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### (54) METHODS OF INTRODUCING NUCLEIC ACDS INTO CELLULAR DNA

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### (57) ABSTRACT

A method of introducing a nucleic acid sequence into a cell is provided where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, or larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation, or the cell has increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork including transforming the cell through recombination with a nucleic acid oligomer.

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# Figure 1



# Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6







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### **METHODS OF INTRODUCING NUCLEIC** ACDS INTO CELLULAR DNA

#### RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application No. 61/677,375, filed Jul. 30, 2012 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

#### STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT INTERESTS

This invention was made with government Support under Department of Energy Genomes to Life Center grant num ber DE-FGO2-02ER63445 and National Institutes of Health 15 grant number P50 HG005550. The Government has certain rights in the invention.

#### FIELD

The present invention relates in general to methods of introducing multiple nucleic acid sequences into one or more target cells.

### BACKGROUND

High throughput genome engineering has been used to create organisms with designed genomes. See Smith, H. O. Hutchison, C. A., Pfannkoch, C. and Venter, J. C. (2003), Generating a synthetic genome by whole genome assembly: 30 phi X174 bacteriophage from Synthetic oligonucleotides, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 100, 15440-15445 and Gib son, D. G., Glass, J. I. Lartigue, C., Noskov, V. N., Chuang, R. Y., Algire, M. A., Benders, G. A., Montague, M. G. Ma,  $L$ ., Moodie, M. M. et al.  $(2010)$ , Creation of a Bacterial Cell 35 Controlled by a Chemically Synthesized Genome, Science, 329, 52-56. Certain methods of genome engineering involv ing recombination are known. See Wang, H. H., Isaacs, F. J., Carr, P. A., Sun, Z.Z., Xu, G., Forest, C. R. and Church, G. M. (2009), Programming cells by multipleX genome engi-40 neering and accelerated evolution, Nature, 460, 894-898: U.S. Pat. No. 8,153,432: See Can, P. A., Wang, H. H., Sterling, B., Isaacs, F. J., Lajoie, M. J., Xu, G., Church, G. M. and Jacobson, J. M. (2012), Enhanced MultipleX M. and Jacobson, J. M. (2012), Enhanced Multiplex Genome Engineering through Cooperative Oligonucleotide 45 Co-selection. Nucleic Acids Res., 1-11: Zechner et al., Coordinated leading- and lagging-strand synthesis at the E. Coli DNA replication fork. II. Frequency of primer synthesis and efficiency of primer utilization control of Okazaki fragment size, Journal of Biological Chemistry, 267, 4045- 50 4053 (1992). See Wang, H. H. Kim, H., Cong, L., Jeong, J., Bang, D. and Church, G. M. (2012), Genome-scale promoter engineering by coselection MAGE, Nat Meth, 9, 591-593. Such methods typically involve introducing eXogenous DNA into the genomes of dividing cells. Such methods can 55 utilize phage  $\lambda$  Red $\beta$  recombinase, which binds to ssDNA oligos, protecting them from SSDNA eXonucleases, and facilitating their annealing to the lagging strand of the replication fork. See Ellis, H. M., Yu, D. G. DiTizio, T. and Court, D. L. (2001), High efficiency mutagenesis, repair, and 60 engineering of chromosomal DNA using single-stranded oligonucleotides, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 98, 6742 6746. Generating a heterogenic population has been har nessed for directed evolution of biosynthetic pathways and eXtensive cycling toward isogenic populations has been 65 used to remove all 314 TAG stop codons in subsets across 32 E. coli strains. See Isaacs, F. J., Carr, P. A., Wang, H. H.,

Lajoie, M. J., Sterling, B., Kraal, L., Tolonen, A. C., Gianou lis, T. A., Goodman, D. B., Reppas, N. B. et al. (2011), Precise manipulation of chromosomes in vivo enables genome-wide codon replacement, Science, 333, 348-353.

Several approaches are known for improving introduction of eXogenous nucleic acids into the genome of a cell Such as targeting oligos to the lagging strand of the replication fork, See Li, X. T., Costantino, N., Lu, L. Y., Liu, D. P., Watt, R. M., Cheah, K. S., Court, D. L. and Huang, J. D. (2003), R. M. M. M. S., E. S., Court, D. E. and Huang, Identification of factors influencing strand bias in oligonucleotide-mediated recombination in Escherichia coli, Nucleic Acids Res, 31, 6674-6687, evading mismatch repair using modified nucleotides, See Wang, H. H., Xu, G., Vonner, A. J. and Church, G. M. (2011), Modified bases enable high-efficiency oligonucleotide-mediated allelic replacement via mismatch repair evasion, Nucleic Acids Res, 39, 7336-7347, minimizing oligo secondary structure and optimizing homology lengths, blocking oligo degrada tion with 5' phosphorothioate bonds, avoiding sequences 20 with high degrees of off-target homology elsewhere in the genome, and removing the mismatch repair protein MutS to avoid reversion of mutated alleles. See Costantino, N. and Court, D. L. (2003), Enhanced levels of lambda Red mediated recombinants in mismatch repair mutants, Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, 100, 15748-15753.

Okazaki Fragment (OF) size can be modulated by the frequency of OF primer synthesis by DnaG primase. Tougu et al. have reported  $E.$  coli primase variants with impaired helicase binding, resulting in less-frequent OF initiation, but normal replication fork rate, priming efficiency, and primer utilization during in vitro replication. These variants, K580A and Q576A, resulted in in vitro OFs that were approXimately 1.5- and 8-fold longer (respectively) than those initiated by wild type (wt) DnaG. See Tougu, K. and Marians, K. J. (1996), The EXtreme C Terminus of Primase Is Required for Interaction with DnaB at the Replication Fork, Journal of Biological Chemistry, 271, 21391-21397.

#### **SUMMARY**

Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA or genome of a cell where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity. Embodi ments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA or genome of a cell which has been genetically altered to impair or inhibit or disrupt primase activity or impair or inhibit or disrupt helicase activity.

Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing a plurality of eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhib ited or disrupted helicase activity. Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more exogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recombination where the cell has impaired or inhib ited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity. Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing a plurality of nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recombination where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity.

Embodiments of the present disclosure include methods of disrupting interaction between primase and helicase in a

cell while introducing one or more or a plurality of eXog enous nucleic acids into the DNA of the cell. According to certain aspects, disrupting the interaction between primase and helicase increases accessible eXogenous ssDNA on a lagging strand of a replication fork in the cell. According to 5 certain aspects, disrupting the interaction between primase and helicase increases accessible eXogenous ssDNA on a lagging strand of a replication fork in the cell and increases allele replacement frequencies in transformation or trans fection methods described herein.

According to one aspect, multiple nucleic acid sequences are introduced by recombination into a plurality of cells using a multipleX method where a plurality of cells in a vessel receive multiple nucleic acids into their genomes through recombination and where the cells have impaired or 15 inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhib ited or disrupted helicase activity. The cells can then be the subject of further recombination of one or more eXogenous nucleic acid sequences into their genomes, for eXample, by cyclic addition of eXogenous nucleic acids into cells in parallel, i.e. multiple cells being subjected to recombination in a vessel. The addition of one or more nucleic acids can be random or in a specific order or location within the genome. The addition of one or more nucleic acids can be with or without use of one or more selectable markers.

Accordingly, embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to a method including introducing one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences (such as eXogenous sequences) into a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or dis- 30 rupted helicase activity. Embodiments of the present disclo sure are also directed to a method including transforming or transfecting a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted heli case activity with one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid 35 sequences. According to certain aspects, a transformed or transfected cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity which has one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences inserted into its genome (for eXample by a 40 process referred to as recombination), may be further trans formed or transfected one or more times resulting in a cell having multiple eXogeneous nucleic acid sequences in its genome.

transforming or transfecting a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity using transformation medium or transfection medium including at least one nucleic acid oligomer, replacing the transformation medium or transfec- 50 tion medium with growth medium, incubating the cell in the growth medium, and repeating the steps of transforming or transfecting and incubating the cell in growth medium until multiple nucleic acid sequences have been introduced into is added to the cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted<br>primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity in the transformation or transfection step. In other aspects, an oligomer is single-stranded DNA. In other aspects, multiple mutations are generated in a chromosome 60 or in a genome. In still other aspects, the growth medium contains an antibiotic, and/or the growth medium is minimal medium. In certain other aspects, a plurality of cells having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity is con- 65 tacted with a nucleic acid oligomer in the transformation or transfection step. In certain other aspects, a plurality of cells According to one aspect, a method is provided including 45 the cell. In certain aspects, a pool of nucleic acid oligomers 55

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having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity is con tacted with a plurality of nucleic acid oligomers in the transformation or transfection step. In certain other aspects, the cell or cells may be contained within a vessel such as a microfuge tube, a test tube, a cuvette, a multi-well plate, a microfiber, a flow system or other structures or systems known to those of skill in the art for carrying out the transformation or transfection of cells. According to certain aspects, the method may be automated.

