

## UNIT-2

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## Unit - 2

### ① Study of Cloning vectors

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→ vectors are the DNA molecules which can carry a foreign DNA fragment to be cloned. They are self replicating in an appropriate host cell.

#### Characteristics of an ideal vector

- 1) Small in size.
- 2) have a single restriction endonuclease site.
- 3) have an origin of replication (ori).
- 4) 1-2 genetic markers.

① Plasmid - These are extrachromosomal double stranded, circular, self replicating DNA molecules. Almost all the bacteria have plasmids containing a low copy number (1-4 per cell) or a high copy number (10-100 per cell). The size of the plasmid varies from 1 to 500 kilo base pair (kbp).

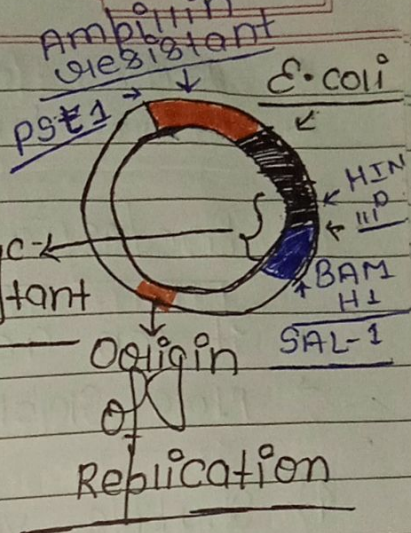
→ PBR322 has a plasmid of *E. coli*, 4361 BP

#### Nomenclature of plasmid

PBR322  
↓  $\Leftrightarrow$  Discoverer name - Bolivar, Rodriguez  
plasmid

Kb. kilo base pair  
nucleotide  
unit

4361 Base pair



→ Other plasmid vectors i.e.  
PBR325, PBR328,  
PBR329, PUC19.

② Bacteriophages -  
virus which can replicate within bacteria. Phage vectors can accept short fragment of foreign D.N.A but they can carry larger segment than plasmids.  
ex- Bacteriophage  $\lambda$  (lambda) virus of E. coli - It can carry 25 Kb

ex:- Phage M13 vector - single stranded D.N.A phage of E. coli.

③ Cosmids → It possess both plasmid and bacteriophage characteristics carry 40 Kb.

Artificial Chromosome Vectors :-

1) Human artificial chromosome (HAC) -  
H. Wiland

\* Synthetically produced  
\* Size -  $1/10^{th}$  -  $1/5^{th}$  of human chromosome.  
→ gene therapy

2) Yeast artificial chromosome - (M. Olszen)

- Carry large fragment of D.N.A
- It is large capacity vectors.

### ⑤ Bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC)

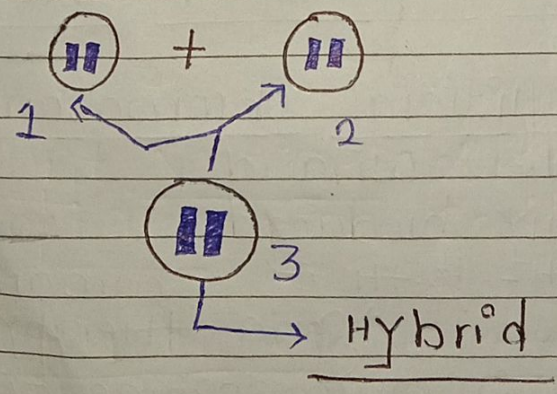
- It can accept  $\approx 300$  kb.
- More stable than YAC.

4) Shuttle vector - This is plasmid vector but specially designed to replicate in two host as in *E. coli* and *Streptomyces* species.

- The ori of two host combine in one vector.

### Recombinant D.N.A Technology

→ It is a hybrid D.N.A produced by joining of D.N.A fragments of two different organisms. In 1973 Paul Berg, Herbert Boyer and Stanley Cohen were found out this technology.



The recombinant D.N.A is an altered sequence of gene. The organism containing it. The technology involved in the production of recombinant DNA is called Recombinant DNA technology or gene manipulation or more commonly Genetic Engineering.

### Requirement for Recombinant D.N.A technology

- ① Donor D.N.A - It contains required gene sequence.
- ② Vector D.N.A - They carry or attach with donor gene sequence.
- ③ Restriction Endonuclease - These are biological scissors which cut the D.N.A at a peculiar site.
- ④ D.N.A ligation - That attaching the D.N.A
- ⑤ Introduce into host cell - Host cells are those which can carry D.N.A  
Bacteria
- ⑥ Expression the gene
- ⑦ Extraction of gene product

# Application of Genetic Engineering in Medicine

- ① In the production of hormones - Insulin (Humulin), Human growth hormone (HGH)
- ② In the production of therapeutic agents which are useful for human diseases.

