

# Restriction Enzyme Patterns and RE Finder tools

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# Introduction

- Molecular Scissors. Restriction enzyme, restriction endonuclease, REase, ENase or restrictase is an enzyme that cleaves DNA into fragments at or near specific recognition sites within molecules known as restriction sites.
- Restriction endonucleases are named from the fact that they stop bacteriophages from multiplying by recognizing and cutting DNA at specified locations
- In 1978, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded jointly to Werner Arber, who predicted the existence of restriction enzymes, Hamilton Smith, who discovered the first Type II restriction enzyme, and Nathans, who demonstrated how to use the restriction enzymes to analyze viral DNA



- Enzymes that are part of the restriction-modification systems. They catalyze the endonucleolytic cleavage of DNA sequences which lack the species-specific methylation pattern in the host cell's DNA. Cleavage yields random or specific double-stranded fragments with terminal 5'-phosphates.
- 1<sup>st</sup> discovered HindII- naming of RE. The first letter of the restriction endonuclease name comes from the genus and the second two letters come from the species of the prokaryotic cell from which they are isolated. For example: EcoRI comes from *Escherichia coli* RY 13.

# Types of RE

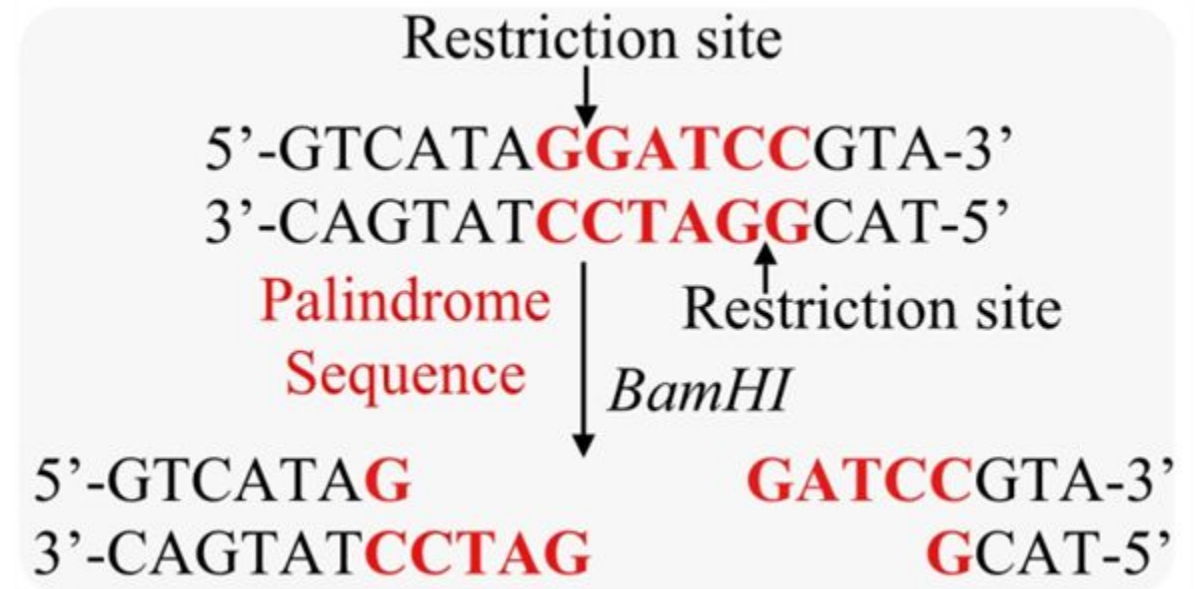
	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
<b>Nuclease structure</b>	Multimer; heterotrimer	Homodimer	Homodimer	
<b>Recognition site pattern</b>	Two sites, in any orientation	Small (4–8 bp); usually palindromic	Two sites, in head-to-head orientation; non-palindromic	Weak specificity
<b>Cleavage site</b>	Variable distance from recognition site; non-specific cleavage	Cleavage within (Type IIP) or outside (Type IIS) the recognition site	Cleavage of one strand (nicking activity) 24–25 bp from recognition site	Methylated only
<b>Cofactor</b>	ATP, Mg <sup>2+</sup> , SAM	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	ATP, Mg <sup>2+</sup> , SAM	ATP, GTP

