

SLIC (Sequence- and ligation-independent cloning) Protocol
(“Novagen protocol”, by Jeff Cox Lab, UCSF)

INSERT:

Gel purify PCR product (or clean-up alone if single band)

Spec to quantify

Set up each insert in PCR tubes w/ lids

___ μ l H₂O

___ μ l PCR Product (~50 ng)

2 μ l 10X Buffer (T4 DNA Pol)

(Omit all dNTPs)

1 μ l 100 mM DTT

0.4 μ l T4 DNA Polymerase (LIC-qualified)

20 μ l Total

Stir with pipet tip to mix. Incubate at 22°C for 30 min (in rack fine) *(I do 30-35 mins for 30bp homology)*

For 40+bp overlap increase to 40min.

Kill enzyme at 75°C for 20 min

VECTOR:

Cut 1 μ g vector to linearize (Some people say blunt end may work better, I haven't noticed a difference) – do not CIP

Gel purify

Spec to quantify

T4 as above (may want to scale up by 2x in 40 μ l w/100ng vector if doing many rxns)

ANNEAL

2 μ l Plasmid

4 μ l Insert

In PCR Machine:

Heat to 70°C x 30 sec [Novagen rec]

Cool stepwise to 40-deg (10s/1deg increments), or use the Ramp feature (10s/degree)

Sit on bench 5min ->ice

Transform 10 μ l to 100 μ l bugs

I spin down and plate everything after the transformation.