

**pgRNA library cloning & screening**

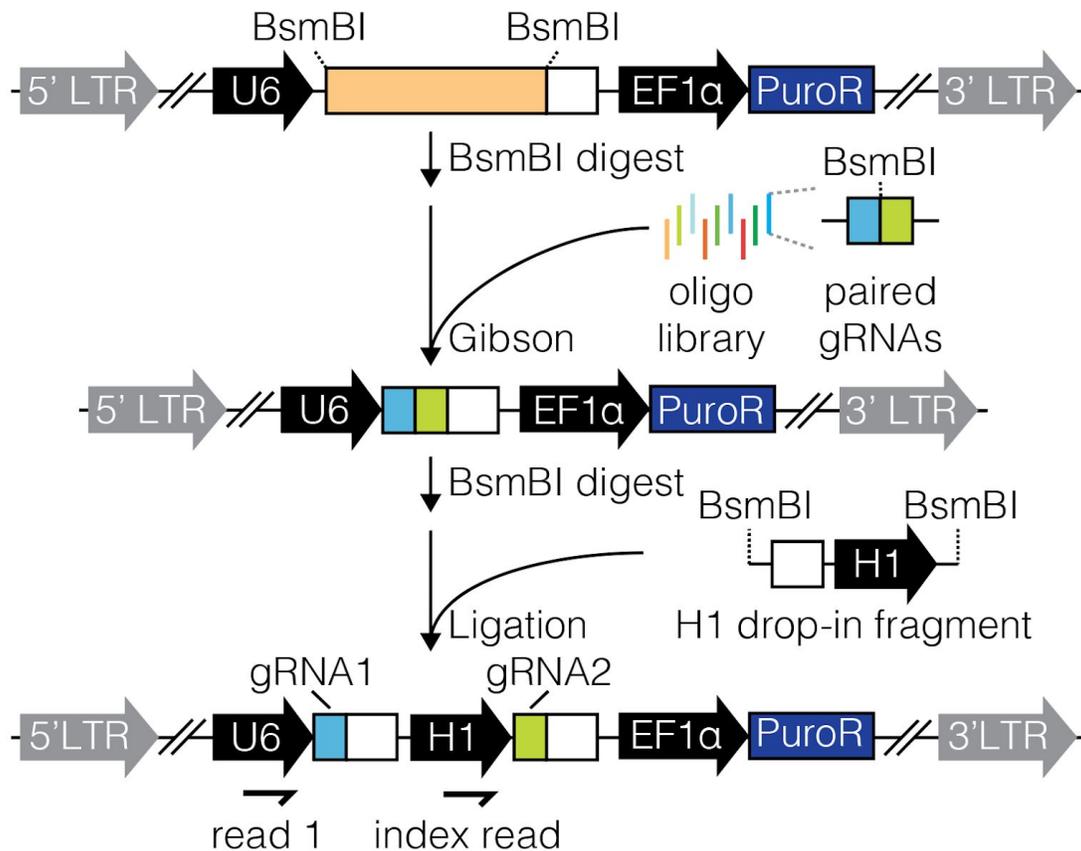
protocol used in [Thomas et al \(2020\), Nature Genetics](#)

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**Major steps**

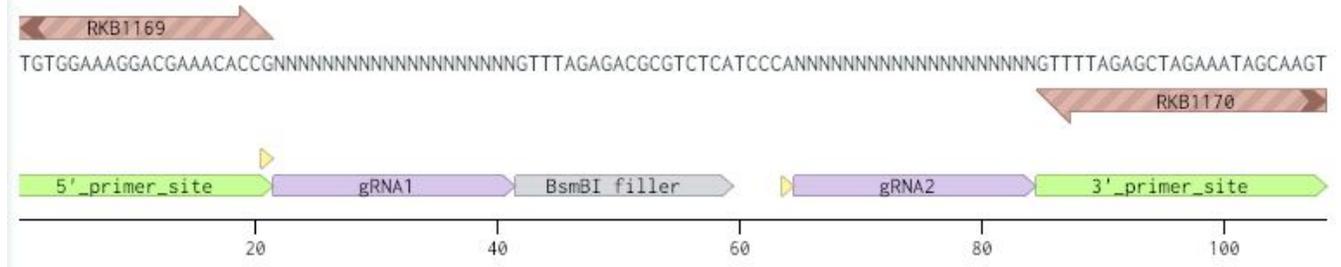
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**Procedure overview****General/misc. notes:**

