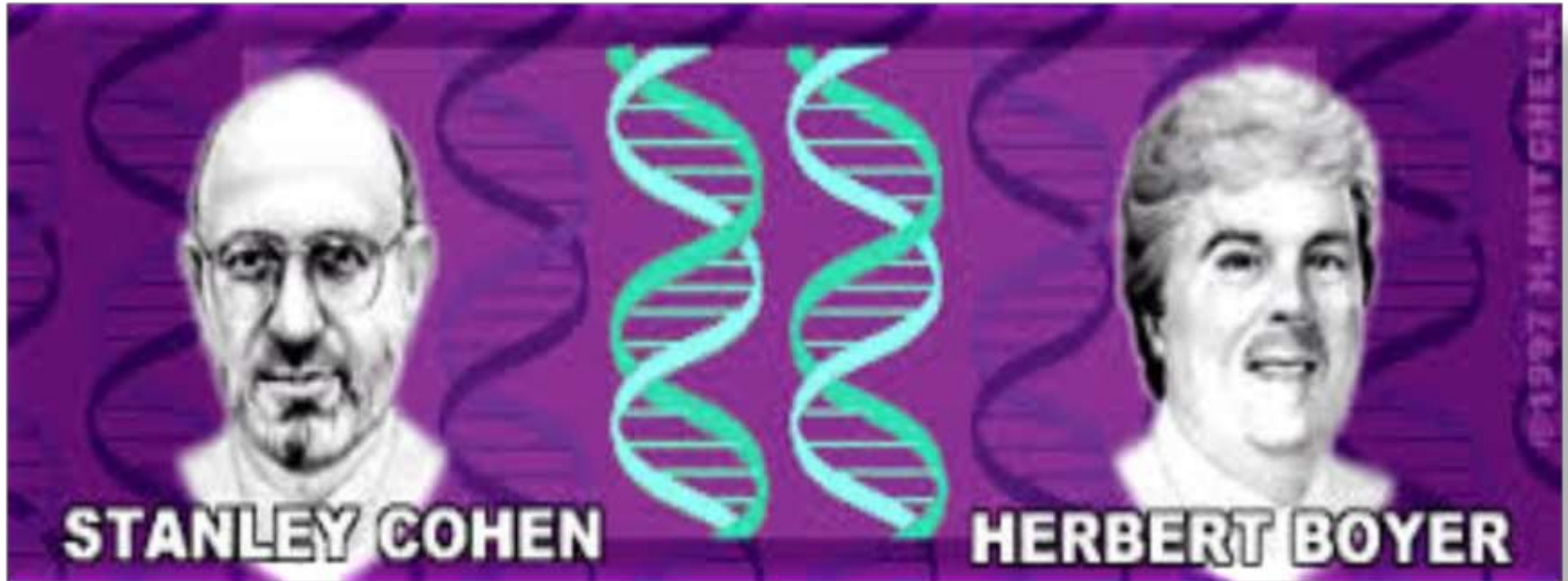


# Recombinant DNA technology



# HISTORY



Herbert Boyer (1936-) and Stanley N. Cohen (1935-) developed recombinant DNA technology, showing that genetically engineered DNA molecules may be cloned in foreign cells.

