

* PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction

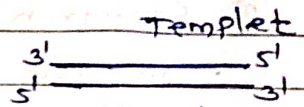
- Kary Mullis - invented PCR
- In-vitro - DNA amplification
- < 5Kb - DNA can be amplified well in PCR.

* Requirements of PCR:

- Template DNA
- DNA polymerase - (Thermostable)
- Primers - length 18-20 nt (DNA)
 - ↳ forward primer
 - ↳ Reverse primer
- Mg²⁺ - Cofactor of DNA Polymerase.
- Buffer
- dNTP (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP)

• Taq-DNA Polymerase: optimum activity at 72°C

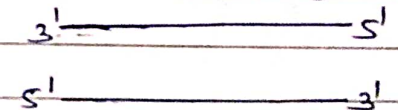
↳ Isolated from Thermus Aquaticus



• Every cycle - 3 Important steps:

1) Denaturation: Temp - 96°C, Time - 0.5 min.

• H-Bond break, due to temp ↑ of double stranded DNA to single stranded DNA.

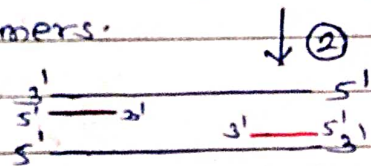


2) Primer Annealing: Temp - 52-54°C, Time - 1.5 min

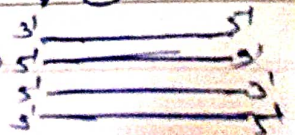
- Primer length 15-20nt.
- Primer GC content = 60%.
- Avoid repetitive seq.
- AT content = 40%.
- Provide starting point of DNA synthesis.

3) Primer extension: Temp - 72°C, Time - 1 min.

• Taq polymerase extends the DNA chain by adding nucleotides to the 3' ends of primers.



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• PCR - limitation: Flanking sequences known

* Some Types of PCR.

① Real-time PCR

② Nested PCR

* Application:

① Medicine

- Testing of genetic disease mutations.
- Monitoring the gene in gene therapy.
- Detecting disease-causing genes in the parents.

② Forensic Science

- Used as a tool in genetic fingerprinting.
- Identifying the criminal from millions of people.
- Paternity tests.

③ Research and Genetics:

- Compare the genome of two organisms in genomic studies.
- Analysis of gene expression.

