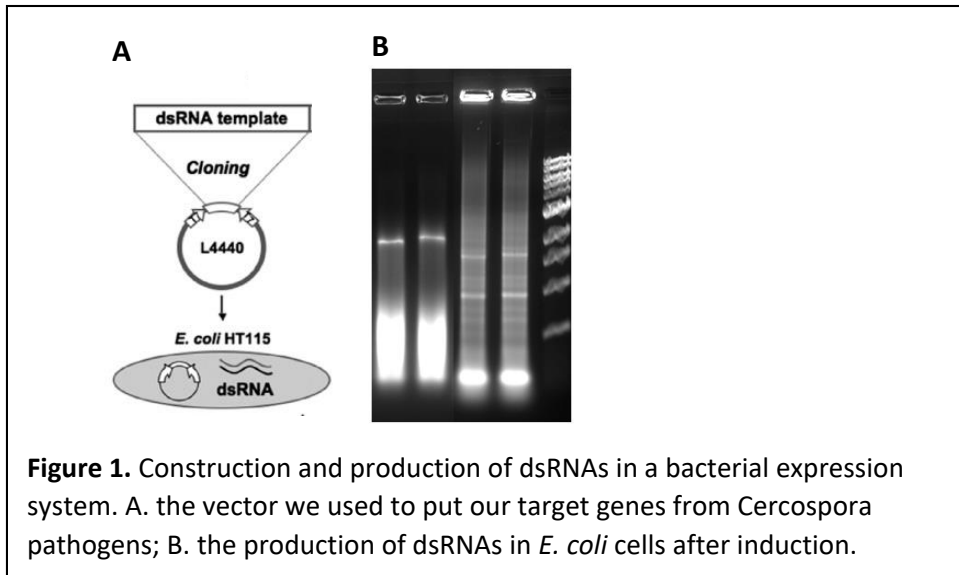


## Technical report of the progresses on the MSSB project

**TITLE: Spray application of double stranded RNA (dsRNA) for simultaneous management of multiple soybean fungal and insect diseases**

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1. *Constructing dsRNA expression vectors and Producing of dsRNAs in E. coli.*



2. *Testing the effect of topically applied dsRNA in reducing soybean Cercospora diseases under greenhouse conditions.*



3. *Planting soybeans in the field for evaluating the effectiveness of dsRNA in reducing Cercospora diseases under field conditions.*



**Figure 3.** Soybeans have been planted three different times (left to right, first planting on May 4, second on May 25, and the last planting was on June 8) in the field for evaluating the effect of topically applied dsRNA on reducing soybean *Cercospora* diseases, such as *Cercospora* leaf blight, frogeye leaf spot and purple seed stains.