

# GENETIC ENGINEERING

Definition:- The branch of Biological Science which deals with the addition, subtraction or Replacement of genes from an organism to bring permanent heritable change for Mankind - is called G.E. ✓

OR

Isolation of gene from one organism and its transfer to another genome (organism) to produce recombinant DNA of desirable combination is possible by Modern enzymatic technique. That is why G.E. is popularly called Recombinant DNA Technology.

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To know the Process of Genetic Engineering following terms must be explained:-

① R.E. (Restriction Endonuclease):- It is specific enzyme which cuts DNA at a specific site - called PALINDROMIC SITE.

In genetic engineering such group of enzymes are called SCISSORS or cut enzymes. It was discovered by SMITH &

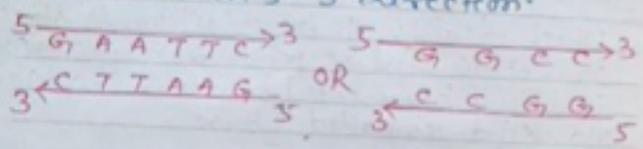
WILCOX (1970) from Haemophilus influenzae Bacteria. Through R.E. isolation of DNA segment is possible. It is also known as

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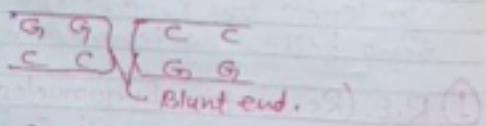
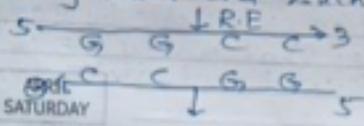


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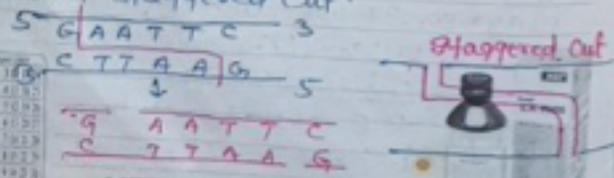
(2) PALINDROMIC SITE! - is that in which sequence of 4 to 6 nucleotides reading are same in 5-3 direction.



(3) BLUNT END! - Some R.E. cuts the two strands of DNA at the same place, generating blunt end such as:-



(4) STICKY END! - Some R.E. cuts the two strands of DNA at different places generating sticky end. Two cut ends are separated by few nucleotides called staggered cut.



A NERVE TONIC WITH VITAMIN B



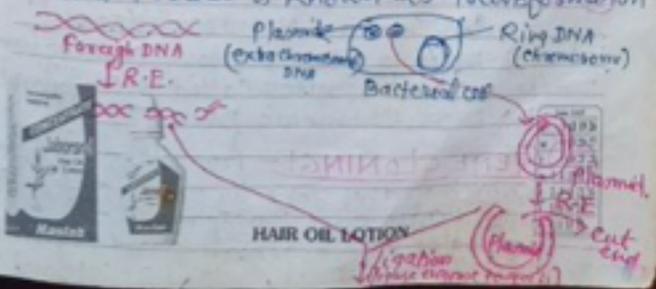
(5) VECTOR + PLASMIDS + TRANSFORMATION!

Plasmids are extra chromosomal DNA found in bacterial cell. These DNA can self replicate. They arise from chromosomal DNA. It is possible to isolate these plasmids in large quantity.

Vectors are vehicles through which foreign gene is carried into desired organism. Plasmids and viruses are used as a carrier of foreign DNA. So, plasmids (foreign gene) and viruses (vehicle) are combinedly known as vectors.

Transformation! - Thus by interchanging plasmid DNA (foreign bacterial DNA) and viral DNA fragments several new vectors have been synthesized.

When such new fragments (DNA) are introduced into appropriate host cells, then such cells are called transformed and process is known as Transformation.



