

# Biotechnology

التقنيات الحيوية

## 1-Colors of biotechnology



**Blue Biotechnology**  
Marine: drugs, cosmetics, nutraceuticals



**Green Biotechnology**  
Agriculture: GM crops, biofertilizers, sustainable



**Red Biotechnology**  
Medical field: vaccines, antibiotics, gene therapy



**White Biotechnology**  
Industrial: biofuels, enzymes, eco-friendly production

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## 2-Forensic Evidence and Genetic Profiles

Short tandem repeats, or STRs, are short DNA sequences made of 2-6 base pairs that are repeated many times in a row at specific locations in the genome.

- The number of repeats varies from person to person, which makes STRs highly useful as genetic markers.
- PCR and gel electrophoresis are used to amplify and then identify STRs of different lengths
- The probability that two people who are not identical have the same STR markers is rare.

التكرارات القصيرة المتتالية (STRs - Short Tandem Repeats) هي سلاسل DNA قصيرة مكونة من 2-6 قواعد نيتروجينية تكرر في مواقع محددة في الجينوم. عدد مرات التكرار يختلف بين الأفراد، مما يجعل التكرارات القصيرة المتتالية علامات جينية مفيدة. يتم تحليلها باستخدام تقنية (PCR) و (gel electrophoresis). فرصة أن يشارك شخصان غير متطابقين في نفس الملف الوراثي للتكرارات القصيرة المتتالية منخفضة جداً.

## 3-Story

أيرل واشنطن قضي 17 سنة في السجن بعد إدانته زوراً بجريمة قتل. وأطلق سراحه في 2001 بعد إثبات مبراته باستخدام DNA.

Source of sample	STR marker 1	STR marker 2	STR marker 3
Semen on victim	17, 19	13, 16	12, 12
Earl Washington	16, 18	14, 15	11, 12
Kenneth Tinsley	17, 19	13, 16	12, 12

(b) These and other STR data exonerated Washington and led Tinsley to plead guilty to the murder.

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لأهمية هذا العلم كيف كشفت جريمة وبينت براءة شخص باستخدام STR



This photo shows Earl Washington just before his release in 2001, after 17 years in prison.

## Applications of Medical Biotechnology

Pharmacology & Drug Development



Utilizing recombinant DNA technology to produce therapeutic proteins, insulin, growth hormones, and clotting factors.

Gene Therapy



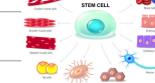
Mapping human DNA to identify genetic bases for diseases and utilizing techniques to repair or replace faulty genes.

Vaccine Development



Creating advanced vaccines (e.g., Ebola vaccine) to prevent infectious diseases.

Stem Cell Technology



Growing artificial tissues on scaffolds and using stem cells to regenerate damaged organs and tissues, such as in spinal cord injuries.

Molecular Diagnostics



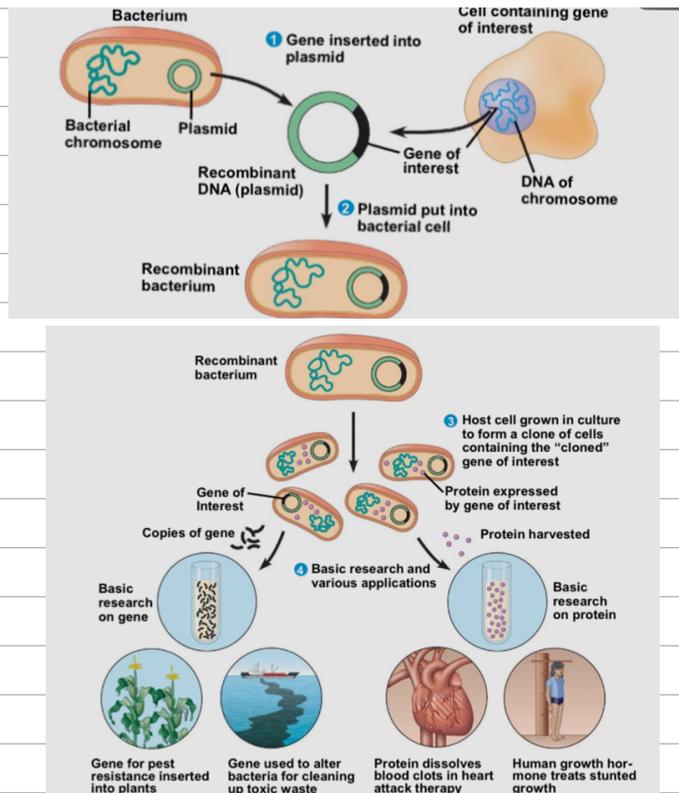
Developing rapid, accurate tests (e.g., polymerase chain reaction or PCR) for early disease detection

