

# Molecular Cloning

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## Introduction

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You probably have heard of cloning. A clone could also be a genetically exact copy. It are often a a bit like a gene, a cell or an organism. Even an individual's. However, whereas cloning of humans has many ethical issues associated with it and is against the law throughout most of the earth, the cloning of genes has been ongoing for overflow 30 or 40 years, with cloning of animals occurring more recently. Gene cloning, also mentioned as molecular cloning, refers to the tactic of isolating a DNA sequence of interest for the aim of making multiple copies of it. The identical copies are clones. In 1973, Stanley Cohen and Herbert Boyer developed techniques to make recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid, a kind of artificial DNA.

Recombinant DNA is engineered through the mixture of two or more DNA strands, combining DNA sequences which could not normally occur together. In other words, selected DNA (or the DNA of "interest") is inserted into an existing organismal genome, sort of a bacterial plasmid DNA, or another quite vector. The recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid can then be inserted into another cell, sort of a bacterial cell, for amplification and possibly production of the resulting protein. This process is known as transformation, the genetic alteration of a cell resulting from the uptake, incorporation, and expression of foreign genetic material. recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid technology was made possible by the invention of restriction endonucleases.

## Restriction Enzyme Digestion and Ligation

Restriction enzymes or restriction endonucleases are prokaryotic enzymes that recognize and cut DNA at specific sequences, called restriction sites. it's believed that they evolved as a defense mechanism against foreign DNA, like viral DNA. Over 3,000 restriction enzymes are identified. variety of the more common restriction enzymes are shown within the table below, where up and down arrows show the sites of cleavage. Restriction enzymes are named supported the prokaryotic organism they're isolated from. as an example, those isolated from *Escherichia coli* would begin with Eco. As Table below shows, digestion with the restriction enzymes will end in overlapping or blunt ends. EcoRI produces overlapping "sticky" ends: the enzyme cleaves between the G and A on both strands. On the other hand, Small restriction nuclease cleavage produces "blunt" ends. The enzyme cleaves between the G and C on both strands.

Gene targeting (also, replacement strategy supported homologous recombination) could also be a genetic technique that uses homologous recombination to modify an endogenous gene. the tactic are often used to delete a gene, remove exons, add a gene and modify individual base pairs (introduce point mutations)..

Human germline engineering is that the method by which the genome of a personal is edited in such how that the change is heritable. this is often often achieved through genetic alterations within the germ cells, or the reproductive cells, just like the egg and sperm.

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