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Toothpick™-PCR

(Cat. #786-410)



INTRODUCTION

Toothpick $^{\infty}$ -PCR allows for the rapid analysis of plasmid DNA by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) from a bacterial colony itself. There is no requirement for growing bacteria, performing "minipreps" or purifying the plasmid DNA. Simply pick a bacterial colony and screen with Toothpick $^{\infty}$ -PCR to see if you have the right construct. This kit has enough reagents for the screening of 300 colonies.

The 6X Glow BromoBlue[™] Dye is Ficoll based and there is no need to add ethidium bromide to the running buffer as the dye contains ethidium bromide. Glow BromoBlue[™] Dye provides intense DNA bands with little background or band distortion and can be used with any type of agarose or acrylamide gels.

ITEM(S) SUPPLIED (Cat# 786-410)

Plasmid Screening <i>Toothpick</i> [™]	4.5ml
6X Glow BromoBlue [™] Dye	1.5ml

STORAGE CONDITIONS

The kit is shipped at ambient temp. Store it at 4°C, upon arrival. The kit is stable for one year, if stored and used properly.

PROTOCOL

- Pick a freshly plated bacterial colony (1-2 mm in diameter) with a sterile toothpick or pipette tip and suspend transfer to the bottom of a 0.6ml tube or microtiter plate well. Remember to clearly label the colonies picked for easy identification of positive colonies later.
- Add 15µl of the Plasmid Screening Toothpick[™] solution to the tube or well and vigorously vortex to resuspend the bacteria. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 minutes and mix again.
- 3. Heat the sample at 100°C in a boiling water bath for 5 minutes.
- 4. Vortex and chill on ice for 2 minutes.
- 5. Transfer 1μ l sample to a 50μ l PCR reaction mix (Primers, deoxynucleotides, polymerase and polymerase buffer).
- 6. Perform the PCR reaction as normal.
- 7. After the PCR reaction is complete, transfer 10µl PCR reaction mix to a fresh tube and add 2µl of the 6X Glow BromoBlue [™] Dye to the sample. Mix and load into the wells of an agarose gel. No additional ethidium bromide is required.
- 8. Once electrophoresis is complete visualize PCR products under UV.

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