



MODEL GENERATION TECHNICAL REPORT

Rabbit β - globin intron-RFP657-Cre-F3-ER^{T2}-F3 Knock-In into Mcpt8

Project code: IR6279 / Ros6279b

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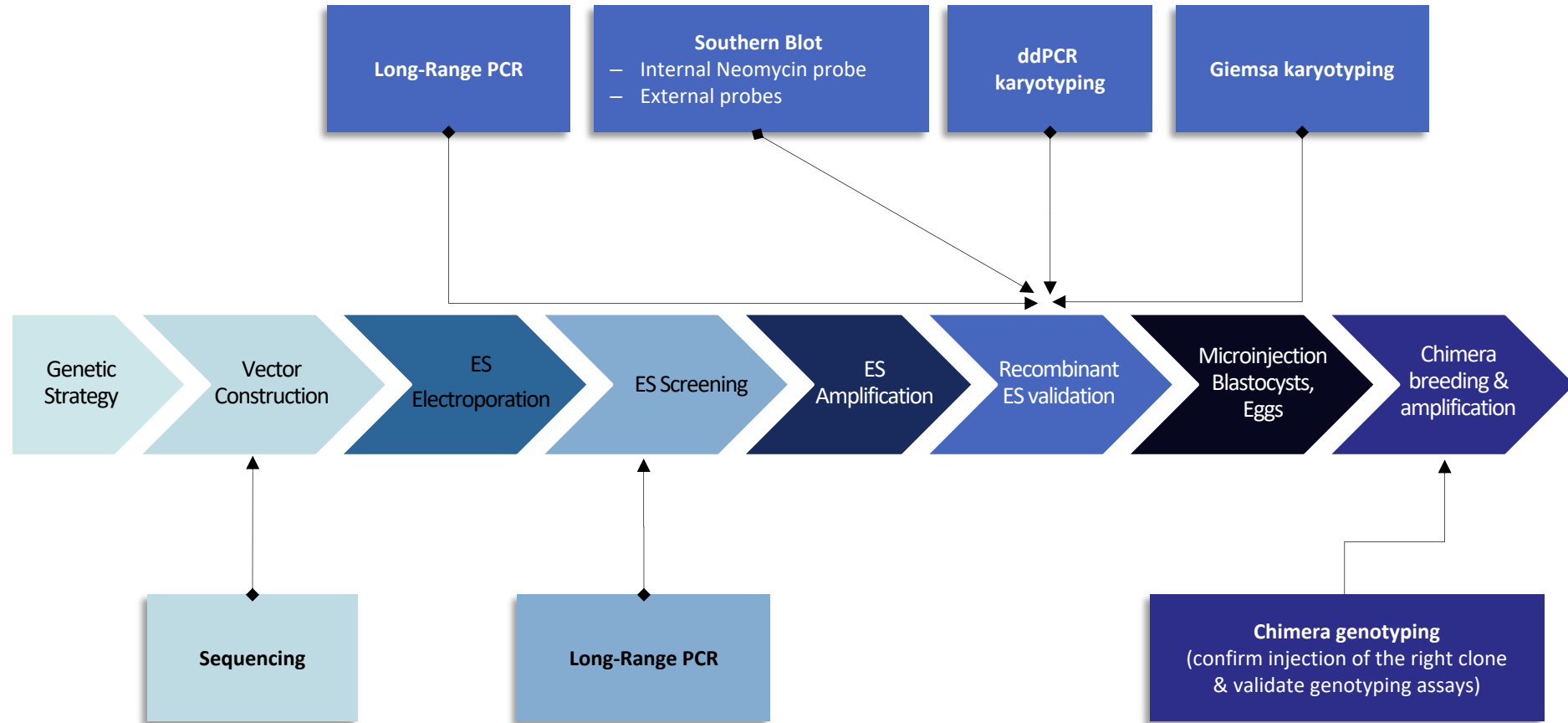
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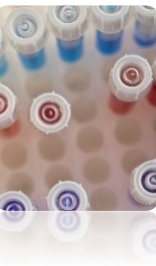
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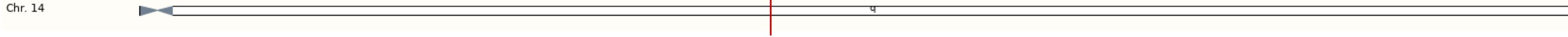


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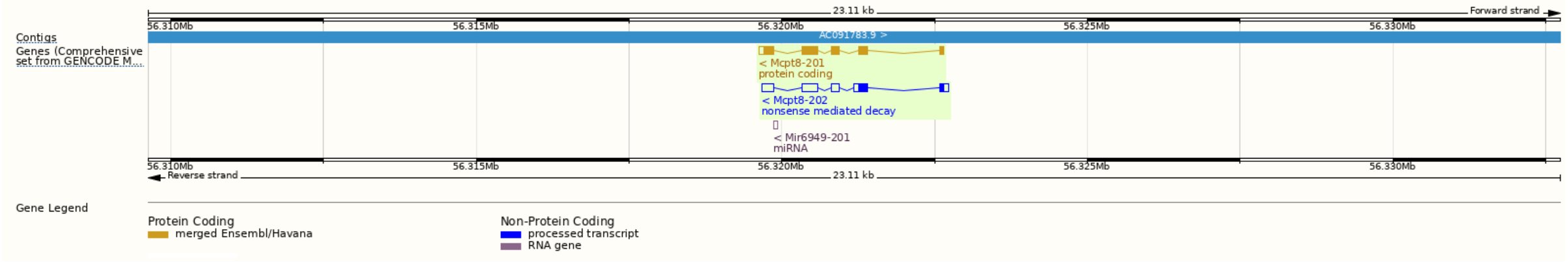
■ mouse genomic locus – structure



