

Supplementary Material

Plasmodium falciparum var gene is activated by its antisense long noncoding RNA

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Supplementary Tables

Target	Sequence (5'-3')
5' RACE	
<i>PF3D7_0617400</i> antisense lncRNA	GATTACGCCAAGCTTGAACCTGAAGCTGATAAAGGCCCAGTC
Primer pairs for mRNA qPCR detection	
<i>var</i> family	See reference (Salanti et al., 2003)
T7 RNA polymerase	GGAATACAAGAAGCCTAT TGTTGGTGTTAATGGTAG
<i>PF3D7_0100300</i>	CATCATCTAAAAATCTTAATATCTA CTTTATTTTCATATTTATATTGTGAG
<i>Rex1</i>	AATCGGGTGCTCCATACAAG CGTCTTTTTGTCCCTGTTCTG
Primer pairs for <i>var</i> aslncRNA qPCR detection	
<i>PF3D7_0617400</i> aslncRNA (episome, p1/p2)	TGTGTAGAACATTTGGCGCA CAAGAAAACAGATCCCCCTAC
<i>PF3D7_0617400</i> aslncRNA (endogenous, p3/p4)	GGAATTGGTTTTGCTGCAATC CATCCACATCCACATACATAC
<i>PF3D7_0400400</i>	CTACTATCCCGTTTGGTATTG CATCCACACGTAAACATATCC

<i>PF3D7_0425800</i>	TTATTTTCTACCATCCTCTGG TCCAAACATACACAACATACAC
<i>PF3D7_1200400</i>	TTGGCATTAGGATCCATTGCT AACGCTCAAACATACATATACAG
<i>PF3D7_1100200</i>	GCGTTGACTTACTTTTACTC CATACCCAAACATACATAAGC
<i>PF3D7_0300100</i>	CCGTTTGGTATTGCATTGGC ACGTAAACATATCCCCACAC
<i>PF3D7_0223500</i>	TGGCATTAGGATCCATTGCTT TATATCCAAACACACCCACAC
<i>PF3D7_0413100</i>	TATTGGTTTTGCTGCGTTCAC CCAAACATACCCCAACAATAC
<i>PF3D7_1240600</i>	ATCGGTTTTGCTGCATTCCT ACAATCATATCAAACACATCCAC
<i>PF3D7_0711700</i>	CATCACAACCAACAACCCC CACTCATACATACATATACACAC
pT7SE and pT7 construction	
T7 RNA polymerase	<u>CACATTTTCGAATAAACTCGAGATAACACGATTAACATCGCTAAGAAC</u> <u>GACCTGCAGGGTACCTTACGCGAACGCGAAGT</u>
Nuclear localization signal of Gal4p (1-222 bp)	<u>CACATTTTCGAATAAACTCGAGATGAAGCTACTGTCTTCTATCG</u> <u>GATGTTAATCGTGTTCCCGGGTCGAGGAAAAATCAGTAGAAATAGC</u>
Flag-tag	<u>CTGATTTTTCCTCGAGACTACAAGGACGACGATGACAAGAACACGATT</u> <u>AACATC</u> <u>GATGTTAATCGTGTTCTTGTTCATCGTCGTCCTTGTAAGTCTCGAGGAAAA</u> <u>ATCAG</u>
T7 promoter and T7 terminator (*)	Forward1: CTATAGGGAGACCCGGGTCTTGCAAGATAACTAGCATAACCCCTTGGG GCCTCT Reverse1: TTTCAGCAAAAAACCCCTCAAGACCCGTTTAGAGGCCCAAGGGGTTA TGCTAGTT Forward2: <u>GCCAGCCTAGGAGTTCCATGGAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGAC</u> CCGGGT Reverse2: <u>TTCATATCGATAACTATCCGGATATAGTTCCTCCTTTCAGCAAAAAACCC</u> CTCAAG
pT7SE-as0617400 and pT7-as0617400 construction	
<i>PF3D7_0617400</i> aslncRNA template	<u>GACTCACTATAGGGAGAGAAACACATATACATCAACAGAT</u> <u>CAAGAAAACAGATCCCCTACTTAGCCAGTTCAGCAT</u>
Deletion of NLS-T7RNP operon	<u>AAGACAGATCTTCGGGCGGCCGCGAGTATTCTATAGTGTC</u> <u>GACACTATAGAATACTCGCGGCCGCCGAAGATCTGTCTT</u>
Templates for FISH probe synthesis	
<i>PF3D7_1240600</i> FISH template	ACATGACGAGGTACAGAAAG GCTTGTGGTGTACCTG
<i>PF3D7_0617400</i> FISH template	CAATACTTTCCACTGATAGAGC CCAAACTTCTTTCTGTTTGCTT
pT7SE-as0617400-exonI construction	
<i>PF3D7_0617400</i> aslncRNA template (exonI region)	<u>ACTCACTATAGGGAGGTA</u> ACTGATTGCAGCAAAACC <u>GTTATCTTGCAAGAACCCGGGCTACTTAGCCAGTTCAGCAT</u>
pUC15A-NLS-T7RNP construction (**)	
p15A replicon	CACCGCCGGACATCAGCG CGGGGCATGACTAACATG

pUC19 fragment lacking replicon	GGATCTCAAGAAGATCCTTTG GTGAGCTGATACCGCTCGC
NLS-T7RNP	<u>ATGACCATGATTACGCCAAGCTTGATGAAGCTACTGTCTTCTATCG</u> <u>GAGTCGACCTGCAGGCATTACGCGAACGCGAAG</u>

Supplementary Table S1. All primers used in this study. The vectors were constructed by In-Fusion technology (Vazyme). The sequence underlined is the homologous fragment for cloning as commercial standard manuals described. *: To obtain this fragment, products were amplified by two steps. The first product was amplified by primer pair Forward1/Reverse1 without template. Then, the second PCR was performed by primer pair Forward2/Reverse2 and using the first step product as template. **: p15A replicon and NLS-T7RNP were prepared by PCR. To construct pUC15A, p15A replicon was phosphorylated with T4 polynucleotide kinase, and ligated to pUC19 fragment lacking replicon with T4 DNA ligase.

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