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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 ACIDS 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 number DE-FG02-02ER63445 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 Gibson, 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 involving 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 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 λ Red β 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 harnessed 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., Gianoulis, 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), 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 degradation 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 Redmediated 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. 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 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 inhibited 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 inhibited 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

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cell 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 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 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 through recombination and where the cells have impaired or 15 inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited 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 20 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 disclosure 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 helicase 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 transformed or transfected one or more times resulting in a cell having multiple eXogeneous nucleic acid sequences in its genome.

According to one aspect, a method is provided including 45 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 the cell. In certain aspects, a pool of nucleic acid oligomers 55 is added to the cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted 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

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having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity 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.

According to one aspect, a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity is understood to mean that the primase activity in the cell is below that normally present 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 disrupted compared to 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 activity in the cell is below that normally present 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 disrupted 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 replication fork.

According to one aspect, a cell having increased single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the replication 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. 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 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 interaction 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 accessible 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 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 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 genetically 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 stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the repli- 65 cation fork or having been genetically altered to increase single stranded DNA (ssDNA) on the lagging strand of the

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replication fork using transformation medium or transfection 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, 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 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 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 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 Okazaki fragments, or lower or reduce frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation. 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 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 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 eXogenous nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recombination where the cell has 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 a plurality of nucleic acids into the DNA of a cell through recombination 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 10 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 20 between Okazaki fragments in the cell or lowers or reduces frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation and increases allele replacement frequencies in transformation or transfection methods described herein.

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 initiation. 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 including 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.

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 8

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 transfection 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 fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation 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 attenuating interaction between DnaG primase and helicase 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 disclosure are directed to cells modified to 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 fragments or lowered or reduced frequency of Okazaki fragment initiation and their use to increase the amount of accessible ssDNA on the lagging strand of the replication fork and enhance multipleX AR frequencies.

Aspects of the present disclosure are directed to disrupting the interaction between DnaG primase and DnaB helicase 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 engineering ("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.

According to the present disclosure, a cell deficient in one or more nucleases is useful in methods of transforming or 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 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 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, vhaV, 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 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 one or more eXogenous nucleic acid sequences (e.g., engineering genetic mutations) in living cells having impaired or 40 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, 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 invention, 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. According 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

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-10 ingly, aspects of the present disclosure are directed to methods of increasing allele conversion within a cell comprising using a cell having impaired or inhibited or disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase 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 disrupted primase activity or impaired or inhibited or disrupted helicase activity with one or more or a plurality of nucleic acid sequences.

As used herein, the terms "nucleic acid molecule," "nucleic acid sequence," "nucleic acid fragment" and "oligomer" are used interchangeably and are intended to 25 include, but are not limited to, a polymeric form of nucleotides that may have various lengths, including either deoXyribonucleotides or ribonucleotides, or analogs thereof. Oligomers for use in the present invention can be fully 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.

Oligomers can be modified at one or more positions to enhance stability introduced during chemical synthesis or subsequent enzymatic modification or polymerase copying. 35 These modifications include, but are not limited to, the 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-iodouracil, hypoXanthine, Xantine, 4-acetylcytosine, 5-(carboXyhydroXylmethyl)uracil, 5-carboXymethylaminomethyl-2-thiouridine, 5-carboXymethylaminomethyluracil, 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-methylguanine, 5-methylaminomethyluracil, 5-methoXyaminomethyl-2-thiouracil, beta-D-mannosylqueosine, 5'-methoXycarboXymethyluracil, 5-methoXyuracil, 2-methylthio-D46isopentenyladenine, uracil-5-oXyacetic acid (\mathbf{v}) . wybutoXosine, pseudouracil, queosine, 2-thiocytosine, 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 2-thiouracil, 4-thiouracil, 5-methyluracil, uracil-5-oXyacetic acid methylester, uracil-5-oXyacetic acid (v), 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 3-(3-amino-3-N-2carboXypropyl) 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 conventional 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, CaCl₂, 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. 5 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. 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, dichlorotriazinylamine 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, galactosidases, glucorinidases, phosphatases, peroXidases, cholinest- 35 erases and the like.

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 EXamples. All oligos were ordered with standard purificalike.

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 umbilical cord blood, from bone marrow and the like. In one aspect of the invention, target human cells are useful as donor12

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.

The target cells of the invention can also be used to produce nonhuman transgenic, knockout or other genetically-modified animals. Such animals include those in which a genome, chromosome, gene or nucleic acid is altered in 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 eXogenous 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 microinjection, particularly animals such as mice, have become conventional 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).

This invention is further illustrated by the following 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^L; 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 engineering and accelerated evolution, Nature, 460, 894-898.

TABLE 1

Name	Used for	Sequence
ygaR	Set 1.850	g*c*gaagatcagtaaagatatagaaggtggtatccctggctattaAcaag gtcaggttttgattccattcattaaagatccagtaacaa*a*a (SEQ ID NO:1)
yqaC	Set 1.700	a*t*taaaaattatgatgggtccacgcgtgtcggcggtgaggcgtaActta ataaaggttgctctacctatcagcagctctacaatgaat*t*c (SEQ ID NO:2)

