La infección natural mediante bacteriofagos (vectores) aumenta la eficiencia de la transformación e introducción del DNA exógeno

Figure 12-7 Cloning in phage lambda. A nonessential central region of the phage chromosome is discarded and the ends ligated to random 1.5-kb fragments of donor DNA. A linear multimer (concatenate) forms, which is then stuffed into phage heads one monomer at a time by using an in vitro packaging system. (From J. D. Watson, M. Gilman, J. Witkowski, and M. Zoller, *Recombinant DNA*, 2d ed. Copyright © 1992 by Scientific American Books.)

Proteins Nu1 and A can recognize the *COS* site, directing the insertion of the λ DNA between them into an empty head. The filled head is then attached to the tail, forming a complete λ virion. The whole process normally takes place in the host cell. However, to prepare the λ virion carrying recombinant λ DNA, the following **in vitro assembly system** is commonly used.

The assembly process of the λ virion.

Cloning in Bacteriophage Lambda

Figure 1. LambdaGEM®-11 Vector multiple cloning region. The sequence shown corresponds to RNA synthesized by T7 RNA Polymerase and is complementary to RNA synthesized by SP6 RNA Polymerase.

Figure 2. LambdaGEM®-12 Vector multiple cloning region. The sequence shown corresponds to RNA synthesized by T7 RNA Polymerase and is complementary to RNA synthesized by SP6 RNA Polymerase.

Figure 12-8 Cloning by cosmids. The cosmid is cut at a *Bgl*II site next to the *cos* site. Donor genomic DNA is cut by using *Sau*3A, which gives sticky ends compatible with *Bgl*II. A tandem array of donor and vector DNA results from mixing. Phage is packaged in vitro by cutting at the *cos* site. The cosmid with insert recircularizes after it is in the bacterial cell. (From J. D. Watson, M. Gilman, J. Witkowski, and M. Zoller, *Recombinant DNA*, 2d ed. Copyright © 1992 by Scientific American Books.)

Cosmid

The cosmid vector is a combination of the plasmid vector and the COS site which allows the target DNA to be inserted into the λ head. It has the following advantages:

- High transformation efficiency.
- The cosmid vector can carry up to 45 kb whereas plasmid and λ phage vectors are limited to 25 kb.

Figure 9-A-6. Cloning by using cosmid vectors. (a) In addition to amp^r , ORI, and polylinker as in the plasmid vector, the cosmid vector also contains a COS site. (b) After cosmid vectors are cleaved with restriction enzyme, they are ligated with DNA fragments. The subsequent assembly and transformation steps are the same as cloning with λ phages.

Trabajando
Con
Gigantes:
The BAC Vector

Figure 14-12 Structure of a bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC), used for cloning large fragments of donor DNA. *CM^R* is a selectable marker for chloramphenicol resistance. *oriS*, *repE*, *parA*, and *parB* are F genes for replication and regulation of copy number. *cosN* is the *cos* site from λ phage. *HindIII* and *BamHI* are cloning sites at which foreign DNA is inserted. The two promoters are for transcribing the inserted fragment. The *NotI* sites are used for cutting out the inserted fragment.

SCREENING DE GENOTECAS
Búsqueda de un Gene específico.

- **Sondas de DNA Genómico**
- **Sondas de cDNA**
- **Oligonucleótidos sintéticos**
- **Anticuerpos**

Homólogas, heterólogas, degeneradas
marcadas con radiactividad o
quimioluminiscencia

Figure 12-12 Finding the clone of interest by using antibody. An expression library made with phage derivative λ gt11 is screened with a protein-specific antibody. After the unbound antibodies have been washed off the filter, the bound antibodies are visualized through binding of a radioactive secondary antibody. (From J. D. Watson, M. Gilman, J. Witkowski, and M. Zoller, *Recombinant DNA*, 2d ed. Copyright © 1992 by Scientific American Books.)

Known amino acid sequence	Phe	Met	Glu	Trp	His	Lys	Asn
Possible mRNA sequence	UUU	AUG	GAA	UGG	CAU	AAG	AAU
Possible mRNA sequence	UUC	GAG	GAG	CAC	AAA	AAC

Figure 19-18, above
Cloning genes by use of a probe designed from a known amino acid sequence. Given the amino acid sequence, it is possible to synthesize oligonucleotides for the possible mRNA sequences. The correct oligonucleotide will hybridize to the appropriate cDNA that we wish to identify. Since the oligonucleotide probe is radioactively labeled, the hybrid DNA can be detected by autoradiography.

