

1 **pOPIN-GG: A resource for modular assembly in protein expression**

2 **vectors**

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23 **Highlights**

- 24 • pOPIN-GG expression vectors allow for modular cloning enabling rapid screening of
25 purification and solubility tags at no loss of expression compared to previous vectors.
- 26 • Cloning into the pOPIN-GG vectors can be performed from PCR products or from level
27 0 vectors containing the required parts.
- 28 • Several vectors with different resistances and origins of replication have been
29 generated allowing the effective co-expression and purification of protein complexes.
- 30 • All pOPIN-GG vectors generated here are available on Addgene, as well as level 0
31 acceptors and tags.

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39 **Abstract**

40 The ability to recombinantly produce target proteins is essential to many biochemical,
41 structural, and biophysical assays that allow for interrogation of molecular mechanisms behind
42 protein function. Purification and solubility tags are routinely used to maximise the yield and
43 ease of protein expression and purification from *E. coli*. A major hurdle in high-throughput
44 protein expression trials is the cloning required to produce multiple constructs with different
45 solubility tags. Here we report a modification of the well-established pOPIN expression vector
46 suite to be compatible with modular cloning via Type IIS restriction enzymes. This allows users
47 to rapidly generate multiple constructs with any desired tag, introducing modularity in the
48 system and delivering compatibility with other modular cloning vector systems, for example
49 streamlining the process of moving between expression hosts. We demonstrate these
50 constructs maintain the expression capability of the original pOPIN vector suite and can also
51 be used to efficiently express and purify protein complexes, making these vectors an excellent
52 resource for high-throughput protein expression trials.

53 **Introduction**

54 Understanding protein function is key to answering many biological questions. Biochemical,
55 structural, and biophysical techniques that probe the molecular mechanisms behind protein
56 function are reliant on the production of purified protein for use in these assays. Procedures
57 for protein expression and purification from *Escherichia coli* have been advanced by
58 methodologies which allow for the high-throughput generation of constructs (Rosano and
59 Ceccarelli, 2014). Intrinsic to generating soluble protein of the more difficult targets in *E. coli*
60 is the capacity to test multiple solubility tags, such as the Small Ubiquitin-like modifier (SUMO)
61 or the Maltose Binding Protein (MBP) tags, which allow for the production of proteins that
62 would be otherwise insoluble (di Guana et al., 1988; Malakhov et al., 2004). Further, the use
63 of purification tags frequently allows for rapid capture of proteins of interest from cell lysates.
64 However, purification and solubility tags are often vector-linked, encoded in the expression
65 vector upstream of the cloning site of the target gene. As such, the lack of modularity of
66 purification and solubility tags in expression vectors presents a bottleneck in high-throughput
67 expression screens as the user is limited to the solubility tags encoded in the vectors available
68 to them. Therefore, tackling the problem of modularity represents an opportunity to increase
69 the efficiency of expression trials, and readily allows for the incorporation of novel purification
70 and solubility tags as they are developed.

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72 The pOPIN vector suite, generated by the Oxford Protein Production Facility (OPPF), is a set
73 of expression vectors encoding various purification and solubility tags at either the N- or C-
74 terminus of the gene of interest (GOI) (Berrow et al., 2007). These vectors allow for a
75 straightforward cloning method via ligation independent cloning (LIC) and rapid generation of
76 constructs. Furthermore, the pOPIN vectors are compatible with multiple hosts, with many
77 being able to be used in bacterial, insect and mammalian cell hosts (Berrow et al., 2007). One
78 shortcoming of these excellent vectors is a lack of modularity, meaning users are restricted to
79 the solubility tags provided in the vector suite.

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81 Golden Gate cloning (also known as Greengate cloning or MoClo) represents a fast and
82 efficient method of cloning genes through the use of Type IIS restriction endonucleases that
83 cut outside their recognition site to reveal user defined four nucleotide overhangs at both the
84 5' and 3' ends of the DNA (Engler et al., 2008). These overhangs can be exploited to allow
85 scarless cloning, as well as for design and assembly of multiple DNA fragments in a single
86 ligation reaction (Padgett and Sorge, 1996). They also allow for efficient subcloning between
87 vectors (Engler et al., 2008). Golden Gate cloning allows for the generation of diverse “level
88 0” parts, which can be promoters, the GOI, terminators, epitope tags etc. These can then be
89 assembled into “level 1” expression cassettes, which themselves can be further cloned along
90 with other level 1 expression cassettes to give rise to “level 2” multi-gene assemblies.
91 Moreover, the scarless nature of Golden Gate cloning makes the technique excellent for
92 synthetic design approaches such as assembling chimeric proteins, allowing the generation
93 of protein domain-swaps, or tagging proteins. Due to its high efficiency, modularity, and well
94 established sequential cloning strategy, Golden Gate cloning has been incorporated in
95 multiple vector systems for eukaryotic expression, such as plants or insect cells (Engler et al.,
96 2014, 2009; Neuhold et al., 2020).

