

# DpnI Digestion of PCR Products

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## Introduction

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This protocol describes digestion of DNA with DpnI. This can be used after a PCR reaction to remove the template DNA. It is recommended that the PCR product is purified before this digestion is conducted, but not necessary.

## Materials

- › Chemicals
  - › DpnI enzyme

## Procedure

### DpnI digestion

1. Add 1µL of DpnI to finished 50µL PCR reactions (or .5µL to 25µL reactions). Pipet or invert to mix.
2. Incubate the mixture at 37 °C for 1-2 hrs.  
  
Alternatively, the solution can be left overnight at room temperature.  
Periodic mixing may aid digestion (but is unnecessary).
3. PCR cleanup or gel-purify the reaction for downstream processes **OR** heat inactivate at 80 °C for 20 min.