# APPLICATIONS OF RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGY



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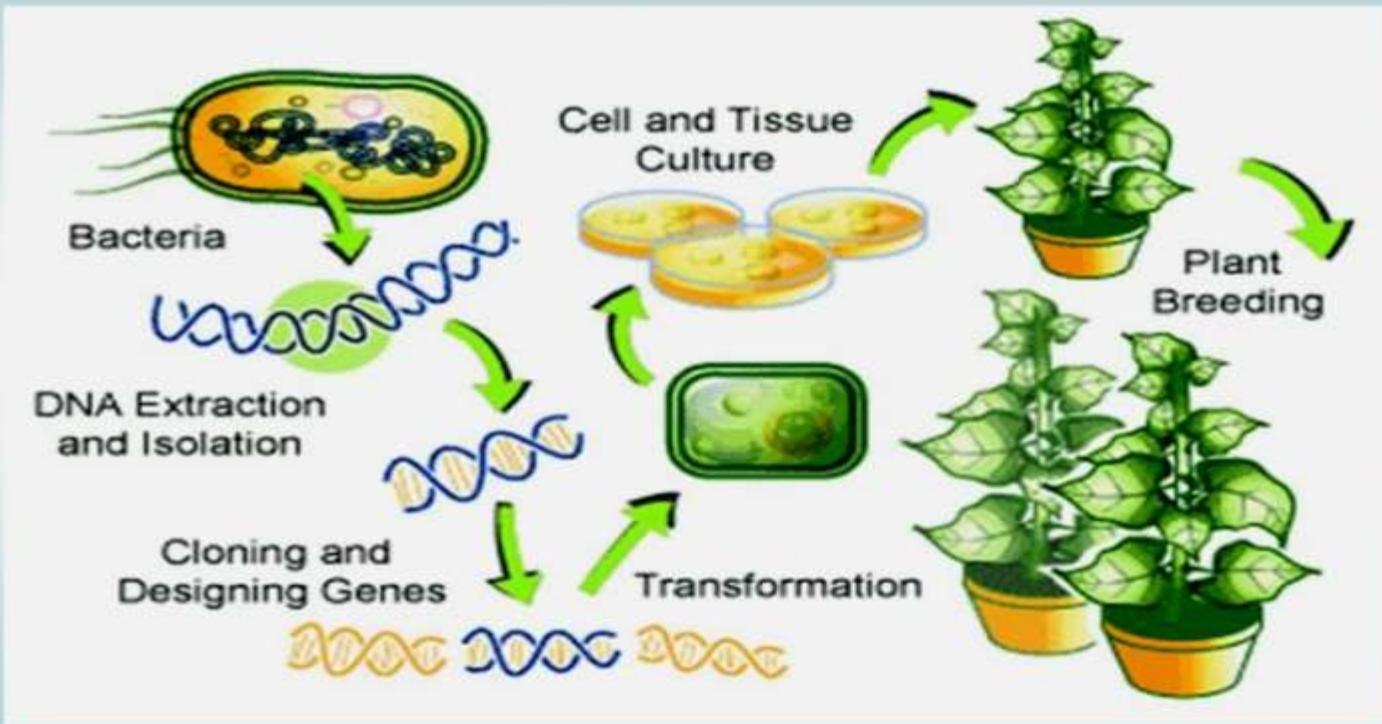
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**MEDICAL**

