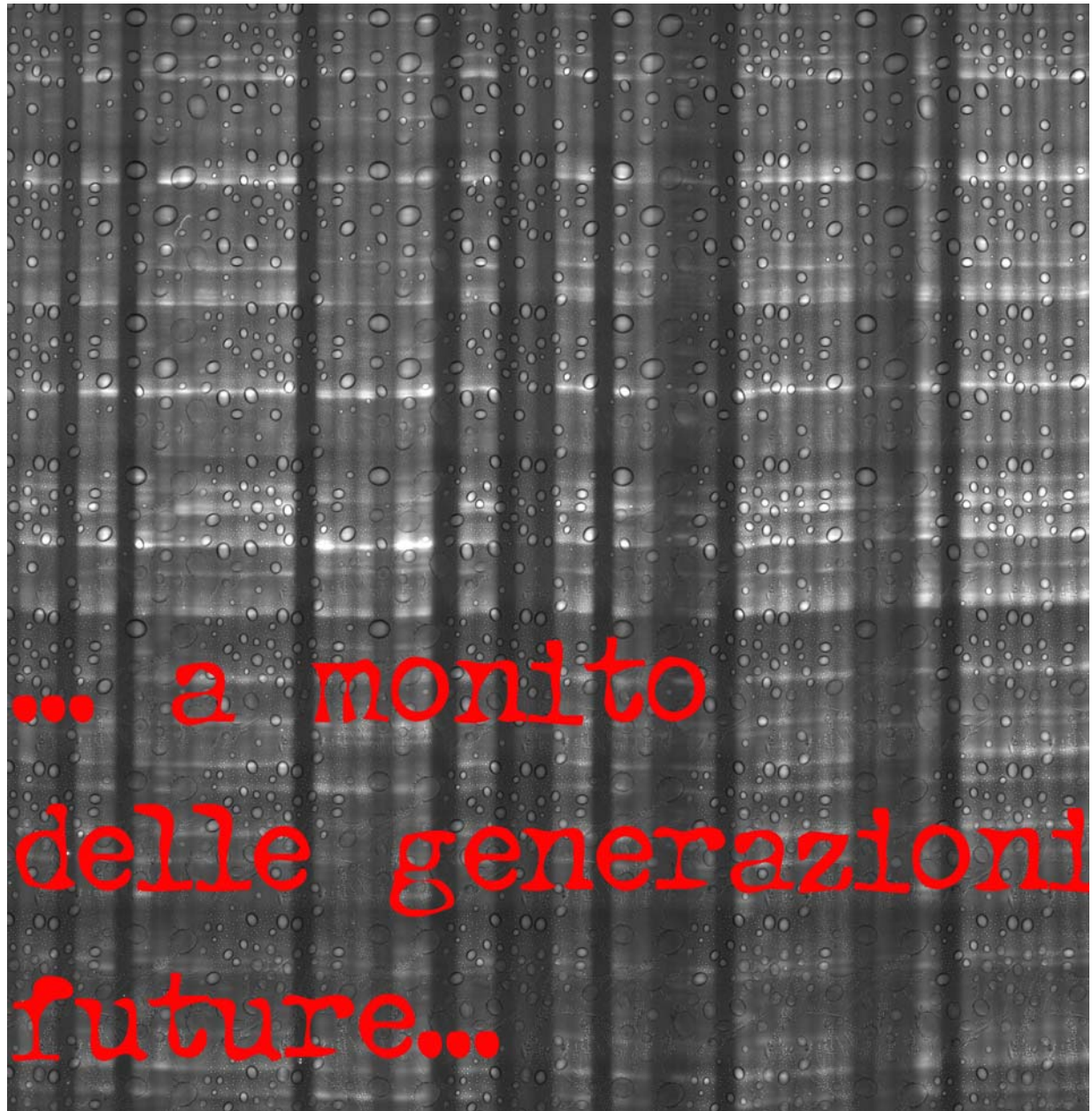


# AFLP protocol



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# 1. PREPARATION OF MATERIALS

- ✓ Genomic DNA: 500ng in 30µl.
- ✓ Adapters preparation: see Figure 1 and Table1. Dilute lyophilized adapters to 200pmol/µl (Stock solution) and see Table 2 and Table 3. Heat the adapter mixes at 94°C for 4' and then let the temperature low down at room temperature.
- ✓ Prepare the 5x RL Buffer as reported in Table 4.

