

PCR WITH GENOMIC DNA

Reactions are carried out in 25 μ l. The annealing temperature may need to be varied depending on the primers used. The extension time is roughly proportional to the size of fragment being amplified - e.g. up to 1 kb of DNA needs about 1 minute extension, up to 2 kb needs about 2 minutes. If the reaction is carried out on maize then 1.25 μ l of DMSO or 5 μ l of 5 M betaine should be added to the reaction.

1. Mix together the following, on ice:

genomic DNA	50-100ng
10x Taq buffer	2.5 μ l
MgCl ₂ (25 mM)	1.5 μ l
dNTPs (10 mM)	0.5 μ l
each primer (10 μ M)	0.5 μ l
dH ₂ O	to 24.75 μ l

2. Add 0.25 μ l Taq (still on ice).

3. Place tubes in PCR machine and start run:

Step 1	94°C	2 minutes
Step 2	94°C	30 secs
Step 3	55°C	30 secs
Step 4	72°C	1-2 minutes
Step 5	repeat steps 2-4, 34 times	
Step 6	72°C	10 minutes
Step 7	4°C	