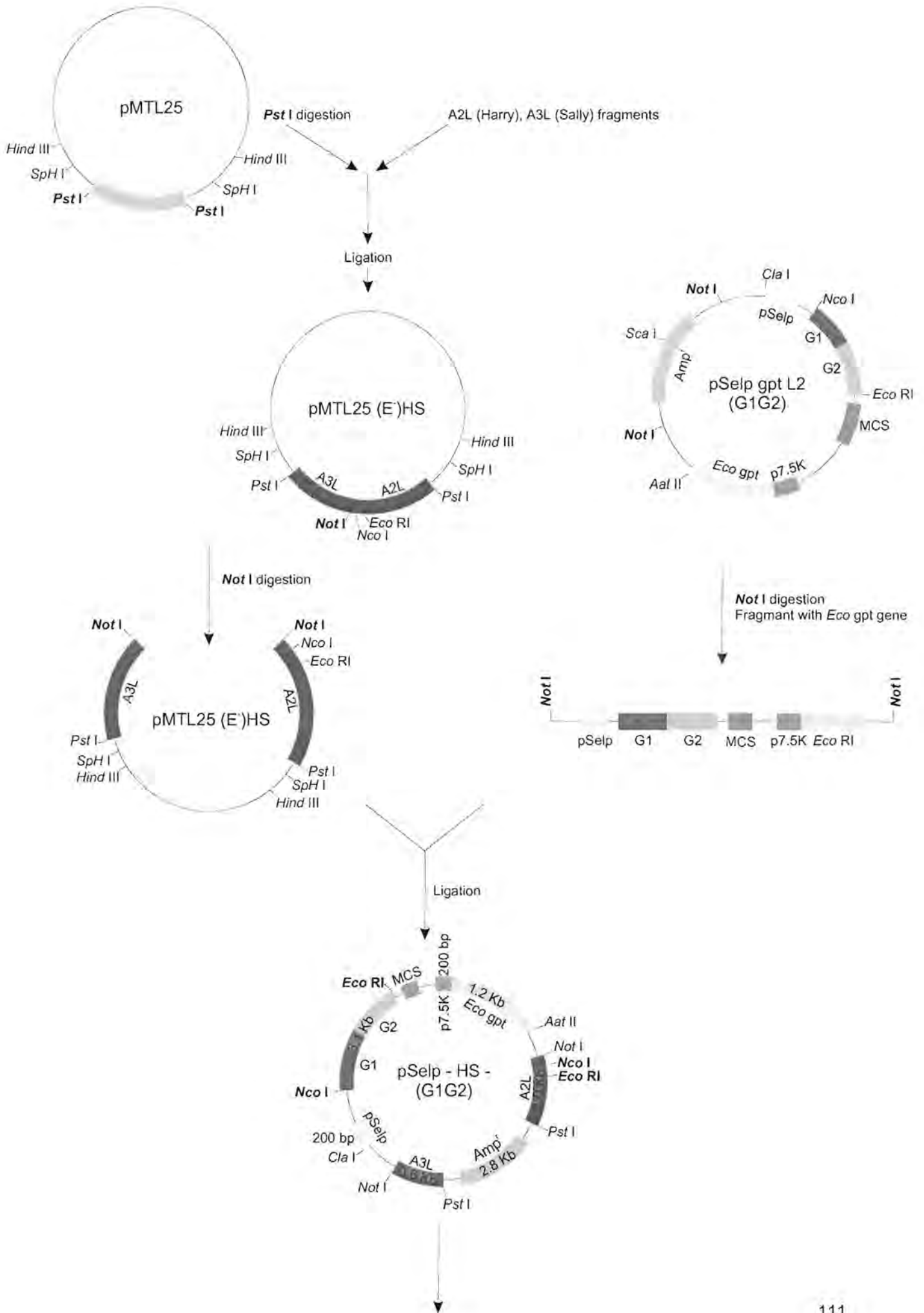
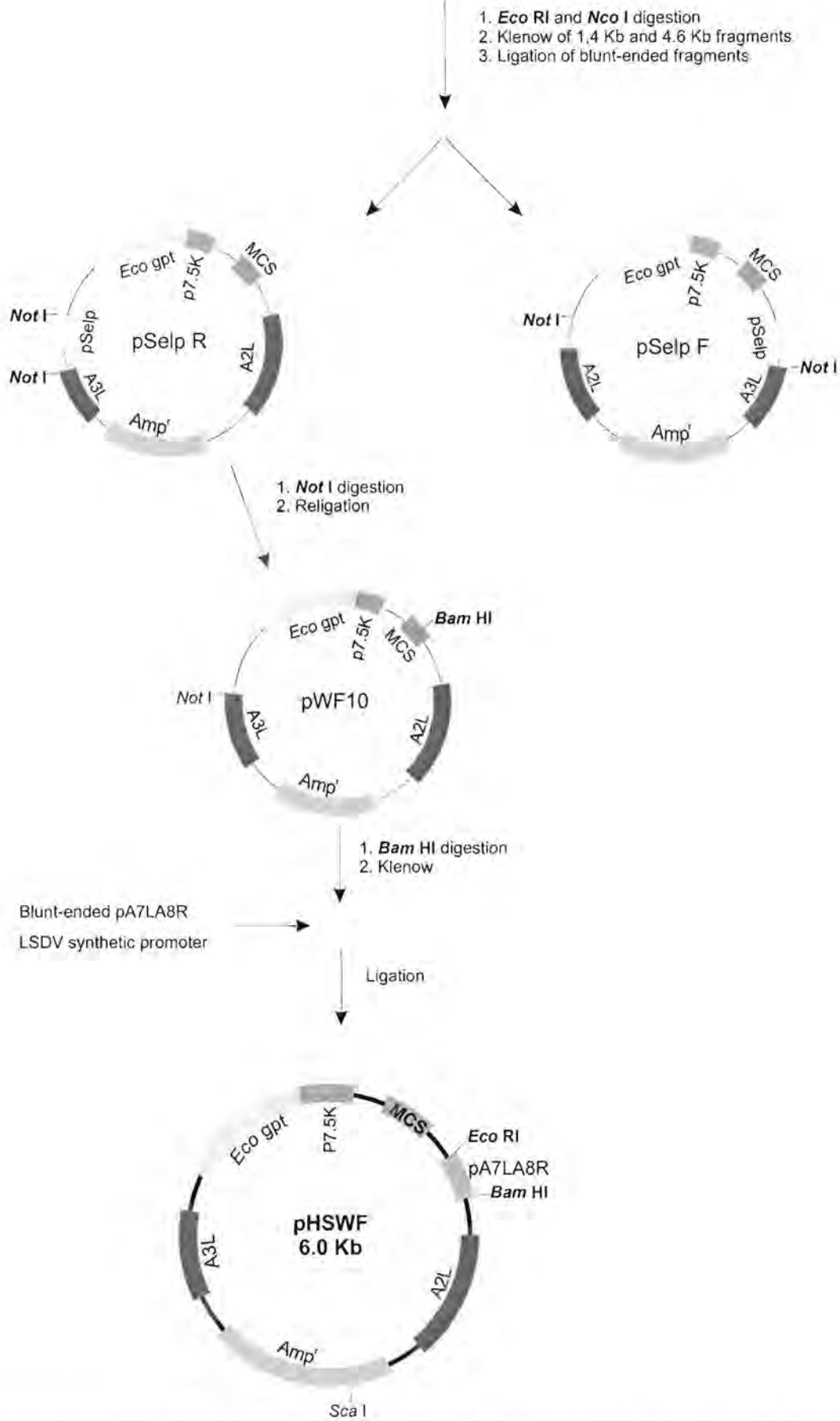