**Medical biotechnology** uses living cells and microorganisms to create innovative drugs, diagnostics, and therapies. The human genome was fully sequenced by 2007. **Recombinant DNA (rDNA)** is artificially made by combining genetic material from different sources using restriction enzymes to cut DNA and ligases to join it into vectors like plasmids for amplification.

<p>التكنولوجيا الحيوية الطبية (Medical Biotechnology)</p> <p>تستخدم الخلايا والكائنات الدقيقة والعمليات البيولوجية لتطوير أدوية وتشخيصات وعلاجات متقدمة تحسن صحة الإنسان.</p> <p>تم الانتهاء من تسلسل الجينوم البشري بالكامل بحلول عام 2007.</p> <p>يُصنع صناعياً بدمج مادة جينية من مصادر مختلفة - أحياناً من أنواع (rDNA) الموثقة DNA. ولإنتاج لفظة في نواتج مثل البلازميدات لتكثيره DNA مختلفة، باستخدام إنزيمات لقص.</p> <p>(DNA Cloning) استنساخ DNA</p> <p>محددة DNA يعني صنع نسخ متطابقة من جين أو قطعة DNA استنساخ. هذا يسمح للعلماء بإنتاج نسخ كثيرة من جين معين وورثته المرتبط. غالباً ما يتم الاستنساخ في المختبر باستخدام الكبريتا والبلازميدات.</p> <p>دائرية متغيرة تتكاثر بشكل مستقل عن كروموسوم الكبريتا DNA البلازميدات: جزيئات.</p> <p>(Cloning Vector) ناقل الاستنساخ</p> <p>مخبر إلى خلية مصيفة والتكاثر هناك DNA يمكنه حمل DNA هو جزيء. الغريب في البلازميد، ثم يدخل البلازميد الموثق إلى خلية بكتيرية DNA يتم إدخال. عندما تتكاثر الكبريتا، تتكاثر البلازميدات معها، مما ينتج نسخ متعددة من الجين الواحد.</p>
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**DNA cloning** involves making identical copies of specific genes. Cloned genes are used to produce multiple copies of a gene and its protein. Laboratory cloning often uses bacteria and their plasmids as cloning vectors; plasmids are small circular DNA molecules that replicate independently of the bacterial chromosome.

A **cloning vector** is a DNA molecule that can carry foreign DNA into a host cell and replicate there. Foreign DNA is inserted into a plasmid, and the recombinant plasmid is inserted into a bacterial cell. Reproduction in the bacterial cell results in cloning of the plasmid including the foreign DNA. This results in the production of multiple copies of a single gene.