R. product	Trade Name	Application
1. $\alpha$ -Interferon	Intron-A	Hairy cell leukaemia
2. Tissue plasminogen activator	Activase	Myocardial infarction
3. Factor - VIII	Kogenate	Hemophilia
4. DNase	Pulmozyme	Cystic fibrosis
5. Erythropoietin	Epojen/procrit	Severe anemia with kidney damage.

③ Recombinant vaccine :- Different vaccines are developed which are categorized into 3 groups :-

1a) Sub-unit recombinant vaccines - These are the component of pathogenic organisms, include proteins, peptides, DNA

ex- hepatitis B vaccine, BCG vaccine, Tubercu-  
culosis vaccine.

(b) Attenuated recombinant vaccines - These are genetically modified pathogenic organisms (bacteria / viruses) that are made non-pathogenic and used as vaccines. ex- cholera <sup>vaccine</sup> virus, Salmonella species vaccines / leishmania sp. vaccines

(c) vector recombinant vaccines :- These are genetically modified viral vectors that can be used as vaccines against certain pathogens.  
ex- vaccinia virus vaccine (for cow-pox, small pox).

(4) In the production of monoclonal antibodies (MAbs) - help for diagnostic - pregnancy, cancer, hormonal disorders, myocardial infarction, deep vein thrombosis, atherosclerosis.

for therapeutic :- In the treatment of AIDS, autoimmune disease, cancer, immune suppression of organ transplantation.

(5) In the diagnosis of disease :- Diagnosis of different disease are done by genetic engineering methods for ex- Tubercu-  
culosis (Tb)

→ A gene from firefly encoding enzyme luciferase is introduced into bacteriophage. Specific for *M. tuberculosis* (luciferase reporter phage or Mycophage).

→ When the gene is interact with bacteria so, produce luciferase enzyme. When luciferin and ATP, are added to the medium, luciferase cleaves the luciferin and emit light which can be seen luminometer.

- ① Malaria , ② AIDS ③ Tropical disease
- or filarial disease, leprosy Tuberculosis
- ④ diagnosis of genetic disease - cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anaemia etc.

## Study of Restriction Endonuclease

Restriction endonuclease are one of the most important group of enzymes that can cut/spit at specific type of sites. first discovered in *E. coli*.

### Nomenclature

- first letter: (italics) → genus name of sourcey.



2nd and 3rd letters - Species name  
4th letters - Strain name  
Lastly -> Roman Numerals - indicating order of discovery.

ex -> EcoRI - E - Escherichia  
Co - coli  
R - R41<sup>3</sup>  
I - 1<sup>st</sup> enzyme

-> R.Es act as biochemical knives. It recognises specific nucleotide sequence and make cut on the plasmid and desired D.N.A. The target site for cutting may vary from one enzyme to another enzyme.

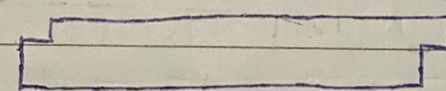
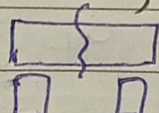
### Types of Restriction Endonuclease

There are 4 types which are as follows:-

1. Type - I -> It can cleave up to 1000 bp from recognition site.  
A single enzyme with 3 subunits for recognition, cleavage and methylation.
2. Type - II -> Two different enzymes to cleave, to modify the recognition site.

3. Type - III → A single enzyme with 2 subunits from recognition and cleavage site is 24-26 bp from recognition site.

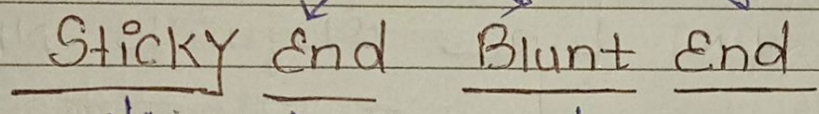
4. II S → Two different enzyme cleavage site is up to 20 bp from recognition site.

<u>Enzyme/Source</u>	<u>Recognition Sequence</u>	<u>Products</u>
① <u>EcoRI</u> [ <u>Escherichia coli</u> ]	5' G↓A-A-T-T-C 3' 3' C-T-T-A-A↑G 5'	A-A-T-T-C -G C-T-T-A
② <u>BamHI</u> [ <u>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</u> ]	5' G↓G-A-T-C-C 3' 3' C-C-T-A-G↑G 5'	G-A-T-C-C-G -G C-C-T-A-G
③ <u>HaeIII</u> <u>Sticky</u> ← 	[ <u>Haemophilus aegyptus</u> ] 5' G-G↓C-C 3' 3' C-C↑G-G 5'	-C-C -G-G
④ <u>HindIII</u> [ <u>Haemophilus influenzae</u> ]	 → Blunt 5' A↓A-G-C-T-T 3' 3' T-T-C-G-A↑A 5'	-A -A-G-C-T-T -A T-T-C-G-A
⑤ <u>NotI</u> [ <u>Nocardia otitidis</u> ]	5' G-C↓G-G-C-C-G-C 3' 3' C-G-C-C-G-G↑C-G 5'	-C-G ① G-G-C-C-G-C ② G-C -C-G-C-C-G-G

• Palindromic sites:- It is a site where in reading in a certain direction on one strand matches the sequence reading in the opposite direction on the complementary strand.

