

1) Measure the DNA concentration (ng/ $\mu$ l) of each assembly piece.

2) Add 1  $\mu$ g of each assembly piece (including the linearized vector backbone) to a separate 20  $\mu$ l chew-back reaction mixture as follows:

1  $\mu$ g assembly piece  
+ 0.1  $\mu$ l 5 U/ $\mu$ l T4 DNA polymerase  
+ 2  $\mu$ l 10X Promega ligase buffer  
+ \_\_\_\_\_ dH<sub>2</sub>O to  
20  $\mu$ l

3) Incubate the chew-back reactions at room temperature for 30 minutes (optimal for 20 bp overhangs). Arrest the chew-back with the addition of 2  $\mu$ l 10 mM dCTP, and place on ice.

4) On ice, add 100 ng of the chewed-back linearized vector backbone (still in the chew-back reaction mixture) and equimolar amounts of the other chewed-back assembly pieces (also still in their respective chew-back reaction mixtures) to a 15  $\mu$ l total volume assembly reaction mixture as follows:

linearized vector backbone (100 ng)  
+ each additional assembly piece (to equimolar with backbone)  
+ \_\_\_\_\_ 1X Promega ligase buffer to  
15  $\mu$ l

4) Incubate the assembly reaction at 37 C for 30 minutes, and then place on ice.

5) Transform 5  $\mu$ l of the assembly reaction into 100  $\mu$ l of competent *E. coli* and/or run a diagnostic agarose gel to check for successful assembly.