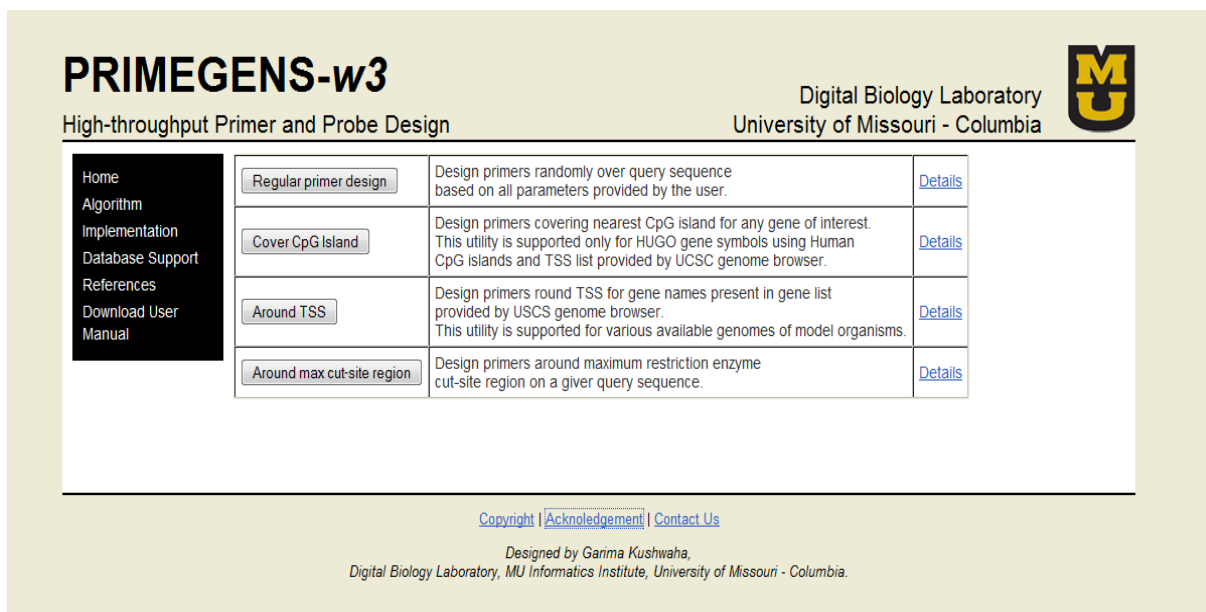


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PRIMEGENSw3 is Web Server version of PRIMEGENS program to automate high-throughput primer and probe design. It provides three separate utilities to select targeted regions of interests from genome for PCR amplification long with its regular primer design process. PRIMEGENSw3's different utilities for primer and probe design are:

1. **Regular Primer Design.**
2. **Cover CpG Island.**
3. **Around TSS.**
4. **Around max cut-sit region.**

Figure 1 shows the webpage showing different options for the user choos for primer or probe design for these utilities.



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Home Algorithm Implementation Database Support References Download User Manual	Regular primer design	Design primers randomly over query sequence based on all parameters provided by the user.	<a href="#">Details</a>
	Cover CpG Island	Design primers covering nearest CpG island for any gene of interest. This utility is supported only for HUGO gene symbols using Human CpG islands and TSS list provided by UCSC genome browser.	<a href="#">Details</a>
	Around TSS	Design primers round TSS for gene names present in gene list provided by USCS genome browser. This utility is supported for various available genomes of model organisms.	<a href="#">Details</a>
	Around max cut-site region	Design primers around maximum restriction enzyme cut-site region on a giver query sequence.	<a href="#">Details</a>

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Figure 1: PRIMEGENSw3 page for choosing between different utilities to design primers or probes.

**Cover CpG Island.**“Primer design covering CpG Island” is one of the unique features of PRIMEGENS-v2, which can be used to study methylation patterns of various oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes. This feature designs primers for genes that have CpG islands present in close proximity to their respective TSSs. Primers can be designed to amplify genes whose expressions are suspected to be influenced by nearby CpG islands. Detailed description for working of this utility is present on website as “Details” link in front of the link to this utility.

**Around TSS.** “Primer design covering TSS” is a feature of PRIMEGENS, which helps the designed primers to cover the region around a transcription start site (TSS) of any gene. To cover specific region around the TSS of any gene, the user is only required to provide gene symbols for which the primer design is required. PRIMEGENS is capable of extracting their respective TSSs from the UCSC Genome Database (currently for March 2006 assembly). Detailed description for working of this utility is present on website as “Details” link in front of the link to this utility.

**Around max cut-sit region.** PRIMEGENS can also be used to search for regions with the maximum enzyme digestion sites (cut-sites) within each query sequence and design primers around these cut-sites. This ensures the presence of cut-sites in the PCR product and is very useful in Methylation-specific PCR. Detailed description for working of this utility is present on website as “Details” link in front of the link to this utility.

For each of these utilities, PRIMEGENSw3 has a simple sequence of operations, which consist of two basic steps: **1) Uploading data files** (PCR templates file for primer design and optional database for cross-hybridization check); **2) Primer design specifications** which consist of setting various design parameters (for example, Primer3 parameters, BLAST parameters for cross hybridization check, etc.); and **3) Program execution and result visualizations**. It allows user to select three different algorithms for primer design in each of its utility. They are 1) Sequence-specific Primer Design (SSPD), allowing primer design for any random DNA sequence; 2) Fragment-specific Primer Design (FSPD), allowing multiple primer pair design distributed uniformly across target sequence for investigating large sequences; 3) Probe-specific Primer Design (PSPD), allowing users to design target sequence-specific probes and associated primers pairs. In addition to this, it can also be used to design sequence-specific probes.

Using web server version of PRIMEGENS software is a three step process as follows:

### Step 1: Upload Input files.

#### For Regular Primer Design.

To design primers and probes, PRIMEGENS require two types of inputs. One is the query file having the sequence for which primers/probes need to be designed and the database file having all the other sequence that are present in the PCR reaction. Sequences in database file are the sequences to which PRIMEGENS will check for any potential cross hybridization and thereby select primer/probe that are specific to the sequence of interest from sequence mixture.

On PRIMEGENSw3 web-server, user can upload the query sequence (PCR template) file and their own custom database file (sequence mixture in PCR) or use available genomes supported by PRIMEGENS. PRIMEGENSw3 do also provide different sample data for both query and database sequences for users to test primer/probe design using PRIMEGENS algorithms. As per their selection, the corresponding upload or selection box gets activated for the user to provide respective option.

If any of these files, query or database file is not uploaded by the user before hitting submit button, the program will exit giving the error message as “Query file has not been uploaded.” or “Database file has not been uploaded.”.

Figure 2(a-c) shows the webserver page having various options for input files required by PRIMEGENSw3. Figure2(b) shows the available sample query options (different query formats) on webserver. Figure2(c) shows the available genomes options on webserver.

(a)

(b)

(c)

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**Upload Query file**

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**Upload Database file**

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☒ Available Genomes

None  
 Arabidopsis TAIR9 cDNA  
 Arabidopsis TAIR9 CDS  
 Maize CDS  
 Medicago CDS  
 Rice all cDNA  
 Rice all CDS  
 Sorghum all CDS  
 Soybean Glyma1 cDNA  
 Soybean Glyma1 CDS  
 Homo sapiens [Genome]  
 Bisulfite Human [Genome]  
 Anopheles gambiae [Genome]  
 Caenorhabditis elegans [Genome]  
 Drosophila Melanogaster [Genome]  
 Guinea Pig [Genome]  
 Mus musculus [Genome]  
 Saccharomyces cerevisiae [Genome]  
 Zebrafish [Genome]  
 None

base must contain corresponding sequences.  
 Use the query format for genomic database.  
 from sample files. [Details](#)

• Use S. Cerevisiae from available genomes, if Format-3/Format-4 query sample is used.

