

## Restriction (Double) Digests (25 $\mu\text{L}$ ):

(**Note:** Miniprep must produce at least  $\sim 12.5$  ng/ $\mu\text{L}$  for a 250 ng digest)

1. Label 0.2 mL PCR tubes for each reaction
2. Determine the appropriate restriction enzymes for each reaction
  - EcoRI & SpeI (e.g. promoter/upstream biobrick)
  - XbaI & PstI (e.g. reporter/downstream biobrick)
  - EcoRI & PstI (e.g. backbone/destination vector)
  - EcoRI & AgeI (e.g. upstream insert for fusions)
  - NgoMIV & AgeI (e.g. downstream insert for fusions)
3. Use NEB double digest finder to choose appropriate buffer for reaction
  - 10x Cutsmart Buffer works for most reactions
4. Calculate volume of DNA for reaction
  - For a 250 ng digest:  $V = \frac{250 \text{ ng}}{\text{Conc. (ng}/\mu\text{L})}$
  - For a 500 ng digest:  $V = \frac{500 \text{ ng}}{\text{Conc. (ng}/\mu\text{L})}$

(**Recommendation:** Use 250 ng for screening purposes, 500 ng for gel purification and subsequent ligation reactions)

5. Add each component to 0.2 mL PCR tube
  - DNA -  $V$   $\mu\text{L}$
  - ddH<sub>2</sub>O -  $(21.5 - V)$   $\mu\text{L}$
  - Reaction Buffer - 2.50  $\mu\text{L}$
  - RE1 - 0.50  $\mu\text{L}$
  - RE2 - 0.50  $\mu\text{L}$

(**Note:** Keep restriction enzymes as cold as possible)

6. Give the tubes a light spin to collect solution at the bottom
7. Incubate in thermocycler (w/ heated lid)
  - 1 hr. @ 37° C
  - 20 min. @ 80° C (heat inactivation cycle)
8. Store @ -20° C