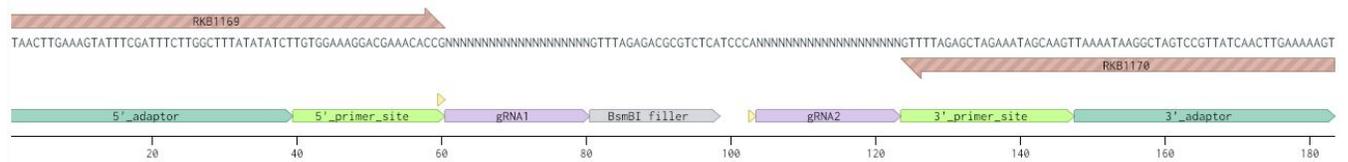
- Backbone is the lentiGuide-Puro plasmid ([Addgene #52963](#))
- The oligo library can be ordered from [Twist](#) or a similar company
- The "[H1 drop-in](#)" fragment is ordered as a 376 bp gBlock from IDT
- These papers are useful for thinking about high-throughput CRISPR screens:
  - [PMID: 28333914](#)
  - [PMID: 29651054](#)
  - [PMID: 29199283](#)

## pgRNA oligo overview

### [pgRNA oligo ultramer](#)



### [pgRNA oligo ultramer after amplification with RKB1169 & RKB1170](#)



RKB1169 sequence: TAACTTGAAAGTATTTTCGATTTCTTGGCTTTATATATCTTGTGAAAGGACGAAACACCG

RKB1170 sequence: ACTTTTTCAAGTTGATAACGGACTAGCCTTATTTTAACTTGCTATTTCTAGCTCTAAAAC

RKB1148 sequence: GAGGCCTATTTCCATGAT (used for Sanger sequencing)

## Equipment Set Up

### Large LB plates

Prepare 35 g/L LB agar (Invitrogen #22700-025) solution in deionized water and swirl to mix. Autoclave to dissolve and sterilize the mixture. Allow LB agar to cool to 55°C before adding carbenicillin at 100 µg/mL and swirl to mix. On a sterile bench, pour ~300 mL of LB agar per large plate (Corning CLS431111-16EA). Place the lids on the plate (leaving a crack to allow steam to escape) and allow to cool until solidified (~30 minutes to 1 hour). Invert plates and let sit several more hours before storing at 4°C for up to 3 months.

#### Important notes:

- Autoclaving should be done in a *large vessel*. For 2 L of LB agar, at least a 4 L flask is necessary. Be sure to add aluminum foil and tape the lid down to help prevent boiling over. When autoclaving, don't put the flask in a pool of water because the agar in the bottom of the flask won't completely melt.
- When you remove LB from autoclave, combine all media into a large beaker (we have 4L beaker in the lab). Add a sterile stir bar and stir on the stir plate until the media cools enough (i.e., is warm but cool enough to touch) to add carbenicillin.
- Be really careful not to introduce bubbles when pouring the plates!
- I typically make these at least 24 hours in advance of needing them.

## Construct pgRNA plasmid library

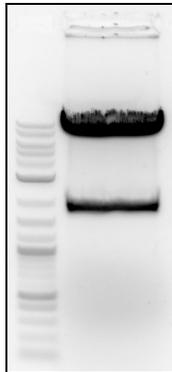
### Digest and gel extract pLGP backbone

Set up restriction digest reaction as follows:

5 µg plasmid  
3 µL BsmBI FastDigest (Thermo Esp3I; Cat # FD0454)  
3 µL FastAP (Thermo Cat # EF0654)  
6 µL 10X FastDigest Buffer  
0.6 µL 0.1 M DTT  
Water to 60 µL

Digest at 37°C for at least 30 minutes.

Run product on a 0.8% agarose gel and excise backbone band (2 kb BsmBI filler will have dropped out). The product should look like this:



The upper back is the backbone (~8.3 kb) and the lower band is the insert that should be discarded (~1.88 kb).

Purify using a gel extraction kit (we prefer the one from Zymo; Cat # D4007) following the manufacturer's protocol (add the extra water step that it recommends).

Store the purified backbone at -20°C.

### Calculate number of molecules per ng DNA

Note: below we use our human poison exon knockout library (n = 9,508 pgRNAs) for calculations.