[Next](#) [Reset](#)

Note: This website has been tested on Mozilla Firefox and Internet Explorer 8.

Select "Available Genomes" option to activate the option to select any supported database.

Figure 2: Input file page for Regular Design Utility.

**For Around CpG Design.**

Figure 3 shows the input file page for Around TSS utility. Here, the query file is Gene symbol list file. The gene symbols are taken from lists provided by UCSC Genome Browser's gene list.

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**Upload Query file**

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**Upload Database file**

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Figure 3: Input file page for "Around CpG" utility.

**For Around TSS Design.**

Figure 4 shows the input file page for Around TSS utility. Here, the query file is Gene symbol list file. The gene symbols are taken from lists provided by UCSC Genome Browser's gene list. Other than uploading gene symbol list file and corresponding genome, it also requires special parameters i.e. Length of sequence upstream of TSS and Length of sequence downstream of

TSS to pick query sequence around TSS. Both of these parameter values have been assigned with some default values for testing purpose.

Figure 4: Input file page for “Around TSS” Utility.

### **For Around max cut-site region Design.**

Figure 5 shows the input file page for Around max cut-site region utility. Here, the query file is same as for regular primer design. Other than uploading query file and database, it also requires special parameters which are Number of Cut-sites, Cut-sites and Length of the Cut-site region to pick query sequence around region with maximum of those cut-sites. All these parameter values have been assigned with some default values for testing purpose.

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Upload Query file

☐ Use Sample File Format-1(with sequence) [View Sample files](#)

☐ Upload your own file

\* If "no sequence" query format used, database must contain corresponding sequences.  
\* Use "chrX:start-end" in "no sequence" query format for genomic database.  
\* Please check format from sample files [Details](#)

Upload Database file

☐ Use Sample File [View](#)

☐ Upload your own file

☐ Available Genomes None

\* Use S. Cerevisiae from available genomes, if Format-3/Format-4 query sample is used.

Cut Site Information

Number of Cut-sites:

Cut Sites:  (separated by comma, eg. CCTT,GGGG,GGCC)

Length of Cut-site Region:

Figure 5: Input file page for “Around max cut-site” utility

## Step2: Input Parameters

Next stage of PRIMEGENS server is to provide all input parameters for primer design. All parameters have been set to some default values as standard parameters for best primer design. Input parameters on this page of the server are divided into five sections as follows:

### 1. Algorithm Type

In this, user can choose to design primers by three primer design algorithms supported by PRIMEGENS software or design just probes by choosing the last option. SSPD has been selected by default.

### 2. Parameters required for Blast and Primer3 program

Here, user can set parameters for MegaBLAST to look for cross hybridization of primers in database sequences provided by them. Then, for Primer3 parameters, user can provide specific desired characteristics of the primer that can be used by a third party program, Primer3 to design primers. For example, melting temperature, primer length, etc.

### 3. Parameters required for Fragment Specific Primer Design (FSPD) program

These parameters are used by PRIMEGENS only when it has to design primers using FSPD algorithm. Here, user can provide parameters for primer design only if they opted for algorithm type as FSPD.

### 4. Parameters required for Probe Specific Primer Design (PSPD) program

These parameters are used by PRIMEGENS only when it has to design primers using PSPD algorithm. Here, user can provide parameters for primer design only if they opted for algorithm type as PSPD.

#### 5. Parameters for Probe Design

These parameters are used by PRIMEGENS only when it has to design only sequence specific probes. Here, user can provide parameters for probe design only if they opted for algorithm type as Probe Design.

Figure 6-12 below show the input parameter pages of PRIMEGENS tool. Here user can provide PRIMEGENS their own values or just run PRIMEGENS using all default values. Figure 7 shows one of the help pop-ups available for each parameter by clicking the questionmark symbol in front of each.

Next page gives the user all parameter specifications used for primer/probe design.

Figure 6: Page for setting algorithm type.

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Parameters required by Primer3 program to generate primers.

General Parameters

Primer min. Tm  (default:60.0) Primer opt Tm  (default:60.0) Primer max Tm  (default:66.0)

Primer opt size  (default:20) Primer max size  (default:23)

Primer min GC  (default:40) Primer GC clamp  (default:0)

Primer product opt Tm  (default:0.0) Primer product min Tm  (default:-1000000.0)

Primer product size range  (default:150-170) Primer num Ns accepted  (default:0)

Primer liberal base  (default:0) Primer first base index  (default:0) Primer start codon position  (default:-1000000)

Primer self end  Primer self any  Primer max

PRIMER\_MIN\_TM

Minimum acceptable melting temperature(Celsius) for a primer oligo.

Figure 7: Page for setting Primer3 parameters for primer design.

After setting all Primer3 parameters and clicking “Next” button PRIMEGENS asks to set BLAST parameters. Figure 8 shows the page to set BLAST parameters.

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Parameters required by BLAST program.

Word size  (default:11)

Gap Open Penalty  (default:4)

Gap Extension penalty  (default:2)

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Figure 8: Page for setting BLAST parameters.


After setting all BLAST parameters and clicking “Next” button PRIMEGENS asks to set parameters specific to PRIMEGENS. Figure 9-12 shows the page to set these parameters.



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### Input Parameters

(All parameters have been set to a default value.)

Parameters required by PRIMEGENS algorithm.

Email for notification (optional)

print "Result Display" [?](#)

Number of Primers [?](#)  (default:10)

Allowed Hybridization in results [?](#)  (default:0)

Maximum possible Amplicon Size [?](#)  (default:9999)

Minimum Oligo size [?](#)  (default:15)

print "Sequence in Bisulfite Mode" [?](#) ☐

print "Number of CpG sites in primer" [?](#)  (default:2) Note: If uploaded sequences are in bisulfite mode.


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Figure 9: Page for setting parameters specific to PRIMEGENS.

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### Input Parameters

(All parameters have been set to a default value.)

Parameters for Fragment specific Primer Design (FSPD)

Fragment Length [?](#)  (default:500)    Fragment Overlap [?](#)  (default:20)

Parameters required by PRIMEGENS algorithm.

Email for notification (optional)

print "Result Display" [?](#)

Number of Primers [?](#)  (default:10)

Allowed Hybridization in results [?](#)  (default:0)

Maximum possible Amplicon Size [?](#)  (default:9999)