# Advantages of using RE

- Type II enzyme is that it cleaves specifically within or close to its recognition site and that it does not require ATP hydrolysis for its nucleolytic activity.
- Molecular Biology tool- cutting specific sites of DNA
- Restriction mapping is a method used to map an unknown segment of DNA by breaking it into pieces and then identifying the locations of the breakpoints. This method relies upon the use of proteins called restriction enzymes

# Restriction enzyme cutting patterns

- Palindrome Sequence: recognized by RE
  - Mirror like palindrome: same forward and backward on single DNA strand GTAATG
  - Inverted Repeat Palindrome: sequence that read the same forward and backwards GTATAC being complimentary to CATATG
- Many restriction enzymes make staggered cuts, producing ends with single-stranded DNA overhangs. However, some produce blunt ends
- 4 or 6 base pair sequences



**TABLE 1. EXAMPLES OF RECOGNITION SEQUENCES OF TYPE I, II, AND III RESTRICTION ENZYMES**

	<b>Recognition Sequences</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Type I Enzymes</b>		
<i>EcoKI</i>	AACNNNNNNGTGC	type IA family, prototype
<i>EcoAI</i>	GAGNNNNNNGTCA	type IB family, prototype
<i>EcoR124I</i>	GAANNNNNNRTCG	type IC family, prototype
<i>StySBLI</i>	CGANNNNNNTACC	type ID family, prototype
<b>Type II Enzymes</b>		
<i>Sau3AI</i>	GATC	4 nucleotide palindrome
<i>EcoRI</i>	GAATTC	6 nucleotide palindrome
<i>NotI</i>	GCGGCCGC	8 nucleotide palindrome
<i>SapI</i>	GCTCTTC	7 nucleotide non-palindrome
<i>Bcgl</i>	CGANNNNNNTGC	interrupted non-palindrome
<b>Type III Enzymes</b>		
<i>EcoP1</i>	AGACC.....GGTCT	inverted 5 nucleotide pair
<i>EcoP15I</i>	CAGCAG.....CTGCTG	inverted 6 nucleotide pair

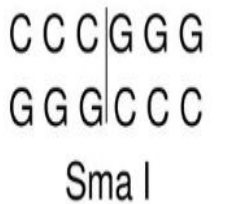
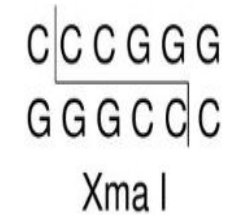
# Isoschizomers

- Isoschizomers are restriction enzymes that have the same recognition sequence and cleave the DNA at the same positions. These restriction enzymes have the same specificity.
- The first discovered restriction enzyme that recognizes a given sequence is known as a prototype, while all subsequently identified restriction enzymes that recognize that same sequence are called isoschizomers.
- However, isoschizomers may differ in site preferences, reaction conditions, [methylation](#) sensitivity, and star activity. Isoschizomers are isolated from different strains of bacteria. Therefore, they may require different reaction conditions
- This particular feature of isoschizomers helps identification of methylation state of the restriction site while isolating it from a bacterial state.



# Neoschizomers

- Neoschizomers are restriction enzymes that have the same recognition sequence but cleave DNA at different positions.
- The neoschizomers are a subset of isoschizomers. Well-known examples for neoschizomers are SmaI (5'-CCC↓GGG-3') and XmaI (5'-C↓CCGGG-3'); both recognize 5'-CCCGGG-3' sequence but cleave them at a different position.
- Thus, these two restriction enzymes generate different types of ends. In this case, SmaI produces blunt ends, and XmaI produces 5' protruding ends.



# Isocaudomers

- **Isocaudomers** are pairs of restriction enzymes that have slightly different recognition sequences but upon cleavage generate identical termini.
- These sequences can be ligated to one another, but then form an asymmetrical sequence that cannot be cleaved by a restriction enzyme.

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Mbo I
  N*GATC N
  N CTAG*N
BamH I
  G*GATC C
  C CTAG*G
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# Restriction Enzyme Database

- REBASE is a database of information about restriction enzymes and DNA methyltransferases. REBASE contains an extensive set of references, sites of recognition and cleavage, sequences and structures. It also contains information on the commercial availability of each enzyme.