Twist ssDNA oligo = 108 bp

Avg. MW nucleotide = 330 pg/pmol

MW of oligo = 35,640 pg/pmol

$(1 \text{ ng of oligo pool}) \times (1 \times 10^3 \text{ pg/1 ng}) \times (1 \text{ pmol}/35,640 \text{ pg}) = 0.02806 \text{ pmol of oligo pool per PCR reaction}$

$(0.02806 \text{ pmol of oligo pool}) \times (1 \text{ mol}/1 \times 10^{12} \text{ pmol}) \times (6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules/mol}) = 0.16898 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecules per PCR reaction}$

$1.6898 \times 10^{10} \text{ molecules of oligo}/9508 \text{ oligos in the library} = 1.777 \times 10^6 \text{ copies of each pgRNA per PCR. This is well above the desired coverage (500-1000X) to maintain library diversity.}$

### PCR amplify and purify oligos

Note: For this step, it can be helpful to first do a single test PCR to determine the correct conditions (e.g., cycle number). It's very important to get a single band from this PCR reaction (see gel below). Over amplifying the library at this stage results in multiple bands and "mis-pairing" of gRNAs.

Set up eight PCR reactions on ice as follows (make this as master mix and then aliquot 50  $\mu\text{L}$  reactions for PCR cycles):

25  $\mu\text{L}$  NEBNext High Fidelity 2X Ready Mix (Cat # M0541S)  
1.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  forward primer (RKB1169 - see above for sequence)  
1.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  reverse primer (RKB1170 - see above for sequence)  
1  $\mu\text{L}$  of ~1 to 10 ng/ $\mu\text{L}$  oligo library  
Water to 50  $\mu\text{L}$

Amplification conditions:

95°C 5 min 1 cycle  
  
98°C 20 s 2 cycles  
62°C 15 s -  
72°C 30 s -  
  
98°C 20 s 6 cycles  
72°C 45 s -  
  
72°C 5 min 1 cycle  
10°C hold

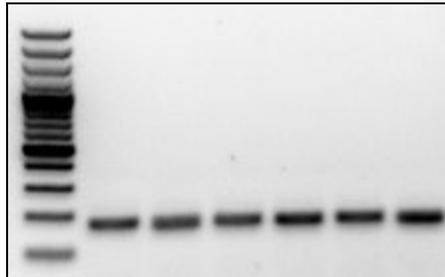
Pool the reactions and purify using a 1X SPRI bead clean-up (make 80% ethanol fresh daily for these clean-ups!):

1. Vortex SPRI beads and bring to RT for ~30 minutes.
2. Add 1X volumes of SPRI beads for every 1 volume of solution (e.g., 50  $\mu\text{L}$  beads for every 50  $\mu\text{L}$  reaction). Mix thoroughly by pipetting.

3. Incubate for 15 minutes at RT.
4. Place on a magnet for ~5 minutes.
5. Take off the supernatant leaving ~5  $\mu$ L behind.
6. Wash with 200  $\mu$ L of 80% ethanol (make this fresh daily!).
7. Incubate for 30 seconds.
8. Take off all ethanol.
9. Repeat the wash once.
10. Dry beads with caps open. This is the trickiest part because you don't want to overdry the beads. The beads should be just slightly wet when you resuspend. This typically takes < 5 minutes of drying.
11. Remove the tube from the magnet and elute in water. For pgRNA oligo amplification, I usually elute in 10  $\mu$ L of water for each reaction (e.g., 80  $\mu$ L for 8 total reactions)
12. Incubate for 2 minutes at RT.
13. Place on a magnet for ~5 minutes.
14. Transfer the supernatant to a new tube.

Quantify the purified pLGP backbone and PCR-amplified oligo library using a NanoDrop.

The purified PCR product should be a single band:



Having a single band is **very** important! Each lane above is a technical replicate.

### Gibson assembly: combine pgRNA insert & plasmid backbone

Calculate the amount of molecules for each purified product using the following equation:

$$\text{pmols} = (\text{weight in ng}) \times 1,000 / (\text{base pairs} \times 650 \text{ daltons})$$

$$\text{pmols insert} = (3.80 \text{ ng} \times 1,000) / (161 \text{ bp} \times 650)$$

$$\text{pmols insert} = (3,800) / (104,650)$$

$$\text{pmols insert} = 0.0363$$

$$\text{pmols backbone} = (52.5 \times 1,000) / (8,183 \text{ bp} \times 650)$$

$$\text{pmols backbone} = (52,500) / (5,318,950)$$

pmols backbone = 0.0099

For Gibson assembly with 2-3 fragments, the total amount of DNA should be between 0.02-0.5 pmols. Based on the calculation above, we are adding 0.0462 pmols of DNA at a 3.6:1 insert to backbone ratio.