Figure 19-20
Immunological screening of expression vectors to detect desired eucaryotic-bacterial hybrid proteins. Proteins produced by bacteria are transferred to nitrocellulose filters and treated with chloroform to make them permeable to antibodies. An antibody specific for the hybrid protein we want to isolate is radioactively labeled and added to the filter, specifically binding to the correct protein. The protein can then be detected by autoradiography.

Figure 12-7 Cloning in phage λ . A nonessential central region of the phage chromosome is discarded and the ends ligated to random 15-kb fragments of donor DNA. A linear multimer (concatamer) forms, which is then stuffed into phage heads one monomer at a time by using an in vitro packaging system. (From J. D. Watson, M. Gilman, J. Witkowski, and M. Zoller, *Recombinant DNA*, 2d ed. Copyright © 1992 by Scientific American Books.)

Figure 12-15 Chromosome walking. One recombinant phage obtained from a phage library made by the partial *EcoRI* digest of a eukaryotic genome can be used to isolate another recombinant phage containing a neighboring segment of eukaryotic DNA, as described in the text. (From J. D. Watson, J. Tooze, and D. T. Kurtz, *Recombinant DNA: A Short Course*. Copyright © 1983 by W. H. Freeman and Company.)

Figure 2.16 Chromosome walking is accomplished by successive hybridizations between overlapping genomic clones.

**SECUENCIACIÓN
Y
MUTAGÉNESIS DE DNA**

SECUENCIACION DE DNA

METODOS: Método Químico → Maxam y Gilbert (1977).
Método Enzimático → Terminación de cadena mediante dideoxi nucleotidos de Sanger (1977).

Método Químico de Maxam y Gilbert

Referencia: Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74: 560-564 (1977).

Figure 4A.4 Sequencing an oligonucleotide by the Maxam-Gilbert method

Método de la terminación de cadena mediante didesoxinucleótidos.

Sanger y cols., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74: 5463-5467.

TABLA. Comparación de las propiedades de las enzimas usadas en secuenciación de DNA.

Enzima	Procesividad	Velocidad de Incorporación	Actividad Exonucleásica	Templado	Temperatura de Secuenciación
Fragmento Klenow	Baja	10-12 dNTP/seg	3'→5'	DNA	37°C
AMV Transcriptasa Reversa	Moderada	4 dNTP/seg	No	DNA/RNA	42°C
Taq DNA polimerasa	Moderada	>60 dNTP/seg	débil 3'→5'	DNA	70°C-80°C
T ₇ DNA polimerasa modificada	Alta	>300 dNTP/seg	3'→5'	DNA	37°C

Secuenciación de DNA

La adición de un dideoxinucleosido trifosfato, que no tiene el grupo hidroxilo 3', termina la síntesis de DNA

Secuenciación de DNA

Se realizan 4 reacciones separadas - Cada una contiene DNA molde, polimerasa, los cuatro dNTPs, y uno de los cuatro dideoxi nucleotidos (ddNTP)

Secuenciación de DNA

Ocasionalmente se incorpora un ddNTP y se detiene la extensión. Cada reacción contendrá una colección de cadenas de DNA de todas las longitudes posibles que acaben en la base que lleva en ddNTP de esa reacción

Secuenciación de DNA

Las cadenas de DNA se separan mediante electroforesis según sus tamaños

Secuenciación de DNA

La secuencia de DNA puede determinarse leyendo el gel para ver cual nucleótido termina la cadena en cada posición sucesiva

Método Sanger dideoxy *Requerimientos*

- DNA
 - calidad
 - cantidad
- Primer
- Enzima
 - Capacidad de incorporar nucleótidos modificados
 - Estabilidad térmica
 - procesividad
- Nucleótidos
 - marcaje
 - ratios
- Buffer

Cada ddNTP está marcado con un fluoroforo distinto

● ddATP

● ddCTP

● ddGTP

● ddTTP

Analizadores automáticos de fragmentos de DNA (PE-ABD/Pharmacia)

- Electroforesis gel/capilar
- Excitación por laser de fluorocromos
- Detección CCD cámara
- Colección automática de datos e identificación de alelos

Secuenciación Automática de DNA

Is really not-so automated!