Appendix 1

Construction of the pHSWF transfer vector

The plasmids, pMTL25 and pSelp-gptL2(G₁G₂), were used as basis for the construction of the pHSWF transfer vector. The A2L and A3L gene analogs of VV (Harry and Sally) was cloned into pMTL25 as a *Pst* I-fragment and named pMTL25 (E⁻)HS. The pSelp-gptL2(G₁G₂) plasmid (constructed by a co-worker at OVI) was linearised with *Not* I to give a fragment that contains the *E.coli* xanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (*Eco* gpt) gene under control of the VV early/late p7.5K promoter. The pMTL25(E⁻)HS was cut with *Not* I and ligated with the above mentioned fragment to give rise to the pSelp-HS-(G₁G₂) vector. (The vector was constructed by Dr. A.L. Williamson and A.S. Cohen in the Virology Department of the Medical School at the University of Cape Town and used with permission). Three fragments with sizes 1.4 Kb, 3.1 Kb and 4.6 Kb were obtained with digestion of the pSelp-HS-(G₁G₂) vector using *Eco* RI and *Nco* I. The 1.4kb and 4.6kb fragments were blunt-ended and ligated to obtain 2 vectors named pSelpR and pSelpF. The transfer vector pHSWF was constructed by using the pSelpR vector. The pSelpR vector was digested with *Not* I, to remove the pSelp promoter, after which the vector was allowed to religate and named pWF10. pWF10 was linearised with *Bam* HI and blunt-ended to facilitate cloning of the bi-directional pA7LA8R promoter. The pA7LA8R promoter is also a blunt-ended product, obtained by annealing two complementary 68bp oligonucleotides representing the promoter.