Set up positive (4 total) and no insert (1 total) negative control reactions for Gibson assembly:

5  $\mu$ L NEBuilder HiFi (Cat # E2621S)  
52.5 ng of plasmid backbone (1:3.6 insert)  
3.80 ng of insert  
Water to 10  $\mu$ L

Incubate at 50°C for 1 hour.

Pool the positive and negative control reactions separately and purify using a 0.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute the DNA in 5  $\mu$ L of water per Gibson reaction (e.g., 20  $\mu$ L of water for 4 total Gibson reactions). Quantify the product using a NanoDrop (this isn't really necessary but can give a general sense of the yield. It's okay if the 260/230 or 260/280 values are a little wonky). This library can be stored at -20°C for several months.

### Bacterial amplification round #1

Notes:

- It is helpful to do a test transformation using 10 cm plates to make sure your Gibson assembly worked before doing the big transformation and plating on the large plates. While this adds an extra day to the protocol, it avoids accidentally using large LB plates for failed reactions.
- For a custom library such as ours, [Joung et al 2017](#) recommends 1 bacterial transformation per 5,000 gRNAs in the library. Include 1 additional bacterial transformation for the Gibson negative control (i.e., no insert) reaction.

### *Electroporation*

1. Bring recovery media (2 mL per transformation; Lucigen 80026-1) and LB-Carb selection plates to room temperature.
2. Pre-chill 1.0 mm cuvettes and microcentrifuge tubes on ice.
3. Thaw aliquots of Endura ElectroCompetent cells (Lucigen 60242-2) on ice (~10-20 minutes). Each aliquot is sufficient for two 25  $\mu$ L transformations.
4. Mix thawed cells by tapping gently and aliquot 25  $\mu$ L of cells to pre-chilled microcentrifuge tubes on ice.
5. Add 2  $\mu$ L of purified Gibson product per transformation and stir briefly with pipette tip. Do not pipette up and down!

6. Carefully pipette cell/DNA mixture into pre-chilled electroporation cuvette without introducing air bubbles. Tap the cuvette on the desk to deposit cells at the bottom of the well.
7. Electroporate bacteria using standard procedures. The Bio-Rad machine we use typically returns the following values: ~1.8 kV and ~5.6 msec. Below are the conditions recommended by Lucigen for these cells:
  - o 1.0 mm cuvette
  - o 10  $\mu$ F
  - o 600 Ohms
  - o 1800 Volts
  - o Note: typical time constants are 3.5 to 4.5 msec
8. Quickly after electroporation, add 975  $\mu$ L of recovery media to the cuvette, pipet up and down three times, and transfer to a culture tube containing 1 mL of media (total volume now 2 mL).
9. Place the tube in a shaking incubator at 250 rpm for 1 hour at 37°C.

### *Plating*

1. Combine transformants into a single tube and mix well.
2. Make two serial dilutions of pooled transformant:
  - a. 10  $\mu$ L of stock to 990  $\mu$ L media (100-fold dilution)
  - b. 100  $\mu$ L of 100-fold dilution to 900  $\mu$ L of media (1000-fold dilution)
3. Plate 100  $\mu$ L of these two dilutions on separate LB agar selection plates. These are now 1,000-fold and 10,000-fold dilutions of the stock transformant that will be used to estimate transformation efficiency. Also, make 1,000-fold dilutions of the Gibson negative control reaction and plate that as well.
4. Add the remaining transformant to either:
  - a. Liquid culture: for a total volume of 105 mL with a final concentration of 100  $\mu$ g/mL Carb. I *don't* do this but I've heard it can work.
  - b. Large LB plates: for this, add 1 volume of media for every volume of pooled transformant. Add 2 mL of this solution per large LB agar plate. Use a cell spreader (not glass beads) to get even cell spreading.
5. Incubate the cells for 12 to 24 hours at 30°C. For liquid cultures, periodically measure the OD600 to capture the cells in the linear growth phase. An OD600 of 1 is equivalent to  $8 \times 10^8$  cells/mL. An ideal OD600 is 1-3 (when measuring on the NanoDrop, it will be necessary to make serial dilutions of the stock solution to ensure linearity of the measurement). Again, I *don't* use liquid cultures. For LB plates, grow until you can see small colonies (this will be way more than enough biomass for getting high yields of bacteria).