Nuevas tecnologías de secuenciación de DNA

- Mejora de la separación de los productos de reacción
 - Electroforesis capilar
 - Maquinas de 96 capilares (ABI 3700 y Molecular Dynamics MegaBace) disponibles
 - Más de 1000 columnas capilares por run con detección por microscopía confocal
- Mass-spectrometry
 - especialmente MALDI (matrix-assisted laser desorption /ionization)
- Single molecule DNA-sequencing
 - flow-cytometry

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Nuevas tecnologías de secuenciación de DNA

- Mejora de reacciones y estrategias de secuenciación
 - Incremento de la procesividad del enzima
 - Mejora de fluorocromos
- Secuenciación por hibridación a paneles de oligonucleótidos de secuencia conocida

Steadily improving sequencing technology

Radioactive polyacrylamide gel 1982

1 run/day
24 template reads/run
100 bp low quality bp/read
2,400 bp/day

VERY labor-intensive

ABI 377 polyacrylamide gel 1997

6 runs/day
96 template reads/run
500 bp high quality bp/read
288,000 bp/day

ABI 3700 capillary sequencer 2000

12 runs/day
96 template reads/run
500 bp high quality bp/read
576,000 bp/day

ABI 3730 capillary sequencer 2002

24 runs/day
96 template reads/run
700 bp very high quality bp/read
1,612,800 bp/day

670-fold increase/day since 1982

also:

Greatly increased sensitivity
Works with dirtier templates
Much more automated

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Myers Lecture 1: DNA Sequencing

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ABI PRISM® 3700 DNA Analyzer

General Description

The ABI PRISM® 3700 DNA Analyzer is a fully automated, multi-capillary electrophoresis instrument designed for use in production-scale DNA analysis. It can automatically analyze multiple runs of 96 samples, which enables 24-hour unattended operation.

Key Features

- Production-scale throughput at up to 12 runs per day.
- Walkaway automation frees personnel to focus on other critical activities.
- Fragment analysis and sequencing applications provide system workload flexibility.
- Single platform lowers operating costs

The ABI PRISM® 3700 DNA Analyzer includes patented technology licensed from Hitachi, Ltd. as well as patented technology of Applied Biosystems.

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Related Pro

- Instrument 5
- ABI PRISM® 3
- ABI PRISM® 3
- Analyzer
- ABI PRISM® 3
- Analyzer
- Reagents
- ABI PRISM® B
- Terminators V
- Sequencing Kit
- ABI PRISM® B
- Cycle Sequenc
- ABI PRISM® C
- Standards
- Genotyping De
- Software
- GeneScan® A
- Genotyper® S

Automated DNA-sequencing instruments (DNA sequencers) can sequence up to 384 DNA samples in a single batch (run) in up to 24 runs a day

ABI Prism 3700 - Applied Biosystem

Thermo cycler Master cycler eppendorf

DNA Thermal Cycler Perkin Elmer

QIAGEN 1000 - Beckman

Tipos de secuencias del DNA eucarionte

Secuencias de copia única

Encontradas una vez en el genoma

DNA medianamente repetitivo

Encontrado de 10 a 1000 veces en el genoma

Puede variar de 100-300 bp a 5000 bp y puede estar disperso en el genoma.

DNA altamente repetitivo

Secuencias más abundantes

Encontradas de 100,000 a 1 millón de veces en el genoma

Puede variar de unos pocos a varios cientos de bases en longitud. Tiende a ordenarse como repeticiones en tandem.

Tarea a desarrollar:

¿Cuántos picogramos de DNA contiene una célula bacteriana?

¿Cuántos picogramos de DNA contiene una célula humana?

¿Cuáles son sus longitudes respectivamente?

Pyrosequencing

Technology from Pyrosequencing AB

Pyrosequencing Principle Demonstration Applications

Principle of Pyrosequencing

Pyrosequencing™ is sequencing by synthesis, a simple to use technique for accurate and consistent analysis of DNA sequences.

Step 1

A sequencing primer is hybridized to a single stranded, PCR amplified, DNA template, and incubated with the enzymes, DNA polymerase, ATP sulfurylase, luciferase and apyrase, and the substrates, adenosine 5' phosphosulfate (APS) and luciferin.

Step 2

The first of four deoxynucleotide triphosphates (dNTP) is added to the reaction. DNA polymerase catalyzes the incorporation of the deoxynucleotide triphosphate into the DNA strand, if it is complementary to the base in the template strand. Each incorporation event is accompanied by release of pyrophosphate (PPi) in a quantity equimolar to the amount of incorporated nucleotide.