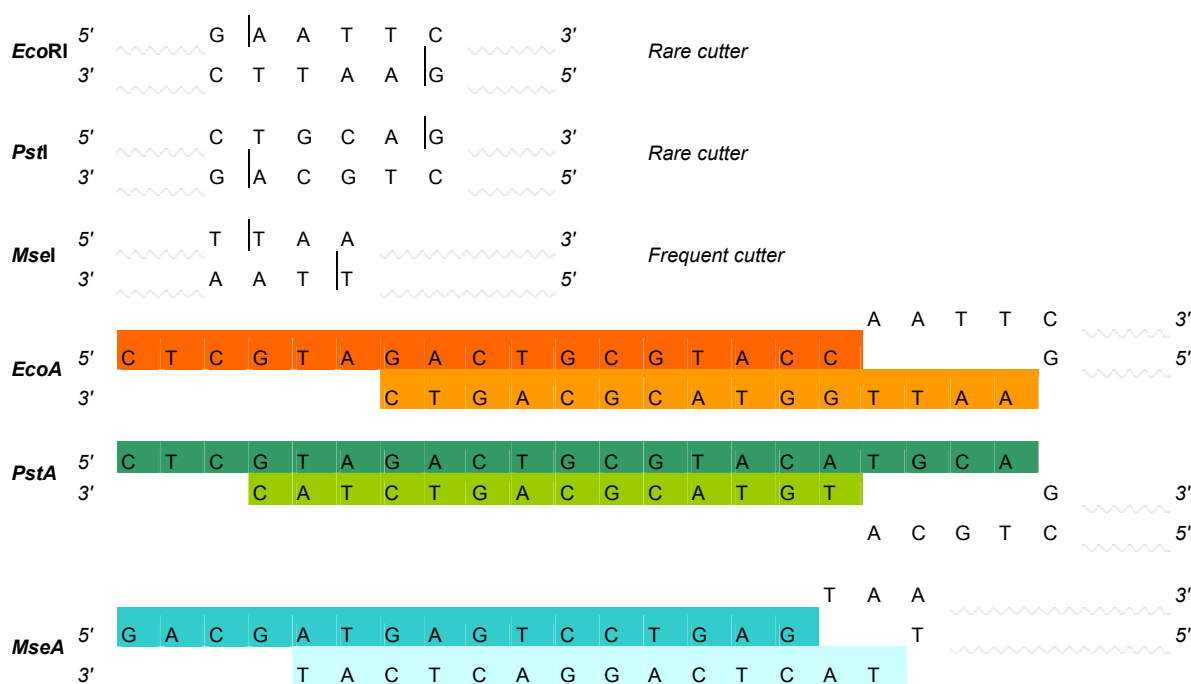


Figure 1 Cutting sites of restriction enzymes and structures of adapters

Table 1 Sequences of adapters (5'→3')

| Adapter   | Sequence                          |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| EcoRI-A 1 | 5' CTC GTA GAC TGC GTA CC 3'      |
| EcoRI-A 2 | 5' AAT TGG TAC GCA GTC 3'         |
| PstI-A 1  | 5' CTC GTA GAC TGC GTA CAT GCA 3' |
| PstI-A 2  | 5' TGT ACG CAG TCT AC 3'          |
| MseI-A 1  | 5' GAC GAT GAG TCC TGA G 3'       |
| MseI-A 2  | 5' TAC TCA GGA CTC AT 3'          |

Table 2 Preparation of EcoRI- or PstI- adapters

| Reagent                     | µl   | Final concentration |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------------|
| EcoRI-/PstI A1 (200pmol/µl) | 1.5  | 5pmol/µl            |
| EcoRI-/PstI A2 (200pmol/µl) | 1.5  | 5pmol/µl            |
| H <sub>2</sub> O            | 57.0 | -                   |
| Final volume                | 60.0 | -                   |

Table 3 Preparation of MseI-adapters

| Reagent              | µl | Final concentration |
|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| MseI-A1 (200pmol/µl) | 15 | 50pmol/µl           |
| MseI-A2 (200pmol/µl) | 15 | 50pmol/µl           |
| H <sub>2</sub> O     | 30 | -                   |
| Final volume         | 60 | -                   |

Table 4 Preparation of 5x RL Buffer

| Reagent            | Working dilution | µl   | Final concentration |
|--------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|
| One Phor All (OPA) | 10x              | 500  | 100mM               |
| DTT                | 1M               | 25   | 25mM                |
| BSA                | 10ng/µl          | 25   | 0.25µg              |
| H <sub>2</sub> O   | -                | 450  | -                   |
| Final volume       | -                | 1000 | -                   |

## 2. RESTRICTION AND LIGATION OF ADAPTERS

- a. Prepare RL Mix as indicated in Table 5.
- b. Add 20 $\mu$ l of RL mix to the 30  $\mu$ l of genomic DNA.
- c. Incubate at 37°C for 4hr.
- d. Place restricted/ligated samples on ice.
- e. Agarose gel electrophoresis of 5 $\mu$ l of reaction (agarose 1%, 90', 150V) (Figure 2).
- f. Dilute 1/10 the restricted/ligated products.

