



Molecular cloning and genetic engineering – Restriction Digest

● Aim

Restriction digest can cut DNA into fragments at specific recognition sites.

● Materials

DNA to be digested

NEB buffer 2

BSA

Digest Enzyme EcoRI

Digest Enzyme PstI

ddH₂O

● Procedure

1. Add 250ng of DNA to be digested, and adjust with ddH₂O for a total volume of 16ul.

2. Add 2.5ul of NEBuffer 2.

3. Add 0.5ul of BSA.

4. Add 0.5ul of EcoRI.



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5. Add 0.5ul of PstI.
 6. There should be a total volume of 20ul. Mix well and spin down briefly.
 7. Incubate the restriction digest at 37°C for 30min, and then 80C for 20min to heat kill the enzymes.
 8. Run a portion of the digest on a gel (8ul, 100ng), to check that both plasmid backbone and part length are accurate.