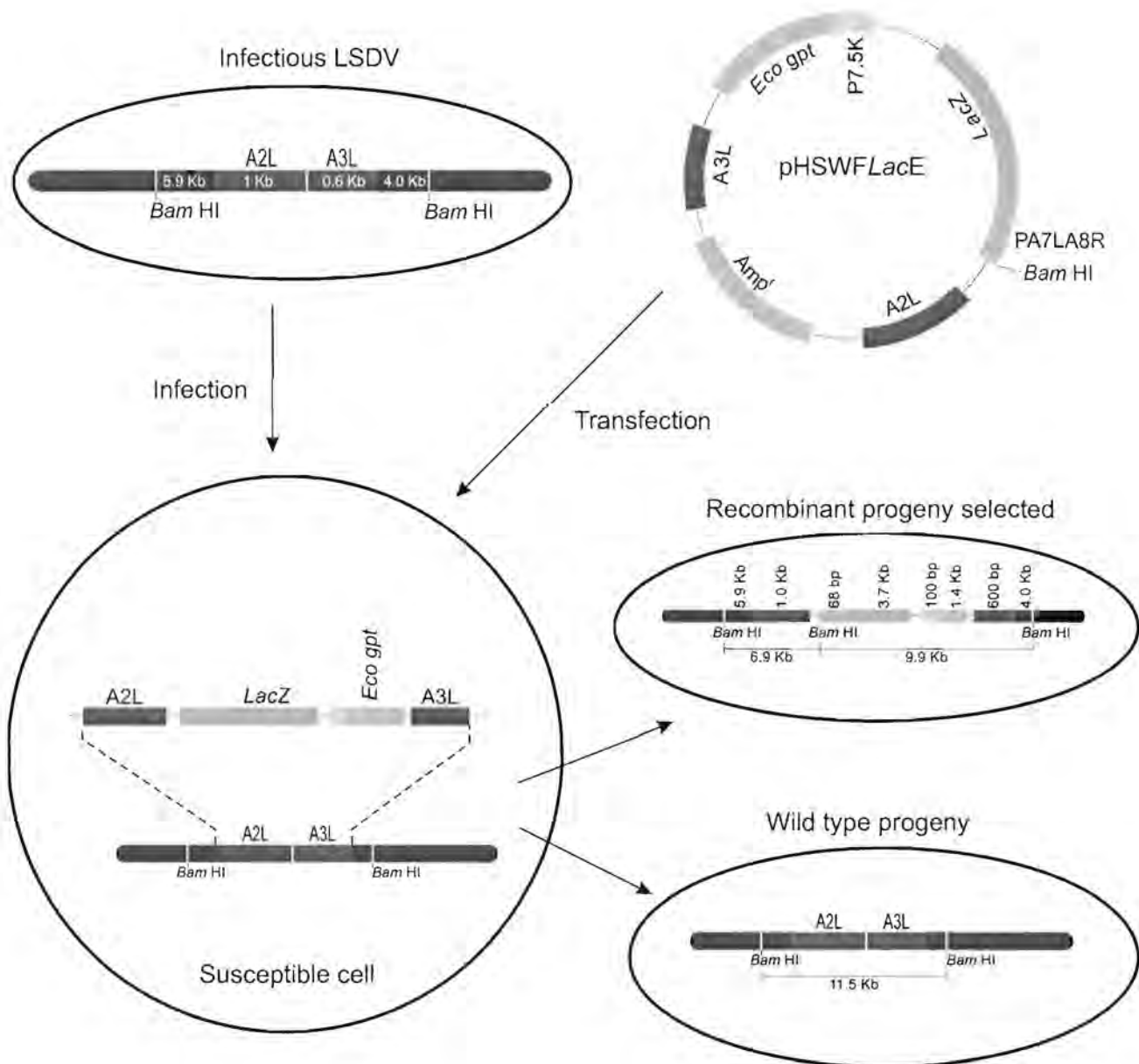




Construction of the transfer vector pHSWF. The pWF10 plasmid was linearized with *Bam* HI and blunt-ended to facilitate cloning of the blunt-ended bi-directional pA7LA8R LSDV synthetic promoter.