Recognition sequence:- It is the site where DNA is cut by R.Es. Each recognition sequence has palindromic sequence (Sequence on both strand same).

Cleavage pattern:- The cut DNA fragments by R.E may generate



↓  
This is useful

↓  
No more use

They have one free site because, that site nucleotide is cut by R.Es

They do not have one free nucleotide site.

### Study of DNA Ligase.

These are DNA joining enzymes. DNA ligase enzyme joined covalently. They were originally isolated from virus but also occur in E. coli and eukaryotic cells. DNA ligase actively participated in cellular DNA repair process.

The DNA ligase form the phospho-

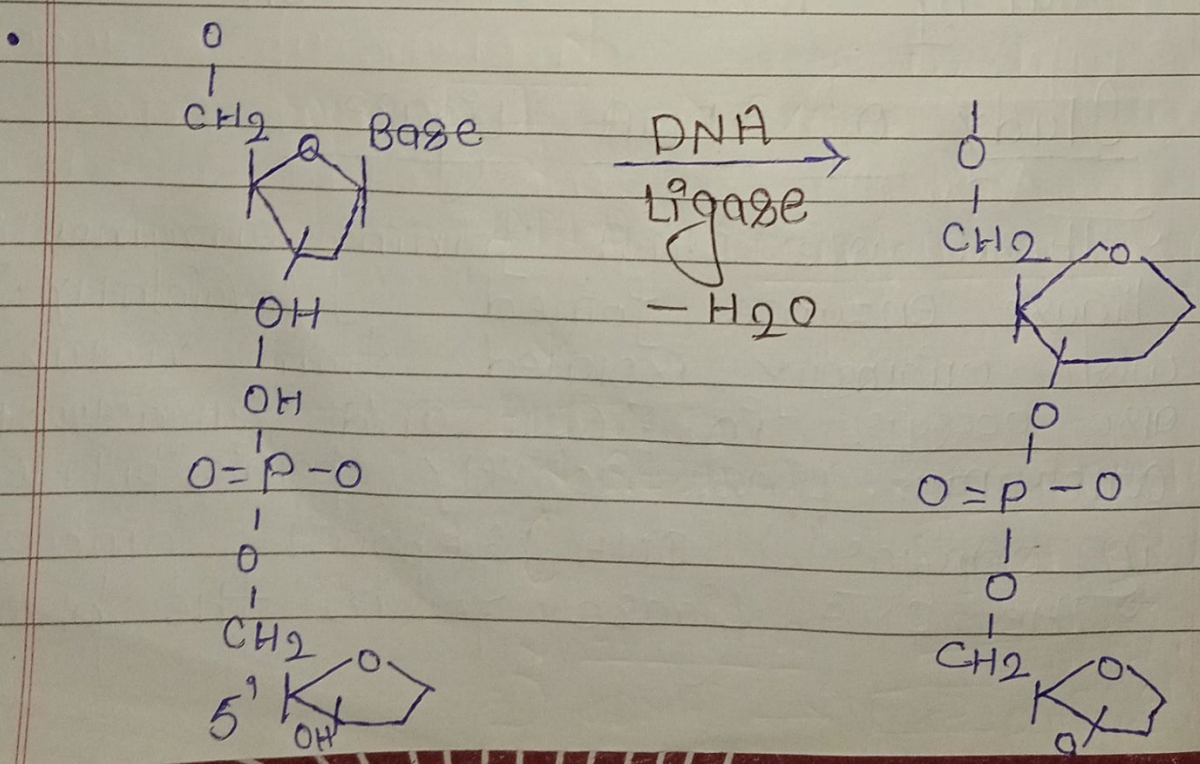
diester bond to hold the DNA double  
process. The DNA-ligase joins  
strands together in very firm  
manner.

→ The phosphodiester bond is formed  
between phosphate group of 5' carbon  
of one deoxyribose with the -OH  
(hydroxyl) group at 3' carbon of  
another - deoxyribose.

- Phage T4 DNA Ligase required ATP  
as cofactor.
- E. coli DNA Ligase require NAD<sup>+</sup> as cofactor

Nitrogen base  
+  
Phosphate group  
= Nucleotide.