Name	Used for	Sequence
gabT	Set 1.600	t*c*accattgaagacgctcagatccgtcagggtctggagatcatcagcca gtgttttgatgaggcgaagcagtaAcgccgctcctatgc*c*g (SEQ ID NO:3)
ygaU	Set 1.500	t*g*acgccaattcccattatccagcaggcgatggctggcaattaaTtactc ttccggaatacgcaacacttgccccggataaattttat*c*c (SEQ ID NO:4)
удаМ	Set 1.400	g*t*aggtatttttatcggcgcactgttaagcatgcgcaaatcgtaAtgcaa aaatgataataaatacgcgtctttgaccccgaagcctg*t*c (SEQ ID N0:5)
luxS	Set 1.300	t*t*tgaactggcttttttcaattaattgtgaagatagtttactgaTtagatgtgc agttcctgcaacttctctttcggcagtgccagtt*c*t (SEQ ID N0:6)
mltB	Set 1.250	a*a*ttttacgaggaggattcagaaaaaagctgattagccagagggaagct cacgcccccctttgtaaatagTtactgtactcgcgcca*g*c (SEQ ID N0:7)
srlE	Set 1.200	a*c*tgtactgatcgcctggtttgtctccggttttatctatcaataAaggctga aacatgaccgttatttatcagaccaccatcacccgt*a*t (SEQ ID NO:8)
norW	Set 1.150	a*t*cggatgaaagaggcatttggattgttgaaaacattgccgatgtaAgtg ggctactgtgcctaaaatgtcggatgcgacgctggcgc*g*t (SEQ ID N0:9)
ascB	Set 1.100	a*t*cattctggtggtataaaaagtgattgccagtaatggggaagatttaga gtaAgtaacagtgccggatgcggcgtgaacgccttat*c*c (SEQ ID N0:10)
bioD	Set 2.850	t*c*gaagacgcgatctcgctcgcaatttaaccaaatacagaatggTtaca acaaggcaaggtttatgtactttccggttgccgcatttt*c*t (SEQ ID N0:11)
moaE	Set 2.700	c*g*taaacgtatgtactgagcggtgaaattgccggacgcagcggtgcctt atccggctaacaaaaaaTtaccagcgttttgccgcctgc*t*g (SEQ ID NO:12)
ybhM	Set 2.600	g*c*gatgtgaagtttagttaagttctttagtatgtgcatttacggTtaatgaa aaaaacgcgtatgcctttgccagacaagcgttatag*c*t (SEQ ID N0:13)
ybhS	Set 2.500	t*t*tatcggcctgacgtggctgaaaaccaaacgtcggctggattaAggag aagagcatgtttcatcgcttatggacgttaatccgcaaa*g*a (SEQ ID NO:14)
ybiH	Set 2.400	c*a*tatcgacctgattttgcaaggattatcgcaaaggagtttgtaAtgatga aaaaacctgtcgtgatcggattggcggtagtggtact*t*g (SEQ ID N0:15)
ybiR	Set 2.300	t*c*tgaattaatcttcaaaacttaaagcaaaaggcggactcataatccgcct tttttatttgccagaccTtagttggccgggagtataa*c*t (SEQ ID NO:16)
yliD	Set 2.250	t*t*tcctgtgaggtgattaccctttcaagcaatattcaaacgtaaTtatccttt aattttcggatccagcgcatcgcgtaaaccatcgc*c*c (SEQ ID NO:17)
yliE	Set 2.200	g*a*ctgactgtaagtacgaacttattgattctggacatacgtaaaTtactctt ttactaattttccacttttatcccaggcggagaatg*g*c (SEQ ID N0:18)
ybjK	Set 2.150	t*c*ggttcaaggttgatgggttttttgttatctaaaacttatctaTtaccctgca accctctcaaccatcctcaaaatctcctcgcgcg*a*t (SEQ ID N0:19)
rimK	Set 2.100	c*g*caaaaagcgcaggcaaaaccatgatcagtaatgtgattgcgaTtaa ccacccgttttcaggcaatattctgtcgtagcgtggcgtt*c*g (SEQ ID NO:20)
ygfj	Set 3.850	c*c*ggacgactttattacagcgaaggaaaggtatactgaaatttaAaaaa cgtagttaaacgattgcgttcaaatatttaatccttccg*g*c (SEQ ID NO:21)
recJ	Set 3.700	g*g*gattgtacccaatccacgctcttttttatagagaagatgacgTtaaatt ggccagatattgtcgatgataatttgcaggctgcggt*t*g (SEQ ID NO:22)
arg0	Set 3.600	c*t*ctggaggcaagcttagcgcctctgttttattttccatcagatagcgcTt aactgaacaaggcttgtgcatgagcaataccgtctc*t*c (SEQ ID NO:23)
Адд <u>п</u>	Set 3.500	a*a*tccgcaacaaatcccgccagaaatcgcggcgttaattaat
mutY	Set 3.400	g*t*ggagcgtttgttacagcagttacgcactggcgcgcggtttaAcgcg tgagtcgataaagaggatgatttatgagcagaacgattt*t*t (SEQ ID N0:25)
glcC	Set 3.300	g*c*caccatttgattcgctcggcggtgccgctggagatgaacctgagtta Actggtattaaatctgcttttcatacaatcggtaacgct*t*g (SEQ ID NO:26)
YghQ	Set 3.250	a*c*tgagtcagccgagaagaatttccccgcttattcgcaccttccTtaaat caggtcatacgcttcgagatacttaacgccaaacacca*g*c (SEQ ID N0:27)
yghT	Set 3.200	t*g*gttgatgcagaaaaagcgattacggattttatgaccgcgcgtggttatc actaAtcaaaaatggaaatgcccgatcgccaggaccg*g*g (SEQ ID NO:28)

Name	Used for	Sequence
ygiZ	Set 3.150	t*t*ctctgtctatgagagccgttaaaacgactctcatagattttaTtaatagc aaaatataaaccgtccccaaaaaagccaccaaccac*a*a (SEQ ID NO:29)
удіВ	Set 3.100	a*g*ggttaacaggctttccaaatggtgtccttaggtttcacgacgTtaataa accggaatcgccatcgctccatgtgctaaacagtatc*g*c (SEQ ID NO:30)
ygfJ_AGR	Set 3X.850	c*c*actatgtcagccatcgactgtataattaccgctgccggattatcatcaA GGatggggcaatggaaaatgatgttaccctgggaaca*g*g (SEQ ID NO:31)
ygfT_AGR	Set 3X.700	g*a*tgccttcgtatcaaacagagttaacatatcgcgcgccgcctgTCTtc ctgcggccattgcagtgacaaccagatccgcgccatgaa*c*t (SEQ ID N0:32)
ubiH_AGR	Set 3X.600	g*t*gcagagtttgcgccgcattgcccaccagcacggtacgatgggtaata gaCCTggcggcgtgggttaacgccagcggataagcactg*c*g (SEQ ID N0:33)
argO_AGR	Set 3X.500	g*g*attcagccaggtcactgccaacatggtggcgataattttccaCCTg ccttgcttcatgacttcggcgctggctaactcaatattac*t*g (SEQ ID N0:34)
yqgC_AGR	Set 3X.400	g*a*atcctgagaagcgccgagatgggtataacatcggcaggtatgcaaa gcAGGgatgcagagtgcggggaacgaatcttcaccagaac*g*g (SEQ ID N0:35)
trmI_AGR	Set 3X.300	t*t*ttttacgcagacgacggctacggttctttgccattatttcacTCTctcg aacattaagtcccatactccgtgaccaagacgatgac*c*a (SEQ ID NO:36)
glcC_AGR	Set 3X.250	a*c*gatctgctcgacgttcgcgcattactggagggcgaatcggcaAGA ctggcggcaacgctgggaacgcaggctgattttgttgtgat*a*a (SEQ ID NO:37)
yghT_AGR	Set 3X.200	g*t*gaacatcttattaccgttgtcgaaaaatatggtgctgccgaaAGGgt tcatttaggaaaacaggccggaaatgtcggtcgtgcagt*g*a (SEQ ID N0:38)
ygiZ_AGR	Set 3X.150	a*a*tacatatacccaaaactcgaacatttcccgcataaagagtttCCTtaa gataagaataataagtggcgtaagaagaaaaatgctg*c*a (SEQ ID N0:39)
cpdA_AGR	Set 3X.100	c*t*tcgtgcttttgtgcaaacaggtgagtgtcggtaatttgtaaaatcctgac CCTggcctcaccagccagaggaagggttaacaggct*t*t (SEQ ID NO:1)
lacZ_KO1	Set lacZ jackpot + 61	T*C*ACTGGCCGTCGTTTTACAACGTCGTGACT GGGAAAACCCTtGaGTTACCCAACTTAATCGCC TTGCAGCACATCCCCCTTTCGCCA*G*C (SEQ ID N0:41)
lacZ_KO2	Set lacZ jackpot + 264	G*C*TGGAGTGCGATCTTCCTGAGGCCGATAC TGTCGTCGTCCCCTCAtAaTGGCAGATGCACGG TTACGATGCGCCCATCTACACCAAC*G*T (SEQ ID N0:42)
lacZ_KO3	Set lacZ jackpot + 420	C*A*CATTTAATGTTGATGAAAGCTGGCTACA GGAAGGCCAGACGtaAATTATTTTTGATGGCGT TAACTCGGCGTTTCATCTGTGGTGC*A*A (SEQ ID NO:43)
lacZ_KO4	Set lacZ jackpot + 602	T*G*ATGGTGCTGCGCTGGAGTGACGGCAGTT ATCTGGAAGATCAGtAgATGTGGCGGATGAGC GGCATTTTCCGTGACGTCTCGTTGCT*G*C (SEQ ID NO:44)
lacZ_KO5	Set lacZ jackpot + 693	T*A*AACCGACTACACAAATCAGCGATTTCCA TGTTGCCACTCGCTaaAATGATGATTTCAGCCG CGCTGTACTGGAGGCTGAAGTTCAG*A*T (SEQ ID NO:45)
lacZ_KO6	Set lacZ jackpot + 1258	T*A*CGGCCTGTATGTGGTGGATGAAGCCAAT ATTGAAACCCACtGaATGGTGCCAATGAATCGT CTGACCGATGATCCGCGCGCGGCTAC*C*G (SEQ ID NO:46)
lacZ_KO7	Set lacZ jackpot + 1420	G*G*GAATGAATCAGGCCACGGCGCTAATCAC GACGCGCTGTATtGaTGGATCAAATCTGTCGAT CCTTCCCGCCCGGTGCAGTATGAAG*G*C (SEO ID NO:47)
lacZ_KO8	Set lacZ jackpot + 1599	G*T*CCATCAAAAAATGGCTTTCGCTACCTGG AGAGACGCGCCCGtaGATCCTTTGCGAATACGC CCACGCGATGGGTAACAGTCTTGGC*G*G (SEQ ID N0:48)
lacZ_KO9	Set lacZ jackpot + 1710	G*T*TTCGTCAGTATCCCCGTTTACAGGGCGGC TTCGTCTGGGACTaaGTGGATCAGTCGCTGATT AAATATGATGAAAACGGCAACCCG*T*G (SEQ ID N0:49)
lacZ_KO10	Set lacZ jackpot + 1890	A*G*CGCTGACGGAAGCAAAACACCAGCAGC AGTTTTTCCAGTTCtGaTTATCCGGGCAAACCA TCGAAGTGACCAGCGAATACCTGTTC*C*G (SEO ID NO:50)