According to one aspect, a cell having impaired or inhib ited or disrupted primase activity is understood to mean that in a wild type cell of the same type. According to one aspect, a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity is understood to mean that the primase has a diminished interaction with helicase. According to one aspect, a cell can be genetically modified to impair, inhibit or disrupt primase activity directly or indirectly. According to one aspect, the cell may still eXhibit primase activity, but the primase activity has been impaired, inhibited or dis

25 the helicase activity in the cell is below that normally present rupted compared to a wild type cell of the same type. According to one aspect, a cell having impaired or inhib ited or disrupted helicase activity is understood to mean that in a wild type cell of the same type. According to one aspect, a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity is understood to mean that the helicase has a diminished interaction with primase. According to one aspect, a cell can be genetically modified to impair, inhibit or disrupt helicase activity directly or indirectly. According to one aspect, the cell may still eXhibit helicase activity, but the helicase activity has been impaired, inhibited or dis rupted compared to a wild type cell of the same type.

Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA or genome of a cell where the cell has increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork. Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA or genome of a cell which has been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the repli cation fork.

According to one aspect, a cell having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the repli cation fork is understood to mean that the amount or frequency of single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork is above that normally present in a wild type cell of the same type. According to one aspect, a cell can be genetically modified to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork.

Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing a plurality of eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell where the cell has increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or has been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork. Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recombination where the cell has increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or has been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ss-DNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork. Embodi ments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing a plurality of nucleic acids into the DNA of a

cell through recombination where the cell has increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or has been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork.

Embodiments of the present disclosure include methods of increasing single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or genetically altering a cell to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork while introducing one or more 10 or a plurality of eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of the cell. According to certain aspects, disrupting the inter action between primase and helicase such as by genetically altering a cell to impair or inhibit primase activity or impair or inhibit helicase activity or both increases accessible 15 eXogenous ssDNA on a lagging strand of a replication fork in the cell. According to certain aspects, disrupting the interaction between primase and helicase increases acces sible eXogenous ssDNA on a lagging strand of a replication fork in the cell and increases allele replacement frequencies 20 in transformation or transfection methods described herein.

According to one aspect, multiple nucleic acid sequences are introduced by recombination into a plurality of cells using a multipleX method where a plurality of cells in a vessel receive multiple nucleic acids into their genomes 25 through recombination and where the cells have increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or have been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork. The cells can then be the subject of further 30 recombination of one or more eXogenous nucleic acid sequences into their genomes, for eXample, by cyclic addi tion of eXogenous nucleic acids into cells in parallel, i.e. multiple cells being subjected to recombination in a vessel. The addition of one or more nucleic acids can be random or 35 in a specific order or location within the genome. The addition of one or more nucleic acids can be with or without use of one or more selectable markers.

Accordingly, embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to a method including introducing one or more or a 40 plurality of nucleic acid sequences (such as eXogenous sequences) into a cell having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or having been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork. 45 Embodiments of the present disclosure are also directed to a method including transforming or transfecting a cell having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or having been geneti cally altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on 50 the lagging strand of the replication fork with one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences. According to certain aspects, a transformed or transfected cell having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or having been genetically altered to 55 increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork which has one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences inserted into its genome (for eXample by a process referred to as recombination), may be further transformed or transfected one or more times 60 resulting in a cell having multiple eXogeneous nucleic acid sequences in its genome.

According to one aspect, a method is provided including transforming or transfecting a cell having increased single cation fork or having been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the repli- 65 6

replication fork using transformation medium or transfec tion medium including at least one nucleic acid oligomer, replacing the transformation medium or transfection medium with growth medium, incubating the cell in the growth medium, and repeating the steps of transforming or transfecting and incubating the cell in growth medium until multiple nucleic acid sequences have been introduced into the cell. In certain aspects, a pool of nucleic acid oligomers is added to the cell having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or having been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork in the transformation or transfection step. In other aspects, an oligomer is single-stranded DNA. In other aspects, mul tiple mutations are generated in a chromosome or in a genome. In still other aspects, the growth medium contains an antibiotic, and/or the growth medium is minimal medium. In certain other aspects, a plurality of cells having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or having been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork is contacted with a nucleic acid oligomer in the transformation or transfection step. In cer tain other aspects, a plurality of cells having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork or having been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication fork is contacted with a plurality of nucleic acid oligomers in the transformation or transfection step. In certain other aspects, the cell or cells may be contained within a vessel such as a microfuge tube, a test tube, a cuvette, a multi-well plate, a microfiber, a flow system or other structures or systems known to those of skill in the art for carrying out the transformation or transfection of cells. According to certain aspects, the method may be automated.

Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA or genome of a cell modified to increase distance between Okazaki fragments, such as nascent Oka zaki fragments, or lower or reduce frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation. Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXog enous nucleic acids into the DNA or genome of a cell which has been genetically altered to increase distance between Okazaki fragments or lower or reduce frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation.

According to one aspect, a cell having increased distance between Okazaki fragments is understood to mean that the gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments is above that normally present in a wild type cell of the same type. According to one aspect, a cell can be genetically modified<br>to increase gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments.

According to one aspect, a cell having lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation is understood to mean that the frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation is below that normally present in a wild type cell of the same type. According to one aspect, a cell can be genetically modified to reduce or lower frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation.

Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing a plurality of eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell where the cell eXhibits larger or increased gaps or increased distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation. Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to methods for introducing one or more eXog enous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recom

bination where the cell has increased distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of disclosure are directed to methods for introducing a plurality of nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recombina tion where the cell has increased distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation.

Embodiments of the present disclosure include methods of increasing gaps between Okazaki fragments or lowering or reducing frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation while introducing one or more or a plurality of eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of the cell. According to certain aspects, disrupting the interaction between primase and helicase such as by genetically altering a cell to impair or inhibit primase 15 activity or impair or inhibit helicase activity or both increases gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments in the cell or lowers or reduces frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation. According to certain aspects, disrupting the interaction between primase and helicase increases distance between Okazaki fragments in the cell or lowers or reduces frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation and increases allele replacement frequencies in transformation or trans fection methods described herein. 10

According to one aspect, multiple nucleic acid sequences 25 are introduced by recombination into a plurality of cells using a multipleX method where a plurality of cells in a vessel receive multiple nucleic acids into their genomes through recombination and where the cells eXhibits larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or 30 lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initia tion. The cells can then be the subject of further recombination of one or more eXogenous nucleic acid sequences into their genomes, for eXample, by cyclic addition of eXogenous nucleic acids into cells in parallel, i.e. multiple 35 cells being subjected to recombination in a vessel. The addition of one or more nucleic acids can be random or in a specific order or location within the genome. The addition of one or more nucleic acids can be with or without use of one or more selectable markers.

Accordingly, embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to a method including introducing one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences (such as eXogenous sequences) into a cell eXhibiting larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced 45 frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation. Embodiments of the present disclosure are also directed to a method includ ing transforming or transfecting a cell having larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation 50 with one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences. According to certain aspects, a transformed or transfected cell eXhibiting larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation which has one or more or a 55 plurality of nucleic acid sequences inserted into its genome (for eXample by a process referred to as recombination), may be further transformed or transfected one or more times resulting in a cell having multiple eXogeneous nucleic acid

sequences in its genome.<br>According to one aspect, a method is provided including transforming or transfecting a cell eXhibiting larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation using transformation medium or transfection medium 65 including at least one nucleic acid oligomer, replacing the transformation medium or transfection medium with growth

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medium, incubating the cell in the growth medium, and repeating the steps of transforming or transfecting and incubating the cell in growth medium until multiple nucleic acid sequences have been introduced into the cell. In certain aspects, a pool of nucleic acid oligomers is added to the cell eXhibiting larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation in the transformation or trans fection step. In other aspects, an oligomer is single-stranded DNA. In other aspects, multiple mutations are generated in a chromosome or in a genome. In still other aspects, the growth medium contains an antibiotic, and/or the growth medium is minimal medium. In certain other aspects, a plurality of cells eXhibiting larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation is contacted with a nucleic acid oligomer in the transformation or transfection step. In certain other aspects, a plurality of cells eXhibiting larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki frag ments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation is contacted with a plurality of nucleic acid oli gomers in the transformation or transfection step. In certain other aspects, the cell or cells may be contained within a vessel such as a microfuge tube, a test tube, a cuvette, a multi-well plate, a microfiber, a flow system or other struc tures or systems known to those of skill in the art for carrying out the transformation or transfection of cells. According to certain aspects, the method may be automated.

