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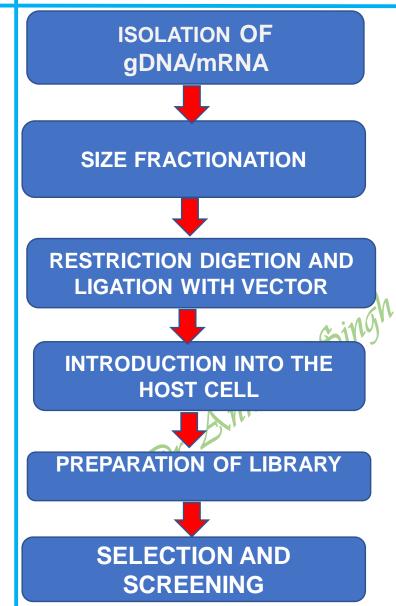
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DNA Libraries



- There are two major approaches for isolating sequences from complex sources such as genomic DNA or cDNA
- A collection of clones, representative of the entire statting population, is known as a *library*.
- Genomic DNA libraries are generated by
 fragmenting the genome and cloning
 overlapping fragments in vectors
- Complementary DNA (cDNA) libraries are generated by the reverse transcription of mRNA
- cDNA is representative of the mRNA population, and therefore reflects mRNA levels and the diversity of splice isoforms in particular tissues



High mol. wt eukaryotic λ Charon 4A DNA DNA (>100 kb) (replacement vector) Cleave with a mixture Anneal of HaeIII and Alul natural (very partial digest) cohesive ends of λ Size fractionate 1~20 kb EcoRI methylase to block EcoRI sites EcoRI Me Me Blunt-end ligation with EcoRI linker molecules Me Me Internal fragments Me Me Size fractionate to remove EcoRI internal Me Me fragments Me Me Anneal EcoRi cohesive ends. Ligate • Me Me Me Me 1 1 Πr Me Me Me Me Packaging in vitro size Phage particle

* Maniatis' strategy for producing a representative gene library.

Genomic DNA Library

- A Genomic Library is a very large number of recombinants, which together contain a complete collection of all of the DNA sequences in the entire genome
- Clarke & Carbon (1976) derived a formula that field tes the probability (P) of including hy DNA sequence in a random library of N independent recombinants:

$$N = \frac{\ln (1 - P)}{\ln \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

*n be the size of the genome relative to a single cloned fragment. to achieve a 95% probability (P = 0.95) of

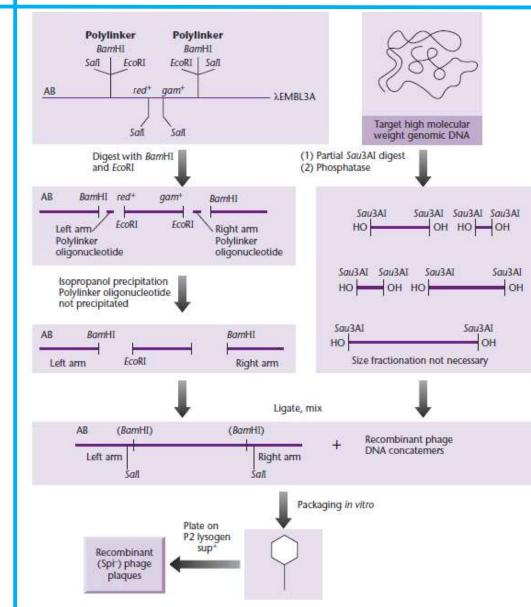
including any particular sequence in a random human genomic DNA library of 20 kb fragment

$$N = \frac{\ln (1 - 0.95)}{\ln \left(1 - \frac{1}{1.4 \times 10^5}\right)} = 4.2 \times 10^5$$

human genome (2.8 × 106 kb) and an average cloned fragment size of 20 kb, $n = 1.4 \times 10^5$