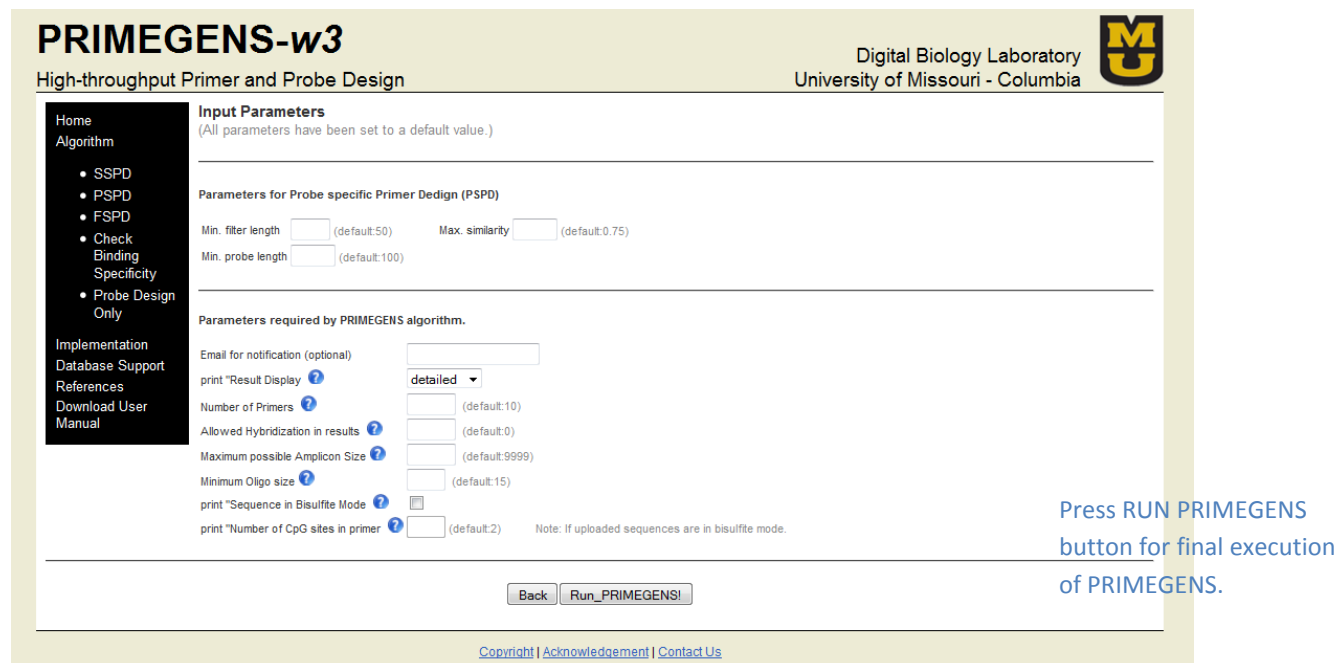
Minimum Oligo size [?](#)  (default:15)

print "Sequence in Bisulfite Mode" [?](#) ☐

print "Number of CpG sites in primer" [?](#)  (default:2) Note: If uploaded sequences are in bisulfite mode.

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Figure 10: Page for setting parameters specific to PRIMEGENS when algorithm type as FSPD is chosen.



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**Input Parameters**  
(All parameters have been set to a default value.)

Parameters for Probe specific Primer Design (PSPD)

Min. filter length  (default:50)      Max. similarity  (default:0.75)

Min. probe length  (default:100)

Parameters required by PRIMEGENS algorithm.

Email for notification (optional)

print "Result Display"  detailed

Number of Primers  (default:10)

Allowed Hybridization in results  (default:0)

Maximum possible Amplicon Size  (default:9999)

Minimum Oligo size  (default:15)

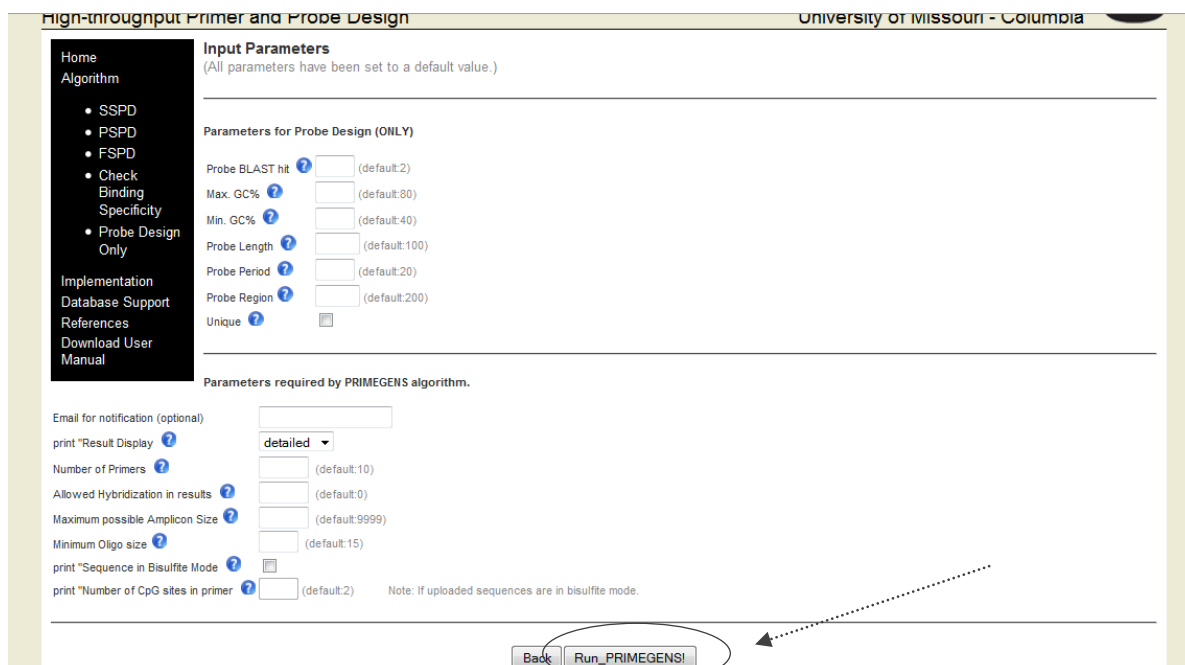
print "Sequence in Bisulfite Mode" ☐

print "Number of CpG sites in primer"  (default:2)      Note: If uploaded sequences are in bisulfite mode.

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Press RUN PRIMEGENS button for final execution of PRIMEGENS.

Figure 11: Page for setting parameters specific to PRIMEGENS when algorithm type as PSPD is chosen.



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**Input Parameters**  
(All parameters have been set to a default value.)

Parameters for Probe Design (ONLY)

Probe BLAST hit  (default:2)

Max. GC%  (default:80)

Min. GC%  (default:40)

Probe Length  (default:100)

Probe Period  (default:20)

Probe Region  (default:200)

Unique ☐

Parameters required by PRIMEGENS algorithm.

Email for notification (optional)

print "Result Display"  detailed

Number of Primers  (default:10)

Allowed Hybridization in results  (default:0)

Maximum possible Amplicon Size  (default:9999)

Minimum Oligo size  (default:15)

print "Sequence in Bisulfite Mode" ☐

print "Number of CpG sites in primer"  (default:2)      Note: If uploaded sequences are in bisulfite mode.

Figure 12: Page for setting parameters specific to PRIMEGENS when algorithm type as Probe Design is chosen.

After filling up all these parameter forms, user should hit “RUN PRIMEGENS” for the final run of the primer design program. User can hit “RUN PRIMEGENS”, without putting any value on this page and PRIMEGENS will design primers using all default parameters.

After running PRIMEGENS, server will show the link to find the output files. Figure13 shows the page with the link that comes after PRIMEGENS starts running.