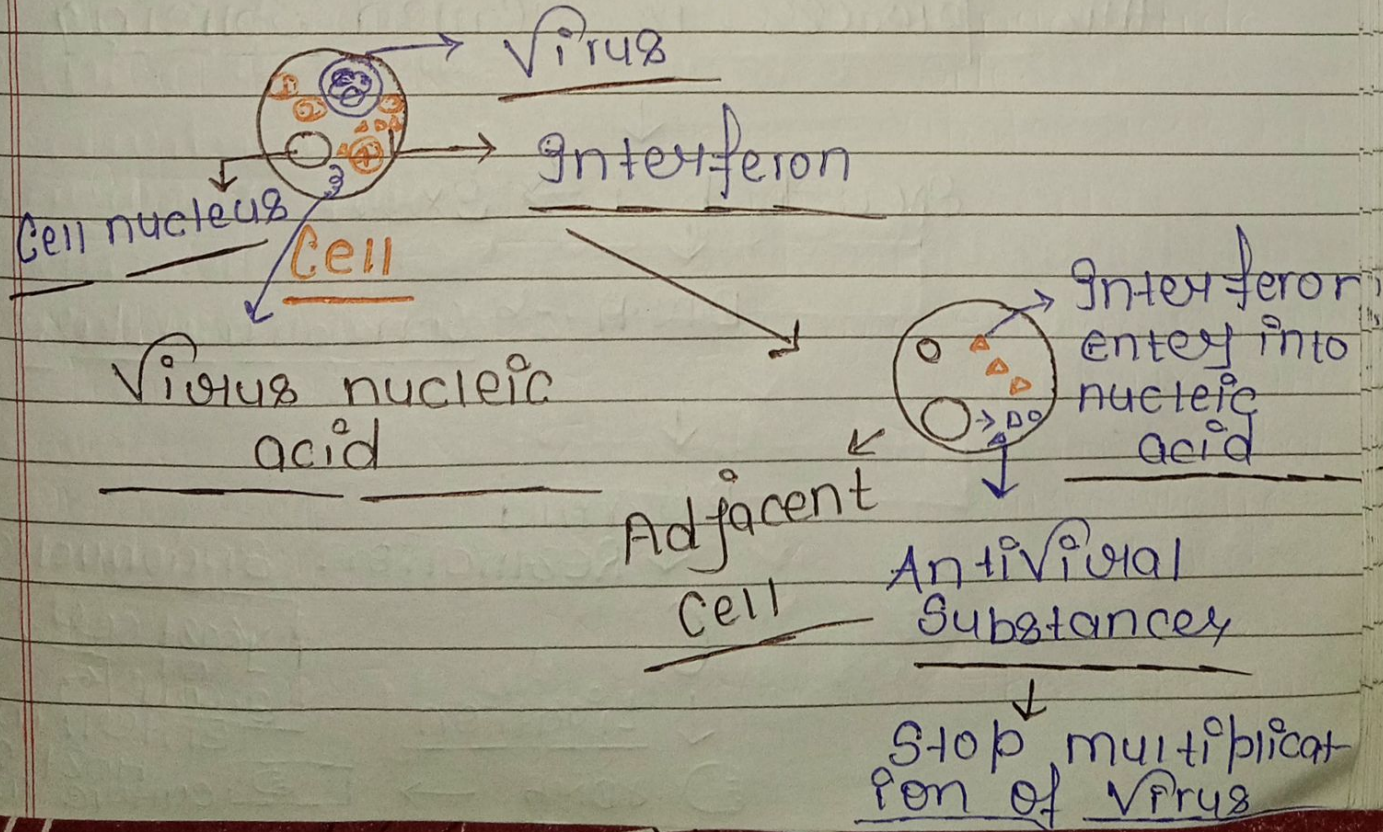
• NAD = Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide.



# Interferon

- antiviral substance
- first line defense against viral attack
- discovered by "Alick" Isaacs and Jean Lindemann.
- Interferon are protein in nature and some glycoprotein in nature.
- Generally there are three types of interferon
  - (a) Interferon- $\alpha$  , (b) Interferon- $\beta$
  - (c) Interferon- $\gamma$  -----

\* Interferon would originate from interference, means these protein and glycoprotein (protein + carbohydrate) particles generate interference in viral multiplication.