40 lagging strand of the replication fork and enhance multipleX Embodiments of the present disclosure are directed to attenuating interaction between DnaG primase and helicase<br>to increase the amount of accessible ssDNA on the lagging strand of the replication fork and enhance multipleX AR frequencies. See FIG. 1. Embodiments of the present dis closure are directed to cells modified to have impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhib ited or disrupted helicase activity, or larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation and their use to increase the amount of accessible ssDNA on the AR frequencies.

Aspects of the present disclosure are directed to disrupt ing the interaction between DnaG primase and DnaB heli-<br>case in a cell to increase multipleX allele replacement frequencies. Aspects of the present disclosure are directed to a genetically modified cell, i.e. a cell that has been genetically modified to impair or inhibit or disrupt primase activity or impair or inhibit or disrupt helicase activity or increase or enlarge gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lower or reduce frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation for use with recombination methods of introducing one or more eXogenous nucleic acids into a cell known to those of skill in the art and reported in the literature, such as manual recombination methods, multipleX automated genome engi neering ("MAGE") or co-selection multipleX automated genome engineering ("CoS-MAGE"). It is to be understood that the methods described herein are useful with any recombination method.

60 or more nucleases is useful in methods of transforming or According to the present disclosure, a cell deficient in one transfecting cells described herein. Accordingly, a useful cell may have impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity, or larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki frag ments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation, or the cell has increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging Strand of the replication fork and the

cell may be deficient in one or more nucleases. Nucleases within the scope of the present disclosure include at least those corresponding to the following nuclease genes: chpA, endA, eXoX, mcrB, nfi, recB, recC, recD, recJ, rutC, sbcC, sbcD, tatD, uvrB, vsr, Xni, XonA, XseA, XseB, XthA, yhaV, yhbQ, yihG, ploA, polB, and polC. One of skill in the art will readily be able to identify additional nucleases based on the present disclosure.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The patent or application file contains at least one drawing<br>eXecuted in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee. The 15 foregoing and other features and advantages of the present invention will be more fully understood from the following detailed description of illustrative embodiments taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a schematic of the effect of dnaG attenuation on 20 replication fork dynamics.

FIG. 2 is a graph of data showing that DnaG variants improve MAGE performance.

FIG. 3 is a graph of data showing that DnaG variants improve CoS-MAGE performance.

FIG. 4 is a graph of data showing that placing all targeted alleles within one Okazaki fragment does not cause a bimodal distribution for recombination frequency.

FIG. 5 is a graph indicating testing of DnaG variants with a 20-plex CoS-MAGE oligo set.

FIG. 6 are graphs showing the effect of dnaG variants and co-selection on leading-targeting CoS-MAGE.

FIG. 7 are graphs showing the effect of dnaG attenuation on deletion frequency.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present invention provides methods for introducing<br>one or more eXogenous nucleic acid sequences (e.g., engione or more eXogenous nucleic acid sequences (e.g., engi-<br>neering genetic mutations) in living cells having impaired or 40 inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhib ited or disrupted helicase activity, or larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation, as well as methods for constructing combinatorial libraries in vivo, 45 using a variety of microbial, plant and/or animal cells as well as whole organisms. In certain embodiments of the inven tion, one or more or a plurality or a pool of nucleic acids (e.g., single-stranded RNA oligomers, single-stranded DNA oligomers and the like) is introduced into a set of cells 50 having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity, or larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation (e.g., 50 microliters) in a suitable transfection and/or trans- 55 formation medium in a suitable receptacle. According to one aspect, the one or more or a plurality or pool of eXogenous nucleic acids contain one or more desired mutations.

According to one aspect, use of a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhib- 60 ited or disrupted helicase activity weakens interaction between primase and helicase resulting in larger or increased gaps or distance between Okazaki fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation. Accord ing to one aspect, use of a cell having impaired or inhibited 65 or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity minimizes or weakens interaction

10 ingly, aspects of the present disclosure are directed to between the primase and helicase causing primase to be recruited to the replication fork in the cell less frequently. This results in fewer Okazaki fragments being initiated, longer average Okazaki fragment sizes, and more eXposed ssDNA on the lagging strand. Accordingly, aspects of the present disclosure are directed to methods of increasing Okazaki fragment length in a cell by using a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity. Accord methods of increasing allele conversion within a cell com prising using a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted heli case activity in a method of introducing eXogenous nucleic acids into the cell. Accordingly, aspects of the present disclosure are directed to methods of obtaining a cell with a desired set of changes to its genome including transforming or transfecting a cell having impaired or inhibited or dis rupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity with one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences.

25 include, but are not limited to, a polymeric form of nucleo As used herein, the terms "nucleic acid molecule," "nucleic acid sequence," "nucleic acid fragment" and "oligomer" are used interchangeably and are intended to tides that may have various lengths, including either deoXyribonucleotides or ribonucleotides, or analogs thereof. Oli designed, partially designed (i.e., partially randomized) or fully randomized. In certain aspects of the invention, a pool of nucleic acids contains single-stranded 90-mers of DNA.

35 These modifications include, but are not limited to, the Oligomers can be modified at one or more positions to enhance stability introduced during chemical synthesis or subsequent enzymatic modification or polymerase copying. inclusion of one or more alkylated nucleic acids, locked nucleic acids (LNAs), peptide nucleic acids (PNAs), phosphonates, phosphothioates, and the like in the oligomer. EXamples of modified nucleotides include, but are not limited to 5-fluorouracil, 5-bromouracil, 5-chlorouracil, 5-(carboXyhydroXylmethyl)uracil, 5-carboXymethylaminomethyl-2-thiouridine, 5-carboxymethylaminomethylura cil, dihydrouracil, beta-D-galactosylqueosine, inosine, N6-isopentenyladenine, 1-methylguanine, 1-methylinosine, 2,2-dimethylguanine, 2-methyladenine, 2-methylguanine, 3-methylcytosine, 5-methylcytosine, N6-adenine, 7-methyl guanine, 5-methylaminomethyluracil, 5-methoXyaminom ethyl-2-thiouracil, beta-D-mannosylqueosine, 5'-methoXy carboxymethyluracil, 5-methoXyuracil, 2-methylthio-D46 isopentenyladenine, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid (V). WybutoXosine, pseudouracil, queosine, 2-thiocytosine, 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 2-thiouracil, 4-thiouracil, 5-methylu racil, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid methylester, uracil-5-oxy acetic acid (v), 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 3-(3-amino-3-N-2 carboxypropyl) uracil, (acp3)w, 2,6-diaminopurine and the like. Nucleic acid molecules may also be modified at the base moiety, Sugar moiety or phosphate backbone.

The multiple nucleic acid sequences can be targeted for delivery to target prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells via con ventional transformation or transfection techniques. As used herein, the terms "transformation" and "transfection" are intended to refer to a variety of art-recognized techniques for introducing an eXogenous nucleic acid sequence (e.g., DNA) into a target cell, including calcium phosphate or calcium chloride co-precipitation, DEAE-deXtran-mediated transfection, lipofection, electroporation, optoporation,

injection and the like. Suitable transfection media include, but are not limited to, water, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, cationic polymers, lipids, and the like. Suitable materials and methods for transforming or transfecting target cells can be found in Sambrook, et al. (Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual. 2nd, ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., 1989), and other laboratory manuals. In certain aspects of the invention, oligomer concentrations of 0.1 to 0.5 micromolar (per oligomer) are used.

Useful receptacles for transfection and/or transformation include receptacles routinely used by those of skill in the arts of transfection, transformation and microfluidics. Suitable receptacles for use in the present invention include, but are not limited to, microfuge tubes, test tubes, cuvettes, micro 15 scope slides, multi-well plates, microfibers, flow systems, and the like.

Visually detectable markers are suitable for use in the present invention, and may be positively and negatively selected and/or screened using technologies such as fluo- 20 rescence activated cell sorting (FACS) or microfluidics.<br>EXamples of detectable markers include various enzymes, prosthetic groups, fluorescent markers, luminescent markers, bioluminescent markers, and the like. EXamples of suitable fluorescent proteins include, but are not limited to, 25 yellow fluorescent protein (YFP), green fluorescence protein (GFP), cyan fluorescence protein (CFP), umbelliferone, fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, dichlo rotriazinylamine fluorescein, dansyl chloride, phycoerythrin and the like. EXamples of suitable bioluminescent markers 30 include, but are not limited to, luciferase (e.g., bacterial, firefly, click beetle and the like), luciferin, aequorin and the like. EXamples of suitable enzyme systems having visually detectable signals include, but are not limited to, galactosidetectable signals include, but are not limited to, galactosi-<br>dases, glucorinidases, phosphatases, peroXidases, cholinest-<br>erases and the like. 35

A target cell can be any prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell. For eXample, target cells can be bacterial cells such as E. coli cells, insect cells such as Drosophila melanogaster cells, plant cells such as *Arabidopsis thaliana* cells, yeast cells, 40 amphibian cells such as Xenopus laevis cells, nematode cells such as *Caenorhabditis elegans* cells, or mammalian cells (such as Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO), mouse cells, African green monkey kidney cells (COS), fetal human cells (293T) or other human cells). Other suitable target cells are 45 known to those skilled in the art. Both cultured and eXplanted cells may be used according to the invention. The present invention is also adaptable for in vivo use using viral vectors including, but not limited to, replication defective retroviruses, adenoviruses, adeno-associated viruses and the 50 like.