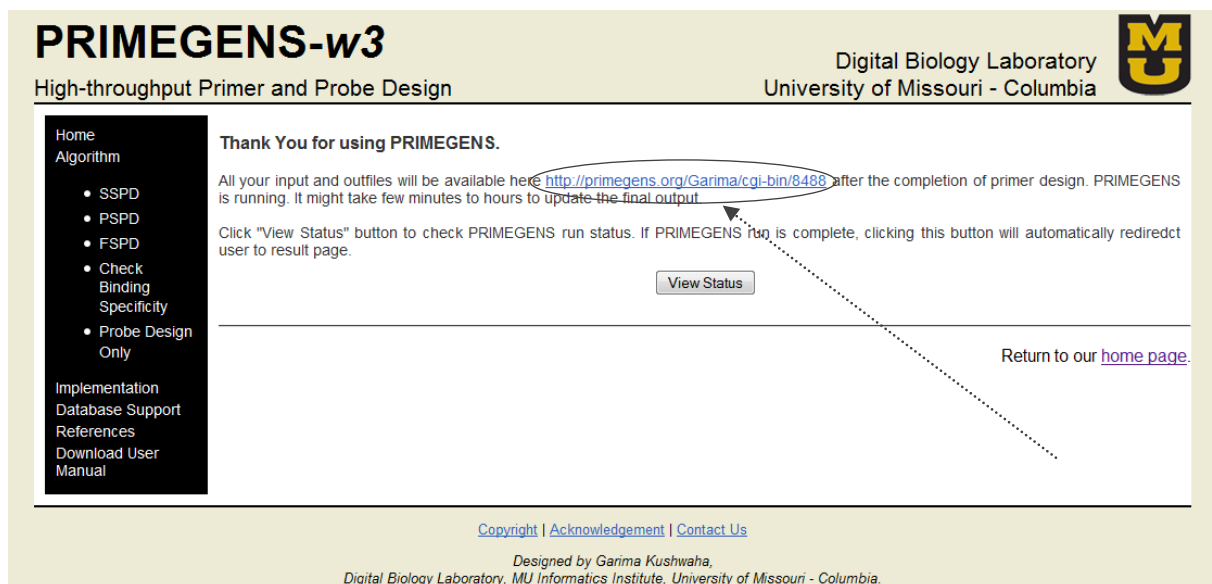


Figure13: Page after running PRIMEGENS.

Figure 14(a) shows the page that come on on hitting “View Status” button on page shown in Figure 13, if PRIMEGENS’ run is not finished. Figure14(b) shows confirmation pop-up that shows after pressing refresh button on its next page PRIMEGENS is still running for the job submitted. This absolutely safe to press “Resend” without losing design results and keep refreshing to check the PRIMEGENS’ completion. It takes few minutes for sample data for testing purpose.

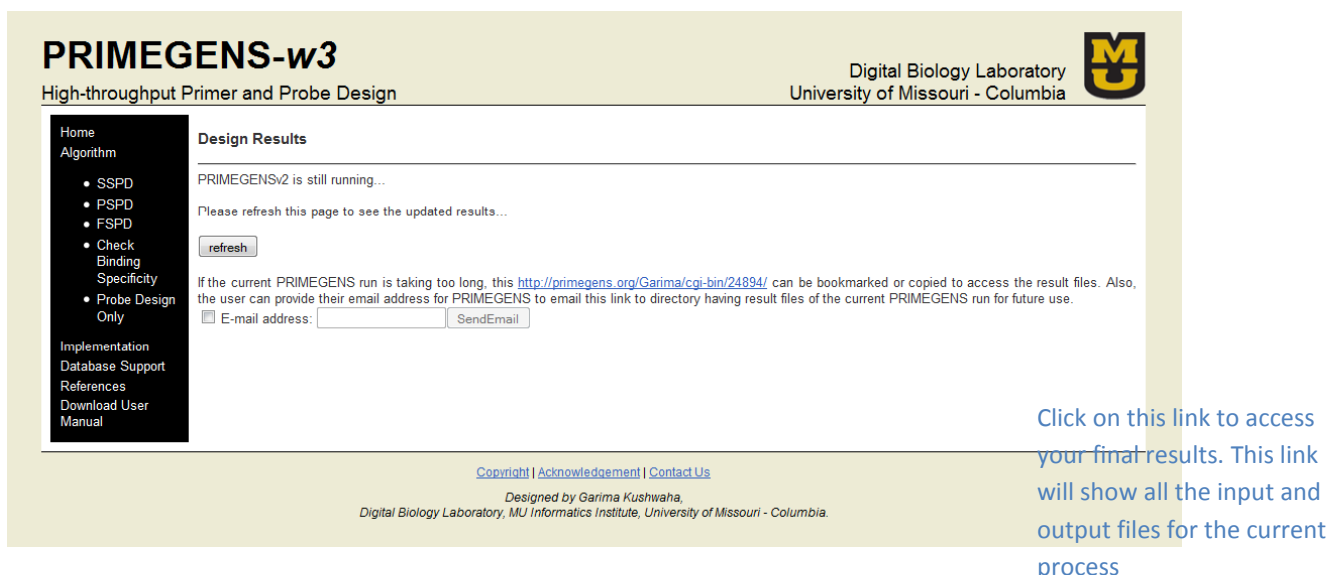


Figure 14(a): Next page after hitting “View Status” button on last page shown by Figure13.

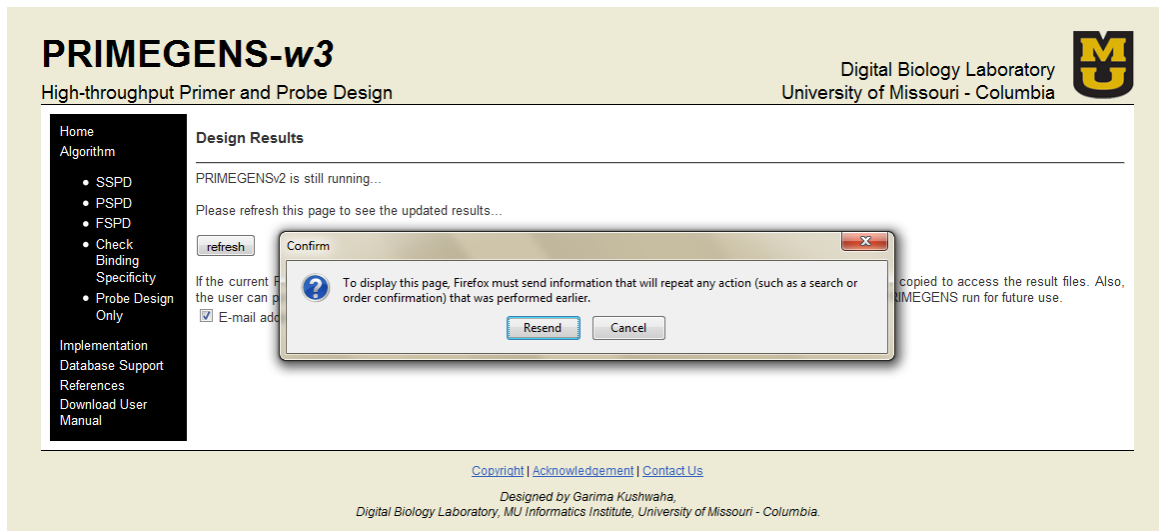


Figure 14(b): Confirmation pop-up on refreshing page.

### Step3: Result Visualization.

On PRIMEGENS' successful execution and primer or probe design best results are shown in a form of table on web page with all information about each designed primers or probes, as shown in Figure 15(a). Double clicking on any row of this table or in other words each designed primer record visualize the position of both left and right primer on its corresponding query sequence as shown in Figure 15(b). Also, name and links to all output files generated by PRIMEGENS are shown for user to see the results in their browser or right click and download them to their computer. All these files are still in the same directory as was provided in the link.

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Best primers

\*Double click on any primer pair result in the following table to visualize their position on its corresponding sequence.