Step 3

ATP sulfurylase quantitatively converts PPi to ATP in the presence of adenosine 5' phosphosulfate. This ATP drives the luciferase-mediated conversion of luciferin to oxyluciferin that generates visible light in amounts that are proportional to the amount of ATP. The light produced in the luciferase-catalyzed reaction is detected by a charge coupled device (CCD) camera and seen as a peak in a pyrogram™. Each light signal is proportional to the number of nucleotides incorporated.

Step 4

Apyrase, a nucleotide degrading enzyme, continuously degrades unincorporated dNTPs and excess ATP. When degradation is complete, another dNTP is added.

Step 5

Addition of dNTPs is performed one at a time. It should be noted that deoxyadenosine alpha-thio triphosphate (dATP α S) is used as a substitute for the natural deoxyadenosine triphosphate (dATP) since it is efficiently used by the DNA polymerase, but not recognized by the luciferase.

As the process continues, the complementary DNA strand is built up and the nucleotide sequence is determined from the signal peak in the pyrogram.

Pyrosequencing system

Hierarchical shotgun sequencing

Nature Vol. 409 Feb. 2001. HGP

Hierarchical Shotgun Sequencing Method

Genomic DNA

BAC Library

Create Contig Map

Sequence Each Contig
with Shotgun Approach

Align Contiguous Sequences

GCATTCGAGTTACCTGGACACCAGTG

CCAGTGGTACTGAGGACGCCAAGAGGCTTGA

GCTTGATTGGCCAATAATAGTATAT

GCATTCGAGTTACCTGGACACCAGTGGTACTGAGGACGCCAAGAGGCTTGGATTGGCCAATAATAGTATAT

Generate Finished Sequence

Whole Genome Shotgun Sequencing Method

Genomic DNA

Sequence Each Fragment
with Shotgun Approach

GCATTTGAGTTACCTGGACAACCAGTG

CCAGTGGTACTGAGGACGCAAGAGGCTTGA

GCTTGATTGGCCAATAATAGTATAT

Align Contiguous Sequences

GCATTTGAGTTACCTGGACAACCAGTGGTACTGAGGACGCAAGAGGCTTGGATTGGCCAATAATAGTATAT

Generate Finished Sequence

Contig Scaffolding (ensamblaje)

Uso de algoritmos computacionales para ensamblaje

Regional mapping

Regional mapping

Minimal tiling path selected for sequencing.

Regional mapping

Minimal tiling path selected for sequencing.

(Buscando sobreposiciones en forma ordenada mediante fingerprinting)

Restriction fragment fingerprinting

- BAC clones are grown in 96-well format
- Hind III digest
- 1% agarose

>20 kbp

~300 bp

Contig assembly

FPC* V4.7.9 (2001)

- Overlap identification by restriction pattern similarities
- Facilitated contig assembly

*Sanger Centre

C. Soderlund, I Longden and R. Mott

All restriction fragments within a clone selected for the tiling path must be verified by their presence in overlapping clones.

Shotgun Sequencing I :RANDOM PHASE

Bac Clone:
100-200 kb

Sheared DNA:
1.0-2.0 kb

Random
Reads

Sequencing
Templates:

BCM-
HGSC

Shotgun Sequencing II: ASSEMBLY

Shotgun Sequencing III: FINISHING

Shotgun Sequencing III: FINISHING

Shotgun Sequencing III: FINISHING

Shotgun Sequencing III: FINISHING

High Accuracy Sequence:
< 1 error/ 10,000 bases

BCM-
HGSC

Whole Genome Shotgun Sequencing (Celera)

Whole Genome Shotgun Sequencing: Assembly

Whole Genome Shotgun Sequencing: Assembly

PCR

Polymerase Chain Reaction

Kary B. Mullis inventó el PCR en
1983.
Ganó el Premio Nobel de Química
en 1993.

Nobel Prize Winner for Chemistry in 1993 and inventor of PCR, a method for detecting even the smallest amount of DNA in ancient materials. "Would I have invented PCR if I hadn't taken LSD? I seriously doubt it," he says. "I could sit on a DNA molecule and watch the polymers go by. I learnt that partly on psychedelic drugs."

Kary Banks Mullis, Nobel Prize winning chemist, was born on December 28, 1944, in Lenoir, North Carolina.

