

Benchling Exercises lab3 Virtual Cloning

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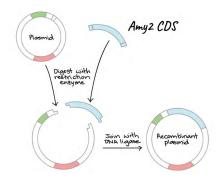
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Virtual Step-by-Step Cloning Procedure

Same procedure as done in lab sessions 3 + 4:

- 1) Digest plasmid backbone
- Digest PCR product (insert)
- 3) Ligate insert + linearized plasmid (will be used in lab 6)



In the lab you do all steps individually and keep intermediate products, this allows you to go back - one step at a time- in case of problems/ mistakes. This saves time compared to starting from scratch.

This Benchling exercise is designed in the same way- one step, one file.

Benchling provides an 'Assembly Wizard' for cloning without intermediate steps. We are not using it for the exercise- it is for andvanced users!

Basic Benchling Functions



Tools Used in Lab3

explore all buttons to see what they are used for



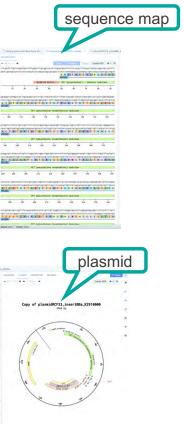
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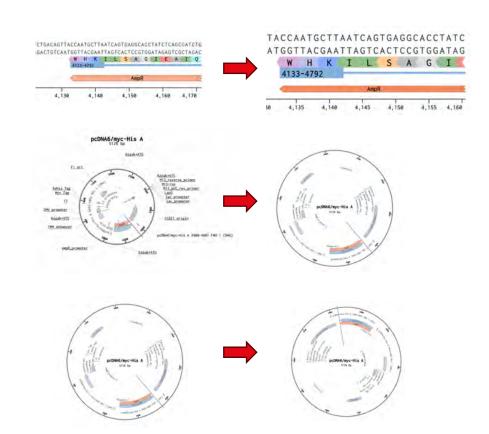
Explore Useful Display Functions

use two fingers to zoom/ rotate

zoom in/ out sequence

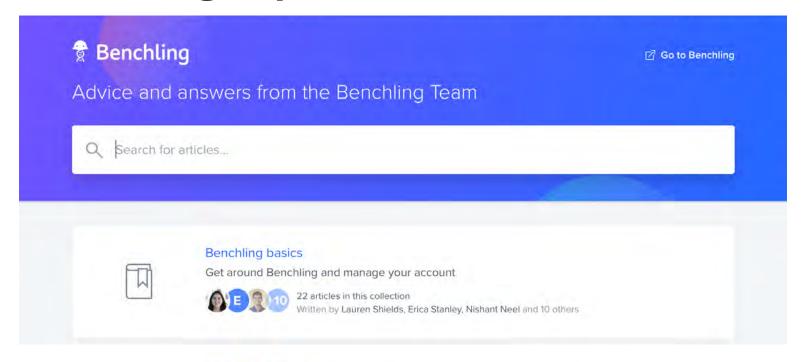
zoom in/ out plasmid

rotate map





Benchling Help: How to + Videos



Molecular Biology



Annotate sequences, design primers, perform alignments, and model assemblies using rich design and analysis tools



89 articles in this collection

Written by Anshi Saxena, Alex Chao, Damian Costello and 22 others







Save Plasmid Sequences

Virtual Cloning Using Benchling Lab 3

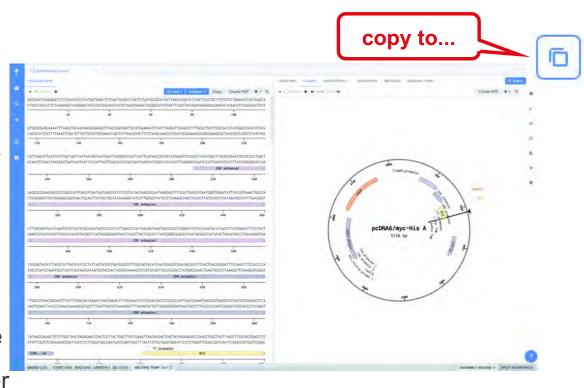
✓ open shared files

✓ pcDNA6/myc-HIS version A

✓ pcDNA6/myc-HIS version B

✓ create new project folder for each exercise

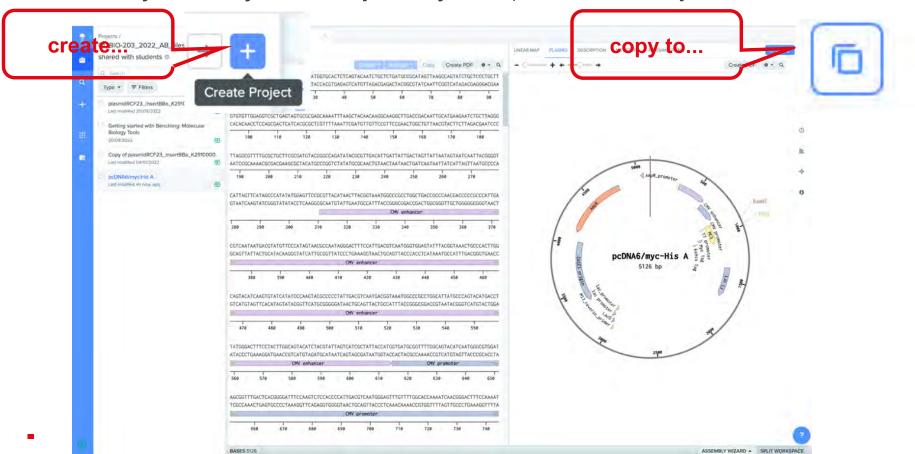
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to the corresponding folder



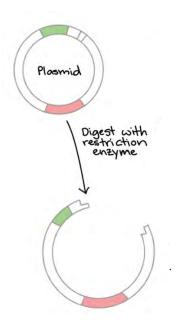


Copy to New Project Folder

note you can only work on sequences you own, not on shared sequences







Exercise 1 Create plasmid backbone

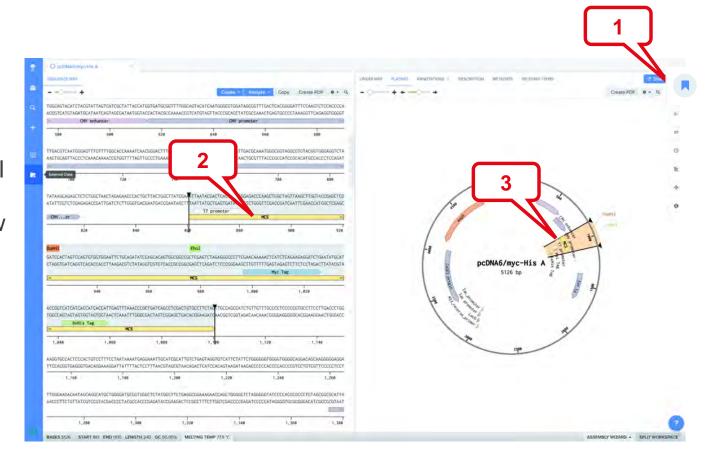
in plasmid pcDNA6/myc-His A:
Find multiple cloning site (MCS)
Find restiction sites BamHI and Xhol
Run virtual digest
Create new DNA file with digested
plasmid fragment



