Cre Lox Part Design

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This part is designed to be placed downstream of a promoter and prevent any Pops from the Promoter passing through this part. It will do this until an accompanying Cre Recombinase plasmid becomes activated. Once the Cre recombinase is activated the enzyme produced will permanently cut a section of DNA from the plasmid containing this part. This short section of DNA contains stop codons so once these are removed the polymerase can pass through this part and transcribe downstream genes. This short section of DNA is degraded.

This is useful if a component of the system must be grown up but not activated until a certain external stimulus is added such as a positive feedback loop.

This part should be very efficient at preventing Pops passing through it.

The Part also contains a RFP reporter which is transcribed in the 3'-5' direction. This means that unactivated parts will fluoresce red and activated parts will not fluoresce. This allows you to see that the part is working in your system. It also allows you to observe the efficiency of activation of the part in your system. The part runs the other way to the rest of the system to prevent any fluorescence due to external Pops passing into the device

Because of the way Cre recombinase works the excised reporter will remain in a small plasmid and continue to be transcribed for a short time however this plasmid will not have an origin of replication so will not be copied and the fluorescent protein should stop being produced after around 15min

The design uses mutated lox sites, lox66 and lox71, which will make the excision irreversible.(1)



References;

 Zuwen Zhang and Beat Lutz (2002) Cre Recombinase-mediated inversion using lox66 and lox71: method to introduce conditional point mutations into the CREB-binding protein NUCLEAIC ACIDS RESEARCH Sequence





ATCTAGAGCGATAACTTGGTATAGCATACATTATACGAACGGTAGGTCCGTAGTTTATTTTG

Primer 2

Comp B0015 + GGTCCGTAGTTTATTTTG Link GAT comp I13521 5'-strand ggcctttctgcgtttata

GGTCCGTAGTTTATTTTGGATggcctttctgcgtttata



CTCTATCACTGATAGGGAGTTACCGTTCGTATACGATACATTATACGAAGTTATTACTAGTA