### *Calculate transformation efficiency*

Note: below we use our human poison exon knockout library (n = 9,508 pgRNAs) for calculations.

Count the number of colonies on the 1,000-fold or 10,000-fold dilution plate (whichever is easier). Calculate the total number of transformants using this formula (if 1,000-fold plate was counted):

$$\text{cells} = (\text{mL of original transformant} \times 1000) \times (\# \text{ of colonies})$$

For example:

$$\text{total cells} = (4 \times 1000) \times (43)$$
$$\text{total cells} = 172,000$$
$$\text{library coverage} = 172,000/9508$$
$$\text{library coverage} = 18\text{-fold}$$

If the coverage is high enough (ideally greater than 200/500-fold but definitely no less than 50-fold), continue with plasmid purification.

IMPORTANT! At this stage it is a really good idea to send ~100 (this may be a little overkill, less is okay too) colonies for Sanger sequencing to test for (1) the percentage of gRNA mis-pairing and (2) a reasonable representation of library diversity (although this won't really be possible without high-throughput sequencing). At minimum, this is a good sanity check to make sure things are working.

### Plasmid purification round #1

Notes:

- Getting good yield from Maxi-Preps has been a tricky part of this protocol for me (probably just my lack of experience!).
- According to [Joung et al 2017](#), the number of maxipreps to perform can be determined using this formula: # of maxipreps = OD600 X (total volume of suspension)/1,200. I don't do this. I just use the wet weight mass metric described below.
- The Macherey-Nagel Maxiprep kit works best in my hands for this protocol.

To collect cells from LB agar plate, follow these steps:

1. Add LB to each plate and gently scrape colonies with a cell spreader. Decant this mixture into a large, sterile beaker. Be careful not to dig into the LB!
2. Repeat with another amount of LB.
3. Repeat steps 1 & 2 for each LB agar plate.
4. Aliquot the bacterial mixtures evenly amongst 50 mL conical tubes.
5. Spin at max speed at 4°C for 10 minutes.
6. Decant the supernatant. Weigh the tube and figure out the weight of each wet bacterial pellet.
7. Use 2.25-2.5 grams of "wet weight" bacterial pellet for each MaxiPrep using the Macherey-Nagel Maxiprep kit.

### Digest and gel extract pLGP-2xSpacer

#### Notes:

- I've found that digesting the backbone overnight can reduce the number of background colonies in the subsequent ligation steps. I think poor BsmBI digestion has been one of the major culprits of failed reactions in the past. This could (probably) just be my hands though.

Set up restriction digest reactions as follows:

5 µg plasmid  
3 µL BsmBI FastDigest  
3 µL FastAP  
6 µL 10X FastDigest Buffer  
1.2 µL 0.05 M DTT (dilute stock 0.1M by half to get this)  
Water to 60 µL

Digest at 37°C for at least 1 hour (preferably overnight for me!)

Purify the product using 0.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute in 20-30 µL water/rxn. It can be helpful to run undigested, unpurified digested, and purified digested product on a gel to make sure the digestion efficiency was good.

### Digest and purify H1 drop-in

#### Reaction:

25 µL of 10 ng/µL H1 drop-in (IDT GBlock, see above for link to sequence)  
2.5 µL BsmBI FastDigest  
5 µL 10X FastDigest Buffer  
1 µL 0.05 M DTT (dilute stock 0.1M by half to get this concentration)  
Water to 50 µL

Digest at 37°C for at least 1 hour.

Purify the product using a 1.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute in 15 µL water/rxn. I typically make a lot of digested H1 drop in and store it for months of use.

Measure the concentration of the purified pLGP-2XSpacer backbone and purified H1 drop-in via NanoDrop.

### Ligation: combine H1 drop-in insert & plasmid backbone

#### Notes:

- For this, be sure to include a no insert control! This is very important.
- It's also important to use fresh ligase buffer. I typically aliquot the buffer into one-time use tubes.

- For me (JDT), this ligation has been the trickiest part of cloning individual pgRNAs or pgRNA libraries.

Set up four ligation reactions:

5 ng insert  
100 ng vector  
5  $\mu$ L 2X Quick Ligase buffer (comes with ligase)  
Water to 10  $\mu$ L  
1  $\mu$ L Quick Ligase (Cat # M2200S)

Incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes. The protocol says less is actually better. Don't heat inactivate the enzyme! Either proceed with SPRI bead clean-up or store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Combine reactions and perform 0.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute in 5  $\mu$ L water/rxn.

