

Step 1.

Using the siRNA design online tool to pick up the 19mer shRNA;

<http://biosettia.com/support/shrna-designer>

Step 2. Design the hairpin primer pair to be synthesized

Template of the hairpin pair:

Top: 19mer-**TTCAAGAGA**-19mer Reverse Complement-**TTTTTTGT**

Bottom: **CTAGACAAAAA**-19mer- **TCTCTTGAA**-19mer Reverse Complement

For example: GGTACAAGTTCTATCTGAA as the 19mer

Hairpin pair:

Top:

GGTACAAGTTCTATCTGAA**TTCAAGAGATT**CAGATAGAACTTGTACCTTTTTT
GT

Bottom:

CTAGACAAAAAGGTACAAGTTCTATCTGAA**TCTCTTGAA**TT**CAGATAGAACT**
TGTACC

Step3. Order the above hairpin pair via IDT or other places. Dissolve the hairpin pair into H₂O at 100pM final concentration.

Step4. Primer annealing

Add 41ul of H₂O, 5ul of 10X PCR buffer, and 2ul of each primer into a PCR tube, run following program with a PCR machine:

95°C for 10mins;

Step down to 4°C at a rate of 1°C per minute;

Step5. Harvest fragments of the FUGW-H1 plasmid

Digestion A):

XbaI/AgeI in 20ul reaction volume

2ug of FUGW-H1

NEB digestion buffer

1.5 ul of XbaI

1.5 ul of AgeI

Add H₂O to 20ul final volume, digest at 37 °C for 3 hrs

This gives two bands in gel electrophoresis: one large band (10-12kb) and one small band (1.5kb).

Digestion B):

SmaI/Agel in 20ul reaction volume

2ug of FUW-H1

NEB digestion buffer

1.5 ul of SmaI

Add H₂O to 20ul final volume, digest at room temperature or 25 °C for 1.5 hrs

Add 1.5 ul of Agel to the above reaction, digest at 37 °C for another 1.5 hrs.

This gives three bands in gel electrophoresis. The smallest band is around 1.5 kb.

Run 1% Agarose gel for both digestion products, cut the largest band from the XbaI/Agel digestion and the smallest band from the SmaI/Agel digestion. Gel extraction both fragments.

Step 6. Ligation of the shRNA Oligos and the Fugw-H1 fragments

20ul total volume:

1 ul of the fragment from SmaI/Agel digestion

1ul of the fragment from XbaI/Agel digestion

1ul of the annealed oligos from step 4

Ligase buffer

T4 ligase

Add H₂O to 20ul final volume

Anneal overnight at 16°C with regular T4 ligation kit or RT for 5mins if using a quick ligation kit.

Step 7. Transformation with StbI2 cells and pick clones for Miniprep

- Using Amp⁺ plate and Amp⁺ LB broth

Step 8. Sequencing to verify successful insertion

Sequencing primer: ACAGCAGAGATCCAGTTTG