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Tg(UAS:Dronpa)rk5

Transgene description

The Tg(UAS:Dronpa)rk5 transgene contains the Dronpa cDNA under control of the UAS promoter. The Dronpa cDNA encodes a protein that is a genetically engineered version of green fluorescent protein cloned from *Pectiniidae*. The fluorescence of the Dronpa protein can be switched on and off by using two different wavelengths of light. (Aramaki and Hatta, Dev. Dynamics 235:2192-2199, 2006).

Genotyping assay

To genotype the Tg(UAS:Dronpa)rk5 line, the transgene-specific primers (DRA 03 and DRA 04) are used.

Primers:

DRA 03: 5' TCA AAG AAG GCG GAC CTC TG 3' DRA 04: 5' GAC CAT TGG CAG GAA AGT TCA C 3'

PCR program (60 30 30):

1 94°C for 3 min 2 94°C for 30 s 3 60°C for 30 s 4 72°C for 30 s 5 Go to step 2 (above) for 34 cycles 6 72°C for 5 min 7 8.0°C hold 8 END

Product size: 258 bp

The 258 bp product is specific for the genomic DNA containing the Tg(UAS:Dronpa)rk5 transgene. No PCR product is generated for wild-type genomic DNA.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is possible that multiple copies of the transgene might have integrated into the genome during transgenesis and that some of these integrations are non-functional. Samples that contain only a non-functional transgene or its fragment will be identified falsely as positive in the genotyping assay. For this reason, it is recommended to use functional assays to verify individuals identified as positive in the genotyping assay.