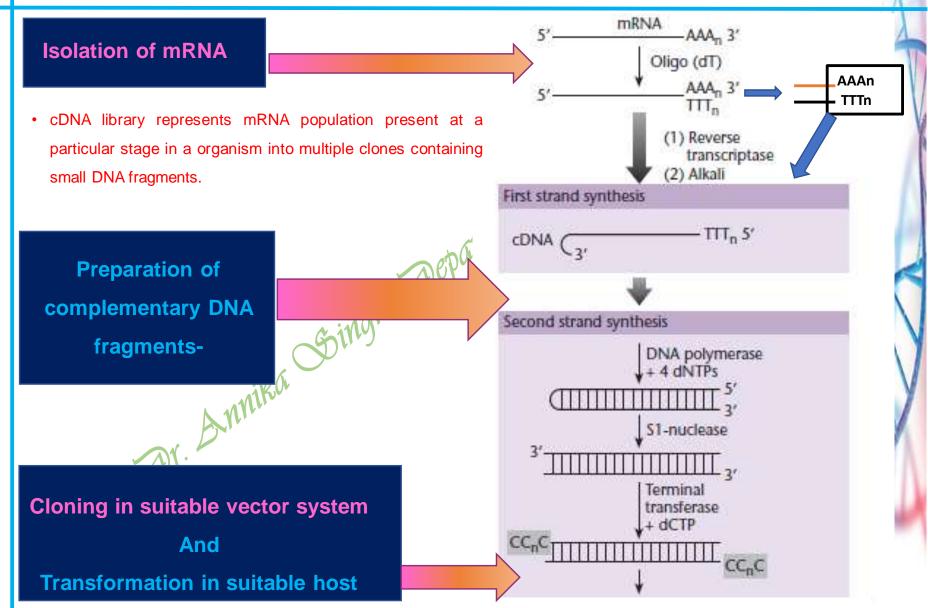
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- Creation of a genomic DNA library using the phage-λ vector EMBL3A. High-molecular-weight genomic DNA is
- partially digested with *Sau*3AI. The fragments are treated with phosphatase to remove their 5' phosphate groups.
- The vector is digested with *Bam*HI and *Eco*RI, which cut within the polylinker sites.
- The tiny *Bam*HI/*Eco*RI polylinker fragments are discarded in the isopropanol precipitation, or alternatively the vector arms may be purified by preparative agarose gel electrophoresis.
- The vector arms are then ligated with the partially digested genomic DNA. The phosphatase treatment prevents the genomic DNA fragments from ligating together.
- Non-recombinant vector cannot reform because the small polylinker fragments have been discarded.
- The only packageable molecules are recombinant phages.
 These are obtained as plaques on a P2 lysogen of *sup*+ *E*.
 coli.
- The Spi- selection ensures recovery of phage lacking red and gam genes.
- A *sup*+ host is necessary because, in this example, the vector carries amber mutations in genes *A* and *B*.
- These mutations increase biological containment, and can be applied to selection procedures, such as recombinational selection, or tagging DNA with a *sup*+ gene.