Query name	Left Primer-Sequence	Left primer-Start position	Left primer-Length	Left primer-Tm	Left primer-GC-content	Right primer-Sequence	Right primer-Start position	Right primer-Length
>S11529022 Zea ...	CGACATGGTCAAGGTCATCT	1145	20	58.5	50	AGTCATTTCGGGGTGAATCC	1313	20
>S22334604 Zea ...	AAACAGGGTAGAGCGTgagga	32	21	61.2	52	AAGTTGATGGGCACGATCTC	199	20
>S11417968 Zea ...	CACAAGTAGCGAAAtggcag	77	20	59.5	50	ACACTGTTGTCCTGTTCTCCT	244	22
>S11431057 Zea ...	GTTTGCAATTGTTGCGCTCC	14	20	63.9	50	TAACAAGTTGGCAACCCCT	164	20

Following are the result files available after running PRIMEGENS:

QueryFormat1\_ZeaMays.fa

QueryFormat1\_ZeaMays.fa\_query\_failed.txt

QueryFormat1\_ZeaMays.fa\_query\_primer\_list.txt

QueryFormat1\_ZeaMays.fa\_primer.xls

Query file

sequences with failed primer design

alternate primers for each sequence

best primer sequences

Figure 15(a): Primer Design result visualization.

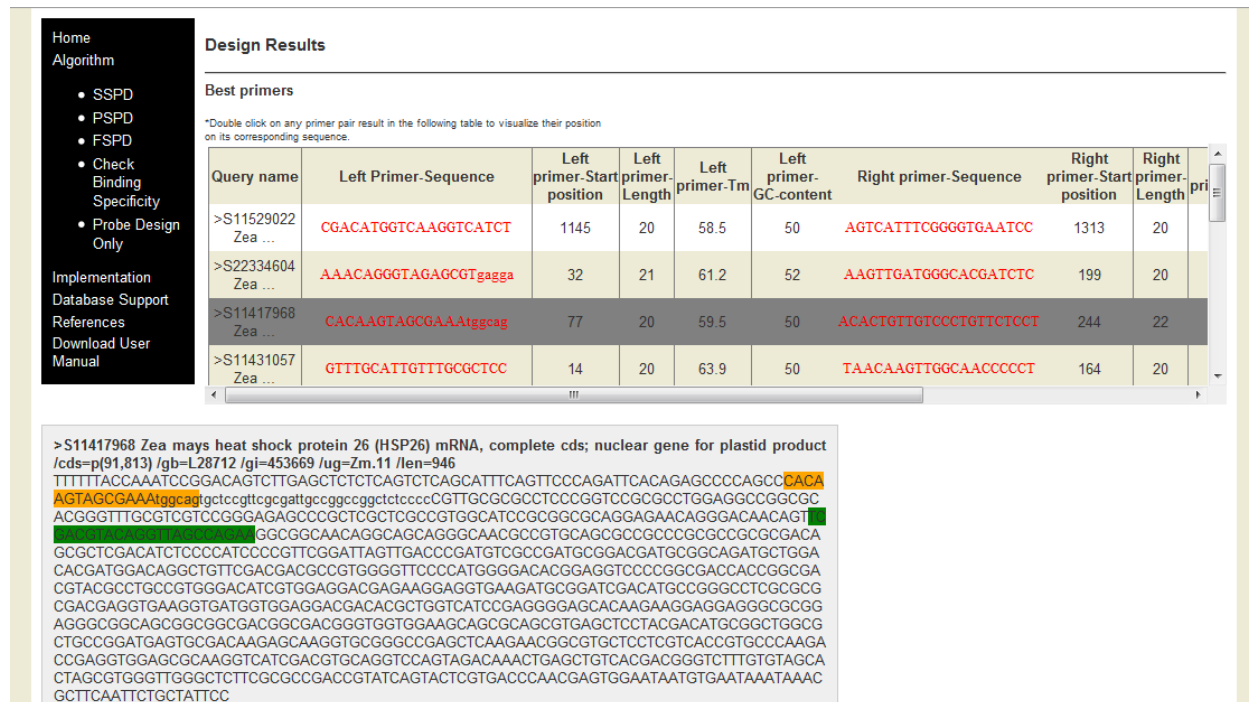


Figure 15(b): Visualizing Primer position in query sequence.

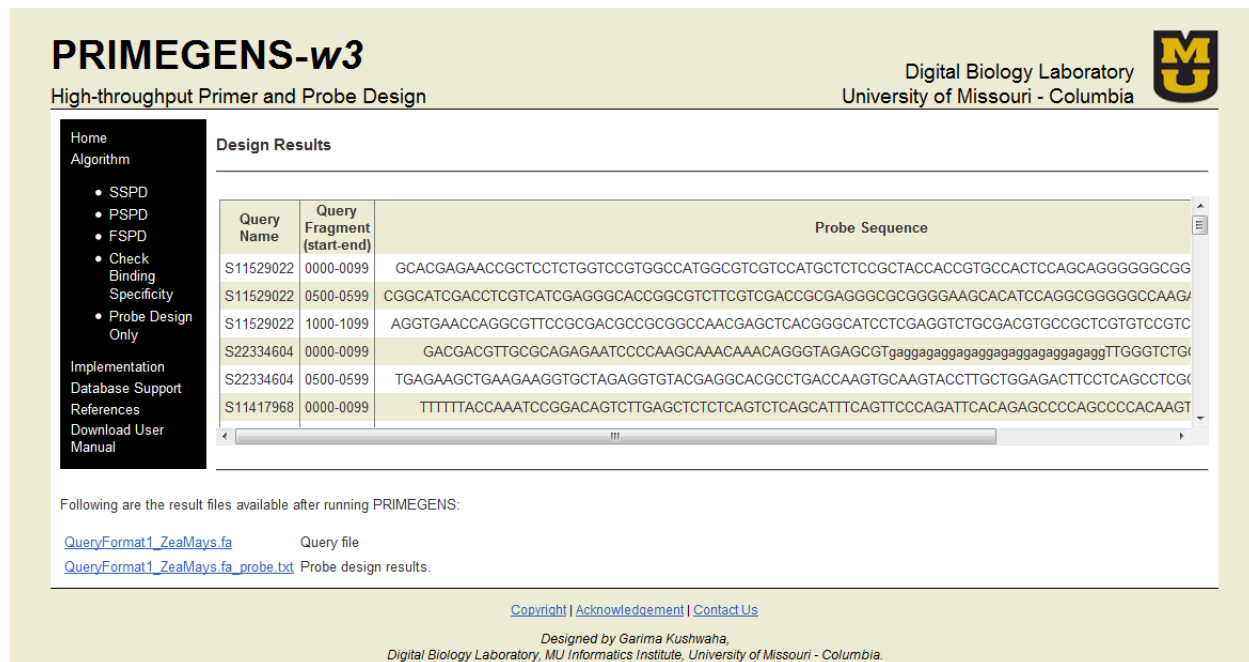


Figure 16: Probe Design Result Visualization.

