

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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Sambrook, J., Russell, D.W., 2001. *Molecular cloning: a laboratory manual*, 3rd ed. CSHL Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY.

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