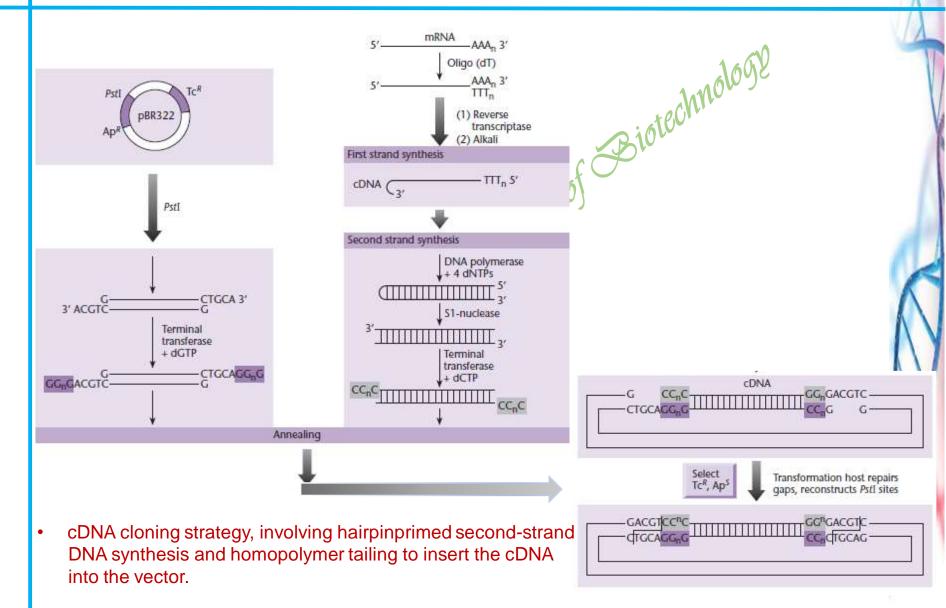


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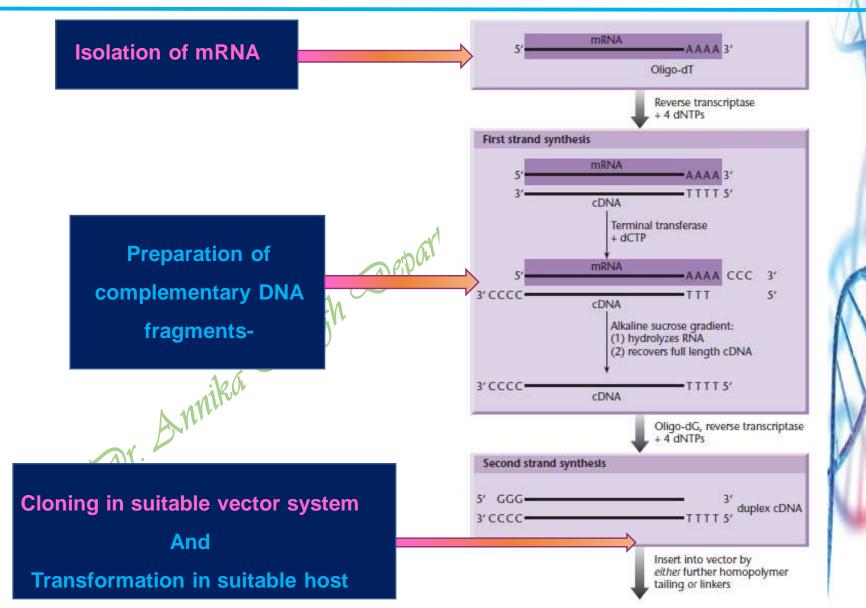


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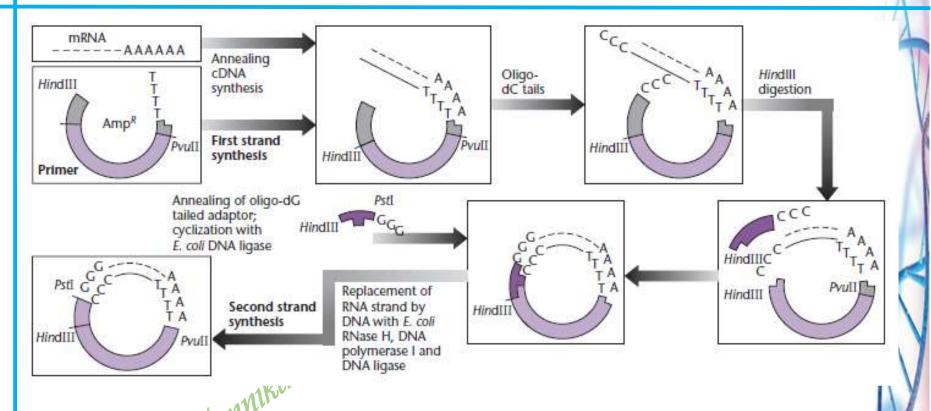