TABLE 1-continued

Name	Used for	Sequence
YgfJ_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.850_lead oligo	G*C*CGGAAGGATTAAATATTTGAACGCAATC GTTTAACTACGTTTTTTAAATTTCAGTATACCT TTCCTTCGCTGTAATAAAGTCGTCC*G*G (SEQ ID N0:51)
recJ_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.700_lead oligo	C*A*ACCGCAGCCTGCAAATTATCATCGACAA TATCTGGCCAATTTAACGTCATCTTCTCTATAA AAAAGAGCGTGGATTGGGTACAATC*C*C (SEQ ID N0:52)
argO_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.600_lead oligo	G*A*GAGACGGTATTGCTCATGCACAAGCCTT GTTCAGTTAAGCGCTATCTGATGGAAAAATAA AACAGAGGCGCTAAGCTTGCCTCCAG*A*G (SEQ ID N0:53)
yggU_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.500_lead oligo	T*T*ACCGACATTGCCGGTTGCGAGGACAACT TTTTGCATAGGATACTTAATTAATTAACGCCG CGATTTCTGGCGGGATTTGTTGCGGA*T*T (SEQ ID NO:54)
mutY_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.400_lead oligo	A*A*AAATCGTTCTGCTCATAAATCATCCTCTT TATCGACTCACGCGTTAAACCGGCGCGCCAGT GCGTAACTGCTGTAACAAACGCTCC*A*C (SEQ ID N0:55)
glcC_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.300_lead oligo	C*A*AGCGTTACCGATTGTATGAAAAGCAGAT TTAATACCAGTTAACTCAGGTTCATCTCCAGC GGCACCGCCGAGCGAATCAAATGGTG*G*C (SEQ ID N0:56)
yghQ_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.250_lead oligo	G*C*TGGTGTTTGGCGTTAAGTATCTCGAAGCG TATGACCTGATTTAAGGAAGGTGCGAATAAGC GGGGAAATTCTTCTCGGCTGACTCA*G*T (SEQ ID N0:57)
yghT_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.200_lead oligo	C*C*CGGTCCTGGCGATCGGGCATTTCCATTT TGATTAGTGATAACCACGCGCGGTCATAAAAT CCGTAATCGCTTTTTCTGCATCAAC*C*A (SEQ ID N0:58)
ygiZ_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.150_lead oligo	T*T*GTGGTTGGTGGCTTTTTTGGGGACGGTTT ATATTTTGCTATTAATAAAATCTATGAGAGTC GTTTTAACGGCTCTCATAGACAGAG*A*A (SEQ ID NO:59)
yqiB_2*: 2*_ lead	Set 3.100_lead oligo	G*C*GATACTGTTTAGCACATGGAGCGATGGC GATTCCGGTTTATTAACGTCGTGAAACCTAAG GACACCATTTGGAAAGCCTGTTAACC*C*T (SEQ ID N0:60)
exoX.KO*	exoX KO oligo	t*t*c*g*gcctggagcatgccatgttgcgcattatcgatacagaaacTG Atgcggtttgcagggagggatcgttgagattgcctctgttgatg (SEQ ID N0:61)
xseA.KO*	xseA KO oligo	g*a*a*t*ttgatctcgctcacatgttaccttctcaatcccctgcaatTGAtt taccgttagtcgcctgaatcaaacggttcgtctgctgcttg (SEQ ID NO:62)
recJ.KO*	recJ KO oligo	g*g*a*g*gcaattcagcgggcaagtctgccgtttcatcgacttcacgTC Acgacgaagttgtatctgttgtttcacgcgaattatttaccgct (SEQ ID N0:63)
xonA.KO*	xonA KO oligo	a*a*t*a*acggatttaacctaatgatgaatgacggtaagcaacaatcTG Aacctttttgtttcacgattacgaaacctttggcacgcaccccg (SEQ ID N0:64)
Lexo.KO.MM*	Lambda exo KO oligo	t*g*a*a*acagaaagccgcagagcagaaggtggcagcatgacaccgt aacattatcctgcagcgtaccgggatcgatgtgagagctgtcgaac (SEQ ID NO:65)
dnaG_Q576A	Oligo to make dnaG Q576A mutation	gcacgcatggtttaagcaacgaagaacgcctggagctctggacattaaac GCggaActggcgaaaaagtgatttaacggcttaagtgccg (SEQ ID NO:66)
dnaG_K580A	Oligo to make dnaG K580A mutation	cgcacgcatggtttaagcaacgaagaacgcctggagctctggacattaaac caggaActggcg <u>GC</u> aaagtgatttaacggcttaagtgcc (SEQ ID N0:67)
tolC.90.del	Oligo that deletes endogenous tolC	gaatttcagcgacgtttgactgccgtttgagcagtcatgtgttaaagcttcggc cccgtctgaacgtaaggcaacgtaaagatacgggttat (SEQ ID N0:68)
galK_KO1.100	Oligo to delete 100 bp including a portion of galK	C*G*CGCAGTCAGCGATATCCATTTTCGCGAAT CCGGAGTGTAAGAAAACACCGACTACAAC GACGGTTTCGTTCTGCCCTGCGCGAT*T*G (SEQ ID N0:69)
galK_KO1.1149	Oligo to delete 1149 bp including a portion of galK	C*G*CGCAGTCAGCGATATCCATTTTCGCGAAT CCGGAGTGTAAGAAACGAAAC
galK_KO1.7895	Oligo to delete 7895 bp including a portion of galK, galM, gpmA, aroG, ybgS, zitB, pnuC, and nadA	C*G*CGCAGTCAGCGATATCCATTTTCGCGAAT CCGGAGTGTAAGAACTTACCATCTCGTTTTAC AGGCTTAACGTTAAAACCGACATTA*G*C (SEQ ID NO:71)