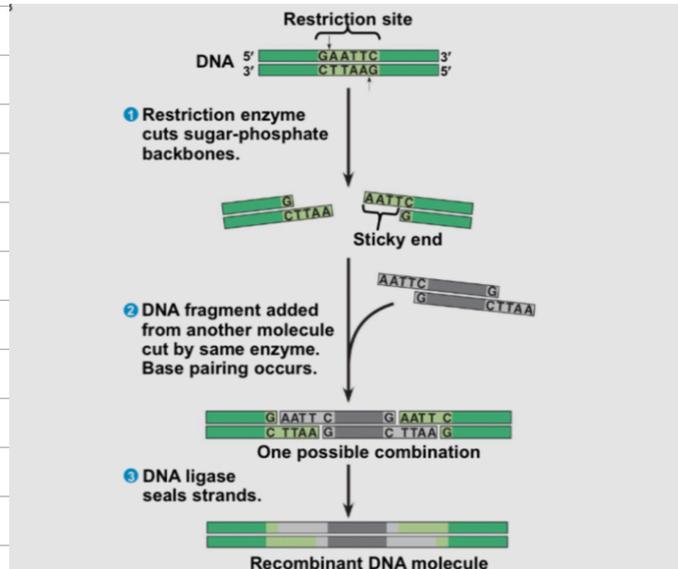
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**Bacterial restriction enzymes** cut DNA molecules at specific DNA sequences called restriction sites

- A restriction enzyme usually makes many cuts, yielding restriction fragments
- The most useful restriction enzymes cut DNA in a staggered way, producing fragments with “sticky ends” that bond with complementary sticky ends of other fragments.
- DNA ligase is an enzyme that seals the bonds between restriction fragments

Restriction enzymes : تقطع الـ DNA في مواقع محددة لتكوين قطع DNA.  
 Sticky ends : أطراف بعض القطع الناتجة التي يمكن الالتصاق مع أطراف مكملة من قطع DNA أخرى.  
 DNA ligase : إنزيم يعمل مثل الغراء ليثبت القطع معاً ويجعل DNA جديد متكامل.



## Complementary DNA (cDNA)

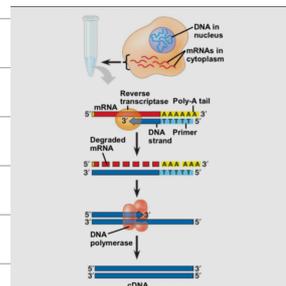
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A complementary DNA (cDNA) library is made by cloning DNA made in vitro by reverse transcription of all the mRNA produced by a particular cell.

A cDNA library represents only part of the genome—only the subset of genes transcribed into mRNA in the original cells.

• A clone carrying the gene of interest can be identified with a **nucleic acid probe** having a sequence complementary to the gene

• This process is called **nucleic acid hybridization**.



نصنع DNA مكمل (cDNA) من الـ mRNA.  
 1- عزل الـ mRNA  
 2- تحويل الـ mRNA إلى cDNA  
 استخدام إنزيم Reverse Transcriptase  
 3- جعل الـ cDNA مزدوج السلسلة

✓ How to identify a specific gene?

- Synthesize a probe that is complementary to the gene of interest

5' GTCATTCAGC 3'

— Then we would synthesize this probe —

3' CAGTAAGTCG 5'

✓ DNA probes can screen a large number of clones simultaneously for the gene of interest.

## Expressing Cloned Eukaryotic Genes

Cloned genes can be expressed to produce large amounts of protein for research.

- Protein expression can occur in bacterial or eukaryotic host cells.
- Expression of eukaryotic genes in bacteria faces technical difficulties.
- Differences in promoters and regulatory sequences limit expression.

Use of cultured eukaryotic cells avoids many expression problems.

- Yeast Artificial Chromosomes (YACs):
  - Behave normally during mitosis.
  - Carry larger DNA inserts than plasmids.

• **Eukaryotic** hosts perform essential post-translational modifications.

يمكنها القيام بتعديلات بعد الترجمة (post-translational modifications) مثال:  
إضافة السكريات (glycosylation)  
تشكيل الجسور الكبريتية (disulfide bonds)  
تعديل البروتينات لتصبح فعالة بيولوجياً

## Introduction of recombinant DNA

**Electroporation:** Electrical pulse creates temporary membrane pores.

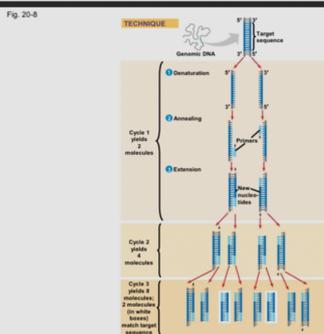
• **Microinjection:** DNA injected using fine needles.

