

## TYPES OF POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION



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## What is PCR

- History
- Introduction
- Components
- Applications

# How it works

Polymerase chain reaction - PCR





2 Annealing at ~68°C

3 Elongation at ca. 72 °C

## Different types of PCR

- Quantitative PCR
- Multiplex PCR
- Nested-semi nested PCR
- Standard PCR
- RT-PCR
- Hot start PCR
- Asymmetric PCR
- Touchdown PCR
- Colony PCR
- COLD PCR
- Suicide PCR

#### **Quantitative PCR**

Fluorescent dye-based

- Real-Time PCR
- PCR with few improvements
- Types of qPCR
- Applications



#### DNA probe-based real-time PCR



Fluorescent based and probe based qPCR

## **Multiplex PCR**

 More than one target sequence can be amplified

#### **Types of Multiplex PCR**

- Single template PCR
- Multiple Template PCR



#### **Traditional versus Multiplex PCR**

## **Primer design parameters**

- Primer length
- Melting temperature
- Specificity
- Avoidance of primer-dimer formation

#### Advantages

- Internal controls
- Efficiency
- Indication of template quality
- Indication of template quantity

### Application

### **Nested-semi nested PCR**

- To reduce contamination in products
- Use of two sets of primers
- First set is an amplified sequence
- Second set is complementary to the first set



### **Standard PCR**

- Simple efficient and sensitive technique
- Use of one pair of primers
- Helps in early diagnosis of Brucella
- Used to determine no of leukocytes
  DNA/heamo compounds

# **RT-PCR**

- Measures RNA
  expression level
- Production
  of complementary
  DNA
- Use of Reverse transcriptase
- Applications



**RT-PCR** 

## Hot Start PCR

- Allows reaction setup at room temperature
- Without non-specific amplification and dimer formation

#### Method

- Physical separation
- DNA polymerase inactivation
- dNTP modifications



Comparison of conventional and Hot start PCR

## **Asymmetric PCR**

- Amplifies one strand of target DNA
- Thermocycling with limiting amount or leaving out primer

# Touchdown PCR

- Annealing temperature is decreased in later cycles
- In early cycles 3-5 degree above the standard Tm
- Later cycles **3-5 degree below** Tm
- Initial higher T leads to greater specificity for primer binding
- Lower T permit more efficient amplification at the end of reaction

#### (A) Normal PCR program:



#### Figure legends:

- A: Denaturation temperature.
- B: PCR cycle.
- C: Final extension.
- D: Holding temperature.

TD loop: Touch down loop cycle.

#### (B) PCR program with "touch-down loop":



#### **Normal versus Touchdown PCR**

# **Colony PCR**

- Bacterial colonies are screened directly
- Colonies are separated with sterile pipette tip
- Cells are transferred into a PCR mix

To release DNA from cells PCR is started either by:

- Extended time at 95 degree
- Shortened denaturation step at 100 degree
- Special chimeric DNA



#### **Colony PCR**

## COLD-PCR

 It is a modified protocol that enriches variant alleles from a mixture of wildtype and mutation-containing DNA.



#### Full COLD and Fast COLD PCR

#### Inverse PCR