Appendix 2A

Homologous recombination and the results of double cross-over events between wt LSDV-DNA and pHSWF/LacE

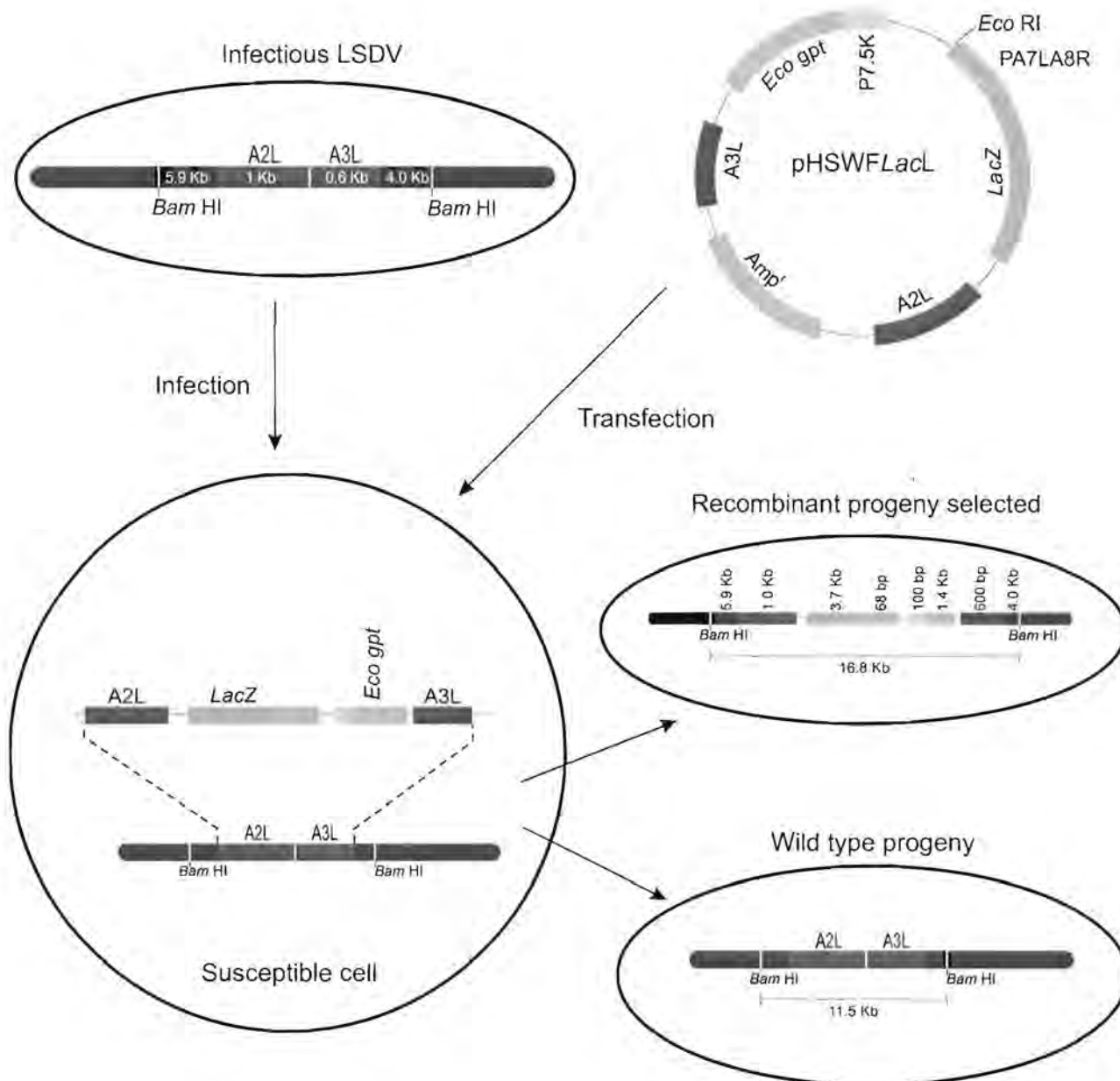


Fragments expected with *Bam* HI digested recombinant LSDV/LacE DNA, hybridized with *LacZ*- and pHSWF-DIG probes:

- Fragments with sizes 6.9 Kb and 9.9 Kb each, if no residing wt LSDV is still present in the recombinant.
- If parental LSDV resides in recombinant, an extra fragment of 11.5 Kb will be obtained.