• Introduced DNA integrates into the host genome via **natural recombination.**

### Amplifying DNA *in Vitro*: The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

- The **polymerase chain reaction, PCR**, can produce many copies of a specific target segment of DNA
- A three-step cycle:
  - Heating
  - Cooling
  - Replication

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DNA technology allows us to study the sequence, expression, and function of a gene

DNA cloning allows researchers to

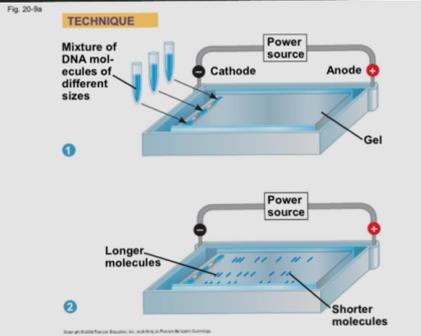
- 1- Compare genes and alleles between individuals
- 2- Locate gene expression in a body
- 3- Determine the role of a gene in an organism

Several techniques are used to analyze the DNA of genes

#### Gel Electrophoresis and Southern Blotting

- One indirect method of rapidly analyzing and comparing genomes is **gel electrophoresis**
- This technique uses a gel as a molecular sieve to separate nucleic acids or proteins by size
- A current is applied that causes charged molecules to move through the gel
- Molecules are sorted into "bands" by their size

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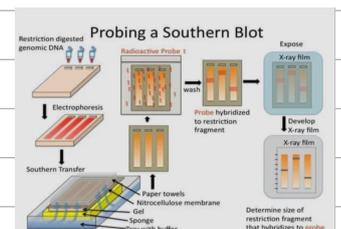


## Southern blotting

• A molecular biology technique used to detect specific DNA sequences.

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- DNA is extracted and cut with restriction enzymes.
- DNA fragments are separated by agarose gel electrophoresis.
- DNA is denatured (double-stranded → single-stranded).
- Fragments are transferred (blotted) onto a nitrocellulose or nylon membrane.
- A labeled DNA probe complementary to the target sequence is added.
- Probe binds to the target DNA by hybridization.
- Bound probe is detected (autoradiography, fluorescence, or chemiluminescence).



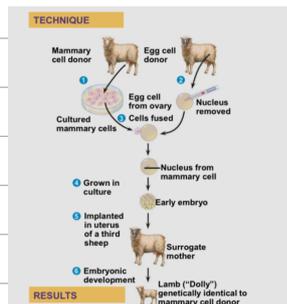
## Analyzing Gene Expression

- Nucleic acid probes can hybridize with mRNAs transcribed from a gene
- Probes can be used to identify where or when a gene is transcribed in an organism

- One way to **determine function** is to disable the gene and observe the consequences
- Using in vitro mutagenesis, **mutations** are introduced into a cloned gene, altering or destroying its function
- When the mutated gene is returned to the cell, the normal gene's function might be determined by examining the mutant's **phenotype**

### Reproductive Cloning of Mammals

- In 1997, Scottish researchers announced the birth of Dolly, a lamb cloned from an adult sheep by **nuclear transplantation** from a **differentiated mammary cell**.



### Human Gene Therapy

- Treats disease by **modifying** or correcting genes in human cells.
- Uses **gene replacement**, addition, **silencing**, or **editing**.
- Delivered by **viral or non-viral vectors**.
- Applied mainly to somatic cells (not inherited).
- Used for genetic diseases, cancer, and some infections.
- **Limited by safety, immune response, and ethical concerns.**