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98 Here, we present a modified pOPIN vector suite we call pOPIN-GG that takes advantage of
99 Golden Gate cloning (Engler et al., 2009, 2008) to incorporate modularity into the pOPIN
100 vectors without disrupting efficacy of expression. These vectors also allow cross-compatibility
101 with other Golden Gate systems, such as plant expression binary vectors (Engler et al., 2014;
102 Patron et al., 2015), and simple one-pot reactions which allow for the bespoke construction of
103 expression vectors containing the GOI and desired purification or solubility tags. We
104 demonstrate that the pOPIN-GG vectors express comparable levels of protein to those of the
105 classic pOPIN suite, whilst also enabling the user to selectively vary the choice of tags. This
106 incorporation of modularity in protein expression supplied by pOPIN-GG vectors further

107 advances high-throughput protein expression trials and subsequent preparative purification in
108 *E. coli*.

109 **Results**

110 *Cloning into the pOPIN-GG vectors.*

111 Cloning into the pOPIN-GG vectors follows standard Golden Gate protocols where matching
112 overhangs between acceptor vector and inserts, revealed by digestion with a Type IIS
113 endonuclease, *BsaI*, are ligated with T4 ligase (Engler et al., 2009, 2008). Here, we have
114 engineered two sets of overhangs into the pOPIN-GG vectors: 5' CCAT and 3' GCTT for
115 pOPIN-GG N-terminal tag compatible vectors (pPGN), and 5' AATG and 3' GCTT overhangs
116 for pOPIN-GG C-terminal tag compatible vectors (pPGC). The pPGN and pPGC vectors have
117 been developed with two different options for antibiotic selection, carbenicillin (the pPGN-C
118 and pPGC-C vectors) and kanamycin (the pPGN-K and pPGC-K vectors), which allows for
119 co-expression via bacterial co-transformation. Annotated vector maps of these pOPIN-GG
120 acceptors are shown in Figure 1, detailing the changes made to the original pOPIN-F and
121 pOPIN-A vectors (the modifications are further described in the experimental procedures).

122 Cloning of GOIs into the pOPIN-GG vectors are based on a common syntax for Type IIS
123 endonuclease-mediated assembly (Patron et al., 2015). For cloning of N-terminally tagged
124 GOIs into pPGN, the desired N-terminal tag must have the overhangs 5' CCAT and 3' AATG,
125 and the GOI have the overhangs 5' AATG and 3' GCTT, when revealed by digestion with *BsaI*.
126 For cloning into pPGC, the GOI requires the overhangs 5' AATG and 3' TTCG and the C-
127 terminal tag must have the overhangs 5' TTCG and 3' GCTT. In addition, a GOI encoding an
128 untagged protein can be cloned by using the 5' AATG and 3' GCTT overhangs and one of the
129 C-terminal tagging compatible pPGC vectors, which contain the 5'AATG and 3' GCTT
130 overhangs. Figure 2 visualises the compatible overhangs between vector, tag and insert for
131 cloning to produce N-terminally tagged, C-terminally tagged, and untagged proteins.
132 Overhangs can be introduced into a desired sequence through either PCR with primers
133 containing overhangs and a *BsaI* site (Table 1), or through *BsaI*-digestion of a compatible level
134 0 entry vector containing either tag or insert of interest. This highlights a major advantage of
135 the pOPIN-GG vectors, by which a single PCR amplification or level 0 vector containing the

136 GOI with the appropriate N-terminal or C-terminal tagging overhangs can be used for multiple
137 simultaneous digestion-ligation reactions as the overhangs remain universal between
138 acceptor, tag, and insert. pOPIN-GG acceptors along with multiple level 0 vectors containing
139 N-terminal and C-terminal tags with the necessary overhangs for cloning are listed in Table 2.

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141 *The pOPIN-GG vectors maintain protein expression levels comparable to the original pOPIN*
142 *vectors.*

143 To test the efficacy of the pOPIN-GG vectors for protein expression, we cloned AVR-PikF (a
144 small, secreted effector protein from the blast fungus *Magnaporthe oryzae* (Longya et al.,
145 2019)), into the vectors pOPIN-F (N-terminal 6xHIS-3C), pOPIN-S3C (N-terminal 6xHIS-
146 SUMO-3C), pOPIN-M (N-terminal 6xHIS-MBP-3C) and pOPIN-E (C-terminal 6xHIS
147 uncleavable), and generated the equivalent constructs using our pOPIN-GG system (see
148 experimental procedures). We also cloned AVR-PikF with a 6xHIS-GB1 solubility tag
149 (Kobashigawa et al., 2009), to which we did not have access to the pOPIN equivalent, to
150 demonstrate the adaptability of the pOPIN-GG system. Figure 3 shows a comparison between
151 AVR-PikF expressed in the *E. coli* SHuffle strain using the gene cloned in the original pOPIN
152 vectors and the pOPIN-GG vectors and after benchtop Ni²⁺-immobilised metal affinity
153 chromatography (IMAC) purification. We observed no significant differences in the yield of
154 protein between the pOPIN vectors and new pOPIN-GG vectors, demonstrating the pOPIN-
155 GG vectors retain the same capacity for protein production as the parent vectors.