Adding 2  $\mu$ L of ligation reaction for each transformation seems to be very efficient.

### Bacterial amplification round #2

Note:

- It is helpful to do a test transformation using 10 cm plates to make sure your ligation worked before doing the big transformation and plating on the large plates. While this adds an extra day to the protocol, it avoids accidentally using large LB plates for failed reactions.

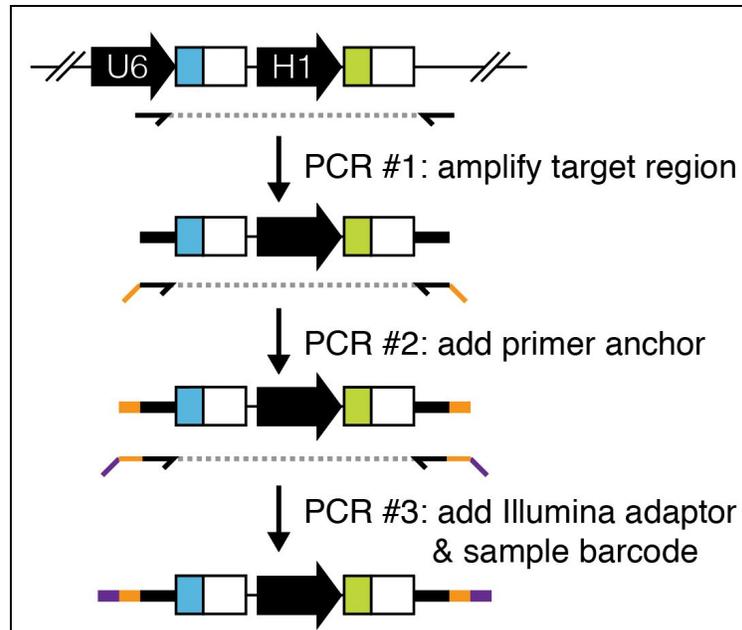
This procedure is the same as the first round of bacterial amplification. Add 2  $\mu$ L of the ligation product for each transformation.

### Plasmid purification round #2

This procedure is the same as the first round of plasmid purification. As before, it can be helpful to set aside some colonies (up to 100) for Sanger sequencing prior to plasmid purification.

## Confirm pgRNA plasmid library diversity using NGS

Outline of the NGS library prep:



The sequence of the final amplicon can be found [here](#).

### Calculate PCR1 input molecules

Note: below we use our human poison exon knockout library ( $n = 9,508$  pgRNAs) for calculations.

Calculate the number of molecules per ng of plasmid used in PCR

Step 1: calculate weight of plasmid

size of plasmid = 8649 bp

weight of dsDNA bp = 650 pg/pmol

weight of plasmid =  $(8649) * (650 \text{ pg/pmol}) = 5,621,850 \text{ pg/pmol}$

Step 2: Determine pmol of plasmid per 1 ng

$(1 \text{ ng}) * (1000 \text{ pg/ng}) * (1 \text{ pmol}/5,621,850 \text{ pg}) = 0.00017787738$

Step 3: Determine the number of molecular per 1 ng

$(0.00017787738 \text{ pmol}) * (1 \text{ mol}/ 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ pmol}) * (6.022 \times 10^{23}) = 107,117,758$

Step 4: Determine library coverage per 1 ng

$(107,117,758 \text{ molecules/ng}) / 9508 \text{ pgRNAs} = 11,266\text{-fold coverage}$

### Plasmid NGS PCR #1

Note: It's a good idea to run two PCRs. One will be used for SPRI bead purification, the other reaction can be run on a gel to confirm you get a single band. It's very important to get a single band. If there is more than one band, run the reaction again, reducing the number of amplification cycles. Over amplifying the library results in pgRNA "mis-pairing".