## Input File Format

PRIMEGENS support following query file format:

### 1. FASTA format with gene names.

Following figure shows one sample file for this file format. First shows file with sequence and the other shows without sequence.

```
>gi|2270989:16-516 Glycine max dehydrin (GmPM12) mRNA, complete cds
ATGGCTGAAGCACAACTACGAGACCAGCATGGCAACCTGTCCCACTACCGATCAATACGGTAATCCGG
TTATCTTAACTGACGAGCGGGTAATCCCGTCCAACCTCACTGGTGTGCTACCACCGCTACCGGCACAGC
AGGTTCTGGGTTTGGGTCTATGGTACCGGTGCTTACGGTGGTGGTGAAGTGAACCAACCGTTGCAGAT
CTTTTGGCAACCAACCAAGGAGTGGCAGGGAGGCTAGAGAGCTTCGTCGTTCTCCAGTTCAAGCTCTA
GCTCGTCTGAGGATGATGGGCAAGGTGGGAGGAGGAAGAAGGGAGTGAAGGATAAAATAAAGAGAACT
ACCAGGGGTAGGAGGAGGAATAATAATAAGGAGCATGCACACACAACAACCTGCTCAACCAACCGCCACT
AACCACCTGCTGATCAGCATGAGAAGAAGGGCATAATGGAGAGGATCAAGAAAAAATTGCCTGGCCACC
ACACCCACTGA
>gi|6648967:65-838 Glycine max seed maturation protein PM26 (PM26) mRNA, complete cds
ATGAGTCAGGAGCAGCCACGGCGTCCCAAAGGCCAAAACCCATCAAAATACGGCGACGTTTTTGTCTCT
CCGGCGACCTTGCACAGAAGCCCGTCGCACCGGAAGATGCTGCCATGATGCAAGCGCGGAACTCGAGT
GCTCGGACAAACCAACCCGGCGGAGCAGCTTCCGTCATGCAATCTGCCGCCACCAAGGAATGAACAGGCT
GGCTTTGTCTGCTACCGGGACGTCACCGACGTTACCGGCGACCGTGGCGTCACAGTCACAGAACTAAAG
TCCCTGGAAGACGCATTATAACCGAGGCTGTTGGTGGCCAGGTTGTGGAGCAGTATGTGGAGGCAACTCC
GGTTGAGGCAGGGCAAGCAGTGCAATTAAGGAGAATGCCATAACAATAGGAGAGGCATTGGAGGCGACG
GCACAGACTGTGGGTCAGAAAGCGGTGGATCAGAGTGACGCTTCGCGATTACGGCGGCGGAGGTGAGA
GCAACGGGGAAGTAAACGTTATAACGCCGGGTGGACTTGGCGCTATGGCTCAATCAGCTGCTGCTTATAA
TGCTGACTGCAAGCTTGACCAAGGCAAGGTCAAGCTCGCCGACATTTTGGCCGGAGCCACAGCCAAGTTG
CCCAGGACAAAGGCCGCCACACTGCAAGATGCTGAAGGTGTAGCGTGTGCTGAGGTGAGGAACAACCTG
ATGCCACCGCCACTCCCGGTGGCGTAGCCGCTTCTGTTGCGGCTGCTGCTAGGCTCAATGAAAATGTTAA
GTAA
>gi|4838146:81-503 Glycine max seed maturation protein PM30 (PM30) mRNA, complete cds
ATGGCATCCCATAGGCAAGCTATGAAGCTGGTCAAACTAAGGGCCGAACAGGAGAAAGACGAACCAGA
CGATGGGCAATATTGGAGAGAAGGCTCAAGCTGCAAGGAGAAGACCCAGGAAATGGCCCAAGCTGCAAA
GGAGAAGACCAACAAACAGCCCAAGCTGCCAAGGACAAGACTTGGGACACTTCCCAAGCGGCAAGGAG
AAGACCAACAGAATACAGGAGCTGCTCAACAAAAGACCTCAGAGATGGGCCAGTCCACGAAGGAATCGG
```

```
>TC217759
>TC217788
>TC217789
>TC217811
>TC217820
>TC217821
>TC217856
>TC217857
>TC217858
>TC217902
>TC217916
>TC217940
>TC217941
>TC217953
>TC217986
```

### 2. FASTA format with gene names and functional description.

That is gene names and description without query nucleotide sequence.  
The database type must be single type database in this case.



```

>S11529068 Zea mays PC0150862 mRNA sequence /gb=AY103556 /gi=21206634 /ug=Zm.1314 /len=966
>S11526431 Zea mays PC0120598 mRNA sequence /gb=AY106193 /gi=21209271 /ug=Zm.1316 /len=1504
>S11522057 Zea mays CL7839_1 mRNA sequence /gb=AY110567 /gi=21214976 /ug=Zm.1319 /len=1734
>S11527763 Zea mays PC0082817 mRNA sequence /gb=AY104861 /gi=21207939 /ug=Zm.1321 /len=1190
>S11527081 Zea mays PC0101093 mRNA sequence /gb=AY105543 /gi=21208621 /ug=Zm.1322 /len=2424
>S27574516 ZM_BFb0165P17.r ZM BFb Zea mays cDNA 5', mRNA sequence /clone_end=5' /gb=DV167708 /gi=76919424
>S22333859 Zea mays clone EL01N0519B06.d mRNA sequence /gb=BT018728 /gi=54653509 /ug=Zm.1324 /len=2099
>S11529028 Zea mays PC0092990 mRNA sequence /gb=AY103596 /gi=21206674 /ug=Zm.1325 /len=1220
>S11521989 Zea mays CL7600_1 mRNA sequence /gb=AY110635 /gi=21215225 /ug=Zm.1326 /len=1437
>S11338551 947056E04.x1 947 - 2 week shoot from Barkan lab Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence /gb=BG462326 /gi=13388639
>S25112058 MZCCL10155E09.g Maize Endosperm cDNA Library Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence /gb=C0450819 /gi=67022070
>S11527744 Zea mays PC0074406 mRNA sequence /gb=AY104880 /gi=21207958 /ug=Zm.1330 /len=1306
>S27581382 ZM_BFb0178G13.f ZM BFb Zea mays cDNA 3', mRNA sequence /clone_end=3' /gb=DV174574 /gi=76936032
>S11526595 Zea mays PC0078926 mRNA sequence /gb=AY106029 /gi=21209107 /ug=Zm.1334 /len=1194
>S22334098 Zea mays clone EL01N0424F12.d mRNA sequence /gb=BT018489 /gi=54653270 /ug=Zm.1337 /len=1728
>S11524811 Zea mays PC0123922 mRNA sequence /gb=AY107813 /gi=21210891 /ug=Zm.1338 /len=730
>S11325644 Zm10_09a12.A Zm10_AAFc_ECORC_Fusarium_graminearum_corn_silk Zea mays cDNA clone Zm10_09a12,
>S25104934 MZCCL10063E08.g Maize Endosperm cDNA Library Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence /gb=C0443843 /gi=67015094
>S11526474 Zea mays PC0099943 mRNA sequence /gb=AY106150 /gi=21209228 /ug=Zm.1344 /len=1572
>S25115823 MZCCL10210C10.g Maize Endosperm cDNA Library Zea mays cDNA, mRNA sequence /gb=C0454986 /gi=67026237
>S27913705 ZM_BFb0198F22.f ZM BFb Zea mays cDNA 3', mRNA sequence /clone_end=3' /gb=DV515676 /gi=78087283
>S11525756 Zea mays PC0072630 mRNA sequence /gb=AY106868 /gi=21209946 /ug=Zm.1350 /len=1321

```

### 3. FASTA format with chromosome position.

That is query location on genome without its nucleotide sequence. The database type must be genome like human genome in this case.

```

chr1: 14371117-1437717
chr1: 1499825-1500425
chr1: 1540446-1541046
chr1: 1557122-1557722
chr8: 144838309-144838909
chrX: 119942159-119942759
chrX: 119947019-119947619
chrX: 119947019-119947619
chr1: 1645335-1645935
chr1: 1645335-1645935
chr1: 1645335-1645935
chr1: 1645335-1645935
chrX: 119912975-119913575
chrX: 119912975-119913575
chrX: 119912975-119913575
chr1: 1645335-1645935
chr1: 1645335-1645935
chrX: 72699408-72700008
chr12: 42438529-42439129
chr8: 144838309-144838909
chr9: 130354386-130354986
chr7: 143437308-143437908
chr8: 144838309-144838909
chr1: 1666991-1667591