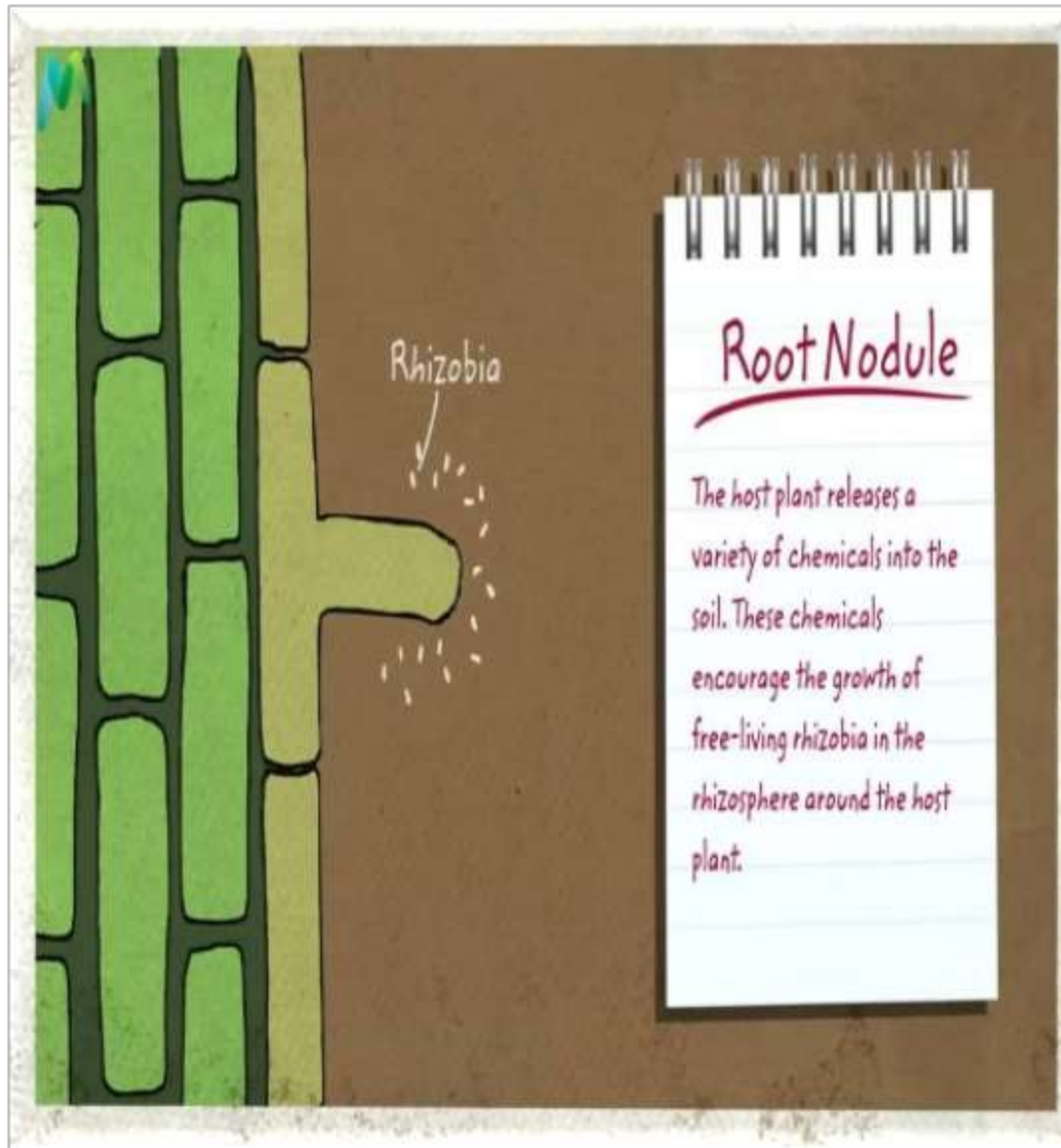


## Transgenic Plants



Resistance to diseases, insects and pests, herbicides, drought, metal toxicity tolerance...

# DEVELOPMENT OF ROOT NODULES IN CEREAL CROPS



Leguminous plants have root-nodules which contain nitrogen fixing bacteria Rhizobium

The bacterial genes responsible for this nitrogen fixation can be transferred now to cereal crops like wheat, rice, maize, barley etc.



# DEVELOPMENT OF C<sub>4</sub> PLANTS:



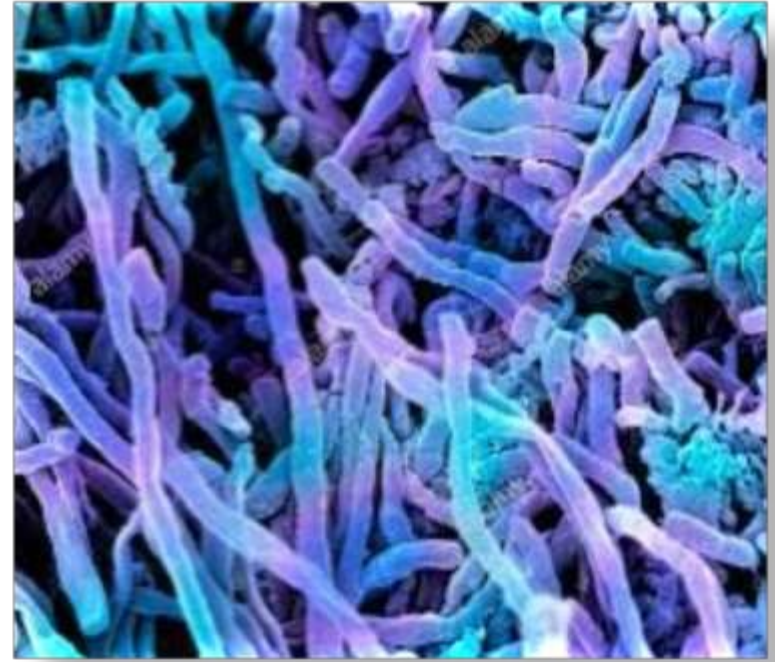
Improvement in yield can be achieved by improving the photosynthetic efficiency of crop plants.