Find Annotation for Multiple Cloning Site

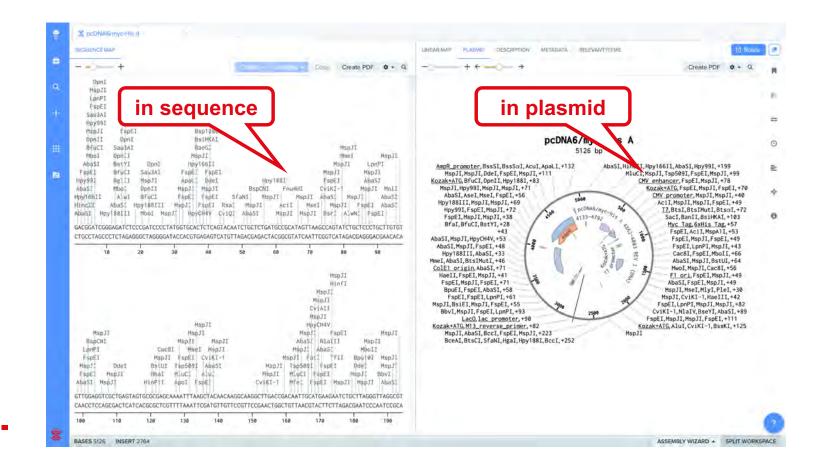
Options:

- 1) in annotation tool
- 2) in sequence view
- 3) in plasmid view





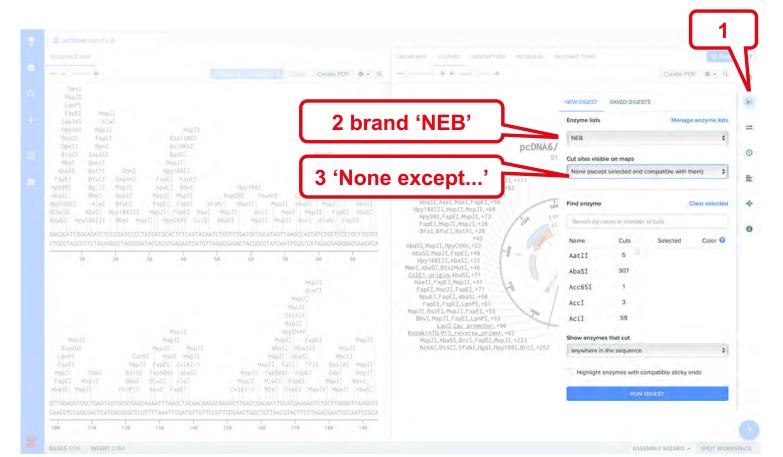
Help: if too Many Restriction Sites Visible





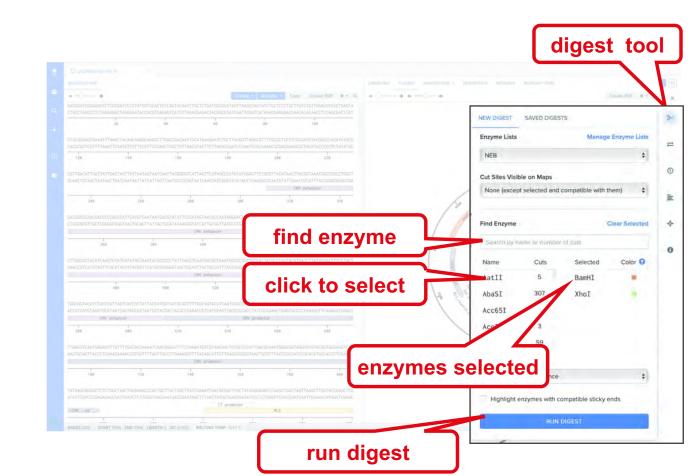
Help: if too Many Restriction Sites Visible

with this setting you see only the selected restriction sites



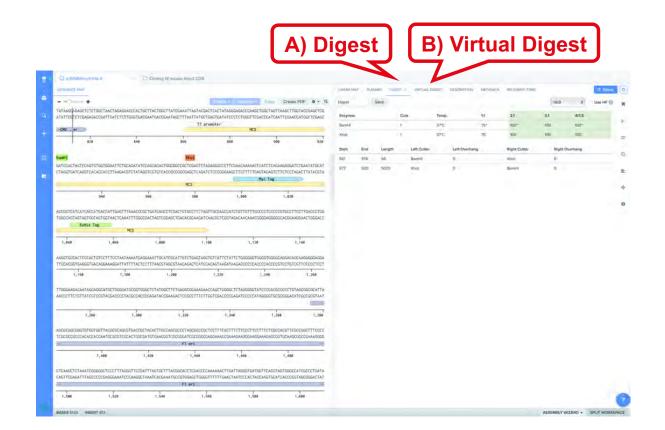
Find Restriction Sites

- ✓ in digest tool
- √ find enzyme
 - √ search or scroll list
- ✓ select enzymes
 - ✓ BamHI
 - ✓ Xhol
- ✓ run digest



