vector  | Parental vector           | Antibiotic | Leader sequence        | MW (leader) <sup>a</sup>      | kb    | Purpose      |
|---------|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| pMCSG7  | pET-21a <sup>b</sup>      | Amp        | N-His-TEV-LIC          | 2,755                         | 5,286 | production   |
| pMCSG8  | pMCSG7                    | Amp        | N-His-Sloop-TEV-LIC    | 4,399                         | 5,341 | toxicity     |
| pMCSG9  | pMCSG7                    | Amp        | N-His-MBP-TEV-LIC      | 43,713                        | 6,147 | solubility   |
| pMCSG10 | pMCSG7                    | Amp        | N-His-GST-TEV-LIC      | 29,046                        | 5,961 | solubility   |
| pMCSG11 | pACYC-Duet-1 <sup>c</sup> | Cam        | N-His-TEV-LIC          | 2,755                         | 4,079 | coexpression |
| pMCSG12 | pACYC-Duet-1              | Cam        | N-His-Sloop-TEV-LIC    | 4,399                         | 4,144 | coexpression |
| pMCSG13 | pACYC-Duet-1              | Cam        | N-His-MBP-TEV-LIC      | 43,713                        | 4,940 | coexpression |
| pMCSG14 | pACYC-Duet-1              | Cam        | N-His-GST-TEV-LIC      | 29,046                        | 4,754 | coexpression |
| pMCSG17 | pMCSG7                    | Amp        | N-Stag-TEV-LIC         | 3,760                         | 5,316 | coexpression |
| pMCSG19 | pMCSG7                    | Amp        | N-MBP-TVMV-His-TEV-LIC | 45,050/<br>2,711 <sup>d</sup> | 6,441 | production   |
| pMCSG20 | pMCSG17                   | Amp        | N-Stag-GST-TEV-LIC     | 30,051                        | 5,991 | coexpression |
| pMCSG21 | pCDFDuet-1 <sup>c</sup>   | Spec       | N-His-TEV-LIC          | 2,755                         | 3,852 | coexpression |
| pMCSG22 | pCDF-Duet-1               | Spec       | N-His-Sloop-TEV-LIC    | 4,399                         | 3,906 | coexpression |
| pMCSG23 | pCDF-Duet-1               | Spec       | N-His-MBP-TEV-LIC      | 43,713                        | 4,971 | coexpression |
| pMCSG24 | pCDF-Duet-1               | Spec       | N-His-GST-TEV-LIC      | 29,046                        | 4,527 | coexpression |



## IV. DNA cloning

### 4.4. Gene cloning

#### 4.4.6. High-throughput cloning and protein expression analysis

##### Process Workflow

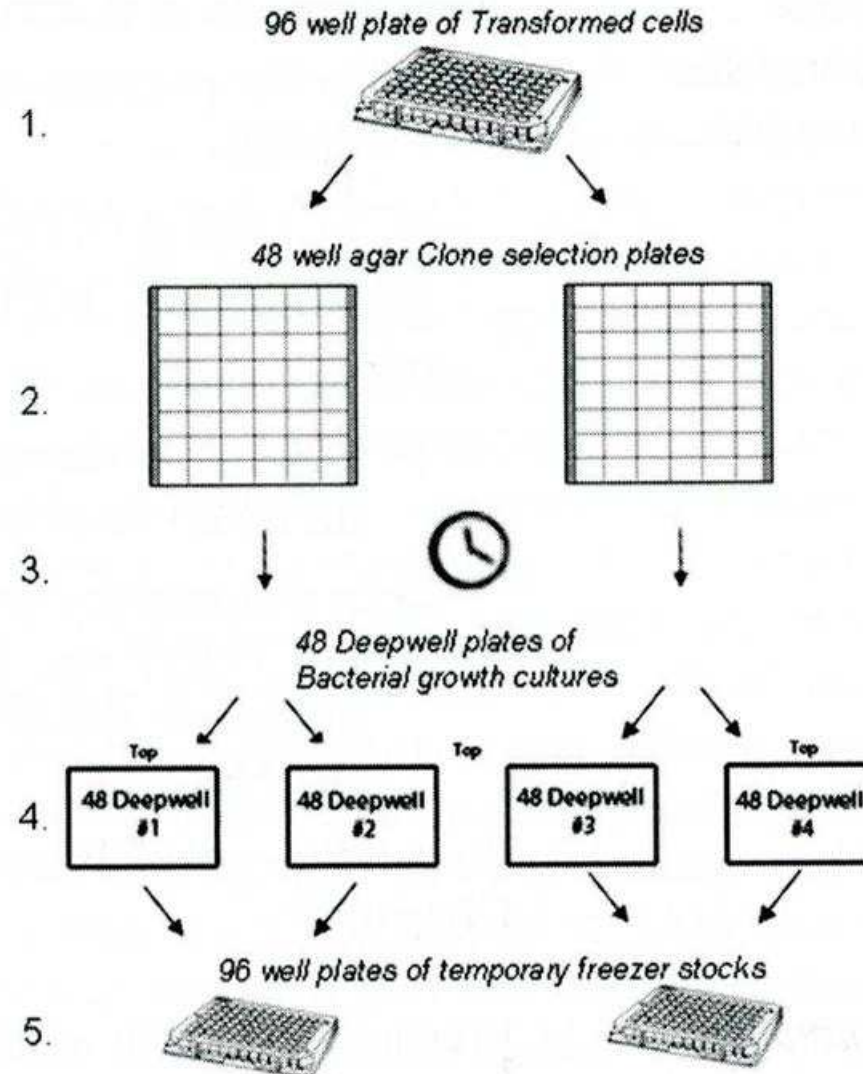
Stage 1:  
**Vector annealing and cell transformation**  
(Prepared with Robots)