PCR

**Amplificación IN VITRO de
secuencias determinadas de ADN
basada en el uso de:**

- Polimerasa**
- Partidores**
- dNTPs**

PCR

1ª FASE: Desnaturalización

94°C

CICLO 1

2ª FASE: Apareamiento

50-65°C

CICLO 1

3ª FASE: Extensión

72°C

CICLO 1

3ª FASE: Extensión

72°C

CICLO 1

1ª FASE: Desnaturalización

94°C

CICLO 2

PCR

PCR Amplification of DNA Fragment

CYCLE NUMBER	NUMBER OF DOUBLE-STRANDED TARGET MOLECULES
1	0
2	0
3	2
4	4
5	8
6	16
7	32
8	64
9	128
10	256
11	512
12	1024
13	2048
14	4096
15	8192
16	16,384
17	32,768
18	65,536
19	131,072
20	262,144
21	524,288
22	1,048,576
23	2,097,152
24	4,194,304
25	8,388,608
26	16,777,216
27	33,544,432
28	67,108,864
29	134,217,728
30	268,435,456
31	536,870,912
32	1,073,741,824

The PCR cycle. The DNA sample is heated to separate the DNA strands (initial denaturation), and then the reaction mixture goes through repeated cycles of primer annealing, DNA synthesis, and denaturation. The target sequence doubles in concentration for each cycle.

PCR

Aplicaciones

- Obtener copias de una secuencia determinada
- Introducir modificaciones en la secuencia:
 - Mutaciones
 - Secuencias para enzimas de restricción
 - Elementos reguladores

Ventajas

- Cantidad mínima de DNA molde
- No es necesario DNA de calidad

PCR

Inconvenientes

- Limitación de tamaño
- Necesidad de conocer secuencias flanqueantes

Problemas

- Problemas de contaminación
- Presencia de inhibidores
- Fallos por variación genética en sitios de apareamiento

PCR

Optimización

-Perfil de temperaturas

-Reactivos:

- DNA
- primers
- Buffer: pH, Cl_2Mg , K
- Inhibidores
- dNTPs
- Taq polimerasa

Montaje de Reacciones de PCR

Setting Up PCR Reactions

10X Buffer Taq DNA polymerase	10 μL
25mM MgCl_2	4 μL
10mM dNTPs mix	2 μL
Primer 1	? (10pmoles/ μL)
Primer 2	? (10pmoles/ μL)
DNA	ng a μg
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_{\text{dd}}$ estéril	? llevar a Vt
Taq DNA polymerase	1-5 Unidades
Volumen Total	100 μL

Un oligonucleótido primer de 17 nucleótidos=17 mer, equivale a una concentración de 5 ng/pmol

Especificidad PCR

Factores que afectan la especificidad en el PCR:

- 1.- Primers: Mal diseño. Se debe considerar longitud, contenido G+C (no mayor a 50-60%), $T_m > 55^\circ\text{C}$ y posibilidad de formación de dímeros de primers.**
- 2.- Temperatura de apareamiento de los primers: T_m
Considerar T_m sobre 55°C y similar para ambos primers.**
- 3.- Denaturación incompleta: Falta de "Hot Start"**

T_m = temperatura de fusión es la temperatura a la cual la $\frac{1}{2}$ de las moléculas complementarias se encuentran unidas

$$T_m \text{ teórica} = 4(G+C) + 2(A+T)$$

a una concentración 1M NaCl

Siendo la T_m (**temperatura de desnaturalación del dúplex**) un parámetro crítico para PCR, se debe ser más riguroso con el cálculo para este oligonucleótido. Por ejemplo, a una concentración determinada de Na^+ se debe aplicar la siguiente fórmula:

$$T_m = 81.5 + [(16.6) (\log_{10} \{ [\text{Na}^+] / 1.0 + 0.7[\text{Na}^+] \})] + [0.41(\%G+C)] - 500 / D - P$$

Donde **D** es la longitud del dúplex y **P** es el porcentaje de apareamiento incorrecto. Para un buen resultado en la reacción de PCR se puede partir utilizando la T_m calculada menos 5°C .

Controles de especificidad en el PCR

1.- DNA + Primer 1 (Fw) + Primer 2 (Rev)	(+)
2.- DNA + Primer 1 (Fw)	(-)
3.- DNA + Primer 2 (Rev)	(-)
4.- DNA	sin primers (-)
5.- Primer 1 + Primer 2	sin DNA (-)

Contaminación!! PCR carry over!!

What are the recommended conditions for a standard PCR reaction?

There are several parameters that need to be adjusted for optimal PCR, such as $MgCl_2$, dNTP, primers, and template concentrations, as well as annealing temperature.

