

## 2×Taq-AS PCR Mix

REF: EG21103-S/M

### Storage Condition

-20°C

### Components

Component	EG21103S	EG21103M
2×Taq-AS PCR Mix	1 ml	5×1 ml

### Description

Taq-AS PCR Mix is a ready-to-use PCR mix with the concentration of 2×. It offers convenience and reduces the risk of contamination. PCR products synthesized with this mix have an overhang of A bases at the 3' end, enabling direct T/A cloning after purification.

The Taq DNA polymerase in this mix is a mutated variant called Taq-AS (Advanced Strong) DNA Polymerase, which is able to amplify DNA fragments up to 5 kb efficiently. It exhibits excellent tolerance to inhibitors and has a three-fold faster amplification rate compared to wild type Taq DNA polymerase, significantly reducing the time required for PCR extension. Unlike fusion protein-based fastTaq polymerases, Taq-AS behaves more similarly to WT-Taq, minimizing issues such as band smearing, trailing, or alteration of fragment sizes.

### Quality Control Assays

#### Endonuclease Activity

A 50 µl reaction containing 200 ng of supercoiled plasmid and 25 µl of 2×Taq-AS PCR Mix incubated for 4 hours at 37°C results in <10% conversion to the nicked or linearized form as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

#### Non-specific Nuclease Activity

A 50 µl reaction containing 15 ng of dsDNA fragments and 25 µl of 2×Taq-AS PCR Mix incubated for 16 hours at 37°C results in no detectable degradation of the dsDNA fragments as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

### Protocol

#### 1. PCR Reaction System

Reagent	Amount	Final Concentration
2×Taq-AS PCR Mix <sup>a</sup>	25 µl	1×
Forward Primer (10 µM) <sup>b</sup>	1~2 µl	0.2~0.4 µM
Reverse Primer (10 µM) <sup>b</sup>	1~2 µl	0.2~0.4 µM
Template DNA <sup>c</sup>	x µl	
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	To 50 µl	

a. Thaw out before use.

b. Recommended final primer concentration is 0.2~0.4 µM. Adjustments can be made in the range of 0.1~1 µM.

c. Optimal reaction concentrations may vary for different templates. For a 50 µl reaction system, the recommended template amounts are approximately 10~400 ng for genomic DNA and 10 pg~20 ng for plasmid or viral DNA.

#### 2. Three-Step PCR Program

Step	Temperature	Time
Initial Denaturation <sup>d</sup>	94°C	3~5 min
Denaturation	94°C	30 s
Annealing	55~65°C	30 s
Extension	72°C	20~40 s/kb
Final Extension	72°C	5 min

30~35 Cycles

#### 3. Two-step PCR Program (for Target Fragments ≥3 kb)

Step	Temperature	Time
Initial Denaturation <sup>d</sup>	94°C	3~5 min
Denaturation	94°C	30 s
Annealing and Extension	68°C	30 s/kb
Final Extension	72°C	5 min

30~35 Cycles

d. For colony PCR, a longer initial denaturation (≥5 min) is beneficial for cell lysis.