```

### 4. FASTA format with chromosome position with functional description.

That is query location on genome and description without its nucleotide sequence. The database type must be genome, like human genome in this case.

```
chr14:60182406-60184005 SIX1 right sine oculis homeobox homolog 1
chr2:45084347-45085946 SIX2 left sine oculis homeobox homolog 2
chr2:45085047-45086646 SIX2 cross sine oculis homeobox homolog 2
chr2:45022441-45024040 SIX3 right sine oculis homeobox homolog 3
chr14:60044975-60046574 SIX6 cross sine oculis homeobox homolog 6
chr20:253439-255038 SOX12 cross SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 12
chr3:138965469-138967068 SOX14 cross SRY-box 14
chr8:55532248-55533847 SOX17 cross SRY-box 17
chr20:62149423-62151022 SOX18 right SRY-box 18
chr3:182912316-182913915 SOX2 right sex-determining region Y-box 2
chr13:94159780-94161379 SOX21 right SRY-box 21
chrX:139412718-139414317 SOX3 right SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 3
chr16:971009-972608 SOX8 cross SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 8
chr17:67627956-67629555 SOX9 cross transcription factor SOX9
chr2:171279307-171280906 SP5 cross Sp5 transcription factor
chr6:166490976-166492575 T right transcription factor T
chr2:161979366-161980965 TBR1 left "T-box, brain, 1"
chr2:161980766-161982365 TBR1 right "T-box, brain, 1"
chr22:18123426-18125025 TBX1 cross T-box 1 isoform C
chr17:56831239-56832838 TBX2 cross T-box 2
```

For database file, PRIMEGENS support two types of format.

1. Single type database, i.e. one file containing all sequences in Fasta format (eg. Glycine max database).
2. Genome type database, whole genome in multiple files, i.e. one file per chromosome.

Currently, PRIMEGENS allow user to upload only single type database i.e. a single file with file size ~10MB. Web-server provides, in-house database for various model organisms, which user can select. In case user wants to use genome for any other organism they can contact PRIMEGENS developer with this request to for support.

In query file, user can input the nucleotide sequence for each query sequence or can just give gene names or chromosome position without their nucleotide sequence. In case nucleotide sequence is not provided and gene name is given, then database type should be single type database (mentioned in database drop down menu) or uploaded database sequence. But if chromosome position is given, database type should be genome type database where one file is present per chromosome.

## Output format



Different number of and types of output files are generated by different design algorithm. All three primer design algorithms (SSPD- Sequence Specific Primer Design, FSPD – Fragment Specific Primer Design and PSPD – Probe Specific Primer Design) generate three different types of output files as follows:

1. *Excel sheet: best primer pair*

(Named as name of the query file followed by “primer.xls”)

This file contains best primer pair for each input query sequence along with other types of details, as follows:

Column Name	Description
QUERY_NAME	Name of the Query Sequence
LEFT_PRIMER	Left/Forward primer sequence
LEFT_PRIMER_START_POSITION	Start position of Left/Forward primer
LEFT_PRIMER_LENGTH	Length of Left/Forward primer
LEFT_PRIMER_TM	Melting temperature of Left/Forward primer
LEFT_PRIMER_GC_CONTENT	GC content of Left/Forward primer
RIGHT_PRIMER	Right/Reverse primer sequence
RIGHT_PRIMER_START_POSITION	Start position of Right/Reverse primer
RIGHT_PRIMER_LENGTH	Length of Right/Reverse
RIGHT_PRIMER_TM	Melting temperature of Right/Reverse
RIGHT_PRIMER_GC_CONTENT	GC content of Right/Reverse
PRODUCT_SIZE	Product or amplicon size
HYBRIDIZATION	Number of hybridization for the primer in database.

Figure- shows one sample of excel sheet output file generated by PRIMEGENS.

QUERY_NAME	LEFT_PRIMER	START	LEN	TM	GC	RIGHT_PRIMER	START	LEN	TM	GC	SIZE	HBDRN
>Glyma0070s00210.1	TGGTGAGGAGGCTGAAAG	256	20	60.23	55	TGAAACCCAAAAAATCCG	394	20	59.95	40	139	1
>Glyma01901750.1	AAGAGTGTGAAGCTGCGAT	831	20	60.02	50	CCATATCTCTCAAATCCCT	924	20	59.97	50	94	1
>Glyma01904300.1	CAAGAGAACGGCCAAAGAAG	1448	20	59.99	50	AAAGGGTGTGATCAACTGG	1602	20	60.11	50	155	2
>Glyma01904300.2	CGAGTACAATCGCCAGACAA	820	20	59.86	50	TGCACGTCTCTCTGGAGTG	915	20	60.02	55	96	2
>Glyma01904750.1	AATGAAGGATGCAATCTC	841	20	60.04	45	GGTCAGCTTTGATGGAAGAA	927	20	60.05	45	87	1
>Glyma01907680.1	CTTCGCCACTCTATCAAGC	158	20	59.98	55	GGAGTACCGAACGTCGTTGT	308	20	60.04	55	151	1
>Glyma01909310.1	GTGAATGTCTTAAGGGGCAA	2621	20	59.93	50	ACAATGCCCAAGACCATGA	2725	20	59.97	45	165	1
>Glyma01927720.1	TGGGTTTATCCAGTTCCAG	332	20	59.78	50	CCTCTCTGCTCAGATGGTC	476	20	59.95	60	145	1
>Glyma01930300.1	GTCTTCAAAAGGATGGCAA	896	20	60.05	45	ATGACGGAGTTGGTGGAGAC	1026	20	59.97	55	131	1
>Glyma01936040.1	CCGAGAGAAGAGGACAAAC	148	20	59.99	55	AGGGTAAAGCAACAGAGCGA	245	20	60.02	50	98	1
>Glyma01937090.1	CAATTTCCATATCCCAACGG	41	20	60.01	45	TATAGGCTTGATTTGACGC	183	20	60.06	50	143	1
>Glyma01937760.1	ATCCCCCAGGAAAAAGAGA	4345	20	59.88	45	GCGTCTATGCTATGGCTTC	4502	20	59.84	55	158	1
>Glyma01937760.2	AGGTGGGTGCTGTCAAAGTC	4569	20	60.16	55	AACAGCAGCAATGTTGCAC	4667	20	59.92	45	99	1
>Glyma01939260.1	GCAACTCTCCGTTGAAGTCC	684	20	59.85	55	AAGGCGTTGTGTTTGTTC	791	20	60.02	45	108	1
>Glyma01939880.1	TGCAGAGAATGCTTCAAG	138	20	60.14	50	AGGTCCGGGTGAGTCTCTT	292	20	60.11	55	155	1
>Glyma01941850.1	GCCAACGTGTCAGAACAGCA	857	20	60.03	50	CACCTTCTCCAGAGGACAGC	969	20	59.99	60	113	2
>Glyma01941850.2	GCTGGCAATCAATACAGGT	1690	20	59.96	50	CCCAAACTGCTTCAACATT	1801	20	59.97	45	112	1
>Glyma01944910.1	ACATAGACGCTGCAAACTG	1564	20	59.94	50	CCATAACAGGAATCGCAGGT	1644	20	59.96	50	81	1
>Glyma01945740.1	TCACACAGAGAATTACGCG	64	20	59.86	50	CACCAATTTCAAGCCAGTT	231	20	59.97	45	168	1
>Glyma01945740.2	GACCCAGCTCAAGACAAAGC	240	20	60	55	CCAAAAGCATGGCAAGAT	337	20	60.07	40	98	2
>Glyma02902740.1	GCACGTGATTTTCACGACAG	133	20	60	45	ATCAGTGGCATCATGCTTCA	233	20	60.23	45	101	1
>Glyma02903400.1	AGCACGAGCTGGATTTGTTT	807	20	59.88	45	TGCACGTCTCTCTGGAGTG	924	20	60.02	55	118	2
>Glyma02903400.2	AGCACGAGCTGGATTTGTTT	807	20	59.88	45	TGCACGTCTCTCTGGAGTG	924	20	60.02	55	118	2
>Glyma02905670.1	TTCAATAATCGGGTGGAGC	33	20	59.9	45	GTGTGAACAGCGGATAGCAA	125	20	59.87	50	93	2