Name	Used for	Sequence
ygaR_wt-f	Set 1.850_wt-f mascPCR	AAGGTGGTATCCCTGGCTATTAG (SEQ ID NO:72)
yqaC_wt-f	Set 1.700_wt-f mascPCR	CGGCGGTGAGGCGTAG (SEQ ID NO:73)
gabT_wt-f	Set 1.600_wt-f mascPCR	TTTTGATGAGGCGAAGCAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:74)
ygaU_wt-f	Set 1.500_wt-f mascPCR	GTTGCGTATTCCGGAAGAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:75)
ygaM_wt-f	Set 1.400_wt-f mascPCR	GTTAAGCATGCGCAAATCGTAG (SEQ ID NO:76)
luxS_wt-f	Set 1.300_wt-f mascPCR	GTTGCAGGAACTGCACATCTAG (SEQ ID NO:77)
mltB_wt-f	Set 1.250_wt-f mascPCR	GCTGGCGCGAGTACAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:78)
srlE_wt-f	Set 1.200_wt-f mascPCR	GGTTTGTCTCCGGTTTTATCTATCAATAG (SEQ ID NO:79)
norW_wt-f	Set 1.150_wt-f mascPCR	GATTGTTGAAAACATTGCCGATGTAG (SEQ ID NO:80)
ascB_wt-f	Set 1.100_wt-f mascPCR	CCAGTAATGGGGAAGATTTAGAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:81)
bioD_wt-f	Set 2.850_wt-f mascPCR	AGTACATAAACCTTGCCTTGTTGTAG (SEQ ID NO:82)
moaE_wt-f	Set 2.700_wt-f mascPCR	GCGGCAAAACGCTGGTAG (SEQ ID NO:83)
ybhM_wt-f	Set 2.600_wt-f mascPCR	AAGGCATACGCGTTTTTTTCATTAG (SEQ ID NO:84)
ybhS_wt-f	Set 2.500_wt-f mascPCR	CCAAACGTCGGCTGGATTAG (SEQ ID NO:85)
ybiH_wt-f	Set 2.400_wt-f mascPCR	AAGGATTATCGCAAAGGAGTTTGTAG (SEQ ID NO:86)
ybiR_wt-f	Set 2.300_wt-f mascPCR	TTAGTTATACTCCCGGCCAACTAG (SEQ ID NO:87)
yliD_wt-f	Set 2.250_wt-f mascPCR	CGCTGGATCCGAAAATTAAAGGATAG (SEQ ID NO:88)
yliE_wt-f	Set 2.200_wt-f mascPCR	TGGGATAAAAGTGGAAAATTAGTAAAAGAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:89)
ybjK_wt-f	Set 2.150_wt-f mascPCR	TTGAGAGGGTTGCAGGGTAG (SEQ ID NO:90)
rimK_wt-f	Set 2.100_wt-f mascPCR	GCCTGAAAACGGGTGGTTAG (SEQ ID NO:91)
ygfJ_wt-f	Set 3.850_wt-f mascPCR	AGCGAAGGAAAGGTATACTGAAATTTAG (SEQ ID NO:92)
recJ_wt-f	Set 3.700_wt-f mascPCR	TCATCGACAATATCTGGCCAATTTAG (SEQ ID NO:93)
argO_wt-f	Set 3.600_wt-f mascPCR	TGCACAAGCCTTGTTCAGTTAG (SEQ ID NO:94)
yggU_wt-f	Set 3.500_wt-f mascPCR	CAGAAATCGCGGCGTTAATTAATTAG (SEQ ID NO:95)
mutY_wt-f	Set 3.400_wt-f mascPCR	GGCGCGCCGGTTTAG (SEQ ID NO:96)
glcC_wt-f	Set 3.300_wt-f mascPCR	GCTGGAGATGAACCTGAGTTAG (SEQ ID NO:97)

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Name	Used for	Sequence
yghQ_wt-f	Set 3.250_wt-f mascPCR	CTCGAAGCGTATGACCTGATTTAG (SEQ ID NO:98)
yghT_wt-f	Set 3.200_wt-f mascPCR	CGCGCGTGGTTATCACTAG (SEQ ID NO:99)
ygiZ_wt-f	Set 3.150_wt-f mascPCR	TGGGGACGGTTTATATTTTGCTATTAG (SEQ ID NO:100)
yqiB_wt-f	Set 3.100_wt-f mascPCR	CGATGGCGATTCCCGGTTTATTAG (SEQ ID NO:235)
ygfJ_WT	Set 3X.850_wt-f mascPCR	GCTGCCGGATTATCATCAAGA (SEQ ID NO:236)
ygfT_WT	Set 3X.700_wt-f mascPCR	GCAATGGCCGCAGGAAGG (SEQ ID NO:101)
ubiH_WT	Set 3X.600_wt-f mascPCR	GCACGGTACGATGGGTAATAGAT (SEQ ID NO:102)
arg0_WT	Set 3X.500_wt-f mascPCR	GAAGTCATGAAGCAAGGCAGA (SEQ ID NO:103)
YqgC_WT	Set 3X.400_wt-f mascPCR	CGGCAGGTATGCAAAGCAGA (SEQ ID NO:104)
trmI_WT	Set 3X.300_wt-f mascPCR	AGTATGGGACTTAATGTTCGAGAGG (SEQ ID NO:105)
glcC_WT	Set 3X.250_wt-f mascPCR	AGGGCGAATCGGCAAGG (SEQ ID NO:106)
yghT_WT	Set 3X.200_wt-f mascPCR	GAAAAATATGGTGCTGCCGAAAGA (SEQ ID NO:107)
ygiZ_WT	Set 3X.150_wt-f mascPCR	CTTCTTACGCCACTTATTATTCTTATCTTAAGA (SEQ ID NO:108)
cpdA_WT	Set 3X.100_wt-f mascPCR	TGGCTGGTGAGGCCAGA (SEQ ID NO:109)
exoX.KO*- wt-f	exoX wt-f mascPCR primer	GCGCATTATCGATACAGAAACCT (SEQ ID NO:110)
xseA.KO*- wt-f	xseA wt-f mascPCR primer	CTTCTCAATCCCCTGCAATTTTTACC (SEQ ID NO:111)
recJ.KO*-wt- f	recJ wt-f mascPCR primer	CAACAGATACAACTTCGTCGCC (SEQ ID NO:112)
xonA.KO*- wt-f	xonA wt-f mascPCR primer	GAATGACGGTAAGCAACAATCTACC (SEQ ID NO:113)
Lexo_WT-f	Lambda exo KO wt-f mascPCR primer	GGCAGCATGACACCGGA (SEQ ID NO:114)
dnaG_Q576A_ wt-f	dnaG_Q576A wt-f mascPCR primer	TGGAGCTCTGGACATTAAAC <u>CA</u> (SEQ ID NO:115)
dnaG_K580A_ wt-f	dnaG_K580A wt-f mascPCR primer	CATTAAAC <u>CA</u> GGAACTGGCG <u>AA</u> (SEQ ID NO:116)
ygaR_mut-f	Set 1.850_mut-f mascPCR	AAGGTGGTATCCCTGGCTATTAA (SEQ ID NO:117)
yqaC_mut-f	Set 1.700_mut-f mascPCR	CGGCGGTGAGGCGTAA (SEQ ID NO:118)
gabT_mut-f	Set 1.600_mut-f mascPCR	TTTTGATGAGGCGAAGCAGTAA (SEQ ID NO:119)
ygaU_mut-f	Set 1.500_mut-f mascPCR	GTTGCGTATTCCGGAAGAGTAA (SEQ ID NO:120)
ygaM_mut-f	Set 1.400_mut-f mascPCR	GTTAAGCATGCGCAAATCGTAA (SEQ ID NO:121)

