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DNAWorks at Helix Systems

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Resource Information

URL: <http://helixweb.nih.gov/dnaworks>

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Description: DNAWorks automates the design of oligonucleotides for gene synthesis by PCR-based methods. The availability of sequences of entire genomes has dramatically increased the number of protein targets, many of which will need to be overexpressed in cells other than the original source of DNA. Gene synthesis often provides a fast and economically efficient approach. The synthetic gene can be optimized for expression and constructed for easy mutational manipulation without regard to the parent genome. DNAWorks accesses a computer program that automates the design of oligonucleotides for gene synthesis. The website provides forms for simple input information, i.e. amino acid sequence of the target protein and melting temperature (needed for the gene assembly) of synthetic oligonucleotides. The program outputs a series of oligonucleotide sequences with codons optimized for expression in an organism of choice. Those oligonucleotides are characterized by highly homogeneous melting temperatures and a minimized tendency for hairpin formation. The approach presented here simplifies the production of proteins from a wide variety of organisms for genomics-based studies.

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for DNAWorks at Helix Systems.

No alerts have been found for DNAWorks at Helix Systems.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 40 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [NIF](#) .

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