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157 *The pOPIN-GG vectors are compatible with co-expression.*

158 To further demonstrate the flexibility of the pOPIN-GG vectors, we next cloned an interaction
159 partner of AVR-PikF, OsHIPP19 (Maidment et al., 2021), into pPGN-C with a 6xHIS-GB1 tag.
160 We co-transformed *E. coli* SHuffle cells with the 6xHIS-GB1-OsHIPP19 vector and an
161 untagged variant of AVR-PikF (in pPGC-K), expressed the proteins, and performed Ni²⁺-IMAC
162 coupled with size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to purify a complex between AVR-PikF
163 and OsHIPP19 (Figure 4). SDS-PAGE shows both proteins are expressed and purified, with

- 164 AVR-PikF co-purified along with OsHIPP19 (Figure 4). These results demonstrate the pOPIN-
- 165 GG vectors can be used for efficient expression and purification of protein complexes.

166 **Discussion**

167 The ability to test multiple purification and solubility tags in *E. coli* expression trials is important
168 for determining the best conditions for protein production. High-throughput expression trials
169 allow the user to explore potential avenues for successful protein production, and a key step
170 is the ability to clone the gene of interest easily and effectively into a variety of constructs with
171 different purification and solubility tags. Here we describe pOPIN-GG, a modification of the
172 pOPIN vector suite, which allows for modular cloning using Golden Gate. The redesigned
173 pOPIN-GG vector suite retains the expression levels of the pOPIN vectors (with the proteins
174 we tested) while enhancing their modularity. A major advantage of the pOPIN-GG system is it
175 allows for the rapid introduction new purification and solubility tags as they emerge, in a
176 straightforward and easy to clone manner. The different pOPIN-GG acceptors are cross-
177 compatible for co-expression, allowing for ease of co-expression and purification of protein
178 complexes. Finally, the utility of the pOPIN-GG vectors presented here have already been
179 successfully tested by the community for the expression and purification of a fungal effector
180 from *Parastagonospora nodorum* (Outram et al., 2021), as well as for detailing the structural
181 mechanisms underpinning the evolution of *Magnaporthe oryzae* effectors for a specific host
182 target (Bentham et al., 2021).

183 **Conclusions**

184 The pOPIN vector suite is a well-established and effective *E. coli* vector system for protein
185 expression and purification. By modifying the pOPIN vectors to be Golden Gate compatible
186 we have introduced modularity to the system, providing the user with the advantages of
187 modular cloning and allowing the incorporation new purification and solubility tags to the vector
188 repertoire, streamlining the vector assembly step, with no cost to the expression efficacy of
189 the system. We have made the pOPIN-GG vectors available on Addgene
190 (https://www.addgene.org/Mark_Banfield) as a package with level 0 and level 1 acceptors,
191 and level 0 N-terminal and C-terminal tag constructs.

192 **Experimental Procedures**

193 *Domestication and modification of the pOPIN vectors to generate the pOPIN-GG vectors*

194 We used the pOPIN-F vector (Berrow et al., 2007) as template to generate Golden Gate
195 compatible versions of the pOPIN vectors, making considerable effort to minimise alterations
196 to the existing pOPIN-F vector backbone. To adapt pOPIN-F to the Golden Gate cloning
197 system, we removed all of the native Type IIS *BsaI* and *BpiI* restriction sites from the
198 sequence, a process traditionally termed 'domestication'. After domestication, we generated
199 two different antibiotic resistance variants (carbenicillin and kanamycin) conducive to the need
200 for dual protein co-expression. We then took the carbenicillin resistant (Carb^R) and kanamycin
201 resistant (Kan^R) vectors and engineered two variants for each to allow for the insertion GOIs
202 compatible with either N-terminal or C-terminal tags. To do this, we reintroduced two *BsaI*
203 sites between the T7 promoter and terminator, which would yield 5' CCAT and 3' GCTT
204 nucleotide overhangs for the N-terminal tag compatible vectors, and 5' AATG and 3' GCTT
205 overhangs in the C-terminal tag compatible vectors post treatment with *BsaI* (Figure 1).
206 Ultimately, we developed four pOPIN-GG acceptor vectors, pPGN-C (Carb^R) and pPGN-K
207 (Kan^R) for N-terminal tagging, and pPGC-C (Carb^R) and pPGC-K (Kan^R) for C-terminal tagging
208 (Table 1). Further, to assist with positive clone identification, we introduced a visible red
209 fluorescent protein (RFP) negative selection marker, allowing users to select positive white
210 colonies after transformation. Importantly, the Carb^R and Kan^R versions of the acceptors also
211 contain different origins of replication to allow for efficient co-expression in addition to co-
212 transformation.