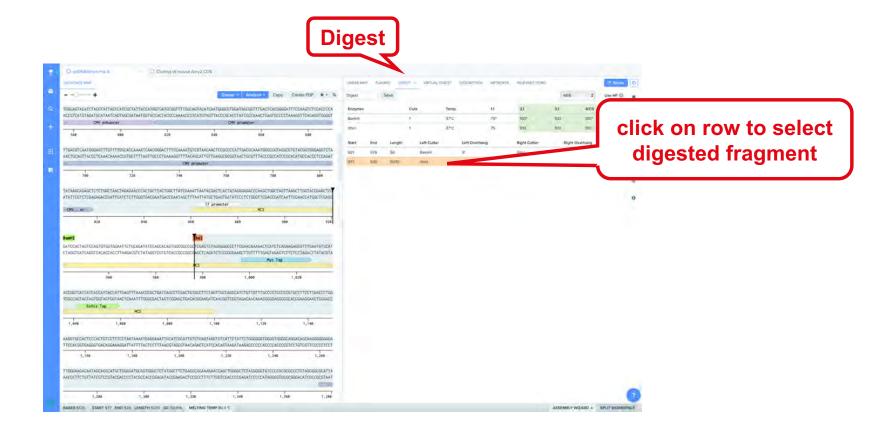


Digest Results Shown as 2 Aternative Views, Choose What You Like Best



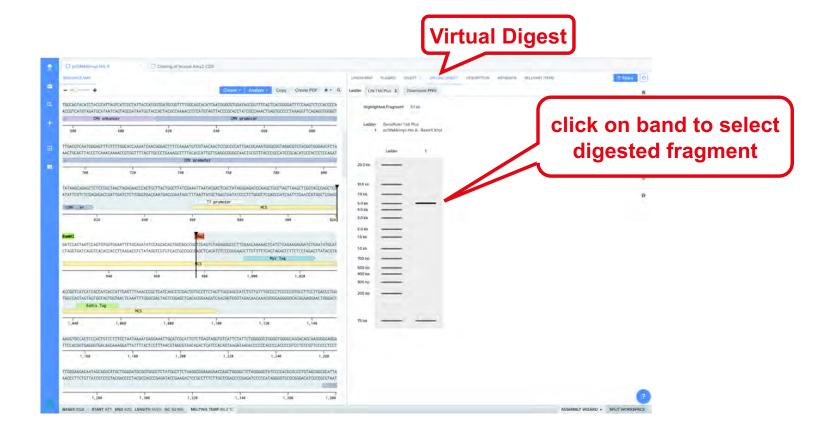


Select Digested Fragment in Table: 'Digest' Tab



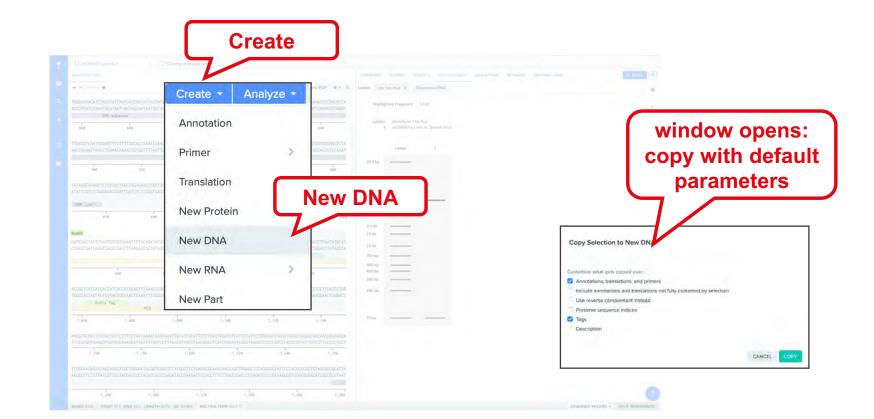


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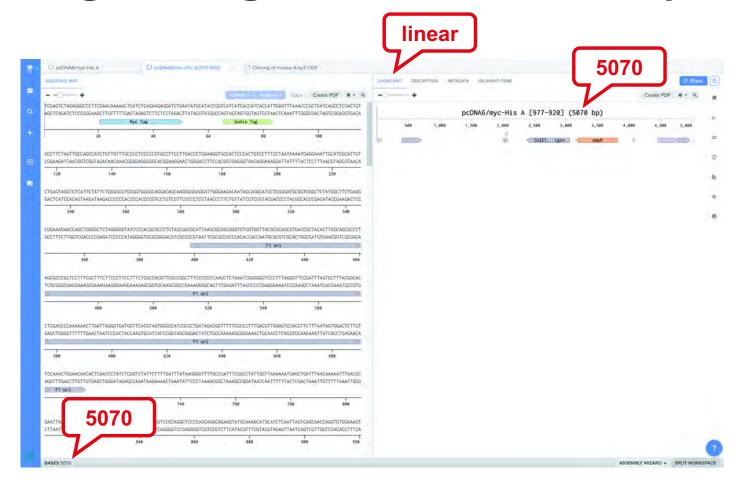


From Selected Fragment: Create New DNA





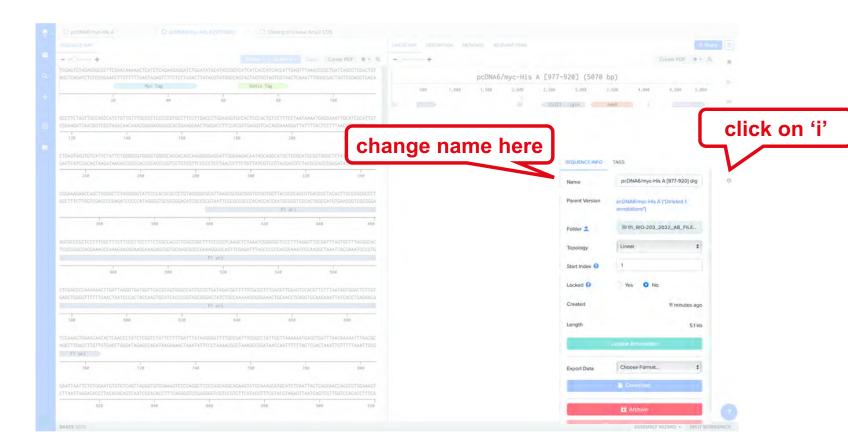
The Digested Fragment is Linear and 5070 bp Long



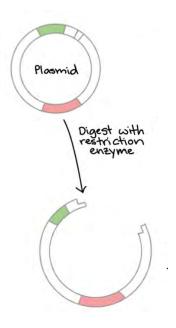


Rename Digested Fragment:

Linearized pcDNA6/myc-His A [977-920] digest BamHI and Xhol

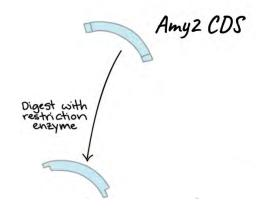






Plasmid backbone is ready!





Exercise 1 Create insert

Find Amy2 mRNA sequence on NCBI

Create New DNA

Annotate CDS

Attach primer pair

Create PCR product

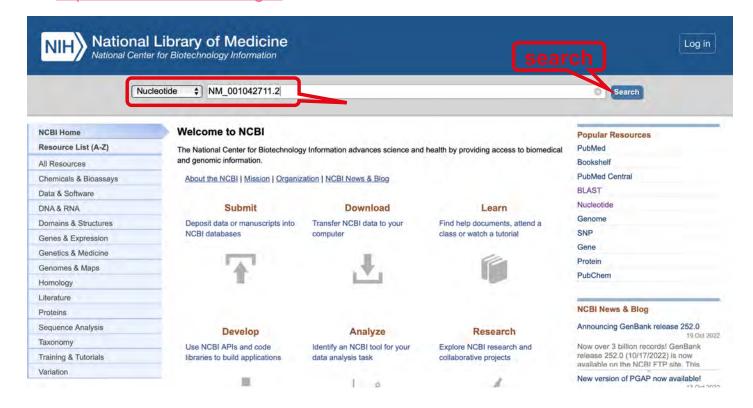
Digest PCR product

How to Import Sequences

- there are muliple ways how to import
- Option I: copy sequence from NCBI, annotate manually
 - used for this manual
 - helps you to learn how to find information on NCBI
- Option II: import annotated sequence from NCBI
 - has many more annotations than we need
 - prevents errors in annotations

