

**S5 Table. Comparison of single and double selections on colony number and the fidelity of the GSU 1371 knockout construct.**

Sample	Selection	Colonies per transformation	Correct band in colony PCR
Vector only <sup>a</sup>	Amp	4	N/A
Assembly <sup>b</sup>	Amp/Kan	61	10/10
Assembly <sup>b</sup>	Amp	126	27/35
Assembly <sup>b</sup>	Kan <sup>c</sup>	68	10/10

<sup>a</sup> Only the vector fragment (10 ng) was introduced into 25 µl of cells as a negative control.

<sup>b</sup> The insert DNA fragments were first combined with 10 ng of the vector fragment at a 5:1 molar ratio for insert and vector, and then with 25 µl of cells.

<sup>c</sup> Although Kan was the only antibiotic used, this selection was equivalent to double selection because the origin of replication needed in the final product was provided by the vector fragment.