The screenshot shows the REBASE website homepage. At the top, the logo features a laptop icon with a molecular structure on the screen, followed by the text "REBASE®" and "The Restriction Enzyme Database" with the URL "rebase.neb.com" below it. A horizontal line separates the header from the main content. Below the line, a paragraph reads: "Use this tool as a guide to the ever-changing landscape of restriction enzymes. REBASE is a dynamic, curated database of restriction enzymes and related proteins." To the right of this text is a light green sidebar with a "NEW" star icon and the text "WHAT'S NEW?". Below this are four items: "SUBMIT DATA" with a plus icon, "SUBSCRIBE" with a Wi-Fi icon, and "CONTACT US" with an envelope icon. The main content area is divided into two sections. The "RESOURCES" section has a question mark icon and lists links for "Data files", "Sequence data", "PacBio data", "Crystal Data", "Methylation Sensitivity", "Lists and compilations", "Tools", "Enzymes", "Genomes", "Suppliers", "Publications", "Related websites", and "FTP". The "SEARCH" section also has a question mark icon and a link to "Advanced Search". It includes a search input field with the placeholder "use quotes around phrases", a "by" dropdown menu set to "enzyme name or number", and "Search" and "Clear" buttons. At the bottom right of the search area is a dark grey box with the text "Donald G. Comb Memorial Celebration". The footer contains navigation links: "ABOUT REBASE" with a laptop icon, "CITING REBASE" with a document icon, "HELP" with a question mark icon, and "Classic" with a small icon.

<http://rebase.neb.com/rebase/rebase.html>

## RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASE DIGESTION

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** [General review \(Promega\)](#), [General review \(P. McClean\)](#); [Gene Infinity](#) (good meta source)

**SITES:** Though I favour [Webcutter 2.0](#) and [WatCut](#) for their simplicity all of these sites are well worthwhile visiting.

- [Webcutter 2.0](#) (U.S.A.)
- [WatCut](#) (Michael Palmer, University of Waterloo, Canada) - provides restriction analysis coupled with where the sites are located within genes.
- [Restriction Site Analysis](#) - (University of Massachusetts Medical School, U.S.A.) uses H. Mangalam's TACG2 program. Provides one with considerable choice of enzymes and output format, including pseudo gel maps.
- [Restriction Enzyme Picker](#) (G. Rocap & E. Collins, School of Oceanography, University of Washington, U.S.A.) - finds sets of 4 commercially available restriction endonucleases which together uniquely differentiate designated sequence groups from a supplied FASTA format sequence file for use in T-RFLP.
- [NEBcutter](#) (New England Biolabs, U.S.A.) - provides opportunities to upload local files, choose from common vector sequences or enter GenBank accession numbers. Also includes ability to map sites in genes. After you have the restriction map for this sequence you might want to consult the New England Biolabs (U.S.A.) site: The [Restriction Enzyme Database](#) for specifics on each restriction endonuclease and its availability.
- Other restriction sites include [Restriction enzyme digest of DNA](#), [RestrictionMapper](#), [Restriction Map](#), and [Restriction Digest](#).
- [Restriction Analyzer](#) (Vladimír Cermák, molbiotools.com) - carry out in silico restriction analysis online. Quickly find absent and unique sites. Tabular and graphical output. Analyze restriction fragments. Simulate a gel electrophoresis.
- [Restriction Comparator](#) (Vladimír Cermák, molbiotools.com) - Carry out parallel in silico restriction analysis online. Compare two sequences side by side. Find distinguishing restriction sites. Visualize restriction patterns.
- [WebDSV](#) (Vladimír Cermák, molbiotools.com) - is a basic molecular biology app to create, edit and analyze DNA sequences, mark and visualize sequence features, and generate plasmid maps. With WebDSV you can analyze restriction sites, perform in silico molecular cloning, and design PCR primers.
- [In silico restriction digest of complete genomes](#) (University of the Basque Country, Spain) - allows *in silico* digestion of over 300 prokaryotic genomes and simulated pulsed-field gel electrophoretic separation of the fragments.
- [Computation of size of DNA and Protein Fragments from Their Electrophoretic Mobility](#) (Reference: Raghava, G. P. S. 2001. Biotech Software and Internet Report **2**:198-200).
- [Sequence Extractor](#) (Paul Stothard) - generates a clickable restriction map and PCR primer map of a DNA sequence (accepted formats are: raw, GenBank, EMBL, and FASTA) offering a great deal of control on output. Protein translations and intron/exon boundaries are also shown. Use Sequence Extractor to build DNA constructs *in silico*.