Start thermocycler and pause it at the first 98°C denaturation step (see below)

Set PCR reaction on ice as follows:

25 µL NEBNext High Fidelity 2X Ready Mix  
 2.5 µL of 10 µM forward primer (RKB2713) (0.5 µM final concentration)  
 2.5 µL of 10 µM reverse primer (RKB2714) (0.5 µM final concentration)  
 1 ng of plasmid DNA  
 Water to 50 µL

RKB2713: TTGTGGAAAGGACGAAACACC

RKB2714: CAAGATCTAGTTACGCCAAGCT

Run reaction in thermocycler:

98°C	30 seconds	1 cycles
98°C	10 seconds	10 cycles (increase/decrease as needed)
65°C	10 seconds	-
72°C	1 minute	-
72°C	2 minutes	1 cycles
4°C	Hold	

Purify the product using a 0.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute each 50 µL PCR reaction in 50 µL of water. Quantify using NanoDrop.

### Calculate PCR2 input molecules

Note: below we use our human poison exon knockout library (n = 9,508 pgRNAs) for calculations.

Step 1: calculate weight of plasmid

size of amplicon = 473 bp

weight of dsDNA bp = 650 pg/pmol

weight of amplicon = (473) \* (650 pg/pmol) = 307,450 pg/pmol

Step 2: Determine pmol of plasmid per 1 ng

$(1 \text{ ng}) * (1000 \text{ pg/ng}) * (1 \text{ pmol}/307450 \text{ pg}) = 0.00325256139$

Step 3: Determine the number of molecular per 1 ng

$(0.00325256139 \text{ pmol}) * (1 \text{ mol}/1 \times 10^{12} \text{ pmol}) * (6.022 \times 10^{23}) = 1,958,692,469$

Step 4: Determine library coverage per 1 ng

$(1,958,692,469 \text{ molecules/ng}) / 9,508 \text{ pgRNAs} = 206,004$

## Plasmid NGS PCR #2

### Notes:

- As before, getting a single band from this PCR is very important.
- Only need to set up one reaction per library for the following PCR since the library diversity should be maintained at well over 500X coverage at this point.

Set up PCR reaction on ice as follows:

25  $\mu$ L NEBNext High Fidelity 2X Ready Mix  
 2.5  $\mu$ L of 10  $\mu$ M forward primer (RKB2715) (0.5  $\mu$ M final concentration)  
 2.5  $\mu$ L of 10  $\mu$ M reverse primer (RKB2716) (0.5  $\mu$ M final concentration)  
 10 ng of PCR #1 product  
 Water to 50  $\mu$ L

RKB2715: CTAAATGGCTGTGAGAGAGCTCAGTTGTGGAAAGGACGAAACACC

RKB2716: ACTTTATCAATCTCGCTCCAAACCCAAGATCTAGTTACGCCAAGCT

Run the reaction in a PCR thermocycler using the following conditions:

98°C	30 seconds	1 cycles
98°C	10 seconds	6 cycles (increase/decrease as needed)
65°C	10 seconds	-
72°C	1 minute	-
72°C	2 minutes	1 cycles
4°C	Hold	

Purify the product using a 0.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute each 50  $\mu$ L PCR reaction in 25  $\mu$ L of water. Quantify using NanoDrop.

Plasmid NGS PCR #3

## Notes:

- As before, getting a single band from this PCR is very important.
- Only need to set up one reaction per library for the following PCR since the library diversity should be maintained at well over 500X coverage at this point.

This is the PCR where sample specific barcodes can be added. These are the barcode primers that we use:

primer	sequence	barcode
RKB2957	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATTACAAGGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	TACAAG
RKB2958	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATGTAGCCGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	GTAGCC
RKB2959	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATAAGCTAGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	AAGCTA
RKB2960	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATCTGATCGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	CTGATC
RKB2961	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATTCAGTGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	TCAAGT
RKB2962	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATGATCTGGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	GATCTG
RKB2963	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATATTGGCGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	ATTGGC
RKB2964	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATCACTGTGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	CACTGT
RKB2965	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATTGGTCAGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	TGGTCA
RKB2966	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATGCCTAAGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	GCCTAA
RKB2967	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATACATCGGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	ACATCG
RKB2968	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGATCGTGATGACCGTCGGCACTTTATCAATCT CGCTCCAAACC	CGTGAT

Set up PCR reaction on ice as follows:

25 µL NEBNext High Fidelity 2X Ready Mix

2.5  $\mu$ L of 10  $\mu$ M forward primer (RKB2717) (0.5  $\mu$ M final concentration)  
2.5  $\mu$ L of 10  $\mu$ M reverse primer (index primer) (0.5  $\mu$ M final  
concentration)  
10 ng of PCR #2 product  
Water to 50  $\mu$ L