Chromosome 14: 56,319,623-56,322,730



Gene: Mcpt8 ENSMUSG00000022157

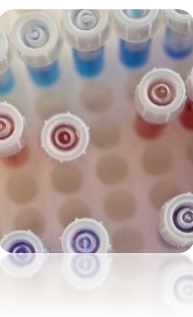


mRNAs and protein

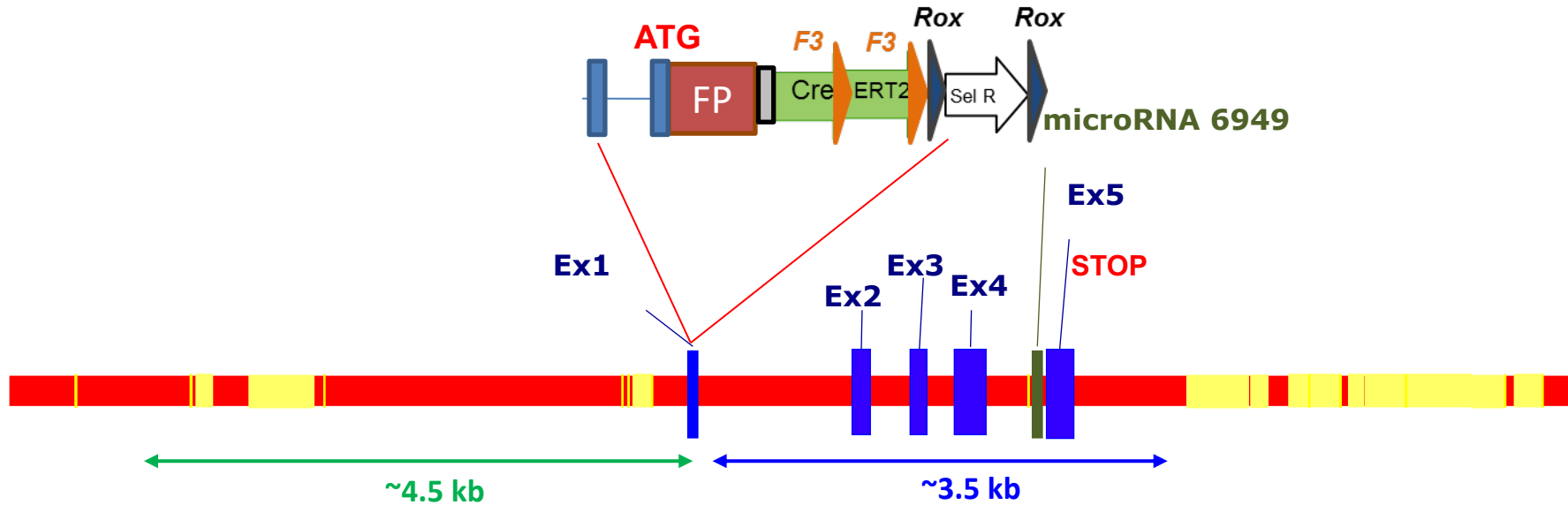


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■ Strategy



Strategy : FP-LF2A-CreERT² KI at the start codon (accepted the 28/05/2016)



 Repeated regions

FP for fluorescent protein; ie TagRFP657 a far - red monomeric fluorescent protein with an emission peak at 657 nm

In project Ros6279b, an intron is added in the first exon (in order to stabilize the transgenic cDNA)

■ PROs& CONs evaluation of the strategy



PROs

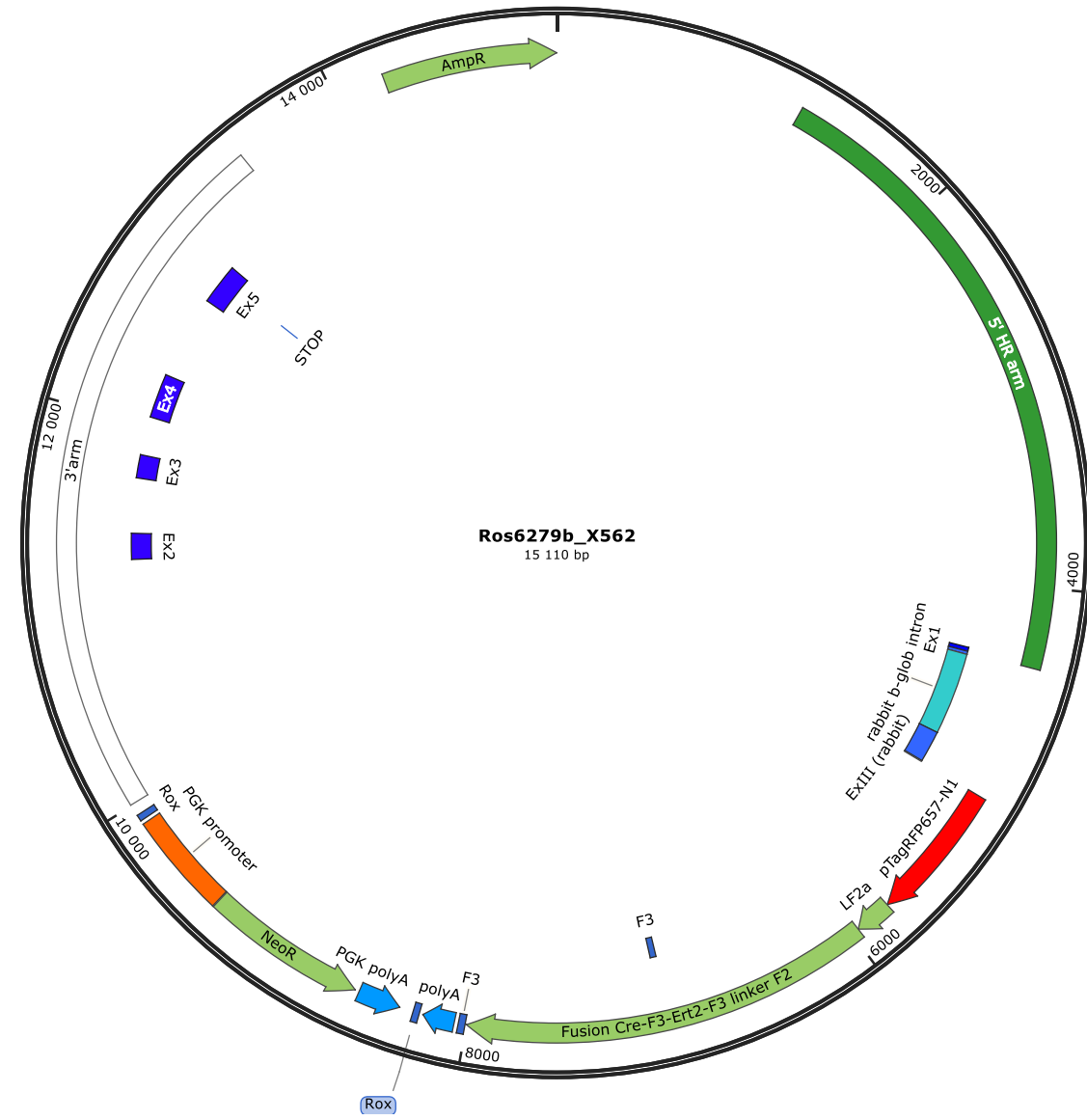
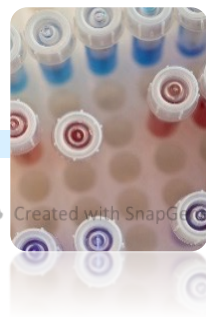
- A reporter (TagRFP657 followed by a LF2A sequence will be added at the ATG)
- Expression of CreER^{T2} is expected to follow the same pattern than the gene itself
- The ER^{T2} sequence (F3-ER^{T2}-F3) can be deleted in vivo by breeding males from the established line with Flp deleter females (see *Birling et al. Genesis. 2012 Jun;50(6):482-9*). So we will be able to obtain the non - inducible Cre line also.