Option I

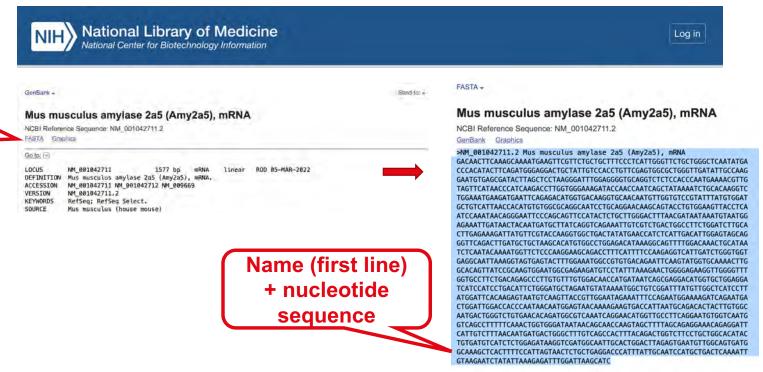
NCBI website: Search Nucleotide Sequence



click FASTA

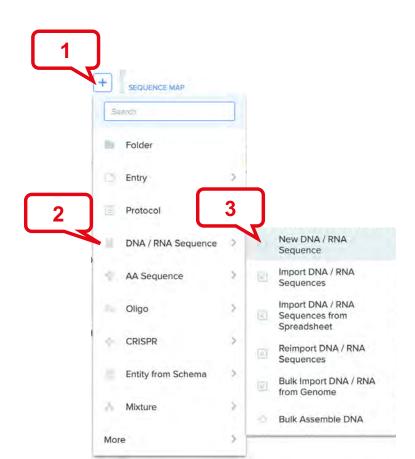
format

NCBI website: Find Amy2 mRNA-Contains 3'UTR, CDS, 5'UTR



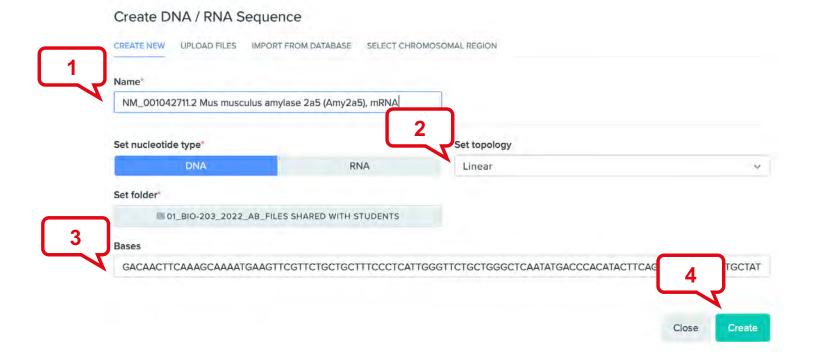


In Benchling: Create New DNA Sequence



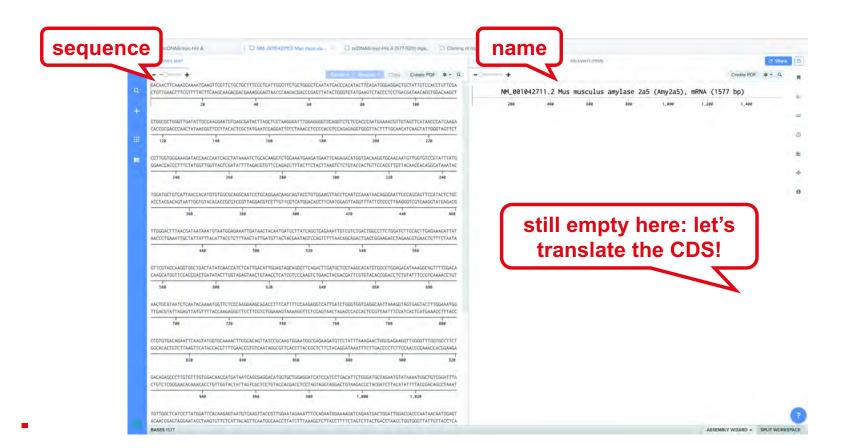


Copy + Paste Name and Sequence (from Fasta File in NCBI)





New DNA: Amy2 Nucleotide Sequence



NCBI website: Find Amy2 Coding Sequence (CDS)

click 'back' from Fasta sequence

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov



Mus musculus amylase 2a5 (Amy2a5), mRNA NCBI Reference Sequence: NM 001042711.2

CDS

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Goio: □

LOCUS NM_001042711 1577 bp mRNA linear ROD 05-MAR-2022

DEFINITION Mus musculus amylase Za5 (AmyZa5), mRNA.

ACCESSION NM_001042711 NM_001042712 NM_0010659

VRBSION NM_001042711.2

KEYWORDS RefSeq: RefSeq Select.

Mus musculus (house morse)
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click on CDS

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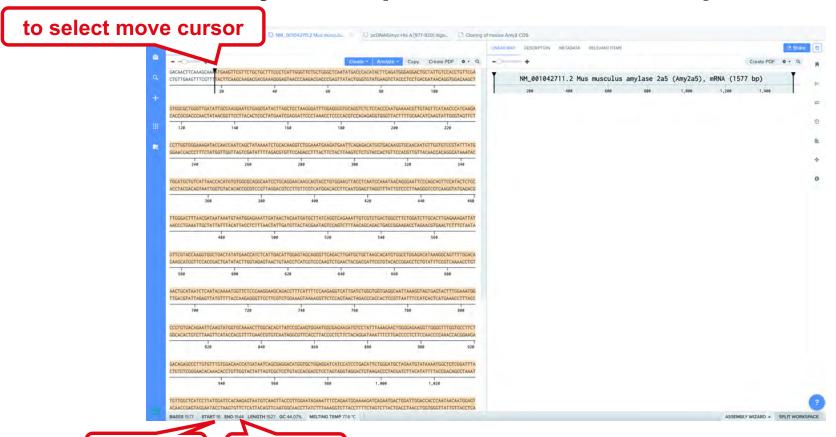
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CDS

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Select Amy2 CDS (Nucleotide 18-1544)