2. *Alternate primer pairs (detailed)*

(Named as name of the query file followed by “primers\_list.txt”)

This file contains alternate primer pairs for each input query sequences. In case user wants to select alternate primer pairs, this file provides multiple choices for selecting primer pairs for each query sequence. This file also contains the similar information as that in first file for every alternate primers.

```
>Glyma0070s00210.1
1) TGGTGAGGAGGAGCTGAAG [ 256] TGAAAAACCAAAAAATCCG [ 394] psize 139 hrdn 1 Glyma0070s00210.1(129);
2) TGGTGAGGAGGAGCTGAAG [ 256] ATCATCTGCACCTCTCGGGT [ 367] psize 112 hrdn 1 Glyma0070s00210.1(102);
3) ATGGTGAGGAGGAGCTGAAG [ 255] TGAAAAACCAAAAAATCCG [ 394] psize 140 hrdn 1 Glyma0070s00210.1(130);
4) CCAGGGATGTGATTGATTCC [ 609] TGACAGTTGGCAACAATCC [ 747] psize 148 hrdn 1 Glyma0070s00210.1(138);
5) ATGGTGAGGAGGAGCTGAAG [ 255] ATCATCTGCACCTCTCGGGT [ 367] psize 113 hrdn 1 Glyma0070s00210.1(103);
6) CGCAAAAGAGGGGTGTGTAT [ 228] TGAAAAACCAAAAAATCCG [ 394] psize 167 hrdn 2 Glyma03g07770.1(157);Glyma0070s00210.1(157);
7) CGGATTTTTTGGGTTTTCA [ 375] CAAAAAGGTCATCCGCAAT [ 470] psize 96 hrdn 2 Glyma03g07770.1(86);Glyma0070s00210.1(86);
8) AAAAGAGACGCTGAAGCCAA [ 167] ATACACACCCCTCTTTTGGG [ 247] psize 81 hrdn 2 Glyma03g07770.1(71);Glyma0070s00210.1(71);
9) CAAGAAAGCCATTGCAAGC [ 109] GAATTTGGCTTCAGCGTCTC [ 190] psize 82 hrdn 2 Glyma03g07770.1(72);Glyma0070s00210.1(72);
10) CGCAAAAGAGGGGTGTGTAT [ 228] ATCATCTGCACCTCTCGGGT [ 367] psize 140 hrdn 2 Glyma03g07770.1(130);Glyma0070s00210.1(130);
>Glyma01g01750.1
1) AAGAGTGTGAAGCTTCGAT [ 831] CCATATCTCCAAATCCCT [ 924] psize 94 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(84);
2) AAGAGTGTGAAGCTTCGAT [ 832] CCATATCTCCAAATCCCT [ 924] psize 93 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(83);
3) AAGAGTGTGAAGCTTCGAT [ 831] AATTCAGCACGTCATATCC [ 936] psize 106 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(96);
4) AAGAGTGTGAAGCTTCGAT [ 832] AATTCAGCACGTCATATCC [ 936] psize 105 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(95);
5) CGCAGGATTTGAAGATAA [ 774] AATTCAGCACGTCATATCC [ 936] psize 163 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(153);
6) CCGTGCATTGAGGAAGAG [ 843] CCATATCTCCAAATCCCT [ 924] psize 82 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(72);
7) CAGTGC TGGATTCGATTTT [ 925] CCTCACCTCAAGGGATTCA [ 1082] psize 158 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(148);
8) GGAATATGCGATGCTGAT [ 917] CCTCACCTCAAGGGATTCA [ 1082] psize 166 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(156);
9) TATTGATGTGATGAGGCA [ 1304] CAAGATGCGCATATCTAGA [ 1395] psize 92 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(82);
10) AGGGGATTGAGGATATGG [ 905] TAATTCCTGGCATTCATC [ 1036] psize 132 hrdn 1 Glyma01g01750.1(122);
>Glyma01g04300.1
1) CAAGAGACGGCCAAAGAG [ 1448] AAAAGGGTGTGATCAAC TGG [ 1602] psize 155 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(190);Glyma01g04300.1(145);
2) CGAGTACATCGCCAGACAA [ 820] TGCACTGTCTTCCTGGAGTG [ 915] psize 96 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(86);Glyma01g04300.1(86);
3) TTAAGAGGAAGGCTTTGCCA [ 1626] AAAAGGGGGGAAAGGATTAT [ 1753] psize 128 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(118);Glyma01g04300.1(118);
4) TTAAGAGGAAGGCTTTGCCA [ 1626] TCATTTTTTGGCATGCTTGAG [ 1713] psize 88 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(78);Glyma01g04300.1(78);
5) ACAAGAGACGGCCAAAGAA [ 1447] AAAAGGGTGTGATCAAC TGG [ 1602] psize 156 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(191);Glyma01g04300.1(146);
6) CCAGTTGATCAGCACCTTT [ 1583] TTTTGGCATGCTTGAGTGAC [ 1709] psize 127 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(117);Glyma01g04300.1(117);
7) CCAGTTGATCAGCACCTTT [ 1583] TCATTTTTTGGCATGCTTGAG [ 1713] psize 131 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(121);Glyma01g04300.1(121);
8) GGC TTTGAGGCTGTGAAATC [ 544] GCC TCTTCCAAAACAGTTGC [ 689] psize 146 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(136);Glyma01g04300.1(136);
9) GACCATTCGACCATTCAT [ 705] ACTTGTCTTTTGTGCGCAT [ 847] psize 143 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(133);Glyma01g04300.1(133);
10) GACCATTCGACCATTCAT [ 705] CCAGCTTGTGCTCTCTCTC [ 809] psize 105 hrdn 2 Glyma01g04300.2(95);Glyma01g04300.1(95);
```

### 3. Failed sequences

(Named as name of the query file followed by “query\_failed.txt”)

This file contains input query sequences in fasta format, for which primer design is failed. That is no primer pair found in the given constraints. User can use this file for primer design using PRIMEGENS with different primer design parameters.

In addition to these three files, PSPD generate an additional output file

#### 1. Gene-specific fragment (only PSPD)

(Named as name of the query file followed by “query\_failed.txt”)

This file is generated only during Probe-specific primer design (PSPD). This file contains gene-specific fragment (probe) for each input query sequence that PSPD find using global alignment of query sequence with the database sequences. These are the gene-specific fragments that PSPD ultimately use to design primers for their corresponding query sequence. This file could be useful for microarray probe design. The primer pair designed for each query sequence as designed to amplify these gene-specific probes. This is a normal FASTA formatted file.