CONs

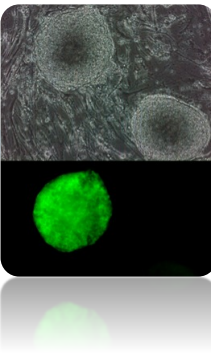
- Presence of repeated sequences in both homology arms might render PCR amplification or LR-screen difficult

The selection cassette (FRT- Neo -FRT) will be removed by breeding male chimera with a flp deleter line which shows maternal contribution (Birling et al., 2012)

3 HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION - VECTOR CONSTRUCTION

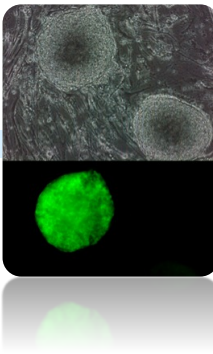


4 ES cell electroporation & Screening of recombinant clones



- Electroporation and screening process
- Long range PCR screening – strategy
- Long-Range 5' PCR screening – results
- Recombinant ES validation by Long Range PCR
- Recombinant ES clones validation by Southern Blot – internal probe
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- Aneuploidy screening in ES recombinant clones

■ Electroporation and screening process



The whole process of ES cells validation is described in Erbs *et al.* *.

The targeting vector was electroporated in the proprietary C57BL/6NCrl S3 cell line.

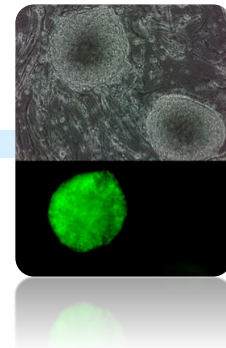
Transfected ES clones were submitted to neomycin selection (G418) and 93 resistant ES clones were isolated. The clones were then submitted to the screening process allowing secured identification of those harbouring the expected recombination events at both ends of targeting vector.

Screening process steps:

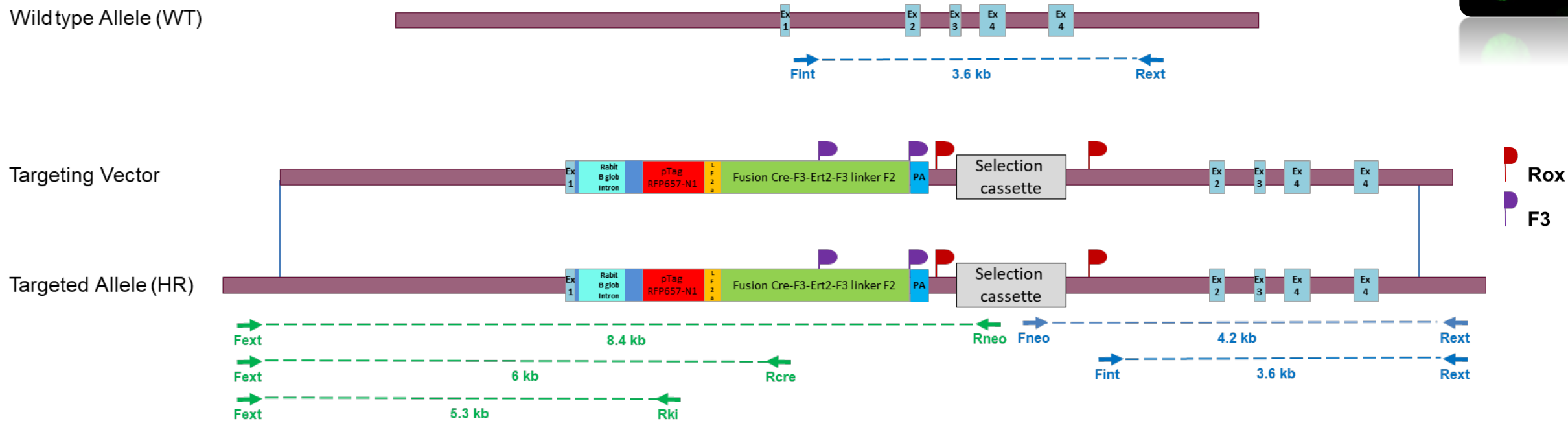
1. Identification of candidate recombinant clones by initial 3' Long-Range PCR
2. Six of 3' PCR positive clones are confirmed for 5' recombination event by Long-Range PCR
3. Positive clones in step2 are further validated by Southern blot analysis using internal and external probes
4. The karyotype of at least 2 validated clones is verified using ddPCR aneuploidy screening and Giemsa staining