[https://molbiol-tools.ca/Restriction\\_endonuclease.htm](https://molbiol-tools.ca/Restriction_endonuclease.htm)



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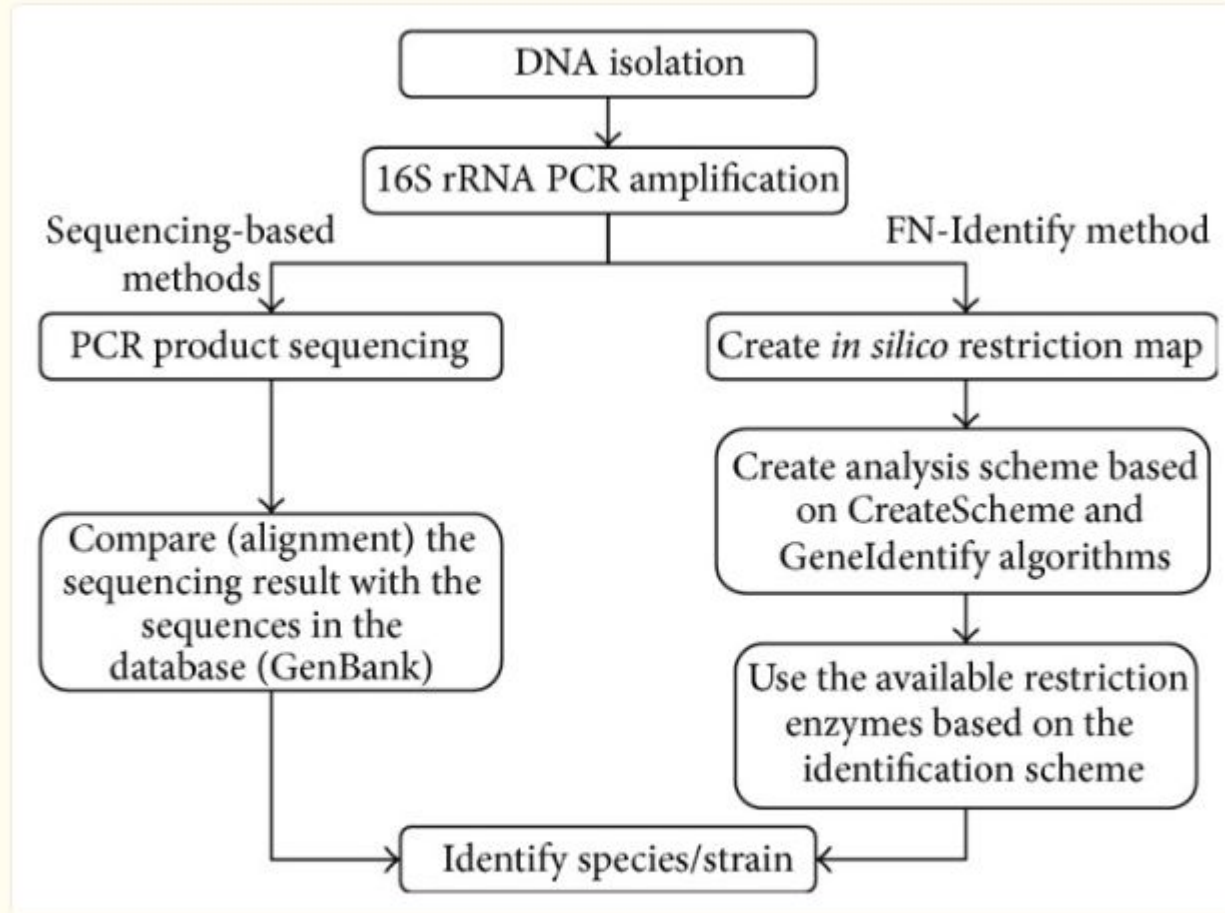
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Looking for NEBcutter v2? It's still available at <https://nc2.neb.com>, but is no longer being updated.



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Figure 1

Comparison between sequencing-based identification approach and FN-Identify proposed approach.

# Assignment