Name	Used for	Sequence
luxS_mut-f	Set 1.300_mut-f mascPCR	GTTGCAGGAACTGCACATCTAA (SEQ ID NO:122)
mltB_mut-f	Set 1.250_mut-f mascPCR	GCTGGCGCGAGTACAGTAA (SEQ ID NO:123)
srlE_mut-f	Set 1.200_mut-f mascPCR	GGTTTGTCTCCGGTTTTATCTATCAATAA (SEQ ID NO:124)
norW_mut-f	Set 1.150_mut-f mascPCR	GATTGTTGAAAACATTGCCGATGTAA (SEQ ID NO:125)
ascB_mut-f	Set 1.100_mut-f mascPCR	CCAGTAATGGGGAAGATTTAGAGTAA (SEQ ID NO:126)
bioD_mut-f	Set 2.850_mut-f mascPCR	AGTACATAAACCTTGCCTTGTTGTAA (SEQ ID NO:127)
moaE_mut-f	Set 2.700_mut-f mascPCR	GCGGCAAAACGCTGGTAA (SEQ ID NO:128)
ybhM_mut-f	Set 2.600_mut-f mascPCR	AAGGCATACGCGTTTTTTTCATTAA (SEQ ID NO:129)
ybhS_mut-f	Set 2.500_mut-f mascPCR	CCAAACGTCGGCTGGATTAA (SEQ ID NO:130)
ybiH_mut-f	Set 2.400_mut-f mascPCR	AAGGATTATCGCAAAGGAGTTTGTAA (SEQ ID NO:131)
ybiR_mut-f	Set 2.300_mut-f mascPCR	TTAGTTATACTCCCGGCCAACTAA (SEQ ID NO:132)
yliD_mut-f	Set 2.250_mut-f mascPCR	CGCTGGATCCGAAAATTAAAGGATAA (SEQ ID NO:133)
yliE_mut-f	Set 2.200_mut-f mascPCR	TGGGATAAAAGTGGAAAATTAGTAAAAGAGT (SEQ ID NO:134) AA
ybjK_mut-f	Set 2.150_mut-f mascPCR	TTGAGAGGGTTGCAGGGTAA (SEQ ID NO:135)
rimK_mut-f	Set 2.100_mut-f mascPCR	GCCTGAAAACGGGTGGTTAA (SEQ ID NO:136)
ygfJ_mut-f	Set 3.850_mut-f mascPCR	AGCGAAGGAAAGGTATACTGAAATTTAA (SEQ ID NO:137)
recJ_mut-f	Set 3.700_mut-f mascPCR	TCATCGACAATATCTGGCCAATTTAA (SEQ ID NO:138)
arg0_mut-f	Set 3.600_mut-f mascPCR	TGCACAAGCCTTGTTCAGTTAA (SEQ ID NO:139)
yggU_mut-f	Set 3.500_mut-f mascPCR	CAGAAATCGCGGCGTTAATTAATTAA (SEQ ID NO:140)
mutY_mut-f	Set 3.400_mut-f mascPCR	GGCGCGCCGGTTTAA (SEQ ID NO:141)
glcC_mut-fm	Set 3.300_mut-f mascPCR	GCTGGAGATGAACCTGAGTTAA (SEQ ID NO:142)
yghQ_mut-f	Set 3.250_mut-f mascPCR	CTCGAAGCGTATGACCTGATTTAA (SEQ ID NO:143)
yghT_mut-f	Set 3.200_mut-f mascPCR	CGCGCGTGGTTATCACTAA (SEQ ID NO:144)
ygiZ_mut-f	Set 3.150_mut-f mascPCR	TGGGGACGGTTTATATTTTGCTATTAA (SEQ ID NO:145)
yqiB_mut-f	Set 3.100_mut-f mascPCR	CGATGGCGATTCCCGGTTTATTAA (SEQ ID NO:146)
ygfJ_MUT	Set 3X.850_mut-f mascPCR	GCTGCCGGATTATCATCAAGG (SEQ ID NO:147)

Name	Used for	Sequence
ygfT_MUT	Set 3X.700_mut-f mascPCR	GCAATGGCCGCAGGAAGA (SEQ ID NO:148)
ubiH_MUT	Set 3X.600_mut-f mascPCR	GCACGGTACGATGGGTAATAGAC (SEQ ID NO:149)
argO_MUT	Set 3X.500_mut-f mascPCR	GAAGTCATGAAGCAAGGCAGG (SEQ ID NO:150)
YqgC_MUT	Set 3X.400_mut-f mascPCR	GGCAGGTATGCAAAGCAGG (SEQ ID NO:151)
trmI_MUT	Set 3X.300_mut-f mascPCR	GAGTATGGGACTTAATGTTCGAGAGA (SEQ ID NO:152)
glcC_MUT	Set 3.250_mut-f mascPCR	GAGGGCGAATCGGCAAGA (SEQ ID NO:153)
yghT_MUT	Set 3X.200_mut-f mascPCR	AAAATATGGTGCTGCCGAAAGG (SEQ ID NO:154)
ygiZ_MUT	Set 3X.150_mut-f mascPCR	CTTCTTACGCCACTTATTATTCTTATCTTAAGG (SEQ ID NO:155)
cpdA_MUT	Set 3X.100_mut-f mascPCR	GGCTGGTGAGGCCAGG (SEQ ID NO:156)
exoX.KO*- mut-f	exoX mut-f mascPCR primer	GCGCATTATCGATACAGAAACTGA (SEQ ID NO:157)
xseA.KO*- mut-f	xseA mut-f mascPCR primer	CTTCTCAATCCCCTGCAATTGA (SEQ ID NO:158)
recJ.KO*- mut-f	recJ mut-f mascPCR primer	CAACAGATACAACTTCGTCGTGA (SEQ ID NO:159)
xonA.KO*- mut-f	xonA mut-f mascPCR primer	GAATGACGGTAAGCAACAATCTGA (SEQ ID NO:160)
Lexo_MUT-f	Lambda exo KO mut-f mascPCR primer	TGGCAGCATGACACCGTAA (SEQ ID NO:161)
dnaG_Q576A_ mut-f	dnaG_Q576A mut-f mascPCR primer	GGAGCTCTGGACATTAAACGC (SEQ ID NO:162)
dnaG_K580A_ mut-f	dnaG_K580A mut-f mascPCR primer	AC <u>CA</u> GGAACTGGCG <u>GC</u> (SEQ ID NO:163)
ygaR_rev	Set 1.850_rev mascPCR	TAGGTAGAGCAACCTTTATTAAGCTACG (SEQ ID NO:164)
yqaC_rev	Set 1.700_rev mascPCR	TAAAAATATCTACATTTCTGAAAAATGCGCA (SEQ ID NO:165)
gabT_rev	Set 1.600_rev mascPCR	GCGGCGATGTTGGCTT (SEQ ID NO:166)
ygaU_rev	Set 1.500_rev mascPCR	AGGGTATCGGGTGGCG (SEQ ID NO:167)
ygaM_rev	Set 1.400_rev mascPCR	CGCAACGCTTCTGCCG (SEQ ID NO:168)
luxS_rev	Set 1.300_rev mascPCR	ATGCCCAGGCGATGTACA (SEQ ID NO:169)
mltB_rev	Set 1.250_rev mascPCR	AGACTCGGCAGTTGTTACGG (SEQ ID NO:170)
srlE_rev	Set 1.200_rev mascPCR	GGATGGAGTGCACCTTTCAAC (SEQ ID NO:171)
norW_rev	Set 1.150_rev mascPCR	GTGTTGCATTTGGACACCATTG (SEQ ID NO:172)
ascB_rev	Set 1.100-rev mascPCR	CGCTTATCGGGCCTTCATG (SEQ ID NO:173)