The following conditions are a starting point. In a 100- μ l reaction volume add:

template DNA, 10^5 to 10^6 target molecules (~1 μ g human genomic DNA, 10 ng yeast DNA, 1 ng *E. coli* DNA, or 1% of an M13 plaque),

0.1 to 1 μ M each primer,

50 to 200 μ M each dNTP,

1 to 4 U of *Taq* DNA polymerase

20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.3), 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 25–50 mM KCl.

Perform 25–35 cycles, 94°C for 30–60 s, 55°C for 30–60 s, 72°C for 30–90 s.

How do I design my PCR primers?

PCR primers are typically between 18 and 25 nucleotides having 40% to 60% GC. Complementary sequences at the 3' end of the primer pairs must be avoided to prevent primer-dimer formation. Avoid more than 3 C's or G's at the 3' end. For highly degenerate primers, it is preferable that the most unambiguous sequence be at the 3' end. At least the last 3 bases adjacent to the 3' end need to be correctly base paired to initiate PCR.

What is the recommended concentration of MgCl₂ for PCR?

The MgCl₂ has to be optimized for each template and primer pair. The final concentration varies between 1 and 2.5 mM. The presence of EDTA can inhibit amplification by chelating the magnesium ions. Excess nucleotides also bind magnesium and may necessitate an increase in magnesium.

What is "hot start" PCR?

Hot start is a modification of PCR that decreases the tendency to get nonspecific PCR products. One of the reagents, usually *Taq* DNA polymerase, is left out of the initial denaturation. Then, the tube is held at 80°C and the enzyme is added.

USE
 ...the T7 Promoter
 Primer (Cat.# Q5021) or
 the pUC/M13 Forward
 Primer (Cat.# Q5601) to
 sequence ssDNA pro-
 duced by the pGEM®-T
 and pGEM®-T Easy
 Vectors.

Figure 2. pGEM®-T Vector circle map and sequence reference points.

pGEM®-T Vector Sequence reference points:

T7 RNA Polymerase transcription initiation site	1
SP6 RNA Polymerase transcription initiation site	126
T7 RNA Polymerase promoter (-17 to +3)	2984-3
SP6 RNA Polymerase promoter (-17 to +3)	124-143
multiple cloning region	10-113
<i>lacZ</i> start codon	185
<i>lac</i> operon sequences	2821-2981, 151-380
<i>lac</i> operator	185-201
β -lactamase coding region	1322-2182
phage f1 region	2365-2620
binding site of pUC/M13 Forward Sequencing Primer	2941-2957
binding site of pUC/M13 Reverse Sequencing Primer	161-177

pGEM[®]-T Vector

pGEM[®]-T Easy Vector

Figure 1. The promoter and multiple cloning sequence of the pGEM[®]-T and pGEM[®]-T Easy Vectors. The top strand of the sequence shown corresponds to the RNA synthesized by T7 RNA Polymerase. The bottom strand corresponds to the RNA synthesized by SP6 RNA Polymerase.

TOPO TA Cloning Kit Dual Promoter (Invitrogen)

Clonamiento de los productos PCR: topoisomerasa

Para clonar los productos PCR, se puede utilizar la DNA topoisomerasa, una enzima que corta y enrolla-desenrolla DNA en el curso de la replicación. La topoisomerasa separa las hebras de DNA, permitiendo a la hebra separada desenrollarse alrededor del eje de la hebra no separada. La enzima liga entonces los extremos de la hebra separada y desprendida de DNA.

Su funcionamiento se parece a la vez a una enzima de restricción y una ligasa. La topoisomerasa I del virus *Vaccinia* reconoce la secuencia 5'-(C/T)CCTT-3' en una hebra doble de DNA, y se une de manera covalente a un 3'-fosfato de la timina situado al final de esta secuencia.

El sitio de reconocimiento de topoisomerasa I

La secuencia de reconocimiento de la topoisomerasa se coloca en cada extremo de un plásmido linearizado. Cuando el vector es mezclado con la topoisomerasa, la enzima se une de manera covalente al extremo 3'-fosfato del extremo del vector. Esta acción protege al vector linearizado de su degradación por exonucleasas y evita su religado o recircularización. Se obtiene así un vector activado por la topoisomerasa. Los productos PCR que carecen de extremo 5'-fosfato sirven de sustrato de la enzima y son unidos al vector por la topoisomerasa en 5 minutos a la temperatura ambiente.

PCR Inverso

Base Substitution Mutagenesis by PCR Overlap Extension