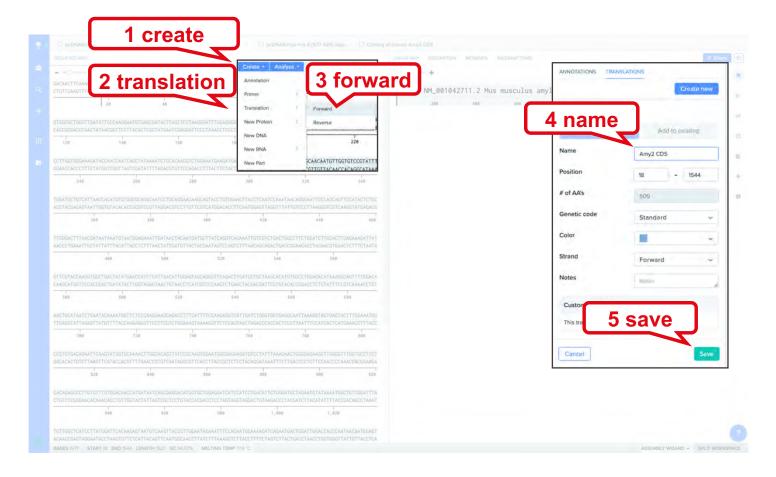


START 18

END 1544

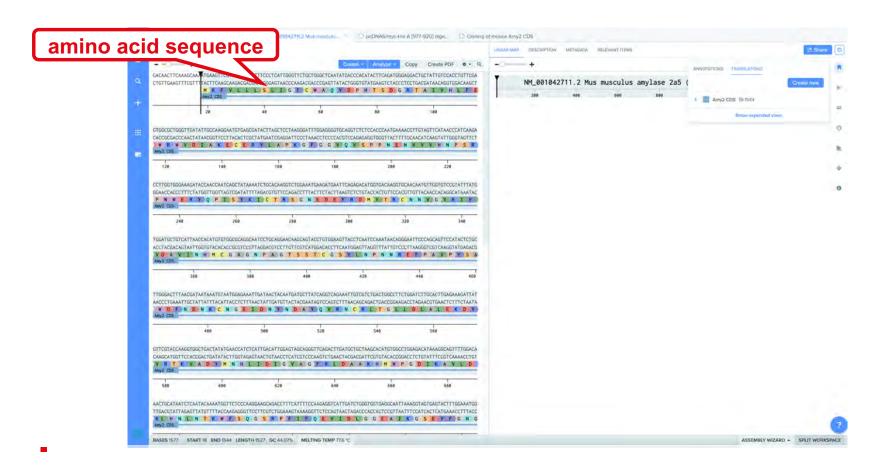


Create Amy2 Translation (Nucleotide 18-1544)



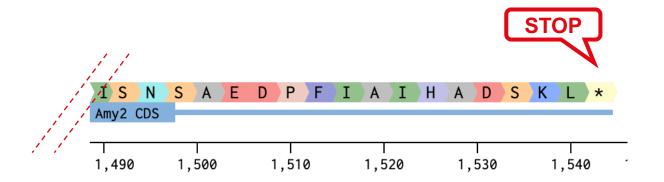


Amy2 Translation (Nucleotide 18-1544)

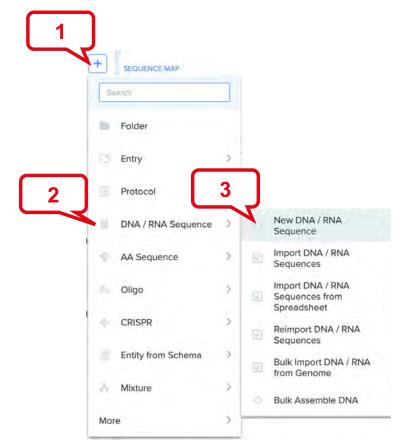




View Amy2 STOP Codon (1544)

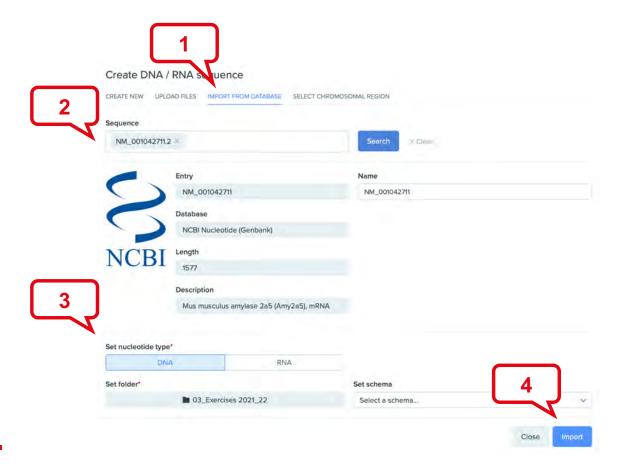


Option II: Import from Database with Annotations



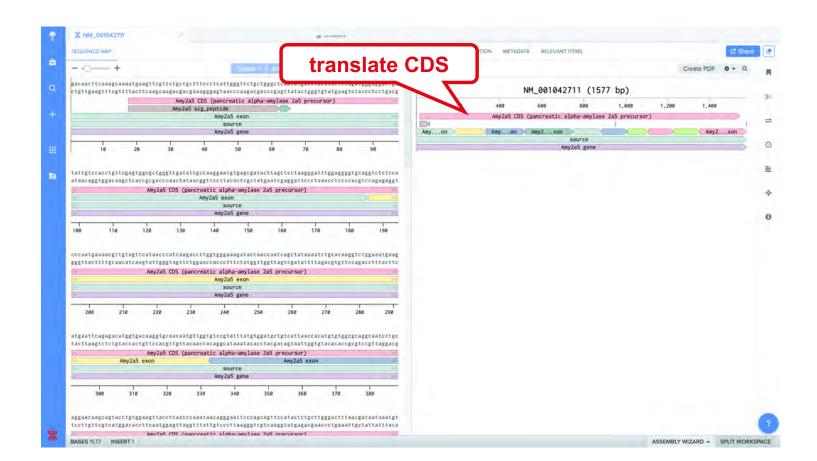


Import from Database with Annotations





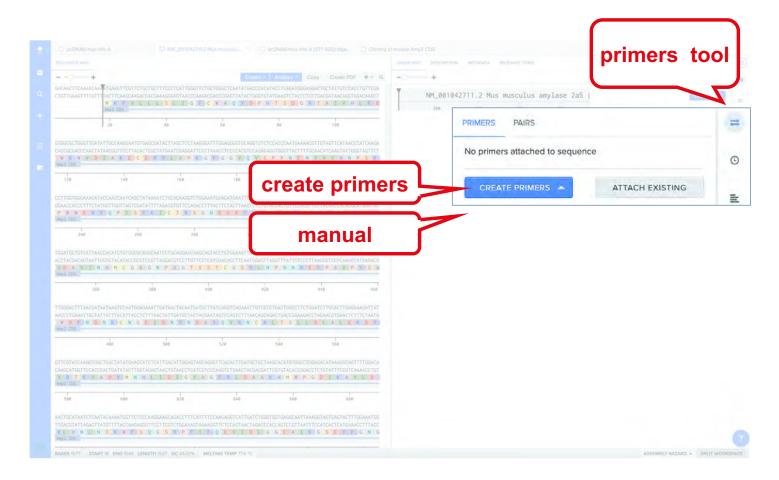
Default Annotations Amy2:



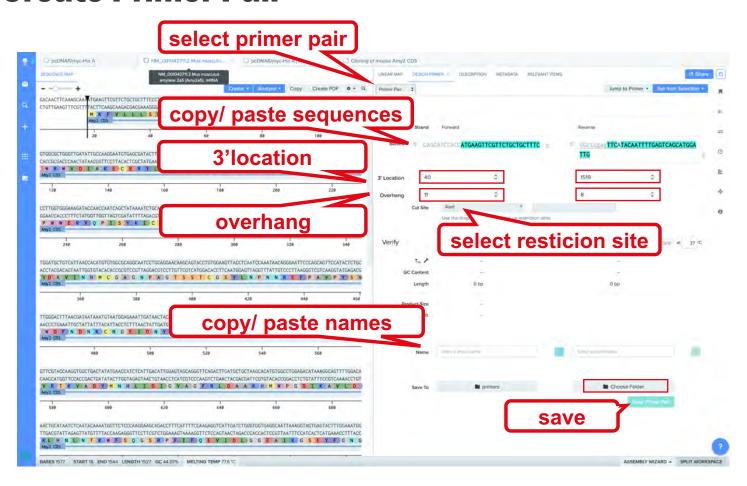
Primers exercise 1

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Mm-Amy2_rev	GGCTCGAGTTCATACAATTTTGAGTCAGCATGGATTG	1519	8