**Table 5 Preparation of RL mix**

| Reagent                       | Working dilution | $\mu$ l | Final concentration |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| RL Buffer                     | 5x               | 10.000  | 1x                  |
| <i>Mse</i> I                  | 4U/ $\mu$ l      | 1.250   | 5U                  |
| <i>Eco</i> RI/ <i>Pst</i> I   | 20U/ $\mu$ l     | 0.250   | 5U                  |
| <i>Mse</i> I A                | 50pmol/ $\mu$ l  | 1.000   | 50 pmol             |
| <i>Eco</i> RI/ <i>Pst</i> I A | 5 pmol/ $\mu$ l  | 1.000   | 5 pmol              |
| ATP                           | 10mM             | 1.000   | 0.2mM               |
| T4 DNA Ligase                 | 7.5U/ $\mu$ l    | 0.133   | 1U                  |
| H <sub>2</sub> O              | -                | 5.367   | -                   |
| Final volume                  | -                | 20.000  | -                   |



**Figure 2 Agarose gel electrophoresis of an RL reaction**

### 3. PRE-AMPLIFICATION PCR

- Perform the PRE-AMPLIFICATION PCR reactions (Figure 3, Table 6, and Table 7) with temperature profile as given in Table 8.
- Agarose gel electrophoresis of 5 $\mu$ l of the PREAMP reaction (agarose 1%, 90', 150V) (Figure 4).
- Dilute 1/10 the PREAMP products

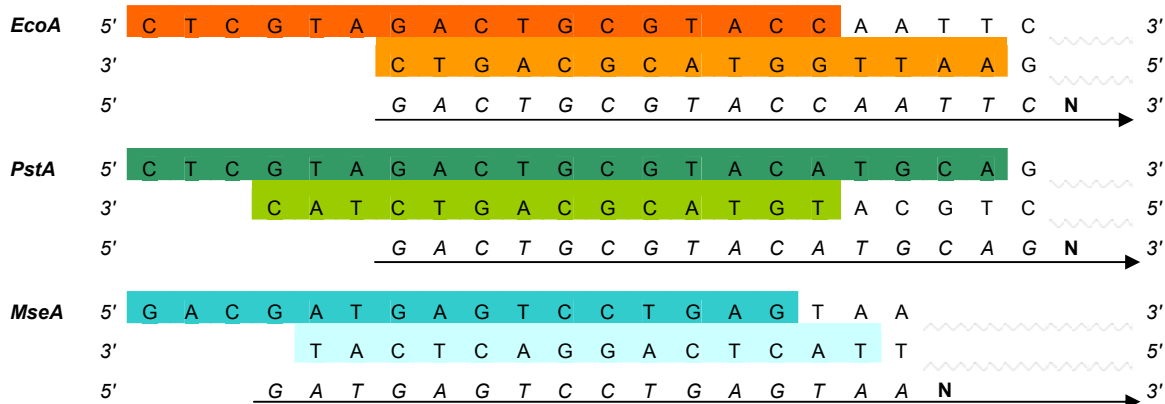


Figure 3 Structures of EcoRI- PstI-, and MseI-adapters and the respective primers

Table 6 Eco and Mse primer sequences for PREAMP reactions

| Primer  | Sequence§                     |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Eco +1  | 5' GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT C N 3' |
| Pst + 1 | 5' GAC TGC GTA CAT GCA G N 3' |
| Mse +1  | 5' GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA A N 3' |

§Ns are the selective nucleotides chosen for each primer.

Table 7 Preparation of PREAMP mix

| Reagent              | Working dilution                | $\mu$ l | Final concentration |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Eco +1/Pst +1 Primer | 50ng/ $\mu$ l (~6pmol/ $\mu$ l) | 1.5     | 75ng                |
| Mse +1 Primer        | 50ng/ $\mu$ l (~6pmol/ $\mu$ l) | 1.5     | 75ng                |
| dNTPs                | 5mM                             | 2.0     | 0.2mM               |
| PCR Buffer           | 10x                             | 5.0     | 1x                  |
| Taq polymerase       | 5U/ $\mu$ l                     | 0.2     | 1U                  |
| H <sub>2</sub> O     | -                               | 34.8    | -                   |
| Diluted RL reaction  | -                               | 5.0     | -                   |
| Final volume         | -                               | 50.0    | -                   |