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214 To overcome complications with PCR (polymerase read-through in the native pOPIN-F
215 vector), we removed a 15xG homopolymer string by excising a 947bp (*EagI-SacII*) section of
216 vector backbone using traditional restriction enzymes and stored this for later use. As a
217 consequence of increased Golden Gate assembly efficiency from cloned (i.e. non-linear)
218 fragments, the remaining sections of the backbone (incorporating changes to the native
219 $2\times\text{BsaI}$ and $2\times\text{BpiI}$ restriction sites) were amplified by PCR and cloned into custom level 0

220 acceptors. Once independently sub-cloned, the mutated fragments could subsequently be re-
221 assembled (along with the *EagI-SacII* cassette), eliminating all the existing *BsaI* and *Bpil*
222 restriction sites to generate a fully domesticated version of the original pOPIN-F vector.

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224 Following domestication, larger sections of the vector back-bone could be re-cloned into
225 additional custom level 0 acceptors to enable a pre-domesticated iGEM RFP negative
226 selection reporter cassette (originating from *Discosoma striata*) to be inserted in place of the
227 pOPIN-F N-terminal 6xHIS tag and Lac operon (LacZ) negative selection elements. The
228 border sequences immediately flanking this region were found to be important for protein
229 expression and were modified to directly mimic those of the native pOPIN vectors. Final vector
230 assembly was achieved by ligating vector back-bone fragments together along with the *EagI*-
231 *SacII* and RFP negative selection reporter elements. Changes to the Golden Gate cloning
232 insert overhangs, and exchange of the vector bacterial antibiotic resistance, were achieved by
233 making the necessary modifications to the respective level 0 assembly components.

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235 *Cloning of AVR-PikF into pOPIN and pOPIN-GG vectors for test expression and purification*

236 The AVR-PikF coding sequence (encoding residues starting from the end of the signal peptide
237 21 – 113) was cloned into pOPIN and pOPIN-GG vectors via Infusion cloning and Golden
238 Gate, respectively. Infusion cloning of AVR-PikF in the pOPIN vectors, pOPIN-F, pOPIN-S3C,
239 pOPIN-M and pOPIN-E was performed as described by (Berrow et al., 2007). To clone AVR-
240 PikF into the pOPIN-GG constructs, the AVR-PikF sequence was amplified with primers that
241 introduced overhangs at the 5' and 3' of the sequence containing a *BsaI* Type IIS
242 endonuclease sites (Table 1) which would reveal 5' CCAT and 3' GCTT overhangs or 5' AATG
243 and 3' TTCG overhangs, for N-terminal tagged or C-terminal tagged constructs, respectively
244 (Figure 1). AVR-PikF amplicons were subsequently used in a one-pot Golden Gate reaction
245 (Engler et al., 2009, 2008) with the pPGN-C acceptor for N-terminal tagging or the pPGC-C
246 for C-terminal tagging and desired N-/C-terminal tag-containing construct (Figure 1). Golden
247 Gate reactions were then transformed into chemicompetent Stellar *E. coli* cells (Takara Bio)

248 and positive clones were identified via RFP selection before sequencing to confirm the cloning
249 was successful.

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251 *Small Scale Expression and Purification of differentially tagged AVR-PikF in pOPIN and*
252 *pOPIN-GG vectors*

253 Constructs for protein expression were transformed into *E. coli* SHuffle cells (NEB) via heat
254 shock. Protein expression was performed via autoinduction (Studier, 2005) under the required
255 selection. Cells were harvested by centrifugation and resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM
256 HEPES pH 7.4, 500 mM NaCl, 30 mM imidazole, 5 mM glycine, 5% glycerol) at a ratio of 5:1
257 buffer per gram of cell pellet. 8 mL of resuspended cells were transferred to a 24 well plate
258 and lysed by sonication with a 24-tip sonication horn. Cell lysate was clarified by centrifugation
259 at 45,000 *g* for 20 mins. 500 μ l of Ni-NTA resin (Qiagen) was added to each of the clarified
260 cell lysates and incubated for 20 mins with gentle shaking. After incubation, cell lysates with
261 Ni-NTA resin were transferred to 15 ml gravity flow columns and Ni-NTA resin was washed
262 with 2 column volumes of lysis buffer to remove non-specific interactors. Proteins were eluted
263 from the Ni-NTA resin with 1 mL of elution buffer (50 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 500 mM NaCl, 500
264 mM imidazole). Samples were visualised by SDS-PAGE with 16 % Teo-tricine polyacrylamide
265 gels (Abcam) stained with Instant Blue[®] Coomassie Stain (Abcam).