Create Primers

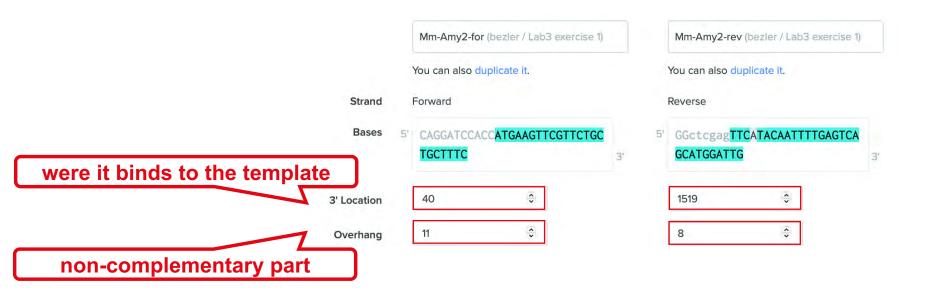


Create Primer Pair

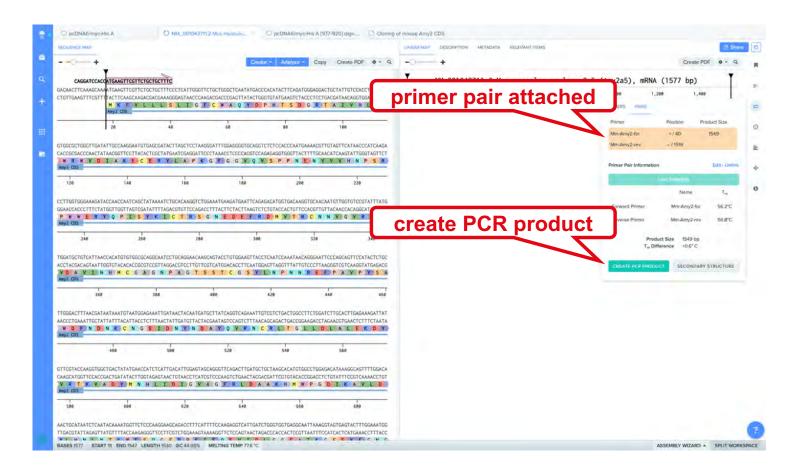




Primer Pair: 3'Location and Overhang

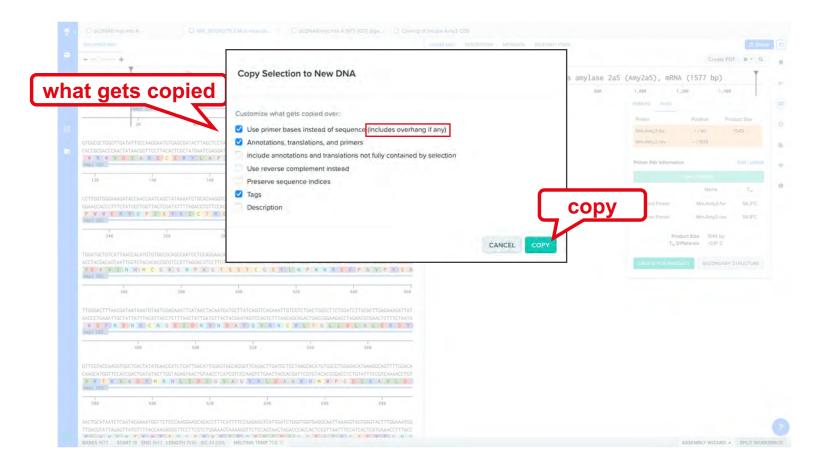


Create PCR Product

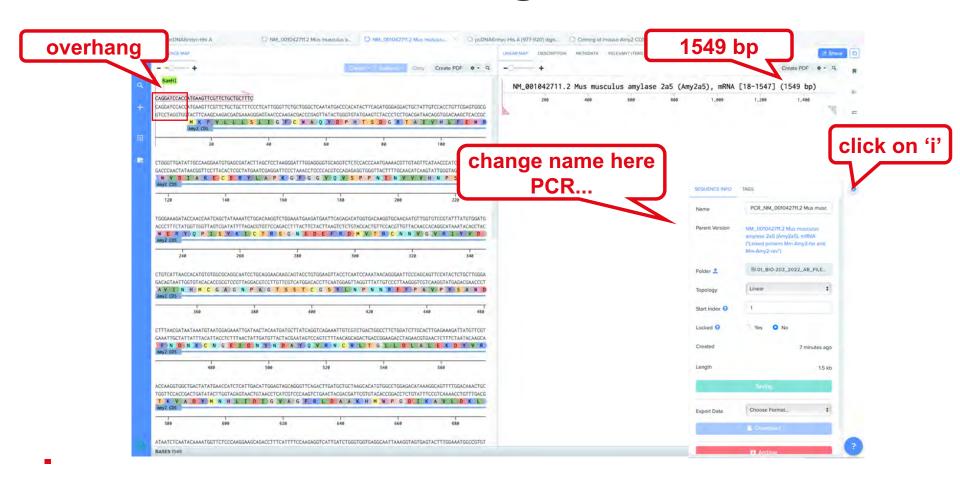




Create PCR Product Including Primers Sequences



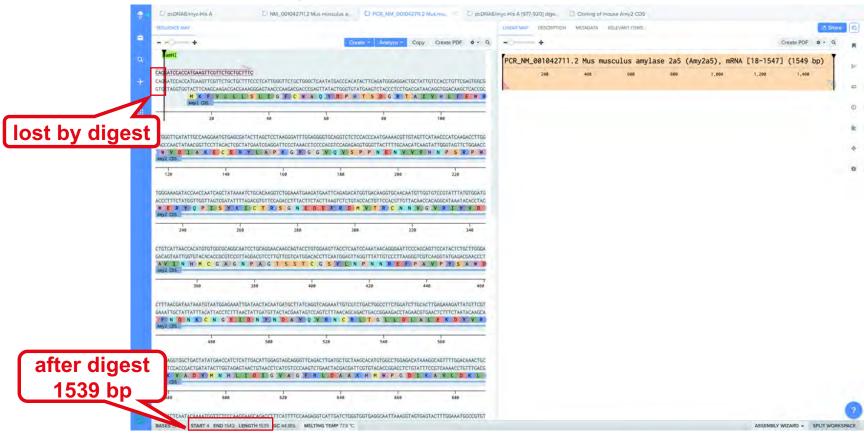
PCR Product with Overhangs





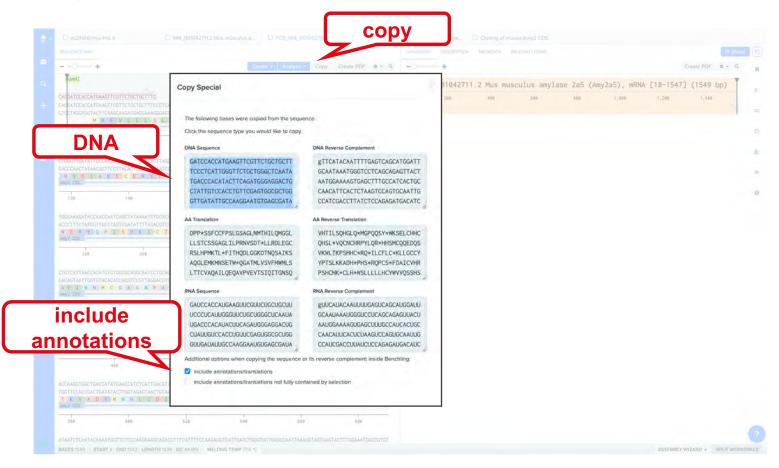
In PCR: Manually select sequence between BamHI + Xhol