*Erbs V, Lorentz R, Eisenman B, Schaeffer L, Luppi L, Lindner L, Héroult Y, Pavlovic G, Wattenhofer-Donzé M, Birling MC. Increased On-Target Rate and Risk of Concatemerization after CRISPR-Enhanced Targeting in ES Cells. *Genes (Basel)*. 2023 Feb 3;14(2):401. doi: [10.3390/genes14020401](https://doi.org/10.3390/genes14020401)

Long range PCR screening – strategy

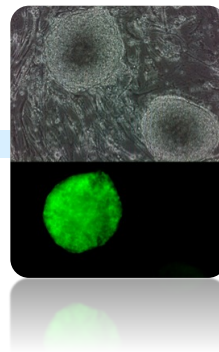


Schematic 5' and 3' PCR screening strategy

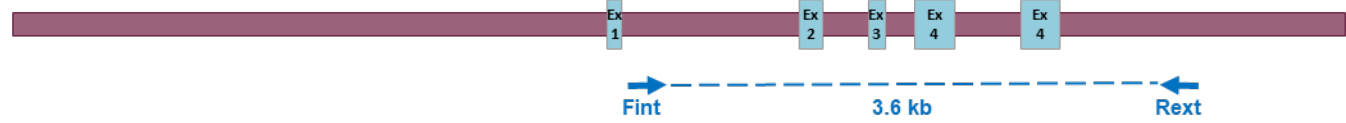


PCR	Primer Name	Primer sequences	PCR product size
5' PCR	Fext	GGTCATGCTCACCAGTAACTGACAG	8.4 kb
	Rneo	AGGGGCTCGCGCCAGCCGAACTGTT	
5' PCR	Fext	GGTCATGCTCACCAGTAACTGACAG	6 kb
	Rcre	CCAGATTACGTATATCCTGGCAGCG	
5' PCR	Fext	GGTCATGCTCACCAGTAACTGACAG	5.3 kb
	Rki	GCTAGGGAGGTTCGAGTATCTGGCC	
3' PCR	Fneo	GCGGCCGAGAACCTGCGTGCAATC	4.2 kb
	Rext	GGAATTGAGTCTCTACTGGCTTGAA	
3' PCR	Fint	TTCCTGCTCCTGGTCTCCTGGTGG	3.6 kb
	Rext	GGAATTGAGTCTCTACTGGCTTGAA	

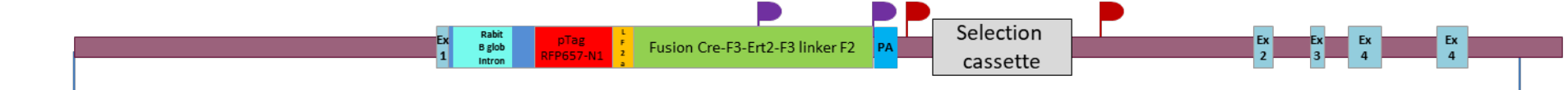
Long-Range 3' PCR screening – results



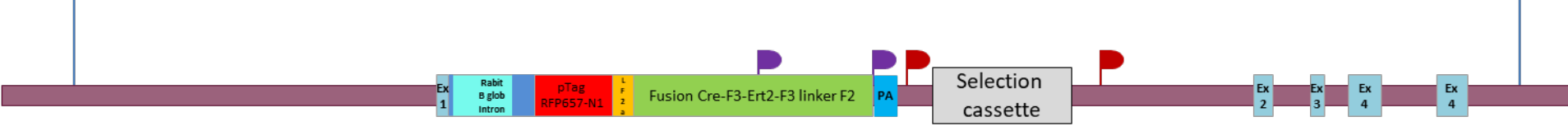
Wildtype Allele (WT)



Targeting Vector

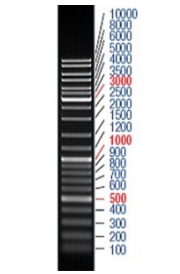
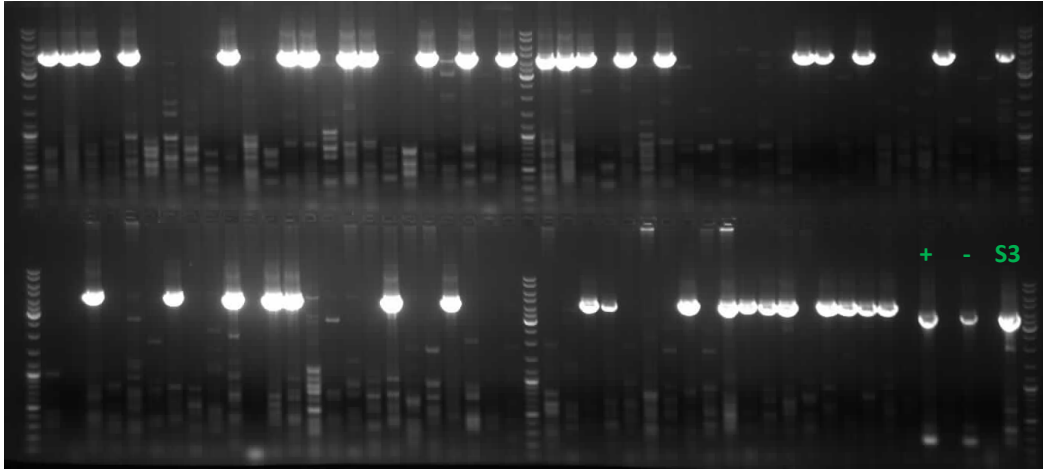