Target cells useful in the present invention include human cells including, but not limited to, embryonic cells, fetal cells, and adult stem cells. Human stem cells may be obtained, for eXample, from a variety of sources including 55 embryos obtained through in vitro fertilization, from umbili cal cord blood, from bone marrow and the like. In one aspect of the invention, target human cells are useful as donor

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compatible cells for transplantation, e.g., via alteration of surface antigens of non-compatible third-party donor cells, or through the correction of genetic defect in cells obtained from the intended recipient patient. In another aspect of the invention, target human cells are useful for the production of therapeutic proteins, peptides, antibodies and the like.

10 a genome, chromosome, gene or nucleic acid is altered in The target cells of the invention can also be used to produce nonhuman transgenic, knockout or other geneti cally-modified animals. Such animals include those in which part, e.g., by base substitutions and/or small or large insertions and/or deletions of target nucleic acid sequences. For eXample, in one embodiment, a target cell of the invention is a fertilized oocyte or an embryonic stem cell into which the addition of multiple nucleic acid sequences has been performed. Such target cells can then be used to create non-human transgenic animals in which multiple nucleic acid sequences have been introduced into their genome. As used herein, a "transgenic animal' is a non-human animal, such as a mammal, e.g., a rodent such as a ferret, guinea pig, rat, mouse or the like, or a lagomorph Such as a rabbit, in which one or more of the cells of the animal includes a transgene. Other eXamples of transgenic animals include non-human primates, cows, goats, sheep, pigs, dogs, cats, chickens, amphibians, and the like. A transgene is eXog enous DNA that is integrated into the genome of a cell from which a transgenic animal develops and which remains in the genome of the mature animal. A knockout is the removal of endogenous DNA from a cell from which a knockout animal develops, which remains deleted from the genome of the mature animal. Methods for generating transgenic and knockout animals via embryo manipulation and microinjec tion, particularly animals such as mice, have become con ventional in the art and are described, for eXample, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4.736,866 and 4,870,009, both by Leder et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,873,191 by Wagner et al., and in Hogan, B., Manipulating the Mouse Embryo, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., 1986).

eXample, which should not be construed as limiting. The contents of all references, patents and published patent applications cited throughout this application are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

### EXAMPLE I

#### Materials and Methods

Table 1 lists DNA oligonucleotides ("oligo') used in the tion and desalting from Integrated DNA Technologies. Cultures were grown in LB-LennoX media (LB<sup>L</sup>; 10 g tryptone, 5 g yeast eXtract, 5 g NaCl per 1 L water). An asterisk (\*) indicates use of a phosphorothioate bond to protect against eXonuclease activity. See Wang, H. H., Isaacs, F. J., Carr, P. A., Sun, Z. Z., Xu, G., Forest, C. R. and Church, G. M. (2009), Programming cells by multipleX genome engineer ing and accelerated evolution, Nature, 460, 894-898.

TABLE 1

Name	Used for	Sequence
yqaR	Set 1.850	q*c*qaaqatcaqtaaaqatataqaaqqtqqtatccctqqctattaAcaaq qtcaqqttttqattccattcattaaaqatccaqtaacaa*a*a (SEQ ID NO:1)
yqaC	Set 1.700	a*t*taaaaattatgatgggtccacgcgtgtcggcggtgaggcgtaActta $ataa$ aqqttqctctacctatcaqcaqctctacaatqaat*t*c (SEQ ID NO:2)

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TCAAGGATCTTACCGCTGTTGAGATCCAG (SEO ID NO: 22 O)



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#### EXAMPLE II

#### Strain Creation

Oligo-mediated  $\lambda$  Red recombination was used to generate all mutations as described below. All of the strains described herein were generated from EcNR2 (*Escherichia coli* MG1655 AmutS::cat A(ybhB-bioAB)::[ $\lambda$ cI857 N(croby recombining oligo dnaG\_Q576A into strain Nuc5-(EcNR2 XonA<sup>-</sup>, recJ<sup>-</sup>, XseA<sup>-</sup>, eXoX<sup>-</sup>, and red $\alpha$ <sup>-</sup>; Mosberg, J. A., Gregg, C.J., et al., in review). EcNR2.DT was created by deleting the endogenous tolC gene using the tolC90.del recombining a tolC cassette (T.co-lacZ) into the genome of EcNR2.DT, upstream of the lac operon. CoS-MAGE strains were prepared by inactivating a chromosomal selectable marker (cat, tolC, or bla) using a synthetic oligo. Clones with a sensitivity to the appropriate antibiotic or SDS, See 65 Tougu, K. and Marians, K. J. (1996), The Interaction between Helicase and Primase Sets the Replication Fork ea59)::tetR-bla]). Strain Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A was generated 55 recombineering oligo. EcNR2.T.co-lacZ was created by 60

50 approximately equivalent, while Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A has a Clock, Journal of Biological Chemistry, 271, 21398-21405, were identified by replica plating. The growth rate of strains EcNR2, EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A are doubling time that is only ~7% longer than the others.

### EXAMPLE III

### Generating dsDNA Cassettes for Recombination

The T.co-lacZ dsDNA recombineering cassette was generated by PCR using primers 313000.T.lacz.coMAGE-f and formed using KAPA HiFi HotStart ReadyMiX, with primer concentrations of  $0.5 \mu M$  and  $1 \mu L$  of T.5.6 used as template (a terminator was introduced downstream of the stop codon in the tolC cassette). PCRs (50 uL total) were heat activated at 95° C. for 5 min, then cycled 30 times at 98°C. (20 sec), 62°C. (15 sec), and 72°C. (45 sec). The final eXtension was at 72° C. for 5 min. The Qiagen PCR purification kit was used to isolate the PCR products (elution in 30  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O).

Purified PCR products were quantitated on a NanoDrop™ ND1000 spectrophotometer and analyzed on a 1% agarose gel with ethidium bromide staining to confirm that the eXpected band was present and pure.

#### EXAMPLE IV

#### Performing  $\lambda$  Red Recombination

Red recombinations of  $\text{sDNA}$  and  $\text{d}sDNA$  were per-  $10$ formed as previously described, See DeVito, J. A. (2008), Recombineering with tolC as a selectable/counter-selectable marker: remodeling the rRNA operons of *Escherichia coli*, Nucleic Acids Res, 36, e4. Briefly, 30 µL from an overnight culture was inoculated into 3 mL of  $LB<sup>L</sup>$  and grown at 30° C. in a rotator drum until an  $OD_{600}$  of 0.4-0.6 was reached (typically 2-2.5 hrs). The cultures were transferred to a shaking water bath (300 rpm at 42°C.) for 15 minutes to induce  $\lambda$  Red, then immediately cooled on ice for at least 3 minutes. For each recombination, 1 mL of culture was 20 washed twice in ice cold deionized water  $(dH<sub>2</sub>O)$ . Cells were pelleted between each wash by centrifuging at 16,000 rcf for 20 seconds. The cell pellet was resuspended in 50 uL of dH<sub>2</sub>O containing the DNA to be recombined. For recombination of dsDNA PCR products, 50 ng of PCR product was 25 used. Recombination using dsDNA PCR products was not performed in Nuc5-strains, since  $\lambda$ EX<sup>o</sup> is necessary to process dsDNA into a recombinogenic ssDNA intermediate prior to  $\beta$ -mediated annealing, See Mosberg, J. A., Lajoie, M. J. and Church, G. M. (2010), Lambda Red Recombi-30 neering in Escherichia coli Occurs Through a Fully Single Stranded Intermediate, Genetics, 186, 791-799. For eXperi ments in which a single oligo was recombined, 1 µM of oligo was used. For eXperiments in which sets of ten or twenty was used. For experiments in which sets of ten or twenty recombineering oligos were recombined along with a co-  $35$ selection oligo,  $0.5 \mu M$  of each recombineering oligo and  $0.2$  $\mu$ M of the co-selection oligo were used (5.2  $\mu$ M total for 10-plex and 10.2 uM total for 20-plex). A BioRad GenePulser<sup>™</sup> was used for electroporation (0.1 cm cuvette, 1.78 kV, 200  $\Omega$ , 25  $\mu$ F), and electroporated cells were 40 allowed to recover in 3 mL  $LB^L$  in a rotator drum at 30 $\degree$  C. for at least 3 hours before plating on selective media. For MAGE and CoS-MAGE eXperiments, cultures were recov ered to apparent saturation (5 or more hours) to minimize polyclonal colonies (this was especially important for strains 45 based on Nuc5-, which eXhibit slow recovery after  $\lambda$  Red induction/electroporation). MAGE recovery cultures were diluted to  $\sim$ 5000 cfu/mL, and 50  $\mu$ L of this dilution was plated on non-selective  $LB^L$  agar plates. To compensate for fewer recombinants surviving the co-selection, CoS-MAGE 50 recovery cultures were diluted to  $\sim$ 1E5 cf/mL and 50 µL of this dilution was plated on appropriate selective media for the co-selected resistance marker ( $LB^L$  with 50  $\mu\alpha/\text{m}L$ ) carbenicillin for bla, 20 µg/mL chloramphenicol for cat, or 0.005% w/v SDS for tolC). Leading-targeting CoS-MAGE 55 recovery cultures were diluted to ~5E6 cfu/mL before plat 1ng. 15