(Alternative: Run digest, create new DNA)

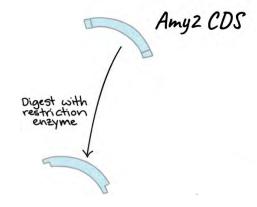




Copy selected sequence between BamHI + Xhol







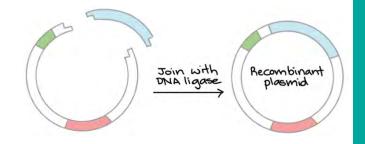
The insert is ready!



Exercise 1 Combine insert and plasmid

ligate digested insert Amy2 PCR product and digested plasmid pcDNA6/myc-His A using BamHI and XhoI with copy/ paste

annotate recombinant fusion protein



ASSEMBLY WIZARD . SPLIT WORKSPACE

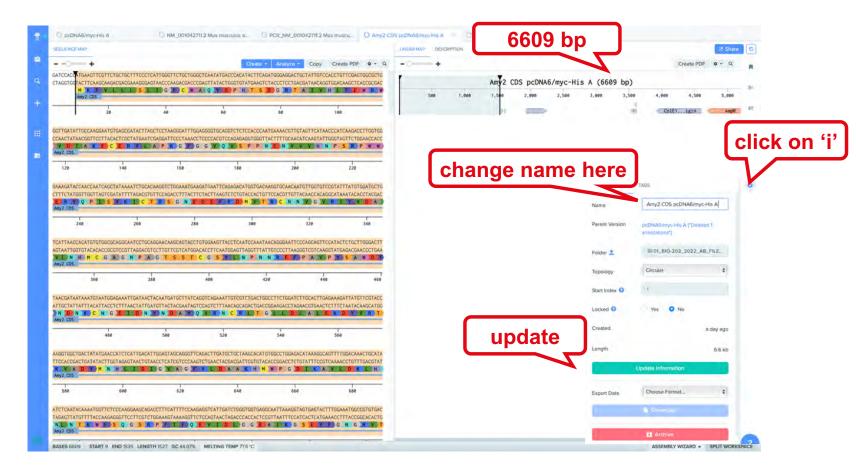
EPFL

Paste into Linearized Plasmid Backbone File at Position 1 (BamHI cut site)

1 open file 2 put cursor at position '1' m Mm_Amv2_Notl., O Amv2 CDS frame., O Amv2 CDS frame., O Template NM_0., U Linearized pc., X O Amv2 CDS*fram., O Mm_Amv2_Hind., m-Amy2 Notl R LINEAR MAP DESCRIPTION METADATA RELEVANT ITEMS Create PDF # - Q Copy Create PDF * ♥ Q CGAGTCTAGAGGGCCCTTCGAACAAAAACTCATCTCAGAAGAGAGCTCTGAATATGCATACCGGTCATCATCACCATCACCATTGAGTTTAAA Linearized pcDNA6/myc-His A [977-920] BamHI XhoI (5070 bp) AGCTCAGATCTCCCGGGAAGCTTGTTTTTGAGTAGAGTCTTCTCCTAGACTTATACGTATGGCCAGTAGTAGTGGTAGTGGTAACTCAAATTT 3 CTR+V CCCGCTGATCAGCCTCGACTGTGCCTTCTAGTTGCCAGC GGGCGACTAGTCGGAGCTGACACGGAAGATCAACGGTCG GATCCACCATGAAGTTCGTTCTGCTGCTTTCCCTC CCACTGTCCTTTCCTAATAAAATGAGGAAATTGCATCGC You're about to paste a sequence that GGTGACAGGAAAGGATTATTTTACTCCTTTAACGTAGCG includes 0 appotations 1 translation, 0 AGGGGGAGGATTGGGAAGACAATAGCAGGCATGCTGGGC confirm TCCCCCTCCTAACCCTTCTGTTATCGTCCGTACGACCCC Press GGTATCCCCACGCGCCCTGTAGCGGCGCATTAAGCGCGG CCATAGGGGTGCGCGGGACATCGCCGCGTAATTCGCGCC ENTER to insert 1539 bases at position 1. ESC to cancel. CCGCTCCTTTCGCTTTCTTCCCTTCCTTTCTCGCCACGT GGCGAGGAAAGCGAAAGAAGGGAAGGAAAGAGCGGTGCA. TTAGTGCTTTACGGCACCTCGACCCCAAAAAAACTTGATTAGGGTGATGGTTCACGTAGTGGGCCATCGCCCTGATAGACGGTTTTTCGCCCTT AATCACGAAATGCCGTGGAGCTGGGGTTTTTTGAACTAATCCCACTACCAAGTGCATCACCCGGTAGCGGGACTATCTGCCAAAAAGCGGGAA ACTGCAACCTCAGGTGCAAGAATTATCACCTGAGAACAAGGTTTGACCTTGTTGTGAGTTGGGATAGAGCCAGATAAGAAAACTAAATATTC