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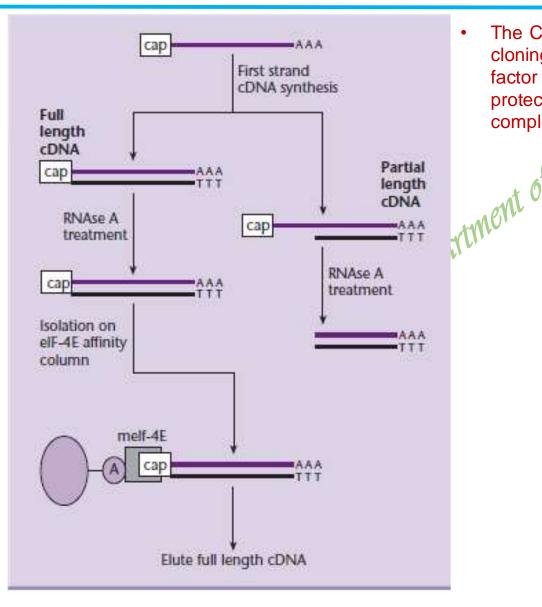
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The strategy of Okayama & Berg (1982), where the mRNA is linked unidirectionally to the plasmid cloning vector prior to cDNA synthesis, by virtue of a cDNA tail.



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The CAPture method of full-length cDNA cloning, using the eukaryotic initiation factor eIF-4E to select mRNAs with caps protected from RNase digestion by a complementary DNA strand.



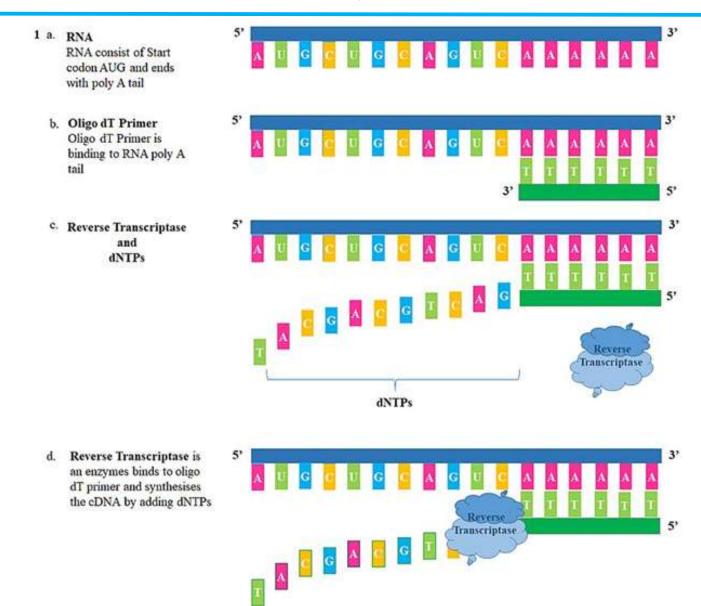
The PCR can be used as an alternative to cDNA cloning