Name	Used for	Sequence
bioD_rev	Set 2.850_rev mascPCR	CGGGAAGAACTCTTTCATTTCGC (SEQ ID NO:174)
moaE_rev	Set 2.700_rev mascPCR	CGTCAATCCGACAAAGACAATCA (SEQ ID NO:175)
ybhM_rev	Set 2.600_rev mascPCR	TTACTGGCAGGGATTATCTTTACCG (SEQ ID NO:176)
ybhS_rev	Set 2.500_rev mascPCR	CTGTTGTTAGGTTTCGGTTTTCCT (SEQ ID NO:177)
ybiH_rev	Set 2.400_rev mascPCR	GTCATAGGCGGCTTGCG (SEQ ID NO:178)
ybiR_rev	Set 2.300_rev mascPCR	ATGAGCCGGTAAAAGCGAC (SEQ ID NO:179)
yliD_rev	Set 2.250-rev mascPCR	AATAAAATTATCAGCCTTATCTTTATCTTTTCG TATAAA (SEQ ID NO:180)
yliE_rev	Set 2.200_rev mascPCR	CAGCAATATTTGCCACCGCA (SEQ ID NO:181)
ybjK_rev	Set 2.150_rev mascPCR	AACTTTTCCGCAGGGCATC (SEQ ID NO:182)
rimK_rev	Set 2.100_rev mascPCR	TACAACCTCTTTCGATAAAAAGACCG (SEQ ID NO:183)
ygfJ_rev	Set 3.850 rev mascPCR	GATGAACTGTTGCATCGGCG (SEQ ID NO:184)
recJ_rev	Set 3.700 rev mascPCR	CTGTACGCAGCCAGCC (SEQ ID NO:185)
arg0_rev	Set 3.600 rev mascPCR	AATCGCTGCCTTACGCG (SEQ ID NO:186)
yggU_rev	Set 3.500 rev mascPCR	TAACCAAAGCCACCAGTGC (SEQ ID NO:187)
mutY_rev	Set 3.400 rev mascPCR	CGCGAGATATTTTTCATCATTCCG (SEQ ID NO:188)
glcC_rev	Set 3.300 rev mascPCR	GGGCAAAATTGCTGTGGC (SEQ ID NO:189)
yghQ_rev	Set 3.250 rev mascPCR	ACCAACTGGCGATGTTATTCAC (SEQ ID NO:190)
yghT_rev	Set 3.200 rev mascPCR	GACGATGGTGGTGGACGG (SEQ ID NO:191)
ygiZ_rev	Set 3.150 rev mascPCR	ATCGCCAAATTGCATGGCA (SEQ ID NO:192)
yqiB_rev	Set 3.100 rev mascPCR	AAAATCCTGACTCTGGCCTCA (SEQ ID NO:193)
ygfJ_rev	Set 3X.850 rev mascPCR	TCTGTTTGCACTGCGGGTAC (SEQ ID NO:194)
ygfT_rev	Set 3X.700 rev mascPCR	TGGTTGGGCAATCTAATAGATTCTCC (SEQ ID NO:195)
ubiH_rev	Set 3X.600 rev mascPCR	atgAGCGTAATCATCGTCGGTG (SEQ ID NO:196)
arg0_rev	Set 3X.500 rev mascPCR	CCGTCTCTCGCCAGCTG (SEQ ID NO:197)
yqgC_rev	Set 3X.400 rev mascPCR	AGCACACGACGTTTCTTTCG (SEQ ID NO:198)
trml_rev	Set 3X.300 rev mascPCR	ATCTGTTCTTCCGATGTACCTTCC (SEQ ID NO:199)

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Name	Used for	Sequence
glcC_rev	Set 3X.250 rev mascPCR	CTTCCAGCTCGATATCGTGGAG (SEQ ID NO:200)
yghT_rev	Set 3X.200 rev mascPCR	CACCACCAAAGGTTAACTGTGG (SEQ ID NO:201)
ygiZ_rev	Set 3X.150 rev mascPCR	CACAAACCAGACAAATACCGAGC (SEQ ID NO:202)
cpdA_rev	Set 3X.100 rev mascPCR	CGATGGTATCCAGCGTAAAGTTG (SEQ ID NO:203)
exoX.KO*-r	exoX rev mascPCR primer	GACCATGGCTTCGGTGATG (SEQ ID NO:204)
xseA.KO*-r	xseA rev mascPCR primer	GGTACGCTTAAGTTGATTTTCCAGC (SEQ ID NO:205)
recJ.KO*-r	recJ rev mascPCR primer	GGCCTGATCGACCACTTCC (SEQ ID NO:206)
xonA.KO*-r	xonA rev mascPCR primer	GAAATGTCTCCTGCCAAATCCAC (SEQ ID NO:207)
Lexo-r	Lambda exo KO rev mascPCR primer	CAAGGCCGTTGCCGTC (SEQ ID NO:208)
dnaG_seq-r	dnaG rev mascPCR primer for both Q576A and K580A	GCTCCATAAGACGGTATCCACA (SEQ ID NO:209)
Rx-P19	forward screening primer for wt tolC deletion	GTTTCTCGTGCAATAATTTCTACATC (SEQ ID NO:210)
Rx-P20	reverse screening primer for wt tolC deletion	CGTATGGATTTTGTCCGTTTCA (SEQ ID NO:211)
lacZ_jackpot_ seq-f	forward sequencing primer for lacZ jackpot alleles	GAATTGTGAGCGGATAACAATTTC (SEQ ID NO:212)
lacZ_jackpot_ seq-r	reverse sequencing primer for lacZ jackpot alleles	CCAGCGGCTTACCATCC (SEQ ID NO:213)
cat_mut*	cat inactivation oligo	G*C*ATCGTAAAGAACATTTTGAGGCATTTCA GTCAGTTGCTTAATGTACCTATAACCAGACCG TTCAGCTGGATATTACGGCCTTTTTA*A*A (SEQ ID NO:214)
cat_restore*	cat reactivation oligo	G*C*ATCGTAAAGAACATTTTGAGGCATTTCA GTCAGTTGCTCAATGTACCTATAACCAGACCG TTCAGCTGGATATTACGGCCTTTTTA*A*A (SEQ ID NO:215)
tolC- r_null_mut*	tolC inactivation oligo	A*G*CAAGCACGCCTTAGTAACCCGGAATTGC GTAAGTCTGCCGCTAAATCGTGATGCTGCCTT TGAAAAAATTAATGAAGCGCGCAGTCCA (SEQ ID N0:216)
tolC- r_null_revert*	tolC reactivation oligo	C*A*GCAAGCACGCCTTAGTAACCCGGAATTG CGTAAGTCTGCCGCCGATCGTGATGCTGCCTT TGAAAAAATTAATGAAGCGCGCAGTCCA (SEQ ID N0:217)
tolC_null_ revert*	tolC reactivation oligo (leading targeting)	T*G*GACTGCGCGCTTCATTAATTTTTTCAAAG GCAGCATCACGATCGGCGGCAGACTTACGCA ATTCCGGGTTACTAAGGCGTGCTTGCTG (SEQ ID N0:218)
bla_mut*	bla inactivation oligo	G*C*C*A*CATAGCAGAACTTTAAAAGTGCTCA TCATTGGAAAACGTTATTAGGGGCGAAAACTC TCAAGGATCTTACCGCTGTTGAGATCCAG (SEQ ID NO:219)
bla_restore*	bla reactivation oligo	G*C*C*A*CATAGCAGAACTTTAAAAGTGCTCA TCATTGGAAAACGTTCTTCGGGGCGAAAACTC TCAAGGATCTTACCGCTGTTGAGATCCAG (SEQ ID N0:220)