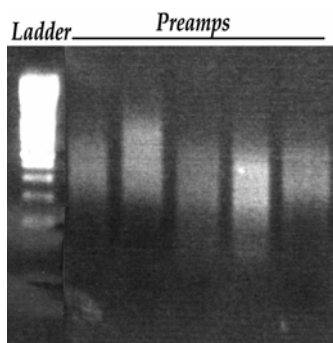


Figure 4 Agarose gel electrophoresis of some PREAMP reactions

Table 8 Temperature profile for PREAMP and SELECTIVE PCRs

| Cycle name      | Temp (°C) | Duration | No of Cycles | *Touch-down profile |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Pre-PCR         | 94.0      | 45"      | 1            | 64.3                |
|                 | 65.0      | 30"      |              | 63.6                |
|                 | 72.0      | 1'       |              | 62.9                |
| Touch-down PCR* | 94.0      | 30"      | 12           | 62.2                |
|                 | 64.3      | 30"      |              | 61.5                |
|                 | 72.0      | 1'       |              | 60.8                |
| PCR             | 94.0      | 30"      | 20           | 60.1                |
|                 | 55.9      | 30"      |              | 59.4                |
|                 | 72.0      | 1'       |              | 58.7                |
| Elongation      | 72.0      | 10'      | 1            | 58.0                |
|                 |           |          |              | 57.3                |
|                 |           |          |              | 56.6                |

## 4. SELECTIVE AMPLIFICATION PCR

- a. Perform SELECTIVE AMPLIFICATION PCR (Table 9 and Table 10) with the temperature profile as in the PREAMP reaction (Table 8).
- b. PAGE (See PAGE).

**Table 9 *Eco* and *Mse* primer sequences for SELECTIVE AMPLIFICATION reactions**

| Primer              | Sequence§                              |
|---------------------|--|
| Fluo- <i>Eco</i> +3 | Fluor- 5' GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT C NNN 3' |
| Fluo- <i>Pst</i> +3 | Fluor- 5' GAC TGC GTA CAT GCA G NNN 3' |
| <i>Mse</i> +3       | 5' GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA A NNN 3'        |

§Ns are the selective nucleotides chosen for each primer, with the first (5') N the same as in the PREAMP primer.

**Table 10 Preparation of the SELECTIVE AMPLIFICATION mix**

| Reagent   | Working dilution    | μl    | Final concentration |
|---|---------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Fluorecinated <i>Eco</i> +3/ <i>Pst</i> +3 Primer | 50ng/μl (~6pmol/μl) | 0.60  | 30ng                |
| <i>Mse</i> +3 Primer                              | 50ng/μl (~6pmol/μl) | 0.60  | 30ng                |
| dNTPs   | 5mM                 | 0.80  | 0.2mM               |
| PCR Buffer  | 10x                 | 2.00  | 1x                  |
| Taq polymerase                                    | 5U/μl               | 0.08  | 0.4U                |
| H <sub>2</sub> O                                  | -                   | 10.92 | -                   |
| Diluted PREAMP reaction                           | -                   | 5.00  | -                   |
| Final volume                                      | -                   | 20.00 | -                   |

## 5. PAGE (POLYACRILAMIDE GEL ELECTROPHORESIS)

- a. Mix in a beaker urea, acrylamide, methylenbisacrylamide, TBE 10x, 135ml H<sub>2</sub>O and stir until completely dissolved (almost 2 hr) (Table 11).
- b. Adjust to the final volume with H<sub>2</sub>O.
- c. Filter and de-gas the 19:1 mixture.
- d. Prepare 80ml of PAG: 80ml of 19:1 mixture, 80µl of TEMED, 300-500µl APS 10%.
- e. Add 6µl of Dextran Blue Formamide dye (Table 12) to SELECTIVE AMPLIFICATION reactions.
- f. Denaturation step at 94°C.
- g. Cool immediately the denatured samples on water-ice.
- h. Load 1-1.5µl of the reactions from previous step into the polyacrylamide gel.
- i. Run at 100W and 2700V for 2.5 hr.

**Table 11 Preparation of 300ml of 6% (w/v) denaturing Polyacrylamide (19:1 Acrylamide/Methylenbisacrylamide) Gel**

| Reagent               | Working dilution | Quantity        | Final concentration |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Urea                  | -                | 135g            | 7.5M                |
| Acrylamide            | -                | 18g             | 6%                  |
| Methylenbisacrylamide | -                | 0.75g           |                     |
| TBE                   | 10x              | 15ml            | 0.5x                |
| H <sub>2</sub> O      | -                | to final volume | -                   |
| Final volume          | -                | 300ml           | -                   |

**Table 12 Preparation of Dextran Blue Formamide dye**

| Reagent          | Working dilution | Quantity |
|------------------|------------------|----------|
| Formamide        | 98%              | 14.7ml   |
| Dextran Blue     | 2%               | 300mg    |
| EDTA             | 0.250mM          | 7.5µl    |
| H <sub>2</sub> O |                  | 292.5µl  |
| Final volume     |                  | 15ml     |