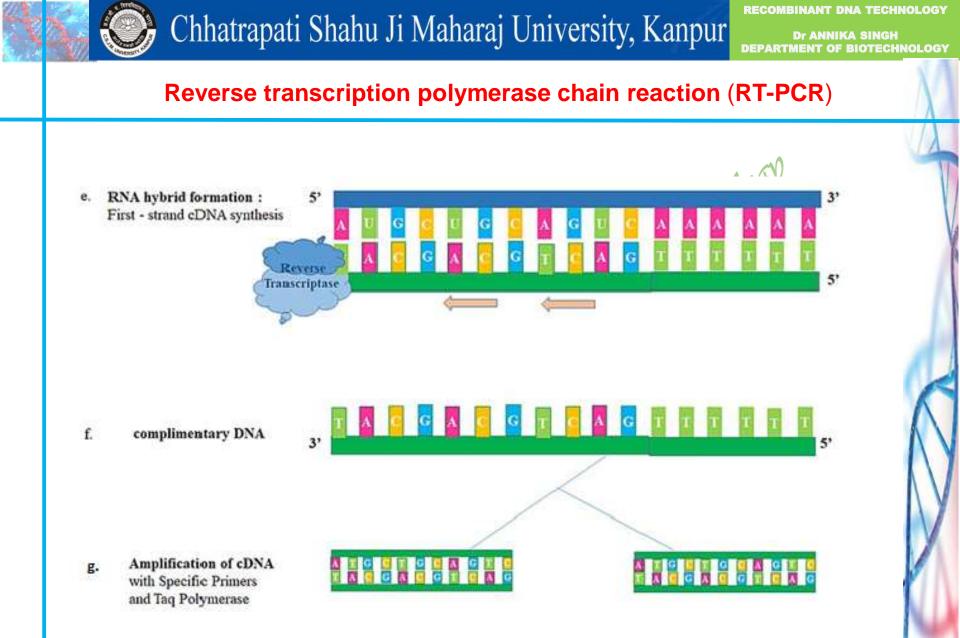
- Reverse transcription followed by the polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) leads to the amplification of RNA sequences in cDNA form.
- Using gene-specific primers, RT-PCR is a sensitive means for detecting, quantifying, and cloning specific cDNA molecules.
- Reverse transcription is carried out using a specific 36 primer that generates the first cDNA strand, and then PCR amplification is initiated following the addition of a 5' primer to the reaction mix.
- The sensitivity is such that total RNA can be used as the starting material, rather than the poly(A)+ RNA which is used for conventional cDNA cloning.
- Due to the speed with which RT-PCR can be carried out, it is an attractive approach for obtaining a specific CDNA sequence for cloning.
- Instead of gene-specific primers, universal primers can be used to amplify all mRNAs, which can then be subcloned into suitable vectors.
- A disadvantage of PCR-based cDNA library construction is that the DNA polymerases used for PCR are more error-prone than those used conventionally for second-strand synthesis,



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Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)





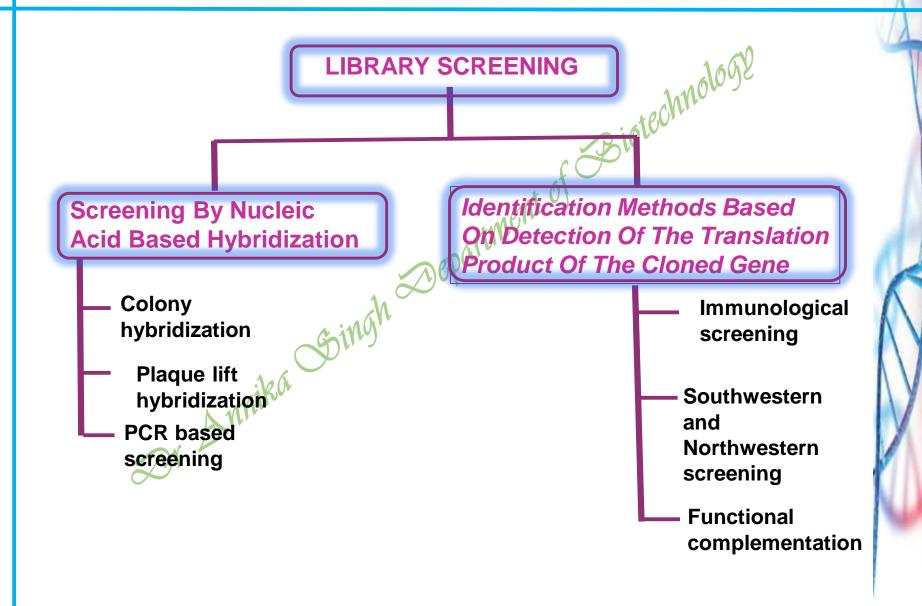


Rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE)

