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3'-ACTGGGACGGCACATGGTCGACTCTCT-5'
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Vector 5' end after 5' Exonuclease reaction

5'-ATTCACC-3'

3'-<u>GAGATTTAGGTCACTGTTCAGACAGACGGA</u>TAAGTGG-5'

4. Double-strand DNA fragment after assemble reaction (complementary sequences are underlined)

 $5'-{\tt TGACCCTGCCGTGTACCAGCTGAGAGA} \underline{CTCTAAATCCAGTGACAAGTCTGTCTGCCT} {\tt ATTCACC-3'}$

 $\texttt{3'-ACTGGGACGGCACATGGTCGACTCTCT} \underline{\texttt{GAGATTTAGGTCACTGTTCAGACAGACGGA} \texttt{TAAGTGG-5'}$

Supplementary Figure S1

Construction of a destination plasmid for TCR gene cloning. A, Schematic representation of the destination plasmid vector. To create the destination plasmid, fragment from 5' Long Terminal Repeat (LTR) to the multiple cloning site pDON-5 retroviral vectors amplified bv PCR using the sense (MCS) in а was primer: TGGCGCCGGTGATGTGAAAGACCCCACCTGTAG (SgrAI underlined) anti-sense site and primer: AATGTCGACTATGCGGCCGCAGATCCGAGCTCGGTACC (Sall and NotI sites underlined). The DNA fragment was column-purified and treated with SgrAI and SalI restriction enzymes and inserted into a Murine Stem Cell Virus (MSCV)-based retroviral plasmid pMIG-w (a gift from Luk Parijs (Addgene plasmid # 12282)). The plasmid contains TCR-expressing cassette as a stuffer gene fragment. In the stuffer TCR-expressing cassette, C α region was modified to provide a PspOMI-recognition site for excision of the stuffer fragment together with NotI, leaving 3' part of Cα-coding region in the vector fragment. To create PspOMI-containing TCR-expressing cassette, Two DNA fragments containing PspOMI-recognizing site in the α chain constant region was prepared by using (1) sense primer: primer: ATTGTCGAC TTAATTAATCAGCTGGACCACAGCCG (Sall and PacI sites underlined) and (2) vectorspecific sense primer AATTGATCCGCGGCCGCCACCATG (NotI site underlined) and anti-sense primer: GAGGGCCCCCAGCTGGTACACGGCAGGG (PspOMI site underlined). Two PCR fragments were fused by the overlap extension PCR. The fused fragment was introduced into the NotI and SalI site in the plasmid vector. Abbreviations used are: 5' LTR: 5' HCMV/MLV hybrid long terminal repeats; SA: the splice acceptor site from the human elongation factor 1a intron-exon junction; WRE; Woodchuck Hepatitis Virus Posttranscriptional Regulatory Element; 3' LTR; MSCV LTR. **B**, Correction of PspOMI modification during assembling reaction. (1) TCR α chain constant region was modified to provide PspOMI-recognizing sequence; (2) Sequences of TCR VJ α and restriction enzyme-treated and purified vector fragments before assembling; (3) During assembling reaction, both fragments were degraded by a 5'-to-3' exonuclease in the reaction mix, by which artificial PspOMI-recognizing sequence in the vector fragment is removed; and (4) After assembling, positive-strand DNA of TCR VJa fragment and negative-strand DNA of the vector fragment form the natural TCR C α sequence.