Targeted Allele (HR)



Rox
F3

Pcr Fneo – Rext : 4.2 kb



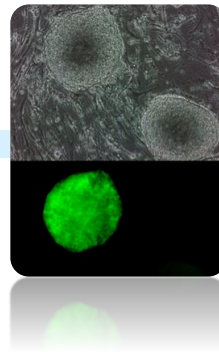
Ladder pattern

+ / - / S3 : Controls DNAs

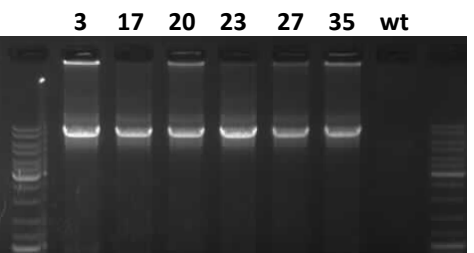
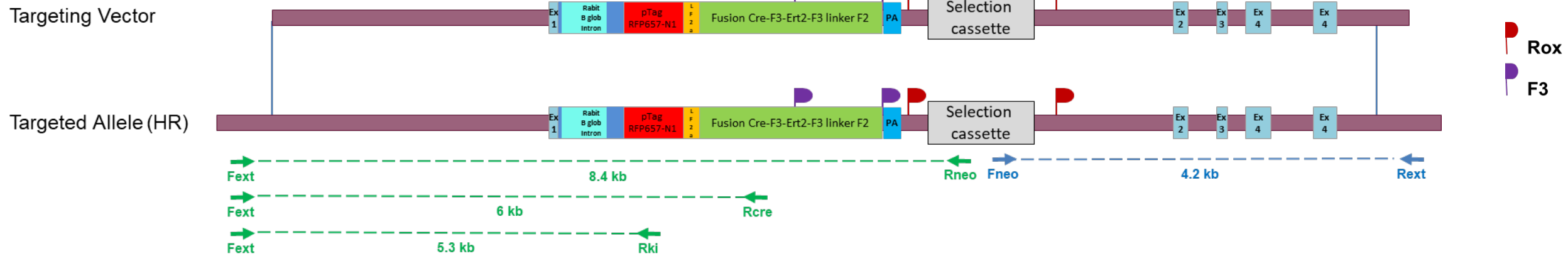
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Six candidate clones out of the 40 positive clones were selected for 5' Long-Range PCR and Southern blot validation.

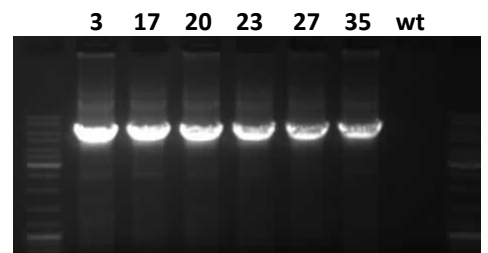
Recombinant ES validation by Long Range PCR



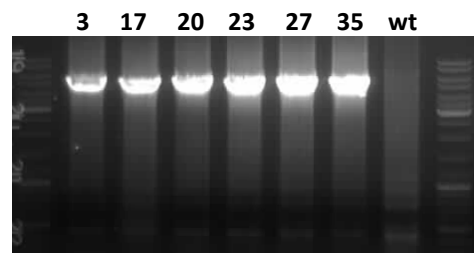
Confirmation and Validation of candidate recombinant ES clones by 5' and 3' PCRs



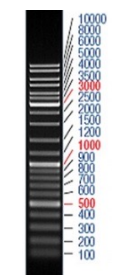
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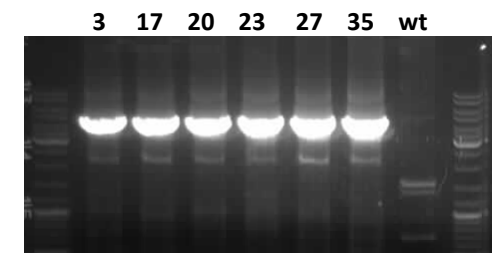
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Pcr Fext – Rki : 5.3 kb



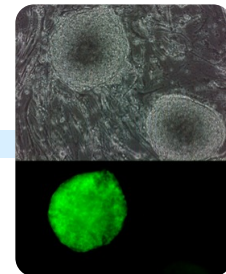
Ladder pattern



Pcr Fneo – Rext : 4.2 kb

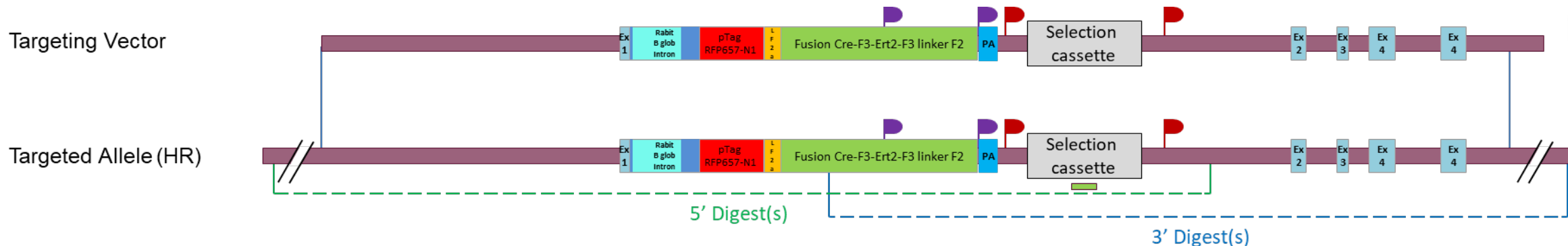
Six candidate clones identified by 3' PCR screening were further analysed by 5' PCR screening. Six clones (clones #3, #17, #20, #23, #27 and #35) were confirmed.

