

## **Session 1: Running a quick PCR**

In this session we will use the EDVOTEK Quick PCR kit to amplify Lamda DNA

- Label a new tube as DNA mix followed by your initials
- 2. Add your 1 PCR bead to this tube
- 3. Add 20ul of diluted primer mix
- 4. Add 5ul of Lambda DNA mix (your DNA template)
- 5. Mix well with a pipette and securely cap the tube
- 6. The solution should turn to an orange liquid, indicating that all reagents are present and mixed.
- 7. Spin tube
- 8. Hand tube to instructor who will load the samples into the Thermocycler



## Programme for the thermocycler:

- 1. Denaturation at 94°C for 3 minutes
- 2.94°C cycle for 30 seconds
- 3.71°C cycle for 30 seconds

Go to step 2 for an additional 19 cycles (repeats)



## **Session 2: Gel Electrophoresis using Lonza Flashgel**

In this process we will dye your DNA using a stain and use an electric current to pull the DNA across a special gel.

- 1. Label a 1.5 ml tube with your sample ID.
- 2. Set a 10 µl pipette to 3 µl.
- 3. Add 3 µl the blue lonza flash gel loading dye to the tube.
- 4. Set a 10 µl pipette to 2 µl.
- 5. Add 2 μl of your PCR product into the tube.
- 6. Using your pipette gently suck the liquids up and down in the tube to mix the loading dye and PCR sample together.
- 7. Set a 10µl pipette to 5 µl.
- 8. Load 5 µl of the mixture into a well of the gel.

The trainer will show you where to load the sample. Be careful not to puncture the gel, or the sample won't remain in the well



- 9. The trainer will turn on the power unit of the gel system.
- 10. Check the screen or gel. In a few minutes you will see bands appear on the gel.

If a band appears on the gel, this means there is DNA present. If a band does not appear, The PCR reaction was not successful. This could mean that DNA was not present in the sample or that the reaction failed.