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Make Circular + Change Name



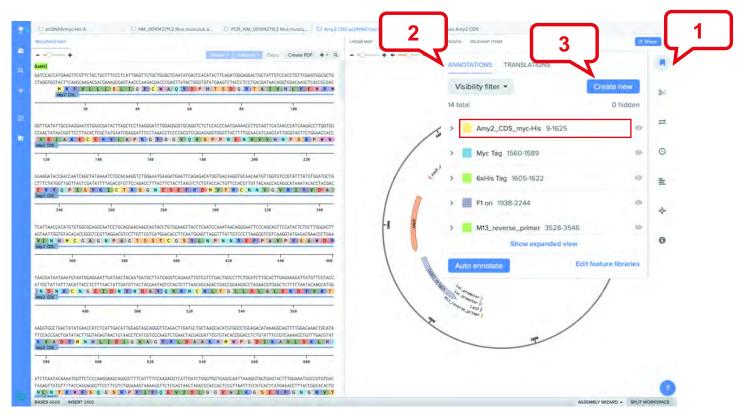
Virtual Cloning Completed



Translate Recombinant Protein Amy2-CDS-myc-His including STOP codon

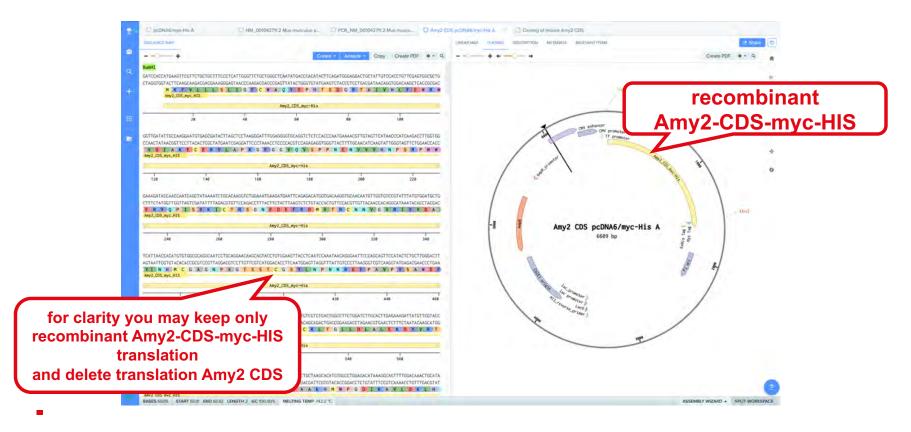


Annotate Recombinant Protein Amy2-CDS-myc-His including STOP codon



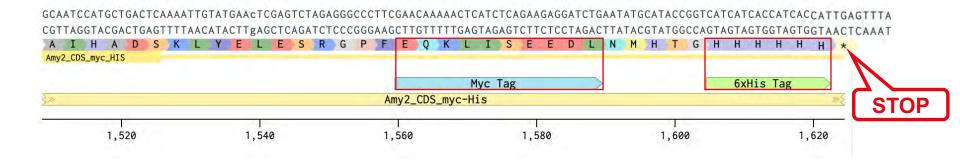


Annotate Recombinant Protein Amy2-CDS-myc-His including STOP codon

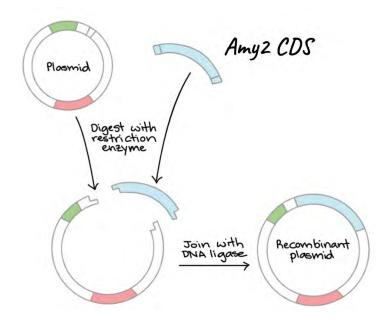




Recombinant Protein Amy2-CDS-myc-His Check Tag Translation and STOP codon







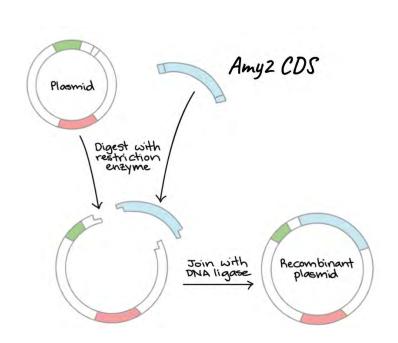
The recombinant plasmid is ready: virtual cloning completed!



Files You Created

(as orientation only- you might have more or less files, names could be different)

Do a clean-up/ rename files - next semester you will need them again



•	pcDNA6/myc-His A		
backbone	Linearized pcDNA6/myc-His A [977-920] BamH Xhol		
' insert	 Template_NM_001042711.2 Mus musculus amylase 2a5 (Amy2a5), mRNA 		
moore	PCR_NM_001042711.2 Mus musculus amylase 2a5 (Amy2a5), mRNA [18-1547]		
	Mm-Amy2-for		
primers	Mm-Amy2-rev		
recombinant plasmid	Recombinant Amy2 CDS pcDNA6/myc-His A		



Exercise 2

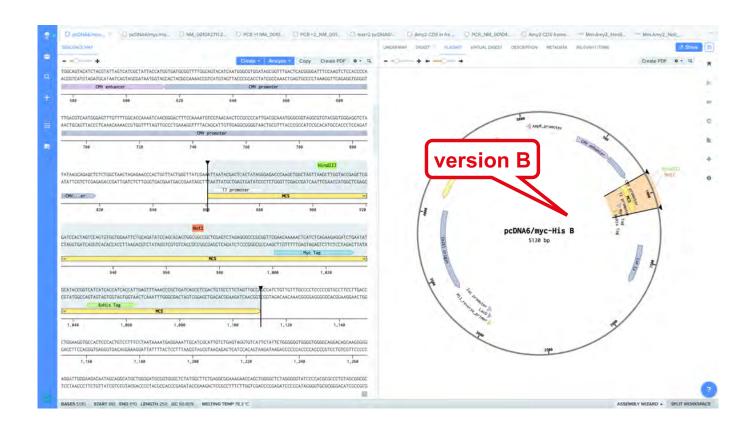
Follow steps of Exercise 1

plasmid: pcDNA6/myc-His **version B** insert: copy Amy2 mRNA file (no not download again from NCBI) primers exercise 2



Copy Sequence File in Your Project Folder

careful: do not mix up A and B version of the plamid- different reading frames!





Steps for Plasmid Backbone (same as for exercise 1)

- √ find restriction enzymes HindIII and NotI
- ✓ virtual digest
- ✓ create new DNA with digested linearized fragment (plasmid backbone)



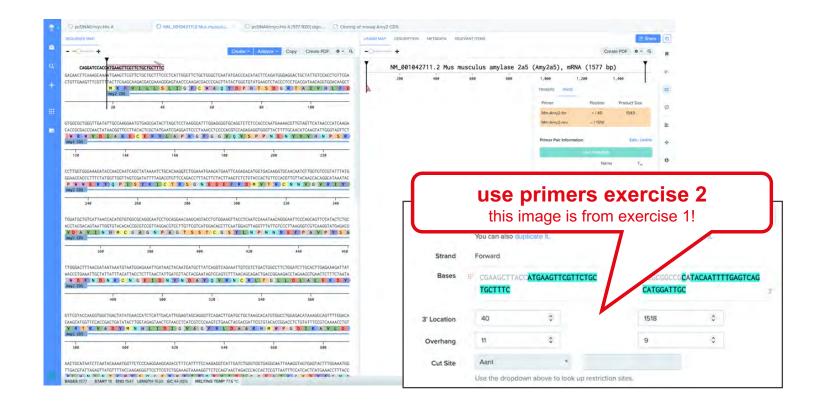
Primers exercise 2

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Mm_Amy2_NotI_R	ATGCGGCCGCCCATACAATTTTGAGTCAGCATGGATTGC	1518	11



Attach New Primer Pairs to Amy2 Nucleotide Sequence

(use mRNA sequence you imported in exercise 1)





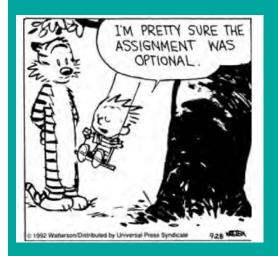
Steps for Insert and Ligation (same as for exercise 1)

- ✓ attach primer pair
- ✓ create PCR product
- ✓ copy digested PCR product into digested plasmid backbone
- ✓ annotate + translate recombinant protein (from START to STOP codon)
- ✓ check sequence of tags and location of stop codon

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End



Calvin & Hobbes by Bill Waterson