# **Protocol: Double Stranded DNA Sequencing**

### I. Preparing Template;

- 1. Plasmid DNA =  $10 \mu L (3-5 \text{ ug})$ 
  - (2M) NaOH =  $2 \mu L$ Total vol =  $12 \mu L$
- 2. Incubate at 37 C for 20 min
- 3. Add 10 μL of (3M) NaAc (pH5.2) + 78 μL of TE
- 4. Extract with 100 μL of phenol/chloroform mix (pH 7.0. BRL)
- 5. Extract with 100 µL of chloroform
- 6. Add 300 ul of ice-cold 100% ethanol. Precipiate at -80 C for 10 min.
- 7. Spin in microfuge for 30min at 4 C
- 8. Wash with 100 ul of 70% ethanol. Dry pellet. Resuspend in 6.0 µl of water.

#### **II.** Annealing Reaction:

- 1. Add 2.0 μl of Sequenase reaction buffer and 10 picomoles (1 μl) of primer to above.
- 2. Incubate at 70 C for 2 min. Cool slowly to room temp. Place on ice.

#### **III. Labeling Reaction:**

- 1. Dilute the 5X Labeling mix with water (example: 4 ul of LM + 16 ul of water). Dilute Sequenase enzyme 1:8 with Enzyme Dilution Buffer (example 2.5 l of enzyme + 17.5 ul of enzyme dilution buffer). Leave both on ice. Use immediately.
- 2. Extension reaction:

Template+Primer mix  $= 9.0 \, \mu l$   $100 \, \text{mM DTT}$   $= 1.0 \, \mu l$ Diluted Labeling mix  $= 2.0 \, \mu l$   $[\alpha \text{-}32P] \, \text{dTTP}$   $= 1.0 \, \mu l$ Diluted Sequenase  $= 2.0 \, \mu l$ Total vol  $= 15.0 \, \mu l$ 

3. Mix and incubate at room temp for 5 min.

#### **IV. Termination Reaction:**

- 1. Label four tubes G, A, T, C. Add 2.5 µl of ddGTP, ddATP, ddTTP and ddCTP termination mix to the four tubes respectively. Incubate at 37 C for 2 min.
- 2. Add to each tube 3.5 µl of the Labeling Reaction mix.
- 3. Incubate at 37 C for 5 min.
- 4. Add 4 μl of 2X Sequencing Loading Buffer (2XSLB) to stop the reaction.
- 5. Store on ice until ready to load on 6% sequencing gel.

6. Heat samples at 90 C/2min. Place on ice. Load immediately 1.5  $\mu$ l/ lane.

## **NOTES:**

To sequence close to the primer dilute the 5X Labeling mix to 0.25X (20-fold) and add 2.0  $\mu$ l to the Labeling Reaction. Also add 1  $\mu$ L of supplied Mn Buffer to the Labeling reaction.