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# GIBSON ASSEMBLY® CLONING METHOD

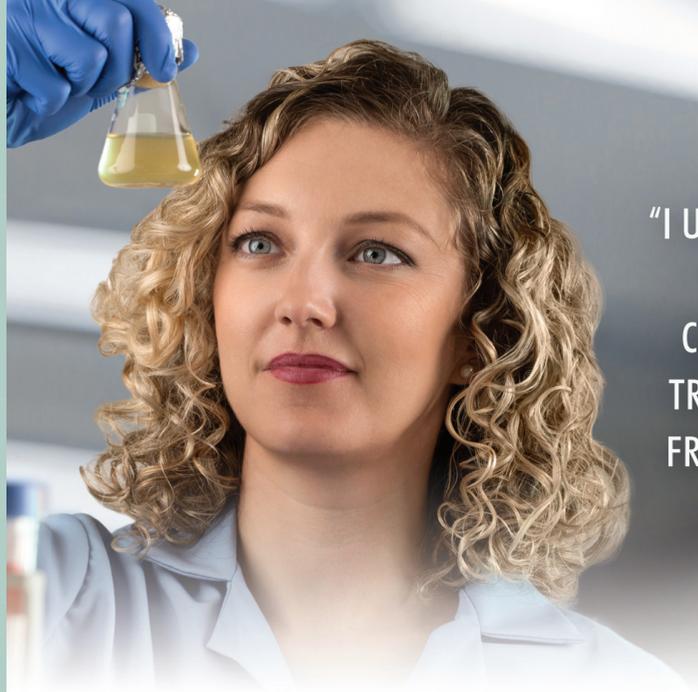


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 Scripps Institution of Oceanography and J. Craig Venter Institute

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# GIBSON ASSEMBLY® CLONING METHOD

The Gibson Assembly method has quickly become an invaluable tool for molecular cloning workflows due to its flexibility and efficiency. Learn how to go from DNA fragments to complex plasmid constructs.

## GIBSON ASSEMBLY ENZYMES

- DNA Exonuclease:** Chews back dsDNA to expose either 3' or 5' ssDNA overhangs, which are complementary to an overlapping region between inserts
- DNA Polymerase:** Fills in gaps between annealed fragments
- DNA Ligase:** Seals nicks in the final dsDNA construct

## DNA ASSEMBLY 101

The Gibson Assembly method allows for the cloning of multiple fragments directly into any vector. This method does not require the use of restriction enzymes. Instead, user-defined overlapping ends are incorporated into fragments to allow seamless joining of adjacent fragments. Through a series of enzymatic steps, overlapping regions are created, annealed, and ligated over the course of an hour, resulting in a final covalently-joined double-stranded (ds) DNA product.

## DESIGNING INPUT dsDNA

Design primers corresponding to your fragment that also include 30-40 bp homology with your adjacent fragment or vector.

### Tips for designing primers:

- The bonds between G and C nucleotides are stronger than A and T bonds. For optimal annealing, include a run of GC residues at the ends of your primers.
- G and C nucleotides should make up 40%–60% of each primer sequence to maintain a similar melting temperature.
- When submitting your primer sequence, be sure the reverse primer is flipped and written as 5' to 3'.

## NO OVERLAPPING ENDS? NO PROBLEM.

With the Primer-Bridge End Joining (PBEJ™) method, you won't have to rely on sequence homology between adjacent DNA fragments. With Gibson Assembly PBEJ cloning, a single primer or primer pair with phosphorothioate-modified bases (PS) is used to "bridge" together the ends of DNA fragments. The PS modifications prevent primer chew back during the 3' chew back step.

Use the following table to determine the amount of input DNA required for each fragment size

Fragment size	0.5 kb	1.0 kb	5 kb	8 kb	10 kb	15 kb	20 kb	30 kb
Amount DNA	20 ng	25 ng	25 ng	50 ng				
pmol DNA	0.061	0.038	0.008	0.009	0.008	0.005	0.004	0.003

Or precisely determine the amount of pmol or ng of DNA using the following formulas  
 $\text{pmol DNA} = [\text{ng DNA} / (660 \times \# \text{ of bases})] \times 1000$   
 $\text{ng of DNA} = [\text{pmol DNA} \times (660 \times \# \text{ of bases})] / 1000$

Quickly assemble up to 5 fragments

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## DNA Assembly: 1-Step Method

Use the 1-step method for the assembly of up to 5 fragments between 500bp to 32 kb.

Assemble 5 to 15 fragments

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## DNA Assembly: 2-Step Method

Use the 2-step method for DNA fragments between 100 bp to 100 kb OR for the assembly of 5 to 15 fragments.

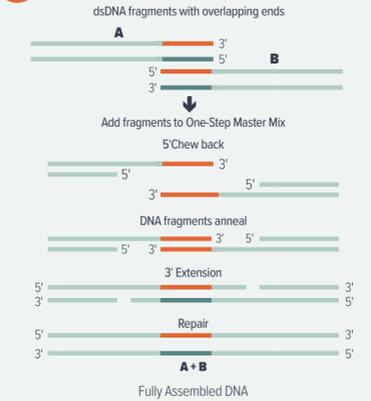
## OUTPUT dsDNA:

The fully assembled dsDNA is ready for direct use in a variety of downstream molecular biology applications, such as PCR, rolling-circle amplification (RCA), and direct transformation.



## A CLOSE-UP OF THE GIBSON ASSEMBLY METHODS

### 1 GIBSON ASSEMBLY ONE-STEP METHOD



### 2 GIBSON ASSEMBLY TWO-STEP METHOD