Interferon

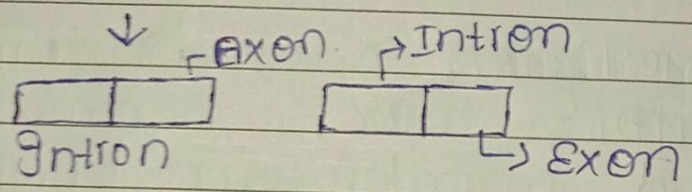
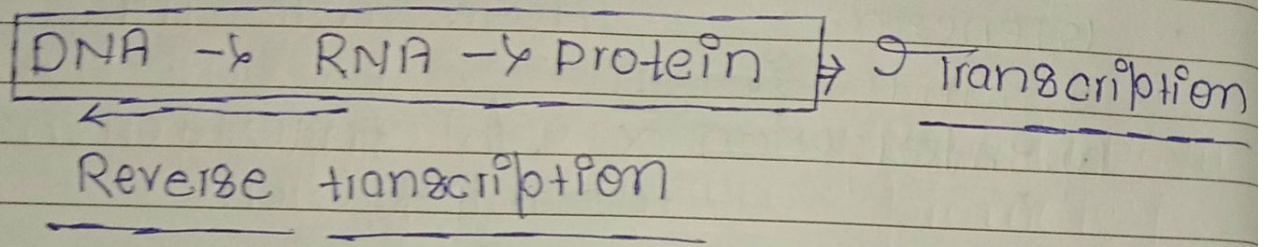
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m.RNA

↓ Reverse transcription

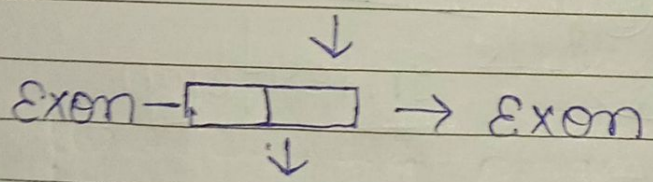
c.D.N.A

[Complementary DNA]

DNA which develop through Exon part  
R.N.A



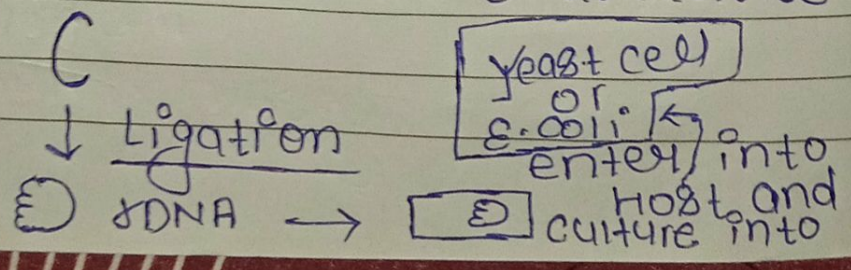
↓  
Intron remove from this part and this process is called Splicing



↓  
D.N.A → Complimentary D.N.A

↓  
Plasmid

↓ Restriction endonuclease



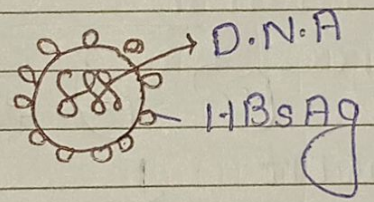
appropriate medium.

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now gnf. cells are extracted out from the culture media.

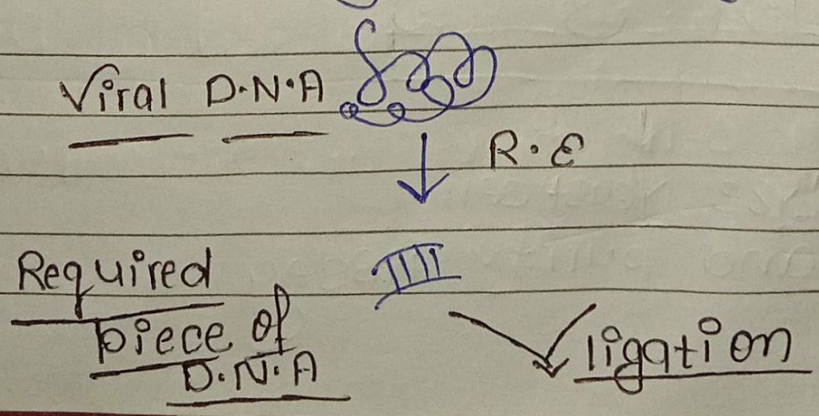
→ Yeast cells are more preferred into as compared to bacterial cell because they have machinery for glycosylation of protein.

## Hepatitis - B

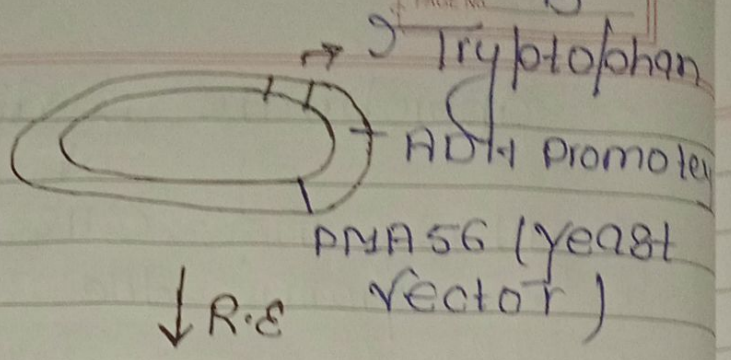
- It primarily affects liver causing chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver cancer.