#### EXAMPLE V

#### Recombination Analysis

GalK activity was assayed by plating recovered recom bination cultures onto MacConkey agar supplemented with 1% galactose as a carbon Source. Red colonies were scored 65 as  $galK+$  and white colonies were  $galK-$ . LacZ activity was assayed by plating recovery cultures onto  $LB<sup>L</sup>$  agar+X-gal/

IPTG (Fisher ChromoMaX IPTG/X-Gal solution). Blue colonies were scored as lacZ+ and white colonies were  $lacZ-$ 

PCR analysis was used to confirm genotype. Specifically, Kapa 2G Fast ReadyMiX was used in colony PCRs to screen for correct insertion of dsDNA selectable markers. PCRs had a total volume of 20  $\mu$ L, with 0.5  $\mu$ M of each primer. These PCRs were carried out with an initial activation step at 95° C. for 2 min, then cycled 30 times at 95°C. (15 sec), 56° C. (15 sec), 72° C. (40 sec), followed by a final eXtension at 72° C. (90 sec).

Allele-specific colony PCR (ascPCR) was used to detect<br>the dnaG\_K580A and dnaG\_Q576A mutations. MultipleX allele-specific colony PCR (mascPCR), See Maresca, M., Erler, A., Fu, J., Friedrich, A., Zhang, Y. M. and Stewart, A. F. (2010), Single-stranded heteroduplex intermediates in lambda Red homologous recombination, BMC Mol. Biol. 11, was used to detect the 1-2 bp mutations generated in the MAGE and CoS-MAGE experiments. Each allele is inter rogated by two separate PCRs—one with a forward primer whose 3' end anneals to the wild type allele, and the other with a forward primer whose 3' end anneals to the mutated allele (the same reverse primer is used in both reactions). Primers are designed to have a  $T_m$ ~62° C., but a gradient PCR is necessary to optimize annealing temperature (typi cally between 63° C. and 67° C.) to achieve maXimal specificity and sensitivity for a given set of primers. A wild type allele is indicated by amplification only in the wt-<br>detecting PCR, while a mutant allele is indicated by amplification only in the mutant-detecting PCR. For mascPCR assays, primer sets for interrogating up to 10 alleles are combined in a single reaction. Each allele has a unique amplicon size (100 bp, 150 bp, 200 bp, 250 bp, 300 bp, 400 bp, 500 bp, 600 bp, 700 bp, and 850 bp). Template is in 150 uL  $LB^L$  and diluting 2 uL of culture into 100 uL dH2O. Typical mascPCR reactions use KAPA2GFast Mul tiplex PCR ReadyMiX and 10x Kapa dye in a total volume of 10  $\mu$ L, with 0.2  $\mu$ M of each primer and 2  $\mu$ L of template. These PCRs were carried out with an initial activation step at  $95^{\circ}$  C. (3 min), then cycled 27 times at  $95^{\circ}$  C. (15 sec),  $63-67$ ° C. (30 sec; annealing temperature optimized for each set of mascPCR primers), and 72°C. (70 sec), followed by a final eXtension at 72° C. (5 min). All mascPCR and ascPCR assays were analyzed on 1.5% agarose/EtBr gels (180 V, duration depends on distance between electrodes) to ensure adequate band resolution.

60 and Church, G. M. (2011), MultipleXed genome engineer-At least two independent replicates for all strains were performed with each oligo set in CoS-MAGE experiments. All replicates for a given strain and oligo set were combined to generate a complete data set. Polyclonal or ambiguous mascPCR results were discarded. Mean number of alleles replaced per clone were determined by scoring each allele as 1 for converted or 0 for unmodified. Data for EcNR2 and Nuc5- are from Mosberg, JA, Gregg, C J, et al. (in review). Given the sample sizes tested in the CoS-MAGE eXperi ments  $(n>47)$ , parametric statistical analyses were used instead of their non-parametric equivalents, since the former are more robust with large sample sizes, See Wang, H. H. ing and genotyping methods applications for synthetic biology and metabolic engineering, Methods Enzymol, 498, 409-426. A one way ANOVA was used to test for significant variance in CoS-MAGE performance of the strains (EcNR2, EcNR2.dnaG.O576A, & EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, EcNR2.nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A) for a given oligo set. Subse quently, a Student's t-test was used to make pairwise com

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parisons with significance defined as  $p<0.05/n$ , where n is the number of pairwise comparisons. Here,  $n=15$  as this data set was planned and collected as part of a larger set with 6<br>different strains although only EcNR2. although only EcNR2,<br>ECNR2 dnaG O576A  $\&$  5 EcNR2.dnaG.K580K, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, & EcNR2.nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A are presented here. As such, significance was defined as  $p<0.003$  for the analyses presented in FIGS. 3 and 5. Statistical significance in FIGS. 3 and 5 are denoted using a star system where \* denotes p<0.003, \*\* denotes p<0.001, and \*\*\* denotes p<0.0001. In the case of the eXperiment comparing EcNR2 and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A using leading targeting oligos (FIG. 6), statistical significance was tested using a single t-test with significance defined as  $p<0.05$ .

For the eXperiment in which 10 oligos were targeted within lacZ, recombinants were identified by blue/white screening. The frequency of clones with 1 or more alleles replaced (# of white colonies/total # of colonies) was determined for every replicate. For white colonies only, a 20 portion of lacZ gene was amplified with primers lacZ\_jackpot\_seq-f and lacZ\_jackpot\_seq-r (Table 1), using KAPA<br>HiFi HotStart ReadyMiX as described above. PCR purified (Qiagen PCR purification kit) amplicons were submitted to Genewiz for Sanger sequencing in both directions using <sup>25</sup> either lacZ\_jackpot\_seq-f or lacZ\_jackpot\_seq-r. Combined, the two sequencing reads for each clone interrogated all 10 alleles (i.e., unmodified or mutant sequence). Three replicates of recombinations and blue/white analysis were percates of recombinations and blue/white analysis were per-<br>formed to ensure consistency, but only one replicate was <sup>30</sup> sequenced (n=39 for EcNR2 and n=55 for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A). Mean number of alleles replaced per clone were determined as described above. We tested for statistically significant differences in mean allele conversion<br>between the strains using a Student's t-test with significance defined as  $p<0.05$ . Statistical significance in FIG. 4C is denoted using a star system where \*\*\* denotes p<0.0001.

#### EXAMPLE VI

#### Impaired Primase Activity Enhances MultipleX Allele Replacement Frequency

It is generally accepted that  $\text{Red}\beta$  mediates annealing of eXogenous DNA to the lagging strand of the replication fork <sup>45</sup> prior to eXtension as a nascent Okazaki Fragment, See<br>Jekel, J. F., Katz, D. L., Elmore, J. G. and Wild, D. (2001), Epidemiology, Biostatistics, & Preventative Medicine. W.B. Saunders. The amount of ssDNA on the lagging strand was increased by disrupting the ability of DnaG primase to 50 initiate OFs. DnaG K580A and Q576A mutations increase OF length in vitro by approximately 1.5-fold and 8-fold, respectively. See Table 2 which is an estimation of Okazaki<br>fragment length in EcNR2.dnaG.K580A and EcNR2.dnaG.K580A EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A.

