

T4 DNA Ligase

Cat. No.: MO5451 Store at -20°C

Concentration: 350u/µl, 5000U

Supplied with: 35µl of 10X Reaction Buffer

Description

Purified from an *E.coli* strain carrying a plasmid with the cloned gene of phage T4 encoding this enzyme. T4 DNA Ligase catalyzes the formation of a phosphodiester bonds between 5' phosphate and 3' hydroxyl termini in duplex DNA/RNA. This enzyme can join-blunt end and cohesive-end termini, repair single stranded nicks in duplex DNA, RNA or DNA/RNA hybrids.

Definition of Activity Unit

One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to give 50% ligation of Hind III fragments of lambda DNA in 30 minutes at 16°C in the reaction mixture of 20µl.

Activity assay

40mM Tris-HCL(pH7.5), 10mM MgCl₂, 10mM DTT, 1mM ATP. Optimal temperature is 16°C.

Application

Cloning of restriction fragments, joining linkers and adapters to blunt-ended DNA, gene (gene fragments) synthesis.

Ligation

For most cohesive-end ligations, at least 60 minutes incubation at room temperature is sufficient. Incubations at 16°C for 4-16 hours are routinely used for the majority of applications.

Ligation of blunt-ends and single-base pair overhang fragments requires more enzyme to achieve the same extent of ligation as cohesive-end DNA fragments. Ligation can be enhanced by addition of PEG or by reducing the rATP concentration.

ATP is an essential cofactor for the reaction.

Storage Conditions

50mM KCI, 50mM Tris-HCI (pH7.5), 0.1mM EDTA, 1mM DTT, 50% glycerol at -20°C.

QC

tested for the absence of endo-exodeoxyribonucleases, ribonucleases.

Inactivation Conditions

65 °C for 15 minutes or boiling for 2 minutes

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