Name	Used for	Sequence
313000.T.lac Z.coMAGE-f	Cassette primer for T.co-lacZ (lacZ coselection)	TGCTTCTCATGAACGATAACACAACTTGTTCA TGAATTAACCATTCCGGATTGAGGCACATTAA CGCC (SEQ ID NO:221)
313001.T.lac Z.coMAGE-r	Cassette primer for T.co-lacZ (lacZ coselection)	ACGGAAACCAGCCAGTTCCTTTCGATGCCTGA ATTTGATCCCATAGTTTATCTAGGGCGGCGGA TT (SEQ ID N0:222)
312869.seq-f	Screening primer for tolC (lacZ coselection)	GAACTTGCACTACCCATCG (SEQ ID NO:223)
313126.seq-r	Screening primer for tolC (lacZ coselection)	AGTGACGGGTTAATTATCTGAAAG (SEQ ID NO:224)
1255700.S. 12.13b-f	Cassette primer for S.12.13b	TTTCATCTTGCCAGCATATTGGAGCGTGATCA ATTTTGATCAGCTGTGAACAGCCAGGACAGAA ATGC (SEQ ID NO:225)
1255701.S. 12.13b-r	Cassette primer for S.12.13b	CATTAGCAGTGATATAACGTAAGTTTTTGTAT CACTACACATCAGCCCCCTGCAGAAATAAAA AGGCCTGC (SEQ ID NO:226)
1255550.Seq-f	Screening primer for S.12.13b	CATTTTTGCATTACTAATAAGAAAAAGCAAA (SEQ ID NO:227)
1255850.Seq-r	Screening primer for S.12.13b	GTCCTAATCATTCTTGTAACATCCTAC (SEQ ID NO:228)
1710450.Z.16. 17b-f	Cassette primer for Z.16.17b	TCAGGTTAAAATCATTTAAATTTACACACGCA ACAAATATTGACCTACAAGGTGTTGACAATTA ATCATCGGC (SEQ ID NO:229)
1710451.Z.16. 17b-r	Cassette primer for Z.16.17b	TTTTTACTAGTGAGATAGTCCAGTTTCTGAAA AATAGCCAGTGTAATGTTAGCTTGCAAATTAA AGCCTTCG (SEQ ID NO:230)
1710300.Seq-f	Screening primer for Z.16.17b	TCAGGTAATCCGTTTGCGG (SEQ ID NO:231)
1710600.Seq-r	Screening primer for Z.16.17b	AACGGCAGATTTTTTCACTGC (SEQ ID NO:232)
LacZ::KanR. full-f	Cassette primer for lacZ::kanR	TGACCATGATTACGGATTCACTGGCCGTCGTT TTACAACGTCGTGCCTGTGACGGAAGATCACT TCG (SEQ ID NO:233)
LacZ::KanR. full-r	Cassette primer for lacZ::kanR	GTGCTGCAAGGCGATTAAGTTGGGTAACGCCA GGGTTTTCCCAGTAACCAGCAATAGACATAAG CGG (SEO ID NO.234)

TABLE 1-continued

EXAMPLE II

Strain Creation

Oligo-mediated λ Red recombination was used to generate all mutations as described below. All of the strains described herein were generated from EcNR2 (Escherichia coli MG1655 ΔmutS::cat Δ(ybhB-bioAB)::[λcI857 N(croea59)::tetR-bla]). Strain Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A was generated 55 by recombining oligo dnaG_Q576A into strain Nuc5-(EcNR2 XonA⁻, recJ⁻, XseA⁻, eXoX⁻, and red α^- ; Mosberg, J. A., Gregg, C. J., et al., in review). EcNR2.DT was created by deleting the endogenous tolC gene using the tolC90.del recombineering oligo. EcNR2.T.co-lacZ was created by 60 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

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
approXimately equivalent, while Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A has a 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 313001.T.lacZ.coMAGE-r (Table 1). The PCR was performed using KAPA HiFi HotStart ReadyMiX, with primer concentrations of 0.5 μ M and 1 μ L of T.5.6 used as template (a terminator was introduced downstream of the stop codon in the tolC cassette). PCRs (50 μ L 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 μ L H₂O).

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 λ Red Recombination

 λ Red recombinations of ssDNA and dsDNA were per- 10 formed as previously described, See DeVito, J. A. (2008), Recombineering with toIC 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^{L} and grown at 30° 15 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 λ 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 (dH₂O). Cells were pelleted between each wash by centrifuging at 16,000 rcf for 20 seconds. The cell pellet was resuspended in 50 µL of dH₂O 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 λEXo is necessary to process dsDNA into a recombinogenic ssDNA intermediate prior to β-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 eXperiments in which a single oligo was recombined, 1 µM of oligo was used. For eXperiments in which sets of ten or twenty recombineering oligos were recombined along with a co- 35 selection oligo, 0.5 µM of each recombineering oligo and 0.2 μ M of the co-selection oligo were used (5.2 μ M total for 10-pleX and 10.2 µM total for 20-pleX). A BioRad GenePulser[™] was used for electroporation (0.1 cm cuvette, 1.78 kV, 200 Ω , 25 μ F), and electroporated cells were 40 allowed to recover in 3 mL LB^{L} in a rotator drum at 30° C. for at least 3 hours before plating on selective media. For MAGE and CoS-MAGE eXperiments, cultures were recovered 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 λ Red induction/electroporation). MAGE recovery cultures were diluted to ~5000 cfu/mL, and 50 µL 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 ~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 μ g/mL 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 plating.

EXAMPLE V

Recombination Analysis

GalK activity was assayed by plating recovered recombination 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^L 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 μL, with 0.5 μM 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 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 interrogated 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 $T_m \sim 62^\circ$ C., but a gradient PCR is necessary to optimize annealing temperature (typically 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 wtdetecting 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 prepared by growing monoclonal colonies to late-log phase in 150 uL LB^{L} and diluting 2 uL of culture into 100 uL dH2O. Typical mascPCR reactions use KAPA2GFast MultipleX PCR ReadyMiX and 10× Kapa dye in a total volume of 10 μ L, with 0.2 μ M of each primer and 2 μ L of template. These PCRs were carried out with an initial activation step at 95° C. (3 min), then cycled 27 times at 95° 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.

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, J A, Gregg, C J, et al. (in review). Given the sample sizes tested in the CoS-MAGE eXperiments (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. 60 and Church, G. M. (2011), MultipleXed genome engineering 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.K580A, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, & EcNR2.nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A) for a given oligo set. Subsequently, a Student's t-test was used to make pairwise com-

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 different strains although only EcNR2. EcNR2.dnaG.O576A, -5 EcNR2.dnaG.K580K, & EcNR2.nuc5-.dnaG.O576A 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 HiFi HotStart ReadyMiX as described above. PCR purified (Qiagen PCR purification kit) amplicons were submitted to Genewiz for Sanger sequencing in both directions using 25 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 performed to ensure consistency, but only one replicate was 30 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 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 45 prior to eXtension as a nascent Okazaki Fragment, See 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 fragment length EcNR2.dnaG.K580A in and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A.

TABLE 2

[Primase] (nM)	WT dnaG Okazaki Frag (kb)	K580A Okazaki Frag (kb)	Q576A Okazaki Frag (kb)	6
80	2.5	5	23	-
160	1.5	2.5	18	
320	1	1	8	
640	0.8	nd	3	
Average Fold effect c	ompared to WT	1.6	8.2	6

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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 concentrations were compared and the average fold difference was determined (variant OF length/wt OF length). The in vivo OF lengths of ~2.3-3.1 kb and ~12-16 kb were estimated for the K580A and Q576A mutants, respectively, based on the reported ~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.