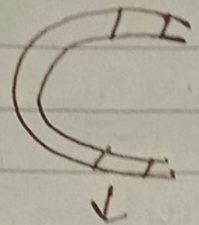
- 42 nm particle
- It is called Dane particle.
- Viral genome - D.N.A
- Surrounding phospholipid envelop carrying surface antigen - HB<sub>s</sub>Ag



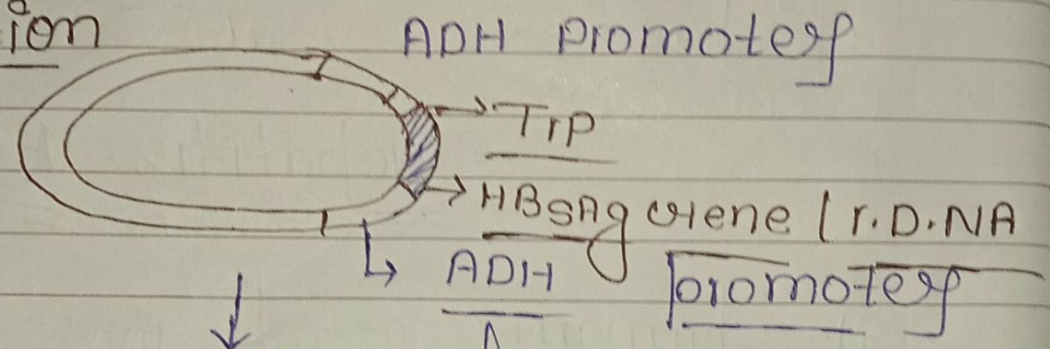
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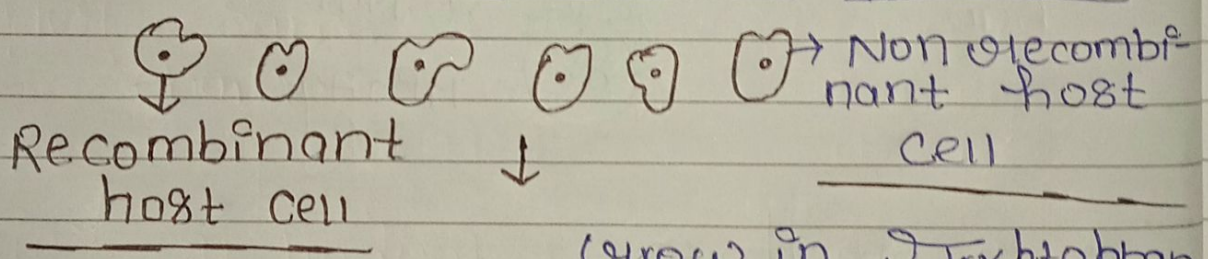
↓ R.E



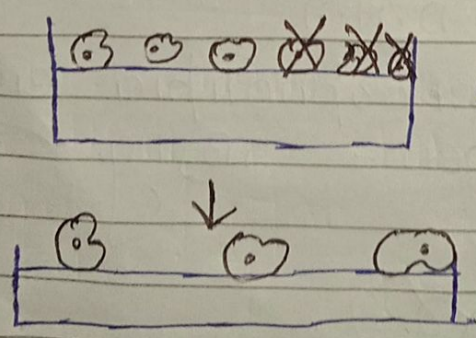
## Ligation



↓ Transfer into yeast cell



grow in Tryptophan free medium in this medium only recombinant cells survive.

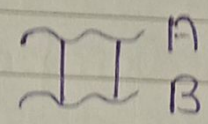


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Lyse yeast cell and purify HBsAg