TABLE 2

[Primase] (nM)	WT dnaG Okazaki Frag $(kb)$	<b>K580A</b> Okazaki Frag $(kb)$	Q576A Okazaki Frag (kb)	60
80	2.5		23	
160	1.5	2.5	18	
320			8	
640	0.8	nd	3	
Average Fold effect compared to WT		1.6	8.2	65

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According to Table 2, average Okazaki Fragment length was estimated based on in vitro results (gel images) from Tougu, K. and Marians, K. J. (1996), The Interaction between Helicase and Primase Sets the Replication Fork Clock, Journal of Biological Chemistry, 271, 21398-21405 for the same DnaG primase variants, tabulated above. The fold difference in OF sizes for the specified primase con centrations were compared and the average fold difference was determined (variant OF length/wt OF length). The in vivo OF lengths of  $\sim$ 2.3-3.1 kb and  $\sim$ 12-16 kb were estimated for the K580A and Q576A mutants, respectively, based on the reported  $\sim$  1.5-2 kb OF lengths in wt cells grown in rich media. See Corn, J. E. and Berger, J. M. (2006), Regulation of bacterial priming and daughter strand synthesis through helicase-primase interactions, Nucleic Acids Res., 34, 4082-4088: Lia, G., Michel, B. and Allemand, J.-F. (2012), Polymerase EXchange During Okazaki Fragment Synthesis Observed in Living Cells, Science, 335, 328-331; Okazaki, R., Okazaki, T., Sakabe, K., Sugimoto, K. and Sugino, A. (1968), Mechanism of DNA chain growth. I. Possible discontinuity and unusual secondary structure of newly synthesized chains, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 59, 598-605. However, these approXimations may be imperfect since Tougu et al. performed this analysis in vitro and did not use the same EcNR2.dnaG.K580A and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A strains. Other conditions and/or host factors not accounted for in vitro may affect priming efficiency.

35 EcNR2, EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A were compared to determine whether longer OFs would improve recombination of eXogenous nucleic acids. Three sets of recombineering oligos (designed in to convert TAG codons to TAA and renamed herein for clarity as Sets 1-3) were used in order to control for potential oligo-, allele-, region-, and replichore-specific effects. FIG. 1A is a schematic showing the replication fork in E. coli, including the leading and lagging strands undergoing DNA synthesis. DnaG synthesizes RNA primers (red) onto the lagging template strand, which in turn initiate Okazaki fragment synthesis (blue) by PolIII. Compared to wt DnaG primase, the variants tested have lower affinities for DnaB helicase. function, primer synthesis occurs less frequently, thereby eXposing larger regions of ssDNA on the lagging template strand. FIG. 1B is a schematic representing the E. coli  $MG1655$  genome with the origin (oriC) and terminus (T) of replication indicated, splitting the genome into Replichore 1 and Replichore 2. Each oligo set converts 10 TAG codons to TAA codons within the genomic regions indicated in gray. Co-selection marker positions are denoted by radial lines. The genomic regions targeted by these oligo sets are indi cated in FIG. 1B. The AR distribution shifted to the right for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, as reflected by the increase in mean number of alleles converted per clone per MAGE cycle. See FIG. 2. EcNR2 (wt) and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A (Q576A) were tested for their MAGE performance without co-selec tion using three sets of 10 oligos as described in FIG. 1B. For each set, all 10 alleles were simultaneously assayed by mascPCR after one cycle of MAGE. The data are presented  $50$  using stacked AR frequency plots, which show the distribution of clones eXhibiting a given number of allele con versions. Compared to EcNR2 (A, Set 1, n=69; B, Set 2. n–47: C, Set 3, n=96), EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A exhibited fewer clones with zero conversions for Set 1  $(A, n=90)$  and Set 3 (C, n=96), but not for Set 2 (B, n=46). In all three sets, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A displayed more clones with 2 or more allele conversions.

CoS-MAGE was then used in a similar eXperiment. In this experiment, each of the three oligo sets was paired with a co-selection oligo which restored the function of a nearby mutated selectable marker (cat for Set 1, bla for Set 2, and tol C for Set  $\beta$ ). Also, the dnaG.Q576A mutation was intro-  $\beta$ duced into Nuc5-. EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A robustly outper-<br>formed EcNR2, yielding a significantly increased mean number of alleles converted (mean±std. error of mean) for Set 1 (FIG. 3B, left panel,  $1.43\pm0.12$  vs.  $0.96\pm0.07$ . \*\*p=0.0003), Set 2 (FIG. 3B, middle panel, 2.63±0.13 vs.  $10^{-9}$  $2.04\pm0.10$ , \*\*p=0.0003), and Set 3 (FIG. 3B, right panel,  $2.54\pm0.14$  vs.  $1.22\pm0.07$ , \*\*\*p<0.0001). In agreement with the previous observation for MAGE without co-selection, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A exhibited an increased AR distribu tion for all three oligo sets in CoS-MAGE (FIG. 3A). 15 Furthermore, EcNR2.dnaG.K580A (intermediate-sized OFs) appears to have intermediate performance between<br>ECNR2 (normal OFs) and ECNR2.dnaG.Q576A (longest OFs) indicating that OF length correlates with AR frequency and demonstrating that eXposing more ssDNA at the lagging strand of the replication fork enhances  $\text{Red}\beta$ -mediated annealing.

Visualizing AR frequency for individual alleles in all three Sets (FIG. 3C) reinforces the relationship between OF size and MAGE performance. Compared to EcNR2, the 25 K580A variant trends toward a modest increase in individual AR frequency, whereas the Q576A variant starkly improves AR frequency. Finally, the Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A strain yielded the highest observed AR frequencies for all oligo sets, suggesting a combined effect of decreasing oligo deg radation through nuclease inactivation and increasing the amount of eXposed target ssDNA at the lagging strand of the replication fork. EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A strongly outper formed Nuc5- for Set 3 (\*\*\*p<0.0001), whereas ECNR2.dnaG.Q5/6A performance was not significantly dif- 35 ferent than that of Nuc5- for Sets 1 ( $p=0.33$ ) and 2 ( $p=0.26$ ). See Tables 3 and 4. This suggests that the relative impor tance of replication fork availability and oligo protection can vary for MAGE targets throughout the genome, possibly due to oligo and/or locus-specific effects that have not yet been 40 elucidated. 30

TABLE 3

Set.	EcNR <sub>2</sub>	Nuc5-	EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A	Nuc5-dnaG.Q576A
	$Mean \pm SEM$	$Mean \pm SEM$	$Mean \pm SEM$	$Mean \pm SEM$
	(n)	(n)	(n)	(n)
	$0.96 \pm 0.07$	$1.58 \pm 0.10$	$1.43 \pm 0.12$	$2.30 \pm 0.25$
$\mathcal{P}$	(319)	(257)	(141)	(92)
	$2.04 \pm 0.10$	$2.89 \pm 0.19$	$2.63 \pm 0.13$	$3.72 \pm 0.17$
3	(269)	(142)	(236)	(191)
	$1.22 \pm 0.07$	$1.61 \pm 0.12$	$2.54 \pm 0.14$	$2.59 \pm 0.19$
	(327)	(139)	(184)	(92)

per clone for each MAGE oligo set. The mean number of alleles converted per clone, standard error of the mean (SEM), and sample size (n) were compared for EcNR2, Nuc5-, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, and Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A. Nuc5- and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A had statistically equivalent  $60$ performance for Sets 1 and 2, while EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A strongly outperformed Nuc5- for Set 3. Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A consistently outperformed all other strains. Data for ECNR2.dnaG.Q576A and Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A were deter-  $_{65}$ mined in this work. Data for EcNR2 and Nuc5- are from Mosberg, J. A., Gregg, C. J., et al. (in review).





Table 4 shows CoS-MAGE allele replacement perfor mance of modified strains (presented as fold change from EcNR2). The fold improvement was calculated as (strain performance)/(EcNR2 performance), where performance refers to the average number of allele conversions per clone, or the fraction of clones with 5+ or 0 conversions. These metrics were the average of individual metrics for Oligo Sets 1, 2, and 3. In all three categories, Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A eXhibited an effect that was roughly an additive combination of the effects yielded in Nuc5- and the effects yielded in Nuc5-EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. Data for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A and Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A were determined in this work. Data for EcNR2 and Nuc5- are from Mosberg, J. A., Gregg, C.J., et al. (in review).

With respect to FIG. 3, EcNR2, EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, and Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A were tested for their performance in CoS-MAGE using three sets of 10 oligos as described in FIG. 1B. For each set, all 10 alleles were simultaneously assayed by mascPCR in recombinant clones after one cycle of CoS-MAGE. (A) The data are presented using stacked AR frequency plots, which show the distribution of clones eXhibiting a given number of allele conversions. (B) Mean number of alleles converted for each strain are shown with p-values indicated above the bars.

Table 3 is a summary of mean number of alleles converted  $\frac{1}{55}$  Statistical significance is denoted using a star system where \* denotes  $p<0.003$ , \*\* denotes  $p<0.001$ , and \*\*\* denotes p-0.0001. The data are presented as the mean (reported numerically inside each bar) $\pm$ standard error of the mean. (C) AR frequencies for each individual allele are shown for all tested strains. Overall, the relative performance of each strain was Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A>EcNR2.dnaG. Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A>EcNR2.dnaG. Q576A>EcNR2.dnaG.K580A>EcNR2. This trend reflects an improvement commensurate with the severity of primase attenuation (i.e. the Q576A variant has more severely dis rupted primase and larger OFs than the K580A variant). Furthermore, Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A combines the benefits of the DnaG Q576A variant and the benefits of the inactivation

of 5 potent eXonucleases (Mosberg, J. A., Gregg, C.J., et al., in review). For Set 1: EcNR2, n=319; EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, n=93; EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=141; Nuc5<sup>-</sup>.dnaG.Q576A, n=47. For Set 2: EcNR2, n=269; EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, n=111; EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=236; Nuc5<sup>-</sup>.dnaG.Q576A, 5 n=191. For set 3: EcNR2, n=327: EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, n=136; EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=184; Nuc5<sup>-</sup>.dnaG.Q576A, n=92.