Recombinant ES clones validation by Southern Blot – Internal probe



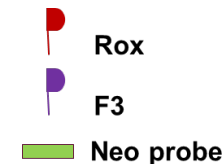
Schematic Southern Blot validation strategy

Digestions on the scheme illustrate the position of the chosen restriction sites relative to the probe. They don't show the exact position of the restriction sites.



Digestions used to validate the 5' and 3' insertion

Probe	Digest	Genomic DNA digest	Targeted Allele (kb)
Neo	5' digest	KpnI	11.2
		SpeI	11.6
	3' digest	Apal	9.1
		PshAI	13

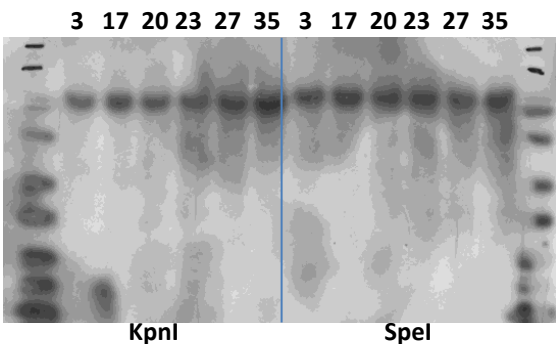


Neo probe sequence

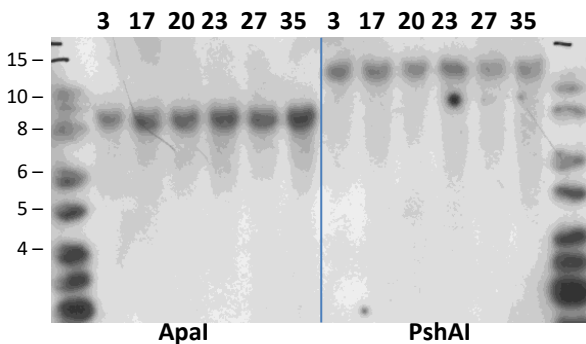
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Southern blot - Neo 5'

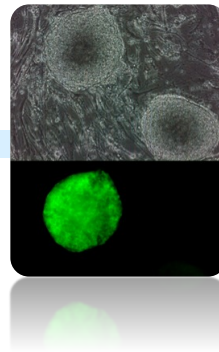


Southern blot - Neo 3'



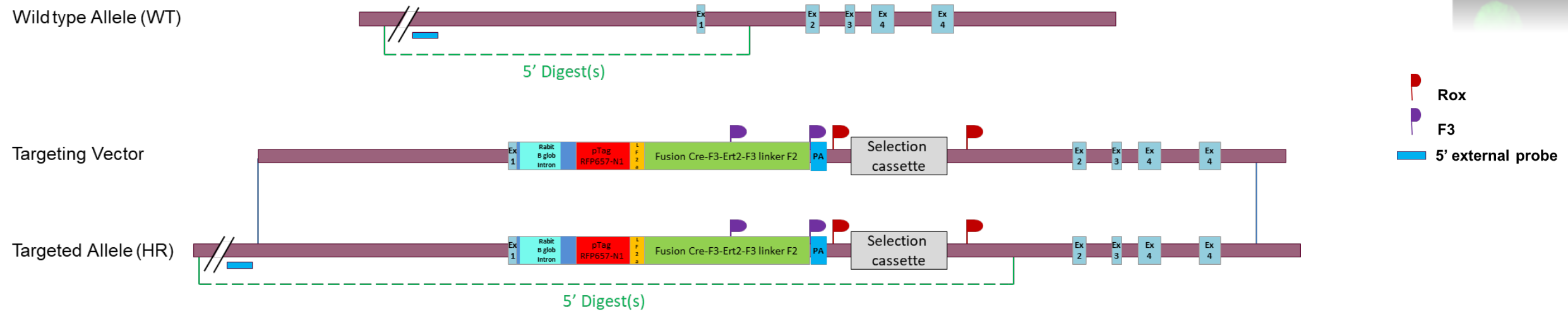
=> All 6 clones showed only one band at the expected size with all 4 restriction digestions

Recombinant ES clones validation by Southern Blot – External probe

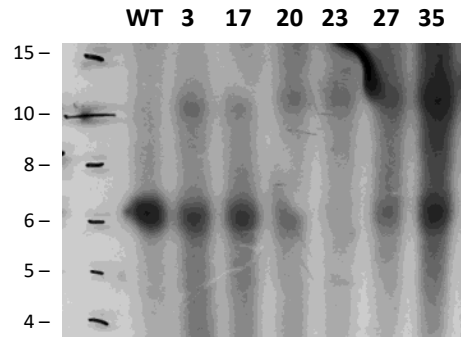


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Southern blot – 5' probe



SpeI 6.7 / 11.4

5' probe sequence

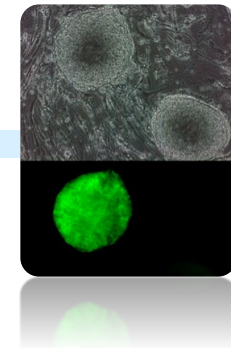
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Digestions used to validate the 5' and 3' insertion

Probe	Name	Genomic DNA digest	WT allele (kb)	Targeted Allele (kb)
5' external probe	5' first digest	SpeI	6.7	11.4

All 6 clones are correct.