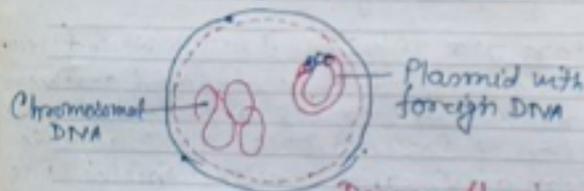
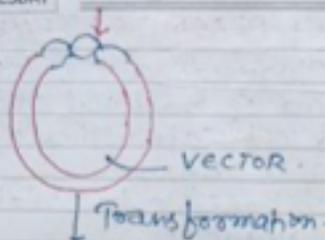


Diagram Showing

Vectors & Transformation

Thus, Plasmids are defined as self replicating extra chromosomal DNA present in one or more many copies and vectors are small segment of DNA which are carry any gene to recipient Bacterium.

6 RECOMBINANT DNA (CHIMERIC DNA):-

Association of two different types of DNA as shown above coming from Bacteria and viruses called recombinant DNA or Chimeric DNA.

7 GENE CLONING!:- Production of many copies of any gene by using plasmid DNA and Bacteria. Cloning of Entire genome of an organism in form of small DNA Plasmid in suitable recipient cells.



Such as Bacteria is called host Gun Experiment.

8 GENE LIBRARY:- The entire genome of an organism can be fragmented and each fragment can separately be cloned to produce many copies of each fragment. This is referred to Gene library.

TECHNIQUES AND ACHIEVEMENT OF GENETIC ENGINEERING

Following Techniques are application in Genetic Engineering

- (1) Transformation
- (ii) Parasexual Hybridization
- (iii) Transduction
- (iv) Recombinant DNA Technology.

1 TRANSFORMATION:- The process by which direct introduction of DNA into any cell. Such as:-

(a) In Bacteria:- In prokaryotic cell like Bacteria desired gene and Bacteria are placed in incubator. Then there is uptake of DNA. Such produced Bacteria is called transformed Bacteria.



Diagram illustrating the process of transformation in bacteria. A desired gene is combined with a plasmid. Bacteria are placed in an incubator. The process involves uptake of DNA, resulting in a transformed bacterium that produces a heart tonic.





### ⑥ Production of Subesbug (*Pseudomonas putida*)

It is genetically altered Bacterium used in control of environmental pollution to consume Hydrocarbon.

This new Bacteria combine the Genetic elements of four (4) different Bacteria and has the ability of breaking up the oil spills - commonly called oil eating.

### ⑦ NIF Gene: - (Nitrogen-Fixing Gene) -

A set of altogether 20 genes called Nitrogen fixing genes have been recognised in Bacteria - *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

They are nitrogen fixing genes. These genes are transferred to the crop plants with a view to overcome the use of costly fertilizers.

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### ⑧ DNA Finger Printing (Southern Blotting): -

Southern blotting is a technique evolved by E.M. Southern for isolation of Eukaryotic genes.

DNA fragments produced by restriction enzymes are obtained as bands on an Agarose gel by gel electrophoresis.

These fragments are then transferred to Nitrocellulose filter and identified by using DNA or RNA probes.

**Probes:** - Small segments of DNA or mRNA - used to detect the presence of

a gene containing particular sequence of nucleotides are called probes.

DNA finger printing is the technique used in forensic science to identify criminals or any kind of suspect by so-called blotting. DNA can be isolated from blood stains, hairs or semen stains.

⑨ Northern Blotting: - Isolation and identification of RNA molecule by above technique is called Northern blotting.

⑩ Gene Therapy: - It is possible to cure genetic diseases (defects) in man by altering the genetic materials of the female. It is possible to cure several chronic disease through such therapy.

### ⑪ Production of Factor VIII-C for Hemophilia

The cloning of DNA for human blood clotting called factor VIII-C has been successfully achieved. This DNA expressed in mammalian cell and produced the protein VIII-C, which is responsible for clotting of human blood.

Since this protein is absent in Hemophiliacs, so, it is used in treatment of Hemophiliacs.

⑫ Genetic engineering is also used for transfer of disease resistance and insecticide genes into the crop plant.