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. Since the DnaG-DnaB interaction is necessary for primase 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 indicated 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 55 FIG. 2. EcNR2 (wt) and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A (Q576A) were tested for their MAGE performance without co-selection 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 0 using stacked AR frequency plots, which show the distribution of clones eXhibiting a given number of allele conversions. 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 tolC for Set 3). Also, the dnaG.Q576A mutation was intro-5 duced into Nuc5-. EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A robustly outperformed EcNR2, yielding a significantly increased mean number of alleles converted (mean±std. error of mean) for Set 1 (FIG. 3B, left panel, 1.43±0.12 vs. 0.96±0.07. **p=0.0003), Set 2 (FIG. 3B, middle panel, 2.63±0.13 vs. 10 2.04±0.10, **p=0.0003), and Set 3 (FIG. 3B, right panel, 2.54±0.14 vs. 1.22±0.07, ***p<0.0001). In agreement with the previous observation for MAGE without co-selection, EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A eXhibited an increased AR distribution for all three oligo sets in CoS-MAGE (FIG. 3A). 15 Furthermore, EcNR2.dnaG.K580A (intermediate-sized OFs) appears to have intermediate performance between 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 20 strand of the replication fork enhances Red_β-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 vielded the highest observed AR frequencies for all oligo sets, suggesting a combined effect of decreasing oligo degradation through nuclease inactivation and increasing the amount of eXposed target ssDNA at the lagging strand of the replication fork. EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A strongly outperformed Nuc5- for Set 3 (***p<0.0001), whereas EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A 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 importance 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.

TABLE 3

.dnaG.Q576A Nuc5dnaG.Q576A un ± SEM Mean ± SEM (n) (n)	EcN I	Nuc5- Mean ± SEM (n)	EcNR2 Mean ± SEM (n)	Set
3 ± 0.12 2.30 ± 0.25		1.58 ± 0.10	0.96 ± 0.07	1
(141) (92)		(257)	(319)	
3 ± 0.13 3.72 ± 0.17		2.89 ± 0.19	2.04 ± 0.10	2
(236) (191)		(142)	(269)	2
4 ± 0.14 2.59 ± 0.19		1.61 ± 0.12	1.22 ± 0.07	3
$\begin{array}{ll} (141) \\ 3 \pm 0.13 & 3. \\ (236) \\ 4 \pm 0.14 & 2. \\ (184) \end{array}$		$(257) 2.89 \pm 0.19 (142) 1.61 \pm 0.12 (139)$	$(319) 2.04 \pm 0.10 (269) 1.22 \pm 0.07 (327)$	2 3

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).

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TABLE	4

Metric	Set	Nuc5-	E2.dnaG.Q576A	Nuc5dnaG.Q576A
Average	1	1.65	1.49	2.40
-	2	1.41	1.29	1.82
	3	1.32	2.08	2.12
	Average	1.46	1.62	2.11
5+ Con-	1	5.28	3.96	10.18
ver-	2	2.65	2.01	4.11
sions	3	1.07	4.20	4.52
	Average	3.00	3.39	6.27
0 Con-	1	0.67	0.68	0.24
ver-	2	0.58	0.79	0.35
sions	3	0.71	0.40	0.30
	Average	0.65	0.62	0.29

Table 4 shows CoS-MAGE allele replacement performance 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 Nuc5and 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 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)±standard error of the mean. (C) AR frequencies for each individual allele are shown for all tested strains. Overall, the relative performance of each Nuc5-.dnaG.Q576A>EcNR2.dnaG. strain was 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 disrupted 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.O576A, n=141; Nuc5⁻.dnaG.O576A, n=47. For Set 2: EcNR2, n=269; EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, n=111; EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=236; Nuc5⁻.dnaG.Q576A, 5 n=191. For set 3: EcNR2, n=327; EcNR2.dnaG.K580A, n=136; EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=184; Nuc5⁻.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 performance 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 20 theory, nascent Okazaki Fragments sometimes obstruct target alleles, leading to a non-accessible lagging strand. Successful 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 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 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±0.23 (mean±standard error of the mean) conversions per clone, whereas 84% of the EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A clones were white with 2.52±0.25 45 allele conversions per clone (FIG. 4A, 4C). While EcNR2.dnaG.O576A 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⁻ recombinant clones were Sanger sequenced to assay all 10 alleles. Recombinations were performed in triplicate

to estimate the frequency of white colonies (lacZ-), but sequencing was only performed on a single replicate. (A) EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A (n=715, 5.33:1) eXhibited a significant increase in the $lacZ^{-}:lacZ^{+}$ 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). ¹⁰ For EcNR2, n=39, and for EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=55. (D) 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 significant 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

A MAGE 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 conversions attempted. One round of CoS-MAGE using the combined 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 (1.35-fold) for EcNR2; 1.97 (1.02-fold)for EcNR2.dnaG.K580A; 2.96 (1.17-fold) for .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 electroporation, 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 simultaneous 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 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 frequencies. 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⁻.dnaG.Q576A strongly outperforms all other strains, ⁵ 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; ¹⁰ EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, n=95; Nuc5⁻.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 Redß-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-selection 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±std. error of the mean, n=88), whereas EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A gave 1.39±0.18 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 recombination frequencies nearly within two-fold of those attained with lagging-targeting CoS-MAGE (1.22±0.07 VS. 2.54±0.14 for EcNR2 and EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A, respec-EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A eXhibited significantly 40 tivelv). 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 targeting oligos increases the AR frequency of other alleles 45 spanning a large genomic distance (~0.5 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 reduction 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 with increasing distance from the selectable marker (top 55 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

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

MAGE is most effective at introducing short mismatches, 10 insertions, and deletions, as these can be efficiently generated using λ Red-mediated recombination without direct selection. However, large deletions and gene-sized insertions are also important classes of mutations that could increase the scope of applications for MAGE. For eXample, 15 combinatorial deletions could be harnessed for minimizing genomes, See Erler, A., Wegmann, S., Elie-Caille, C., Bradshaw, 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 Implications for Its Structural Relationship with Rad52, 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 reducedgenome 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 Redß-mediated recombination, but that insertion frequency is highly dependent on insert size (presumably due to constraints on λ 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 improvement 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 perspective of the ssDNA intermediate model for λ Red recombideletion frequency was enhanced nation, in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A especially for intermediate-sized deletions (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 outperformed 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 resistance cassette (lacZ::kanR, 1.3 kb) targeted to lacZ was quantified. Insertion of lacZ::kanR (4, 14) in three replicates yielded recombination frequencies of $1.81E-04\pm6.24E-05$ in 15 EcNR2 versus $1.28E-04\pm4.52E-05$ in EcNR2.dnaG.Q576A (p=0.30 by unpaired t-test). Modifying DnaG primase function does not appear to significantly affect λ Red-mediated gene insertion.

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EQUIVALENTS

Other embodiments will be evident to those of skill in the ¹⁵ art. It should be understood that the foregoing description is provided for clarity only and is merely eXemplary. The spirit and scope of the present invention are not limited to the above eXample, but are encompassed by the claims. All publications, patents and patent applications cited above are ²⁰ incorporated by reference herein in their entirety for all purposes to the same eXtent as if each individual publication or patent application were specifically indicated to be so incorporated by reference.

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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 transforming 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 oligomer 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 recombination.

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 disrupted 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 disrupted 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 oligomer two or more times, wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is introduced into the genome of the cell through recombination, and wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is singlestranded 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 recombination.

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

**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 disrupted 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 disrupted 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 recombination, and wherein the nucleic acid oligomer is singlestranded 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.

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