■ Aneuploidy screening in ES recombinant clones



Selected recombinant ES cells clones were karyotyped by ddPCR as described in Codner *et al.*¹ and by Giemsa metaphase staining. Results of aneuploidy analysis are presented in the table below.

Clone ID	ddPCR	Giemsa
#3	Pass	Not done
#17	Pass	Not done
#20	Pass	Not done
#23	Pass	Not done
#27	Pass	Pass
#35	Pass	Not done

¹ Codner, G.F., Lindner, L., Caulder, A., Wattenhofer-Donzé, M., Radage, A., Mertz, A., Eisenmann, B., Mianné, J., Evans, E.P., Beechey, C.V., Fray, M.D., Birling, M.-C., Héroult, Y., Pavlovic, G., Teboul, L

Aneuploidy screening of embryonic stem cell clones by metaphase karyotyping and droplet digital polymerase chain reaction.

BMC Cell Biology 2016 doi:10.1186/s12860-016-0108-6

5 MICROINJECTION & BREEDING



- Microinjection
- Breeding to F1 generation

■ Microinjection



- The ES cells used in the injection experiment were originally derived from a C57BL/6 mouse strain (which have black coat colour). These cells were injected into blastocysts derived from an BALB/cN strain, which have a white coat colour. The resulting offspring are thus chimeras of two different cell types (ES cell-derived cells and host blastocyst-derived cells) and the degree of chimerism was monitored by the percentage of light and dark patches on these animals.
- Recipient blastocysts were isolated from mated BALB/cN females (Health status SPF Specific Pathogens Free).
- Recombinant ES clone #27 validated in previous project phase was injected into blastocysts to generate chimeric males. The results are presented in the table below.

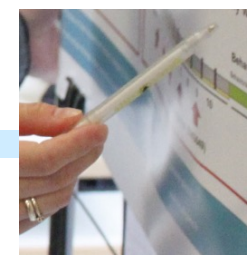
Clone ID	Number of chimeric males identified according to chimerism rate (Number of chimeric males bred to F1 generation)			
	5 - 40%	45% - 55%	60-100%	Total
#27	0	1	13	14

■ Breeding to F1 generation



- Five highly chimeric males generated in the previous phase by blastocyst injection of the ES clones were mated with wild-type C57BL/6NCrl females (health status SPF – Specific Pathogen Free) to investigate whether the recombined ES cells have contributed to the germ layer.
- Germ line transmission was obtained the 29/05/2019
- Allele nomenclature (following MGI guidelines) : **Mcpt8**^{tm2.1(RFP657/cre/ERT2)lcs}

6 SEQUENCE OF THE DELIVERED ALLELE



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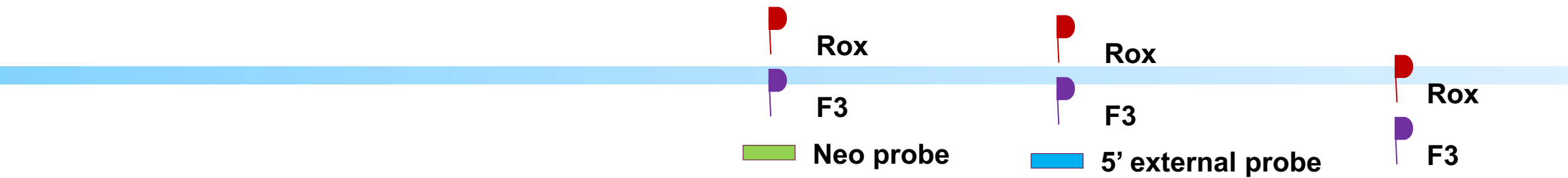
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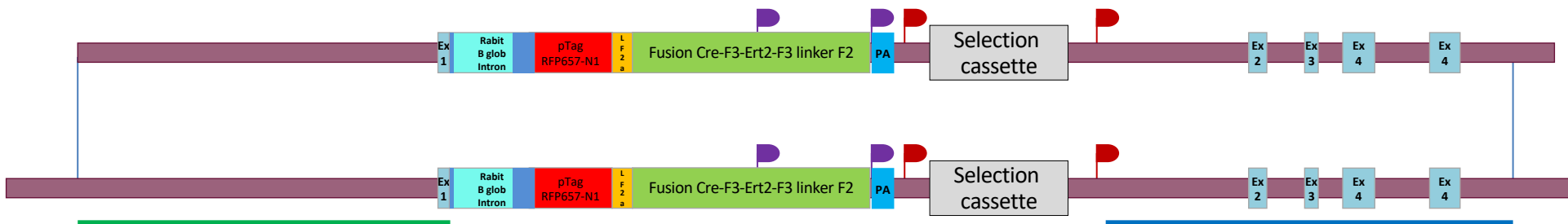
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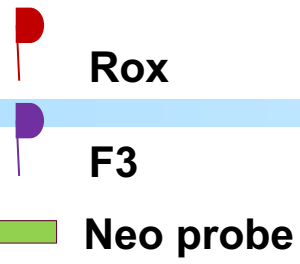
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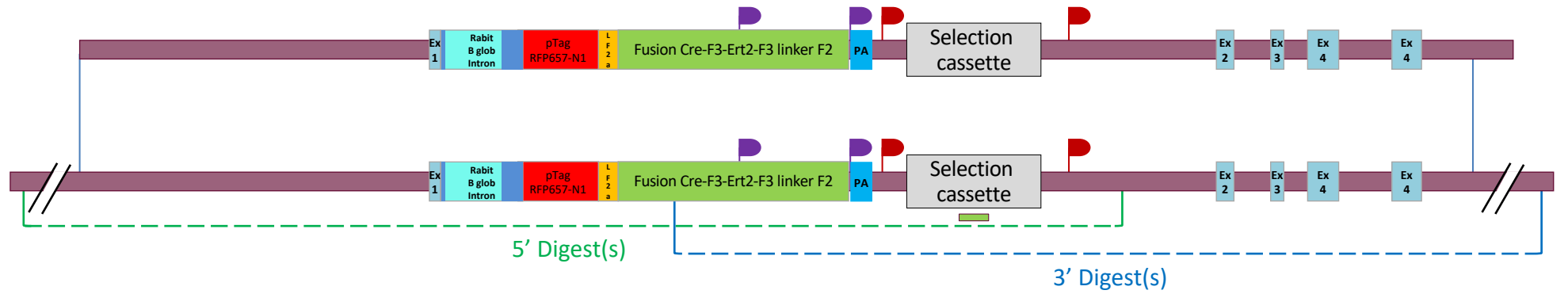
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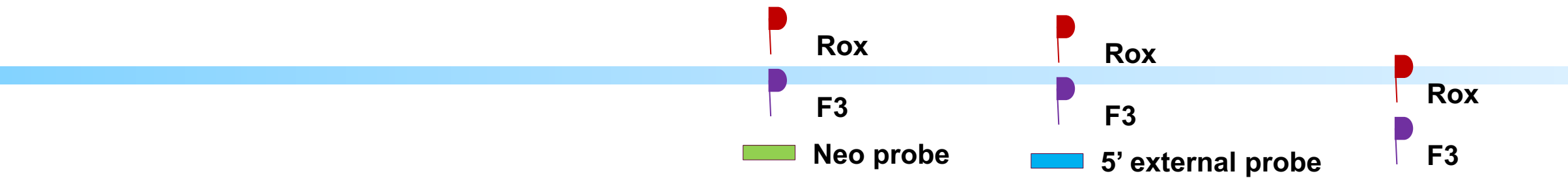


