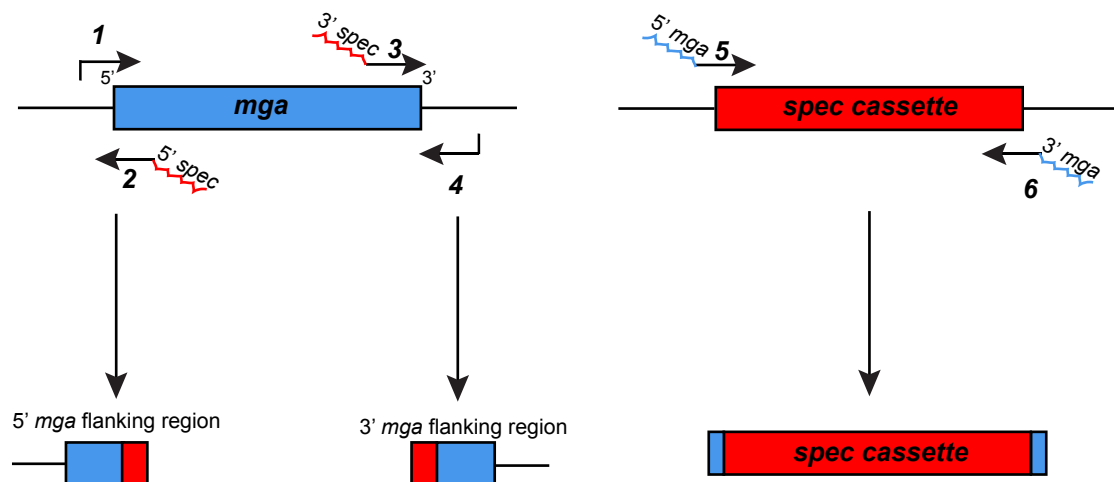
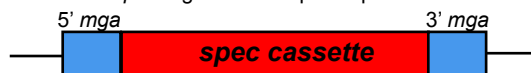


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Step 1. Amplification of regions of interest

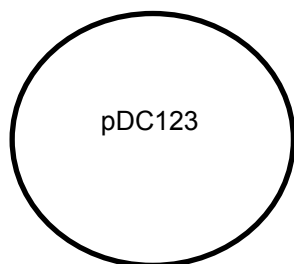
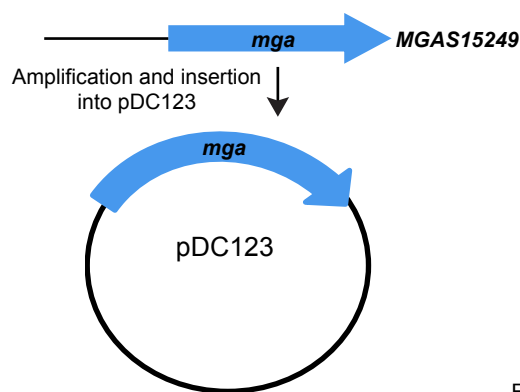


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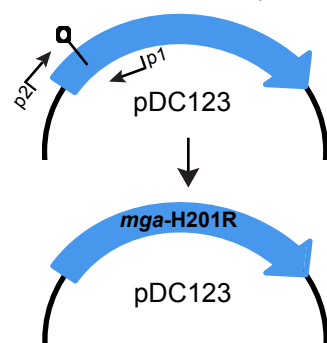
Step 3. Gene disruption construct is cloned into *E. coli* vector and linearized by digestion with *XmnI*

Step 4. Electroporation into GAS competent cell

Step 5. Selection of mutant GAS by growth in spectinomycin containing media and confirmation of gene disruption with Sanger sequencing

B*mga*-deficient strain (Δ *mga*)**C**Extra-chromosomal copy of wild-type *mga***D**

Site-directed mutagenesis to introduce the H201R replacement

Extra-chromosomal copy of *mga* encoding the H201R amino acid replacement