Stage 2:  
**Plating for individual clone selection**  
(Prepared Manually)

Stage 3:  
**Overnight growth @ 37°C**

Stage 4:  
**Transfer select colonies into Bacterial growth cultures**

Stage 5:  
**Remove aliquot as a temporary freezer stock**



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### 4.4. Gene cloning

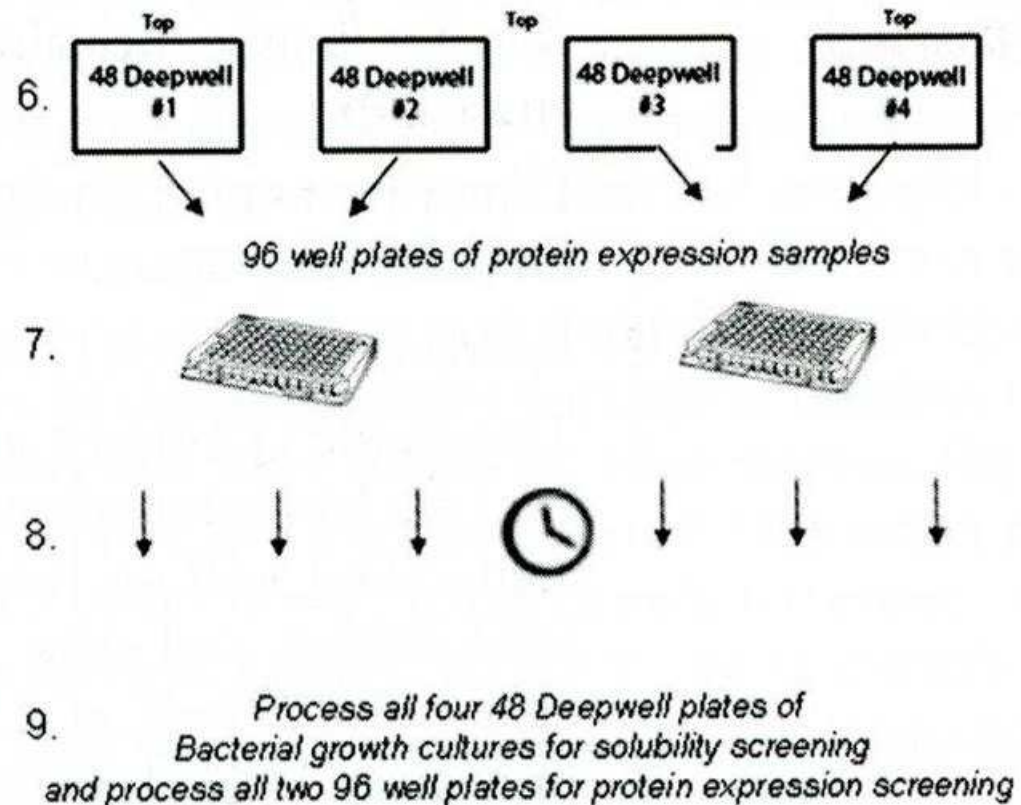
#### 4.4.6. High-throughput cloning and protein expression analysis

Stage 6:  
**IPTG addition to growth cultures  
for induction of protein expression**

Stage 7:  
**Aliquot removal for protein  
expression screening**

Stage 8:  
**Centrifugation of protein  
expression samples and  
48 Deepwell plates of Bacterial  
growth culture**

Stage 9:  
**Process all plates for expression  
and solubility screening**



*Please solve the problem.*

**Question 3: To which cloning strategy does this issue belong?**

The *ccdB* gene encoding protein which binds DNA gyrase. 5 points

This protein does not interact with small molecules. 3 points

It is a motor protein. 2 points

This protein interacts with microtubules. 1 point

**Third protein group (macromolecule-binding proteins)**

*Please solve the problem.*

## **Question 4: What is the name of this posttranslational modification?**

I modify arginine, lysine and five other amino acids. 5 points

I am detectable by MALDI and western blot (but not for all kinds of modified amino acids). 3 points

Very often I need ATP for the modification. 2 points

Serine and threonine are the most used amino acids for this modification. 1 point

**Phosphorylation**