

Protocol to amplify T-DNA Flanking Sequence Tags (FST) from rice

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(adapted to rice from Devic et al., 1997 and Balzergue et al., 2001)

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Starting material: DNA isolated from rice young leaves using the QIAGEN Dneasy 96 plant Kit - Ref. 69181 – this extraction procedure yields 200 µl of genomic DNA at a concentration of approx. 33 ng /µl.

The protocol is divided in the following four steps:

I) Restriction-ligation (RL)

Rice genomic DNA is cut with a frequent cutter restriction enzyme giving blunt ends (*DraI* or *SspI*) and the obtained genomic fragments are ligated to a suitable adaptor.

Note: the same protocol can be applied to other restriction enzymes e.g. EcoRV, NaeI, EclI36

Preparation of adaptor stock (25 µM):

This step of hybridisation of the two primers constituting the adaptor is carried out just before setting up the restriction-ligation reaction.

Adpr1 (100µM)	8,3 µl
Adpr2 (100 µM)	8,3 µl
Buffer4 10X (Gibco BRL)	3,3 µl
H ₂ O	13,3 µl
TOTAL	33,2 µl

PCR conditions:

95°C, 5 min
28°C, 5 min

The adaptor is kept on ice until utilisation. For one 96-well plate 33 µl of adaptor are needed.

Restriction-Ligation (RL) reaction

Rice genomic DNA is cut with *DraI* or *SspI* and ligated to the adaptor in the same reaction. This step is carried out in 96-well plates

Note: the use of the *Sst2* enzyme in the restriction-ligation, which cuts in the binary vector next to the T-DNA left border, limits the amplification of integrated binary vector.

RL <i>DraI</i> or <i>SSPI</i>	Quantity/well	Volume/well
DNA (33 ng/ μ l)	82,5 ng	2,5 μ l
<i>DraI</i> or <i>SspI</i> (10 U/ μ l)	1 U	0.1 μ l
<i>Sst2</i> (10U/ μ l)	0,5U	0,05 μ l
T4 Ligase (20 U/ μ l)	0,24 U	0.012 μ l
T4 ligase buffer10X	1 X	1 μ l
Adaptator (4 μ M)	375 nM	0.15 μ l
H ₂ O	to final10 μ l	6,188 μ l

The RL samples are incubated at 25°C overnight (16 hours)
Following incubation the RL samples are diluted - 40 μ l H₂O are added to each well
The RL samples can be stored at -20°C until their utilisation.

II) PCR1

This step enables to amplify genomic DNA fragments between the adaptor and the T-DNA. This step is carried out in 96-well plates

	Quantity/well	Volume/well
Diluted RL reaction	16,5 ng	10 μ l
Taq Buffer10X	1X	2 μ l
dNTPs (1,875mM each)	75 μ M	0.8 μ l
AP1 primer 100 μ M	0,2 μ M	0,04 μ l
Hyg7 primer100 μ M	0,2 μ M	0,04 μ l
Taq (2 U/ μ l)	2 U	1 μ l
H ₂ O	to final 20 ul	6,12 μ l

PCR1 program

94°C	3 mn	1 cycle
92°C	30 sec	30 cycles
67°C	45 sec	
72°C	2mn30sec	
72°C	5 mn	1 cycle
15°C	storage	

The PCR1 reaction is diluted 50 times before proceeding to the next step.
To a volume of 2 μ l of PCR1 reaction, 98 μ l of H₂O are added

II) PCR2:

This step increases the specificity of amplification of rice genomic DNA between the adaptor and the T-DNA.

	Quantity/well	Volume/well	
Diluted PCR1	2 μ l	2 μ l	
Taq buffer 10X	1X	10 μ l	
dNTPs (1,875mM each)	75 μ M	4 μ l	
AP2 primer (100 μ M)	0.2 μ M	0,2 μ l	
Hyg8 primer (100 μ M)	0,2 μ M	0,2 μ l	
Taq (2U/ μ l)	4U	2 μ l	
H ₂ O	to final 100 μ l	81,6 μ l	

PCR2 program

94°C	3 mn	1 cycle
92°C	30 sec	35 cycles
67°C	45 sec	
72°C	2mn30sec	
72°C	5 mn	1 cycle
15°C	storage	

IV) PCR2 analysis and sequencing

3 µl of PCR2 reaction are analysed by gel electrophoresis on an agarose gel 1,2%.
The obtained PCR bands are directly sequenced using the CAMB6 primer.

V) Solutions and primers

1) Taq buffer10X

670 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.8)
160 mM (NH₄)₂ SO₄
0.1% Tween 20
17mM MgCl₂
pH to 8,8 with HCl
sterilise by filtration (0.2 µm)

2) Primer sequences

ADPR1	5' CTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGCTCGAGCGGCCGCCCGGGGAGGT 3'
ADPR2	5'P ACCTCCCC 3' NH ₂
AP1	5' GGATCCTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGC 3'
AP2	5' CTATAGGGCTCGAGCGGC 3'
Hyg7	5' GTCGATGCGACGCAATCGTCCGATC 3'
Hyg8	5' GTCTGGACCGATGGCTGTGTAGAAG 3'
CAMB6	5' CGCTCATGTGTTGAGCATAT 3'