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267 *Expression and purification of the AVR-PikF and OshIPP19 complex*

268 A 6xHIS-GB1-tagged OshIPP19 in pPGN-C was co-transformed with an untagged AVR-PikF
269 in pPGC-K into *E. coli* SHuffle cells and plated on carbenicillin + kanamycin LB agar plates.
270 Protein expression was performed via autoinduction (Studier, 2005) under carbenicillin +
271 kanamycin selection. Cells were harvested by centrifugation and resuspended in lysis buffer
272 (50 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 500 mM NaCl, 30 mM imidazole, 5 mM glycine, 5% glycerol) at a ratio
273 of 5:1 buffer per gram of cell pellet. Cells were lysed via sonication and lysate was clarified by
274 centrifugation at 45,000 *g*. Clarified lysate was then subjected to Nickel immobilised metal
275 affinity chromatography (IMAC) followed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with a

276 Superdex S75 26/600. Fractions from SEC were visualised by SDS-PAGE with 16 % Teo-
277 tricine polyacrylamide gels (Abcam) stained with Instant Blue[®] Coomassie Stain (Abcam).

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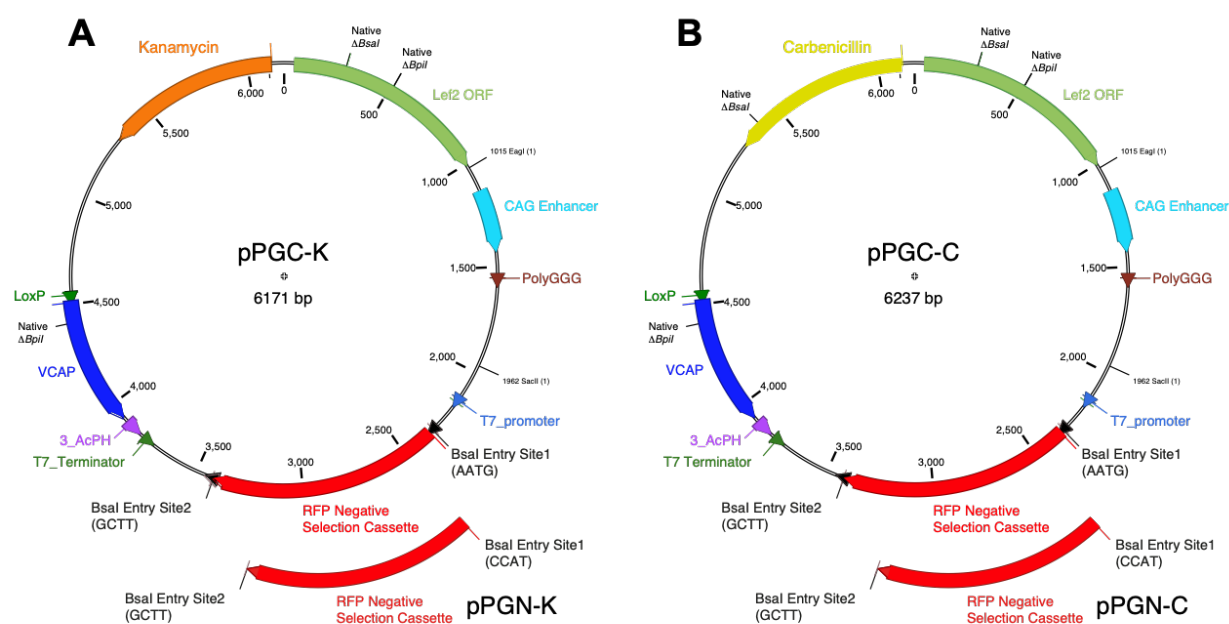
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288 GG vectors are available directly through Addgene
289 (https://www.addgene.org/Mark_Banfield/).