- Rapid amplification of cDNA ends (RACE) is a technique used in molecular biology to obtain the full length sequence of an RNA transcript
- RACE results in the production of a cDNA copy of the RNA sequence of interest, produced RT-PCR. The amplified cDNA copies are then sequenced
- RACE is commonly followed up by cloning before sequencing of what was originally individual RNA molecules.
- A more high-throughput alternative which is useful for identification of novel transcript structures, is to sequence the RACE-products by next generation sequencing technologies
- RACE can provide the sequence of an RNA transcript from a small known sequence within the transcript to the 5' end (5' RACE-PCR) or 3' end (3' RACE-PCR) of the RNA.
- This technique is sometimes called *one-sided PCR* or *anchored PCR*.
- The first step in RACE is to use reverse transcription to produce a cDNA copy of a region of the RNA transcript, an unknown end portion of a transcript is copied using a known sequence from the center of the transcript.
- The copied region is bounded by the known sequence, at either the 5' or 3' end.

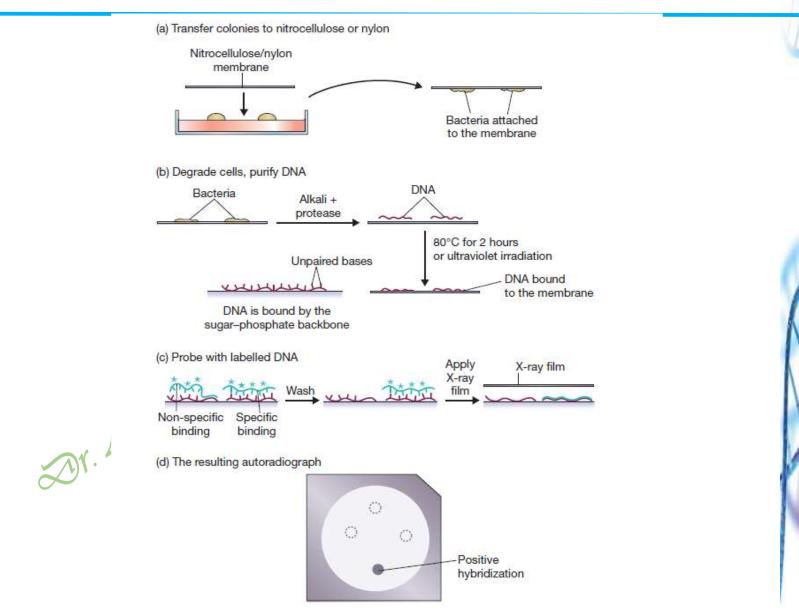


DIFFERENT STRATEGIES FOR LIBRARY SCREENING





Colony hybridization



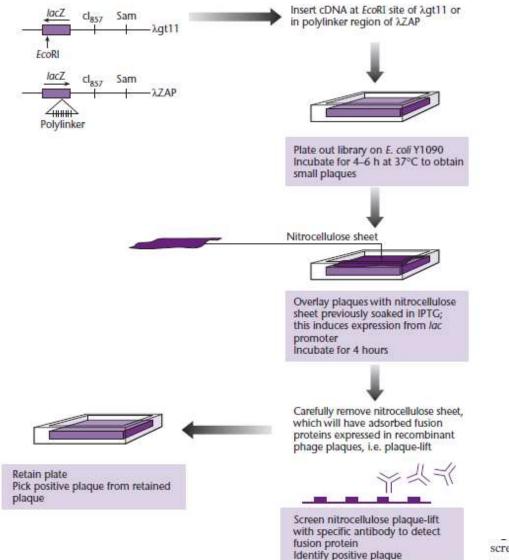


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Immunological screening



Immunochemical screening of λ gt11 or λ ZAP recombinant plaques.