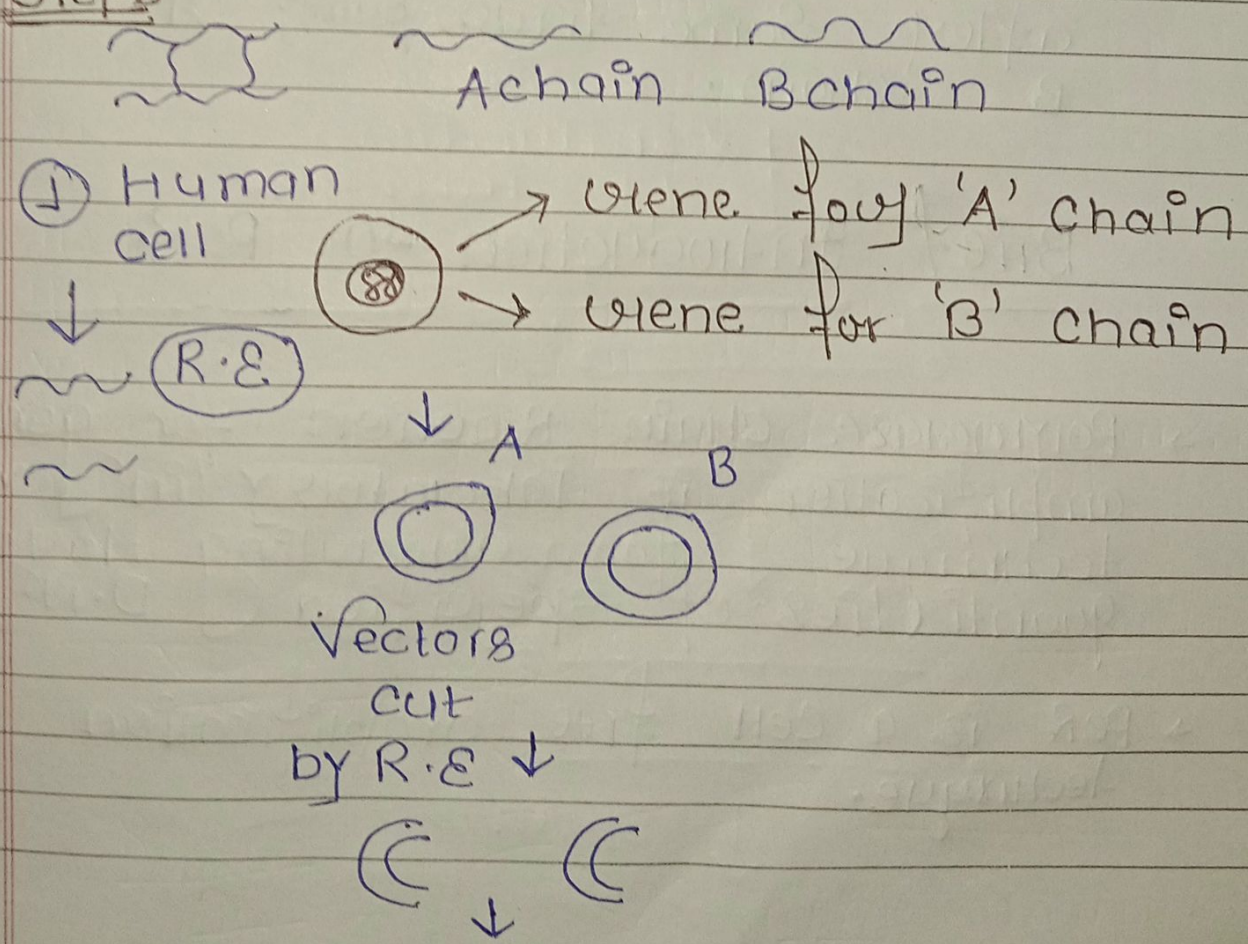
# Insulin

- Insulin has two polypeptide chain
  - \* (a) A chain [21 amino acid]
  - (b) B chain [30 amino acid]

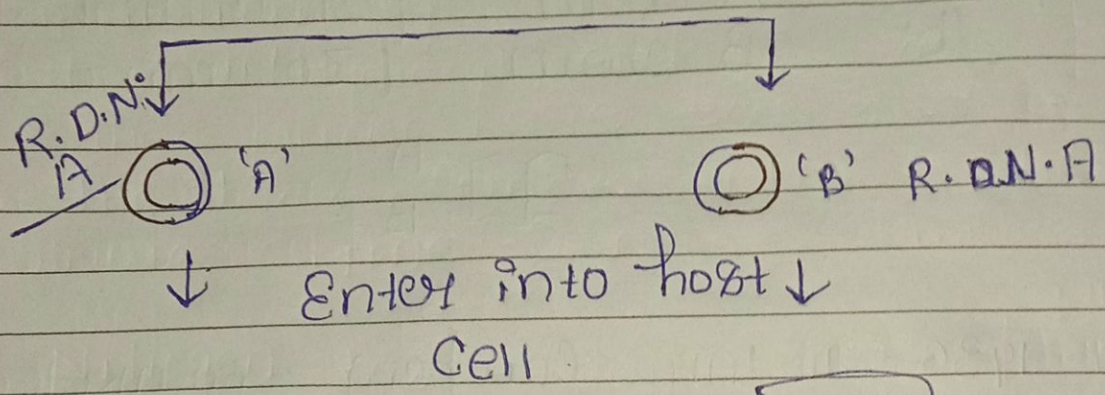


- In 1986 Eli Lilly Company marketed Human insulin and trade name, "Humulin"
- 1980 - 17 Volunteers
- 1982 - Approval
- 1986 - Marketed

## Steps



Ligation with  
A and B  
Gene Separately



Cultivate these cells in a nutrient medium containing Lactose and after same time purify 'A' and B chain.