#### EXAMPLE VII

# Okazaki Fragment Location is not a Major Determinant of Available ssDNA on the Lagging Strand of the Replication Fork

Given the significant enhancement of CoS-MAGE per-<br>formance in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, it was investigated whether localizing all 10 targeted alleles to a single putative OF would result in "jackpot" recombinants with all 10 alleles converted. Without wishing to be bound by scientific theory, nascent Okazaki Fragments sometimes obstruct tar get alleles, leading to a non-accessible lagging strand. Suc cessful replacement of one allele should indicate permissive OF localization, greatly increasing the chance that other alleles occurring within the same OF could be replaced. The 25 larger OF size in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A may allow many changes to occur within 1 large OF. Therefore, 10 MAGE oligos were designed that introduce inactivating nonsense mutations into a region spanning 1829 bp of lacZ. Despite mutations into a region spanning 1829 bp of lacZ. Despite<br>their close proXimity, all 10 alleles were spaced far enough 30 apart that their corresponding MAGE oligos would not overlap. Given the difference in average OF sizes between strains, it is unlikely for all 10 alleles to be located in the same OF in EcNR2, but quite likely that all 10 alleles would be located in the same OF in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. A tolC  $\overline{35}$ cassette (T.co-lacZ) was installed  $~50$  kb upstream of lacZ for efficient co-selection. Prior to use, this cassette was inactivated using the tolC-r\_null\_mut\* oligo. Since the placement of these mutations is not compatible with mascPCR analysis, Sanger sequencing was used for analysis 40 EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A; and 4.50 (1.74-fold) for Nuc5of white colonies. Blue colonies were scored as having Zero conferred mutations. For EcNR2, 59% of the clones were white with  $1.24 \pm 0.23$  (mean $\pm$ standard error of the mean) conversions per clone, whereas  $84\%$  of the per clone, whereas 84% ECNR  $\angle$  analy  $\angle$  (b)  $\angle$  clones were white with  $\angle$   $\angle$   $\angle$   $\pm$  0.2 $\pm$  0.25 45 allele conversions per clone (FIG. 4A, 4C). While EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A eXhibits more mean allele conversions in CoS-MAGE than EcNR2 (\*\*\*p<0.0001), the magnitude of this improvement (FIG. 4B) is comparable with those observed for Sets  $1-3$  (FIG. 3) where non-selectable  $50$ oligos were spread across 70, 85, and 162 kb, respectively. Moreover, "jackpot" clones with 7+ converted alleles were not frequently observed for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A using this oligo set. Thus although replication fork position is relevant, OF placement is not the predominant limiting factor for 55 multipleX allele replacement. Other important factors could include target site occlusion by single stranded binding proteins or the availability of oligos,  $\text{Red}\beta$ , or host factors.

With respect to FIG. 4, EcNR2 and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A were tested for their performance in CoS-MAGE using a set 60 of 10 non-overlapping oligos that introduce 10 premature stop codons in the first 1,890 bp of lacZ. The targeted region of the genome is likely to be Small enough to be frequently encompassed within a single Okazaki Fragment in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. After one cycle of CoS-MAGE, 65 LacZ<sup>-</sup> recombinant clones were Sanger sequenced to assay all 10 alleles. Recombinations were performed in triplicate

10 For EcNR2, n=39, and for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=55. (D) 15 to estimate the frequency of white colonies (lacZ<sup>-</sup>), but sequencing was only performed on a single replicate. (A) EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A ( $n=715$ , 5.33:1) eXhibited a significant increase in the  $lacZ^-$ :lac $Z^+$  ratio compared to EcNR2 (n=485, 1.46:1). (B) EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A exhibited an AR distribution similar to those observed with Sets 1-3 (which span 70 kb, 85 kb, and 162 kb, respectively). (C) Compared to EcNR2, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A exhibited a higher mean number of alleles converted (unpaired t-test, \*\*\*p<0.0001). Compared to EcNR2, AR frequencies increased for 9 out of 10 individual alleles in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. The alleles are represented by their positions in lacZ (e.g., "+61" means that this oligo introduces a nonsense mutation by generating a mismatch at the  $61^{st}$  nucleotide of lacZ). Taken together, all of these results demonstrate improved CoS-MAGE in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A compared to EcNR2, but no signifi cant enhancement was obtained from targeting all oligos to a single putative OF.

#### EXAMPLE VIII

### Improved Strains Have Larger Optimal Oligo Pool Size for MultipleX Allele Replacement

AMAGE oligo pool size of approximately 10 was found to be most effective in prior studies. 10 additional MAGE oligos (Set 3X) were designed that swapped synonymous AGA and AGG codons in alleles within the same region targeted by the Set 3 oligos. The ygfT allele (Set  $3X$ ) was not successfully assayed by mascPCR, so a maximum of 19 allele replacements could be detected out of the 20 conver sions attempted. One round of CoS-MAGE using the com bined oligo Sets 3 and 3X with tolC as a selectable marker improved AR frequency in all strains (FIG. 5A). The mean number of alleles converted (and fold increase over 10-plex means for Set 3 alone) per clone are as follows: 1.65<br>(1.35-fold) for EcNR2; 1.97 (1.02-fold) for 2; 1.97 (1.02-fold) for<br>2.96 (1.17-fold) for EcNR2.dnaG.K580A; .dnaG.Q576A (FIG. 5B). Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A exhibited the greatest improvement with the eXpanded oligo set, suggesting that preventing oligo degradation is important when the intracellular concentration of each individual oligo is low. Longer OFs then increase the probability that scarce oligos will find their genomic target. This observation assumes that a limited number of oligos are internalized during electropo ration, which is consistent with the fact that the mole fraction of an oligo in a multipleX experiment affects its relative AR frequency at Saturating oligo concentrations. Notably, the Set 3X oligos yielded lower recombination frequencies compared to the Set 3 alleles that converted TAG to TAA codons, and Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A strongly elevated the AR frequency of these alleles (FIG. 5C). Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A exhibited the largest number of simul taneous allele conversions in a single recombination (tolC plus 12 additional alleles converted).

With respect to FIG. 5, EcNR2, EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, and Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A were tested for their performance in CoS-MAGE using an eXpanded set of 20 oligos (Sets 3+3X). Genotypes of recombinant clones were assayed by mascPCR after one cycle of CoS-MAGE (ygfT could not be assayed by mascPCR). (A) AR frequency<br>distributions. (B) Mean number of alleles distributions. (B) Mean number of alleles converted standard error of the mean, with p-values indicated above the bars. Statistical significance is denoted using a star system where \* denotes p<0.003, \*\* denotes p<0.001,

and \*\*\* denotes p<0.0001. (C) Mean individual AR fre quencies. As seen with the Smaller oligo sets, the dnaG variants reduce the number of clones with Zero conversions and increase the average number of conversions per clone. Nuc5<sup>-</sup>.dnaG.Q576A strongly outperforms all other strains, <sup>5</sup> with a mean of 4.50 alleles converted and fewer than 10% of clones having Zero conversions. Notably, Nuc5 .dnaG.Q576A has strongly improved performance with Sets 3+3X compared to Set 3, whereas EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A does not. EcNR2, n=96: EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, n=113: EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=95; Nuc5<sup>-</sup>.dnaG.Q576A, n=96.

#### EXAMPLE IX

### Disrupting DnaG Primase Activity Enhances Leading Strand Recombination

Since DnaG primase synthesizes RNA primers only at the lagging strand of the replication fork, its alteration has  $_{20}$ minimal effect on  $\text{Red}\beta$ -mediated annealing to the leading strand. Oligos designed to target the Set 3 alleles on the leading Strand (reverse complements of the Set 3 oligos described above) were tested. The tolC-reverting co-selec tion oligo was also re-designed to target the leading strand 25 so that the correct strand would be co-selected. Although the number of tolC-reverted co-selected recombinants were few, of the tolC+ clones, EcNR2 gave 0.85±0.13 allele conversions per clone (mean $\pm$ std. error of the mean, n=88), whereas  $ECNR2$ .dnaG.Q5/6A gave  $1.39\pm0.18$  conversions 30  $(n=91)$ , which was significantly different (\*p=0.018). Similar to lagging targeting Set 3, a reduction in Zero conversion events for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A was observed, as well as a broadening of the distribution of total allele conversions per clone and a greater maXimum number of alleles converted 35 (FIG. 6A). Leading-targeting CoS-MAGE yields recombi nation frequencies nearly within two-fold of those attained<br>with lagging-targeting CoS-MAGE (1.22+0.07 vs. with lagging-targeting  $CoS-MAGE$  (1.22 $\pm$ 0.07 vs.<br>2.54 $\pm$ 0.14 for EcNR2 and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, respec-2.54+0.14 for EcNR2 and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, respec tively). EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A exhibited significantly 40 enhanced AR frequency over EcNR2 at 9 out of 10 alleles on the leading strand (FIG. 6C). Using leading targeting oligos, the co-selection advantage diminished with distance (FIG. 6B, top panel). In contrast, co-selection using lagging (FIG. 6B, top panel). In contrast, co-selection using lagging targeting oligos increases the AR frequency of other alleles 45 spanning a large genomic distance  $(-0.5 \text{ Mb}; (9))$ , as observed for the lagging-targeting Set 3 oligos (FIG. 6B, bottom panel).