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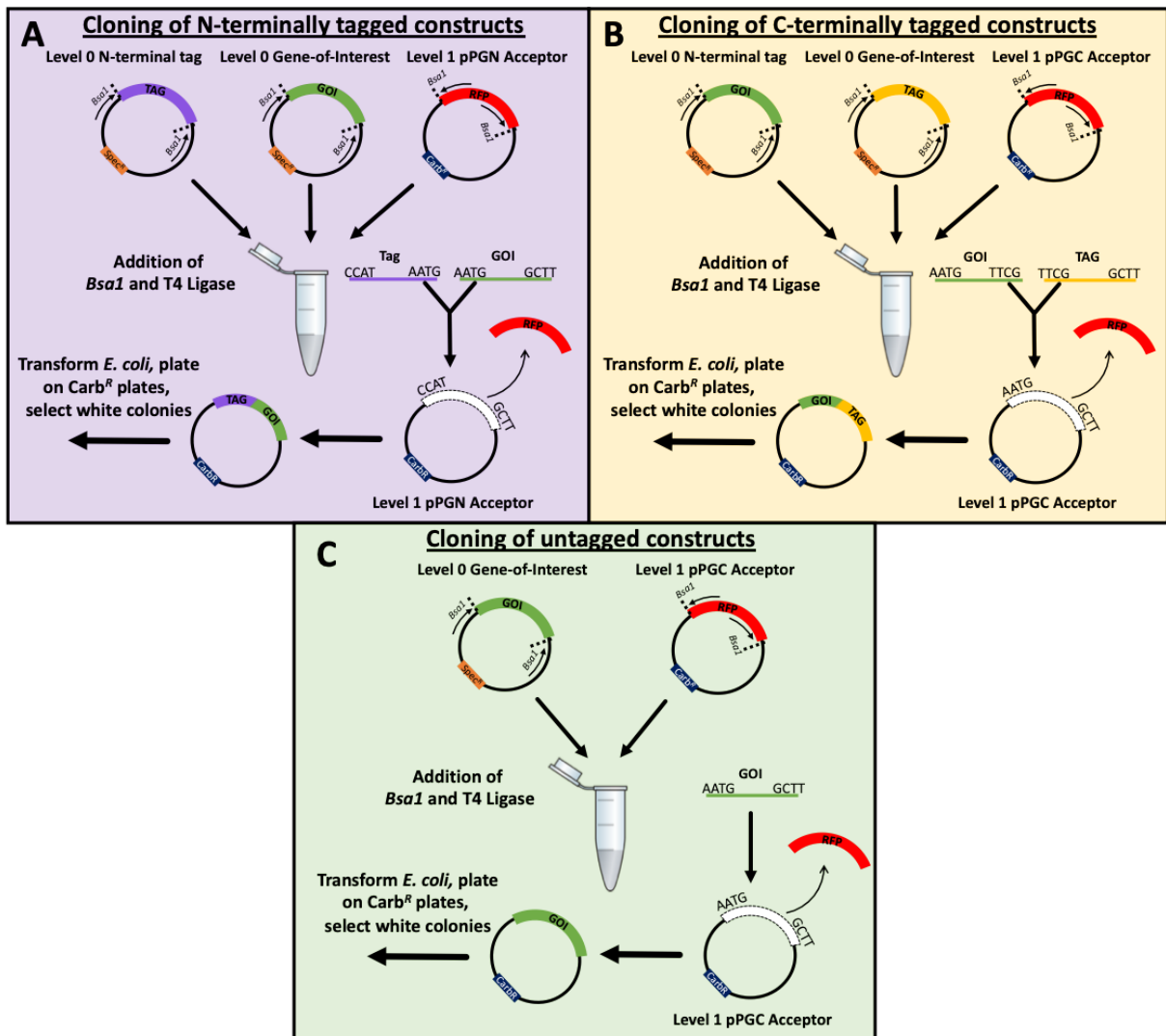
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362 **Figures**

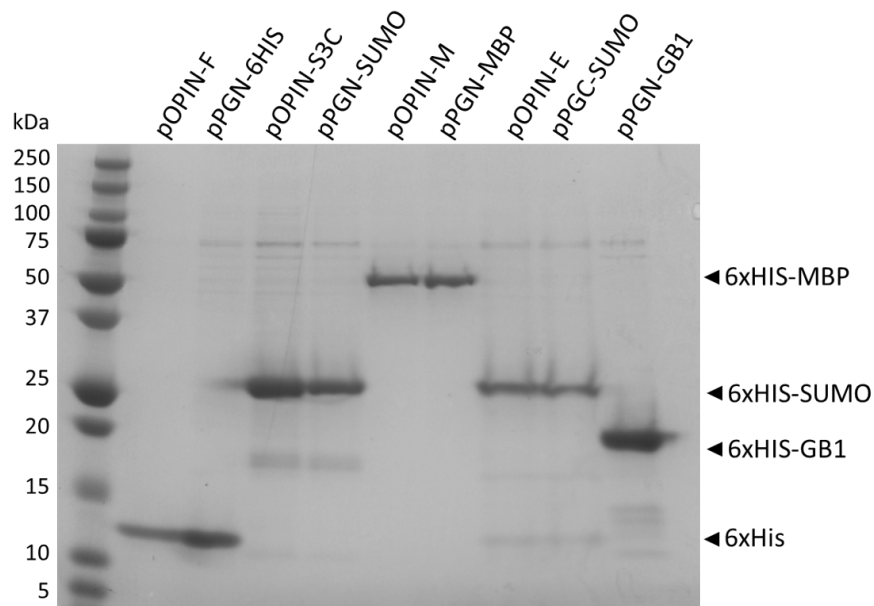


363 **Figure 1. Annotated vector maps of the pOPIN-GG acceptors.** pOPIN vectors pOPIN-A
 364 and pOPIN-F were modified to generate four pOPIN-GG acceptors. **A)** pPGN-K and pPGC-K
 365 are Kan^R vectors descended from pOPIN-A for N-terminal and C-terminal tagging,
 366 respectively. **B)** pPGN-C and pPGC-C are Carb^R vectors descended from pOPIN-F for N-
 367 terminal and C-terminal tagging, respectively. $\Delta Bsal$ and $\Delta Bpil$ represent domesticated *Bsal*
 368 and *Bpil* sites to allow for Golden Gate cloning compatibility. An RFP negative selection
 369 cassette was integrated into the backbone between the *Bsal* entry sites to allow for red/white
 370 selection upon insertion of the GOI.

