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Plasmid Screening Toothpick™

(Cat. # 786-026)



INTRODUCTION

Plasmid Screening Toothpick[™] allows rapid analysis of plasmid DNA by restriction enzyme(s) from a bacterial colony itself, without growing an overnight culture. Simply pick a bacterial colony and screen with Plasmid Screening Toothpick[™] to see if you have the right construct. The solution is enough for 300 Preps.

ITEM(S) SUPPLIED (Cat. # 786-026)

Description	Size
Plasmid Screening Toothpick [™]	4.5ml

STORAGE CONDITIONS

It is shipped at ambient temp. Upon arrival, store at 4°C and is stable for one year, if stored and used properly.

PROTOCOL

1. Pick a freshly plated bacterial colony (1-2mm in diameter) with a sterile toothpick or pipette tip and suspend it in 5μ l fresh growth media (e.g. LB medium). Mix it thoroughly with gentle hand.

NOTE: If the colony size is smaller, incubate the tube at room temperature for 60-90 minutes.

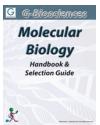
OPTIONAL: Remove 1μl culture from the tube and suspend in a 10μl growth medium containing an appropriate selection of antibiotic. Incubate it for scaling up the culture. Alternatively, freeze the culture for later use.

- 2. Add 15µl of the Plasmid Screening Toothpick solution to the bacterial suspension and mix by pipetting up and down 4-5 times. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 minutes and mix again.
- 3. Heat the sample at 100°C in a boiling water bath for 45-50 seconds.
- 4. Cool the sample to room temperature.
- 5. Transfer 10 μ l sample to a tube containing 2 μ l of restriction digestion mix (i.e. 1 μ l of restriction enzyme; 1-10 units and 1 μ l of 10X restriction buffer).
- 6. Incubate the sample for 30-60 minutes at the appropriate temperature for the restriction enzyme used.
- 7. After incubation, add 2µl of loading buffer to the sample. Mix and load into the wells of an agarose gel. Once electrophoresis is complete, stain the gel with LabSafe[™] Nucleic Acid Stain (Cat. # 786-409) or 0.2mg/ml ethidium bromide solution for 10 minutes and visualize the DNA under UV.

NOTE: LabSafe $^{\infty}$ Nucleic Acid Stain amd ethidium bromide may be added in the agarose gel, before electrophoresis.

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