RKB2717: AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACACGTAGGCCTAAATGGCTGTGAGAGAGCTCAG

Run the reaction in a PCR thermocycler using the following conditions:

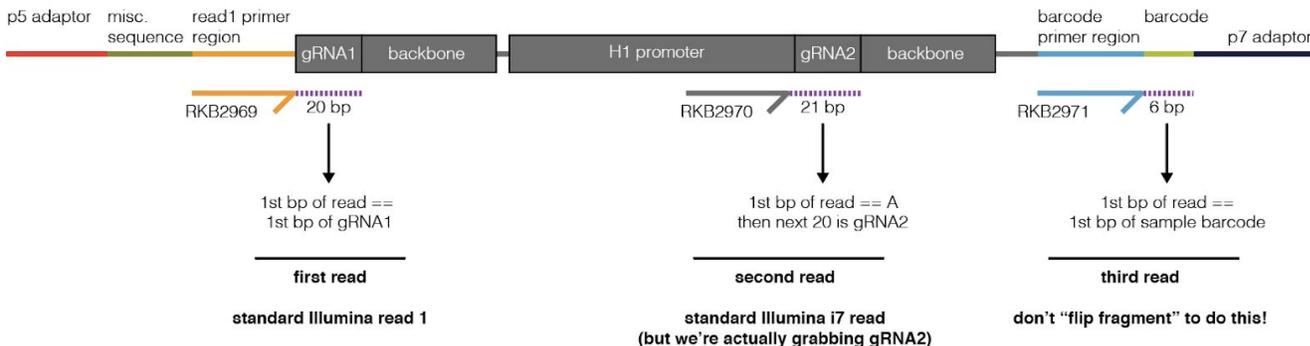
98°C	30 seconds	1 cycles
98°C	10 seconds	6 cycles (increase/decrease as needed)
65°C	10 seconds	-
72°C	1 minute	-
72°C	2 minutes	1 cycles
4°C	Hold	

Purify product using a 0.8X SPRI bead clean-up. Elute each 50  $\mu$ L PCR reaction in 25  $\mu$ L of water. Quantify product using Qubit to accurately determine concentration for Illumina sequencing.

## Illumina sequencing

Schematic of Illumina library sequencing strategy:

### pgRNA fragment sequencing



Sequencing primers (order standard, desalted from IDT):

RKB2969: GAGAGCTCAGTTGTGGAAAGGACGAAACACCG

RKB2970: GGGAATCTTATAAGTTCTGTATGAGACCACTCTTTCCC

RKB2971: GTTTTGGAGCGAGATTGATAAAGTGCCGACGGTC

For sequencing with RKB2971, a custom chemistry protocol is required to allow three reads without paired-end re-synthesis. This information is contained in the file "Amplicon\_mod\_no\_resynthesis.zip". It is important to put this in the correct directory so the MiSeq can access it. The directory should be the same as the v2 synthesis chemistry. This should be something like 'C:\Illumina\MiSeq Control Software\Recipe\v2'. The custom sequencing primers are resuspended to 100  $\mu$ M and added to the Illumina Primer wells:

- combine 5  $\mu$ L of 100  $\mu$ M custom primer + 145  $\mu$ L of HT1 buffer
- load the entire 150  $\mu$ L directly into wells 12-14 of the cartridge

Remember to specify the chemistry "Amplicon\_mod\_no\_resynthesis" on your sample sheet, as well as put the proper cycle numbers:

- Illumina-R1: as many as 25 cycles (these capture gRNA1, more cycles help to get full quality states from PhiX spike ins)
- Illumina-IX: 21 cycles (these capture gRNA2)
- Illumina-R2: 6 cycles (more if using longer sample barcodes)

Sample sheet example:

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Investigator Name	James D Thomas										
Project Name	pgrna_sequencing										
Experiment Name	pgrna_sequencing										
Date	2/20/18										
Workflow	Generate FASTQ										
Description											
Chemistry	Amplicon_mod_no_resynthesis										
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samples	samples				TTGGTAGTCGTTGGTAGTCGA					C:\Illumina\MiSeq Reporter\Genomes\PhiIX\Illumina\RTA\Sequence\Chromosomes	

I typically submit 30  $\mu$ L of a 6 nmol pooled library (can be less concentrated though; chat with people at genomics core to confirm this) for running on the MiSeq 50 bp kit (with the v2 kit, you can actually get up to a total of 66 cycles). I typically get at least 13-15 million reads per run but sometimes as many as 20 million.