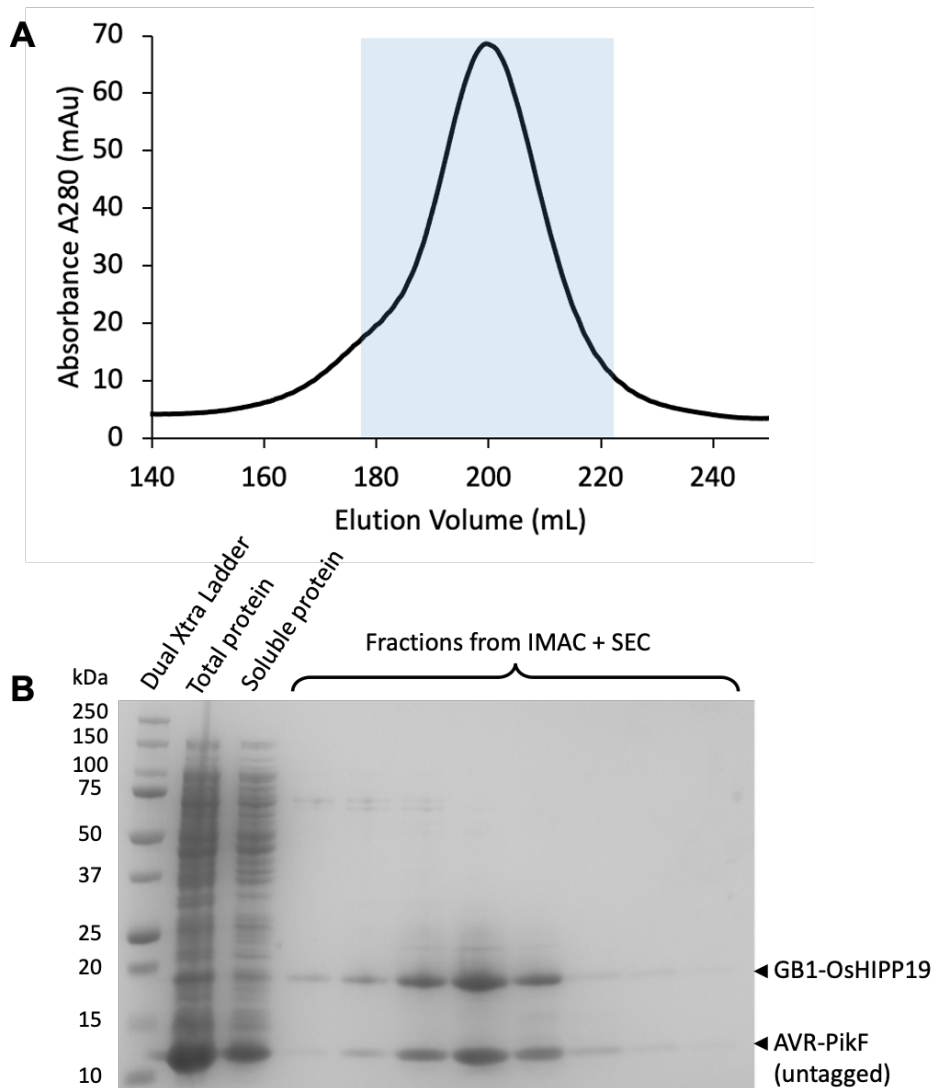


371 **Figure 2. Cloning strategy flowcharts.** The pOPIN-GG vectors enable N-terminally tagged,
 372 C-terminally tagged, or untagged constructs. **A)** Cloning strategy for N-terminal tagging. GOI
 373 requires overhangs 5' AATG and 3' GCTT which can be revealed from *BsaI* treatment of a
 374 level 0 vector or added by PCR. The GOI can then be combined with one of the pPGN
 375 acceptor and N-terminal tag level 0 vectors to generate an N-terminally tagged level 1
 376 construct. **B)** Cloning strategy for C-terminal tagging. GOI requires overhangs 5' AATG and 3'
 377 TTCG which can be revealed from *BsaI* treatment of a level 0 vector or added via PCR. The
 378 GOI can then be combined with one of the pPGC acceptor and C-terminal tag level 0 vectors

379 to generate a C-terminally tagged level 1 construct. **C)** Cloning strategy for generating an
380 untagged gene. As for N-terminal tagging, the GOI requires overhangs 5' AATG and 3' GCTT
381 which can be revealed from *BsaI* treatment of a level 0 vector or added by PCR. However, is
382 then combined with one of the pPGC vectors, resulting in an untagged GOI, useful in co-
383 expression. Carb^R level 1 acceptor vectors are shown for simplicity, Kan^R level 1 acceptor
384 vectors can be used instead as required.