## Brief Introduction to PCR

- Polymerase chain Reaction for gene amplification is laboratory (in vitro) technique for generating large quantities of specified D.N.A.
- PCR is a cell free amplification technique.

\* It generate billions of copies from very very small quantity of DNA in few hours.

\* Requirement for PCR

- 1) A target D.N.A (100 - 35000 bp)
- 2) Two primers (around 17-30 nucleotides in length).
- 3) Four types of deoxyribonucleotide in length
- 4) Heat Stable D.N.A polymerase (can withstand up to 95°C -  $\rightarrow$  Taq D.N.A polymerase [Thermus aquaticus]  
Pfu - II - [Pyrococcus furiosus]  
Vent - II - [Thermococcus litoralis])

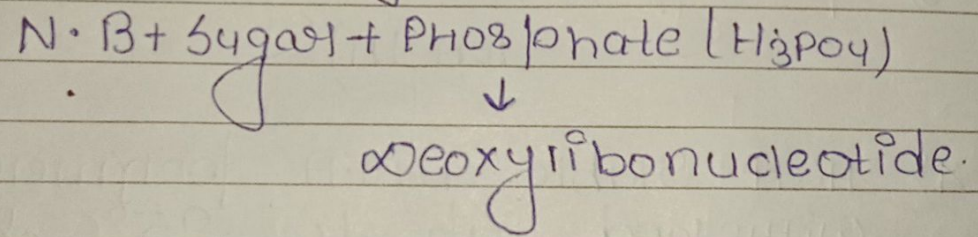
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- ① Denaturation  $\rightarrow$  The rxn mixture heated up 95°C for 1-2 min.
- ② Renaturation -  $\rightarrow$  The temp. is slowly down up to 55°C that permit annealing of primer to the complementary sequence.  
Time - 1 min. High concn of primer

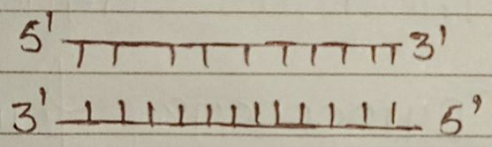
Ensure the annealing.

③ Synthesis / Primer extension -> The initiation of D.N.A synthesis occur at 3'OH (hydroxyl) end of each primer. The primer are exhausted by joining the bases, Complementary to D.N.A Strands. Time - 2 min.

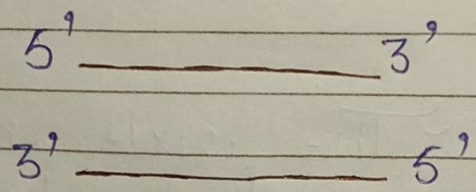
- Nitrogen base - Adenine (A), Thymine, Guanine (G), cytosine (C) (T)



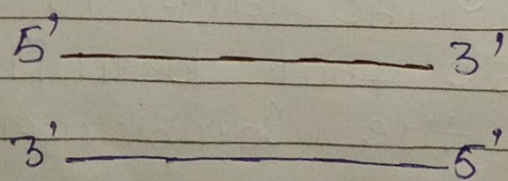
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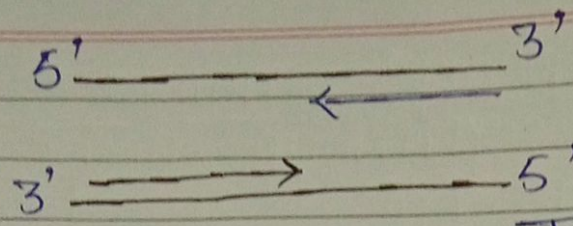
↓ Denaturation  
(1-2 min) at  
95°C



↓ Annealing of Primers.



↓ Synthesis  
(Taq Polymerase)



Triphosphate

- DATP → Deoxyribonucleotide adenine
- DCTP → " " Cytosine "
- DTTP → " " Thymine "
- DUITP → " " Guanine "

## Application of PCR

- ① PCR in forensic medicine
- ② " " DNA Sequencing
- ③ In diagnosis of inherited disease.  
ie thalassemia, sickle cell anaemia etc.
- ④ In diagnosis of cancer - several virally induced cancer (e.g cervical cancer - caused by papilloma virus) can be detected by PCR.
- ⑤ PCR in sex determination of embryos.
- ⑥ PCR in comparative studies of genome.

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