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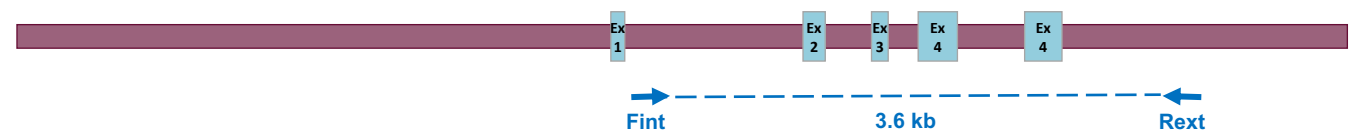


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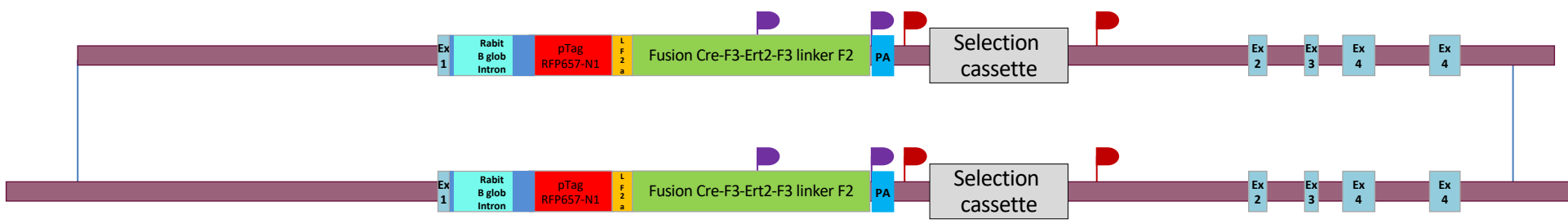




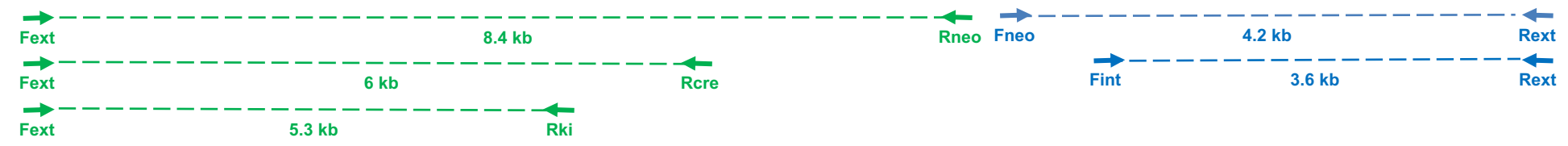
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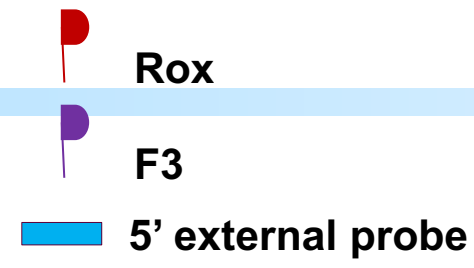


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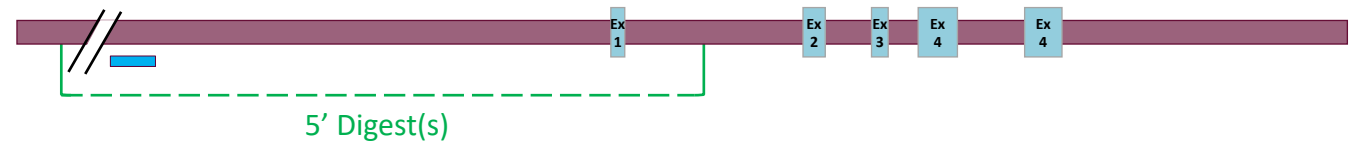


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