Appendix 2B

Homologous recombination and the results of double cross-over events between wt LSDV-DNA and pHSWF/LacL

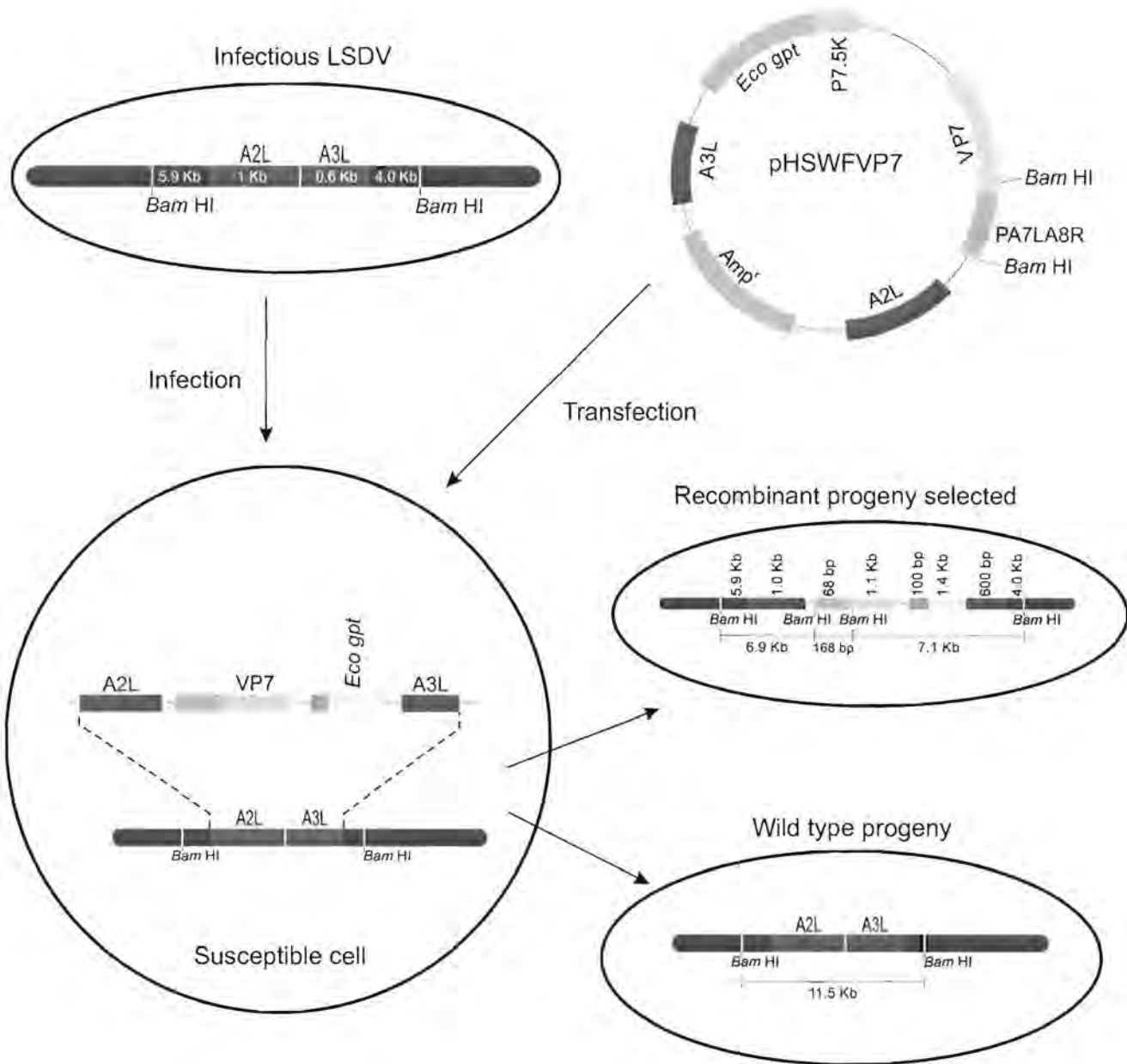


Fragments expected with *Bam* HI digested recombinant LSDV/LacL DNA, hybridized with *LacZ*- and pHSWF-DIG probes:

- A fragment with size 16.8 Kb, if no residing wt LSDV is still present in the recombinant.
- If parental LSDV resides in recombinant, an extra fragment of 11.5 Kb will be obtained.

Appendix 3

Homologous recombination and the results of double cross-over events between wt LSDV-DNA and pHSWF/VP7



Fragments expected with *Bam* HI digested recombinant LSDV/VP7 DNA, hybridized with VP7- and pHSWF-DIG probes:

- Fragments with sizes 168 bp, 6.9 Kb and 7.1 Kb each, if no residing wt LSDV is still present in the recombinant.
- If parental LSDV resides in recombinant, an extra fragment of 11.5 Kb will be obtained.

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