385 **Figure 3. Expression and purification of AVR-PikF in pOPIN vectors vs AVR-PikF in**
386 **pOPIN-GG vectors.** AVR-PikF was cloned into the pOPIN vectors pOPIN-F, pOPIN-S3C,
387 pOPIN-M, and pOPIN-E (with additional SUMO tag to aid solubility). The equivalent constructs
388 were produced in the pOPIN-GG system, as well as an additional 6xHIS-GB1-tagged
389 construct. Constructs were expressed in *E. coli* SHuffle cells and purified using Ni-NTA affinity
390 resin before being visualised by SDS-PAGE.



391 **Figure 4. Co-expression and purification of AVR-PikF and OsHIPP19 using the pOPIN-**
392 **GG system.** An untagged construct of AVR-PikF was generated using pPGC-K and co-
393 expressed with OsHIPP19 cloned with a 6xHIS-GB1 solubility tag in pPGN-C *E. coli* SHuffle
394 cells. Constructs were purified using Ni²⁺-mediated immobilised metal affinity chromatography
395 (IMAC) coupled with size exclusion chromatography (SEC) before visualised via SDS-PAGE.
396 **A)** SEC chromatogram of the AVR-PikF / OsHIPP19 complex. Blue box indicates the fractions
397 analysed by SDS-PAGE. **B)** Instant blue® Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE gel of the fractions
398 from SEC showing the co-elution of the AVR-PikF and OsHIPP19 proteins, indicating complex
399 formation.

400 **Table 1. Overhang sequences for primers to clone tags and inserts into various**
 401 **acceptors.**

<u>Overhangs for primers to clone GOI into level 0 acceptor</u>	
GOI Forward AATG Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG AATG
N-tagging GOI Reverse GCTT Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG AAGC
C-tagging GOI Reverse TTCG Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG CGAA
<u>Overhangs for primers to clone N-tag into level 0 acceptor</u>	
N-tag Forward CCAT Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG CCAT
N-tag Reverse AATG Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG CATT
<u>Overhangs for primers to clone C-tag into level 0 acceptor</u>	
N-tag Forward TTCG Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG TTCG
N-tag Reverse GCTT Bpil	AAA GAAGAC CG AAGC
<u>Overhangs for primers to clone GOI into pOPIN-GG acceptors</u>	
GOI Forward AATG Bsal	AAA GGTCTC A AATG
N-tagging GOI Reverse GCTT Bsal	AAA GGTCTC A AAGC
C-tagging insert Reverse TTCG Bsal	AAA GGTCTC A CGAA

Bpil site
 Bsal site
 GG Overhang

402 **Table 2. pOPIN-GG acceptors and compatible vectors available on Addgene**

Vectors	Description	5' Overhang	3' Overhang	Selection	Addgene ID
<u>Level 0 acceptors for making level 0 modules</u>					
pICH41308	Acceptor for CDS to be N-tagged	AATG	GCTT	Spectinomycin	174574
pICSL01005	Acceptor for CDS to be C-tagged	AATG	TTCG	Spectinomycin	174575
pICSL01002	Acceptor for creating N-tag modules	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174576
pICSL01003	Acceptor for creating C-tag modules	TTCG	GCTT	Spectinomycin	174577
<u>Level 1 acceptors for protein expression</u>					
pPGN-C	Expression vector compatible with N-terminal tagging	CCAT	GCTT	Carbenicillin/Ampicillin	174578
pPGN-K	Expression vector compatible with N-terminal tagging	CCAT	GCTT	Kanamycin	174579
pPGC-C	Expression vector compatible with C-terminal tagging	AATG	GCTT	Carbenicillin/Ampicillin	174580
pPGC-K	Expression vector compatible with C-terminal tagging	AATG	GCTT	Kanamycin	174581
<u>Premade level 0 modules encoding N-terminal tags</u>					
pICSL30015	6xHIS-MBP-3C	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174582
pICSL30017	6xHIS uncleavable	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174583
pICSL30018	6xHIS -SUMO-3C	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174584
pICSL30019	6xHIS-3C	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174585
pICSL30022	Twin Streptavidin uncleavable	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174586
pICSL30028	6xHIS-GB1	CCAT	AATG	Spectinomycin	174587
<u>Premade level 0 modules encoding C-terminal tags</u>					
pICSL50001	6xHIS-TEV-3xFLAG	TTCG	GCTT	Spectinomycin	174588
pICSL50025	6xHIS uncleavable	TTCG	GCTT	Spectinomycin	174589
pICSL50026	3C-6xHIS	TTCG	GCTT	Spectinomycin	174590
pICSL50027	Twin Streptavidin uncleavable	TTCG	GCTT	Spectinomycin	174591