More specifically, FIG. 6 is described as follows. (A) EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A (n=91) outperformed EcNR2 (wt, 50 n=88) in leading-targeting Set 3 CoS-MAGE, with a reduc tion in Zero conversion events as well as a broadening of the distribution of total allele conversions per clone. (B) For leading-targeting Set 3 oligos, AR frequency decays rapidly panel). In contrast, co-selection using the corresponding set of lagging targeting oligos (see also FIG. 3C, right panel) provides robust co-selection spanning at least 0.162 Mb (bottom panel). For the lagging-targeting oligos (bottom panel), linear regression analyses (Solid trendline) show that 60 co-selection does not decrease with distance for either strain over this 0.162 Mb genomic region. (C) Individual CoS MAGE AR frequency is plotted for each leading-targeting Set 3 oligo in EcNR2 (wt) and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A (Q576A). AR frequency is improved for 9/10 alleles in 65 EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. Note that the most proXimal allele to the selectable marker (yqiB) is separated from the other with increasing distance from the selectable marker (top 55

alleles with a broken aXis, since its AR frequency was much higher than that of the others.

### EXAMPLE X

#### Disrupting DnaG Primase Activity Enhances Deletions but not Insertions

10 insertions, and deletions, as these can be efficiently gener 15 combinatorial deletions could be harnessed for minimizing MAGE is most effective at introducing short mismatches, ated using  $\lambda$  Red-mediated recombination without direct selection. However, large deletions and gene-sized inser tions are also important classes of mutations that could increase the scope of applications for MAGE. For example, genomes, See Erler, A., Wegmann, S., Elie-Caille, C., Brad shaw, C. R., Maresca, M., Seidel, R., Habermann, B., Muller, D. J. and Stewart, A. F. (2009), Conformational Adaptability of Red beta during DNA Annealing and Impli cations for Its Structural Relationship with RadS2, J. Mol. Biol. 391, 586-598, and efficient insertions could increase the ease of building biosynthetic pathways by removing the need for linking inserted genes to selectable markers, See Posfai, G., Plunkett, G., Feher, T., Frisch, D., Keil, G. M., Umenhoffer, K., Kolisnychenko, V., Stahl, B., Sharma, S.S., de Arruda, M. et al. (2006), Emergent properties of reduced genome Escherichia coli, Science, 312, 1044-1046 and Blomfield, I. C., Vaughn, V., Rest, R. F. and Eisenstein, B. I. (1991), Allelic exchange in Escherichia coli the Bacillus subtilis sacB gene and a temperature-sensitive pSC101 replicon, Mol. Microbiol. 5, 1447-1457 and Warming, S., Costantino, N., Court, D. L., Jenkins, N. A. and Copeland, N. G. (2005) Simple and highly efficient BAC recombineering using galK selection, Nucleic Acids Res., 33, e36. Large deletions require two separate annealing events often spanning multiple OFs, but large insertions should anneal within the same OF, as the heterologous portion loops out and allows the flanking homologies to anneal to their adjacent targets. Maresca et al. have demonstrated that the length of deletions have little effect on  $\text{Red}\beta$ -mediated recombination, but that insertion frequency is highly dependent on insert size (presumably due to constraints on  $\lambda$ EXo-mediated degradation of the leading-targeting strand and not the lagging-targeting strand). The following study was conducted to determine whether diminishing DnaG primase function would enhance deletion and/or insertion frequencies.

Three oligos were designed that deleted 100 bp, 1,149 bp, or 7.895 bp of the genome, including a portion of galK. In addition to galK, oligo galK KO1.7895 deleted several nonessential genes (galM, gpmA, aroG, ybgS, ZitB, pnuC, and nadA). The recombined populations were screened for the Ga1K-phenotype (white colonies) on MacConkey agar plates supplemented with galactose as a carbon source. EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A significantly outperformed EcNR2 for the 100 bp (\*p=0.03) and 1,149 bp (\*p=0.03) deletions, but there was no difference detected between the two strains for the 7,895 bp deletion ( $p=0.74$ , FIG. 7). The lack of improve-<br>ment using galK\_KO1.7895 may be due to reduced target availability if the two homology sites are split across two or more OFs even in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. From the perspec tive of the ssDNA intermediate model for  $\lambda$ Red recombination, deletion frequency was enhanced in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A especially for intermediate-sized dele tions (500 bp-10 kb), since less frequent priming increases the probability of both homology regions being located in the same OF.

FIG. 7 is described as follows. DnaG primase disruption enhances gene-sized deletion frequency. Oligos that deleted 100 bp, 1,149 bp, or 7,895 bp of the genome, including a portion of galK, were recombined into EcNR2 and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A. The recombined populations were 5 screened for the GalK- phenotype (white colonies) on MacConkey agar plates supplemented with galactose as a carbon source. EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A significantly outper formed EcNR2 for the 100 bp and 1,149 bp deletions, but there was no difference detected between the two strains for 10 the 7,895 bp deletion.

The insertion frequency of a selectable kanamycin resis tance cassette  $(lacZ::kanR, 1.3 kb)$  targeted to  $lacZ$  was quantified. Insertion of lacz::kanR (4, 14) in three replicates yielded recombination frequencies of 1.81E-04±6.24E-05 in EcNR2 versus 1.28E-04±4.52E-05 in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A  $(p=0.30$  by unpaired t-test). Modifying DnaG primase function does not appear to significantly affect  $\lambda$  Red-mediated gene insertion.

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What is claimed is:

1. A method of introducing a nucleic acid sequence into the genome of a cell where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaG primase activity, or impaired or inhibited 35 or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, comprising transform ing the cell with a nucleic acid oligomer, wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is introduced into the genome of the cell through recombination, and wherein the nucleic acid oli gomer is single-stranded DNA. 40

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is transformed with multiple nucleic acid oligomers.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein multiple mutations are generated in a chromosome of the cell through recombina tion.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein multiple mutations are generated in the genome of the cell through recombination.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the cell is contacted with a pool of nucleic acid oligomers.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is deficient in 50 at least one nuclease.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is grown into a population of cells having impaired or inhibited or dis rupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, and the population of cells 55 is transformed with at least one nucleic acid oligomer.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is grown into a population of cells having impaired or inhibited or dis rupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, and the population of cells 60 is transformed with at least one nucleic acid oligomer and the steps of growing and transforming are repeated until a plurality of nucleic acid sequences have been introduced into the cells.

9. A method of serially introducing a nucleic acid 65 sequence into the genome of a cell where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaG primase activity or

impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, comprising transforming the cell with a nucleic acid oli gomer two or more times, wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is introduced into the genome of the cell through recombi nation, and wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is single stranded DNA.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the cell is transformed with multiple nucleic acid oligomers.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein multiple mutations are generated in a chromosome of the cell through recom bination.

12. The method of claim 9, wherein multiple mutations are generated in the genome of the cell through recombina tion.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein the cell is contacted with a pool of nucleic acid oligomers.

14. The method of claim 9 wherein the cell is deficient in at least one nuclease.

15. The method of claim 9 wherein the cell is grown into a population of cells having impaired or inhibited or dis rupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, and the population of cells is transformed with at least one nucleic acid oligomer.

16. The method of claim 9 wherein the cell is grown into a population of cells having impaired or inhibited or dis rupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, and the population of cells is transformed with at least one nucleic acid oligomer and the steps of growing and transforming are repeated until a plurality of nucleic acid sequences have been introduced into the cells.

17. A method of introducing a nucleic acid sequence into the genome of a cell where the cell has impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, and is deficient in at least one nuclease comprising transforming the cell with a

nucleic acid oligomer, wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is introduced into the genome of the cell through recombina tion, and wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is single stranded DNA.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein a plurality of 5 eXogenous nucleic acid sequences are introduced through recombination into the genome of the cells having impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaG primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted DnaB helicase activity, and being deficient in at least one nuclease. deficient in at least one nuclease.

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