The photosynthetic rate can be increased by conversion of plants into C<sub>4</sub> plants

# Applications in Medicines



## PRODUCTION OF ANTIBIOTICS:



**Penicillium** and **Streptomyces** fungi are used for mass production of famous antibiotics **penicillin** and **streptomycin**. Genetically efficient strains of these fungi have been developed to greatly increase the yield of these antibiotics.

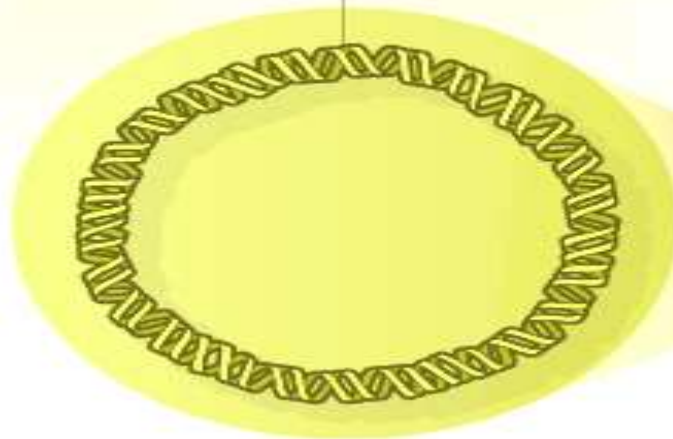


# PRODUCTION OF HORMONE INSULIN:

human insulin gene  
(DNA)



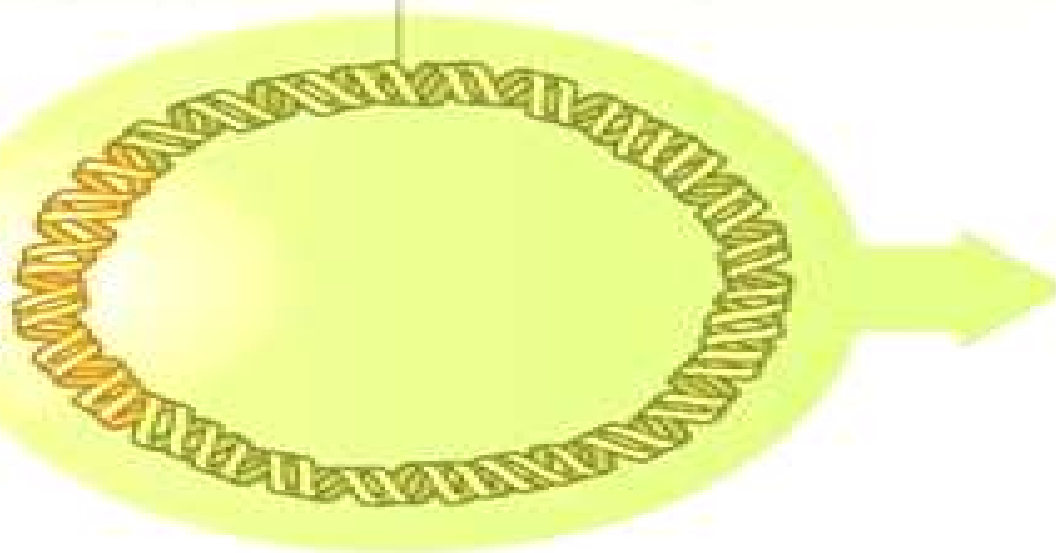
plasmid (loop of bacterial DNA)



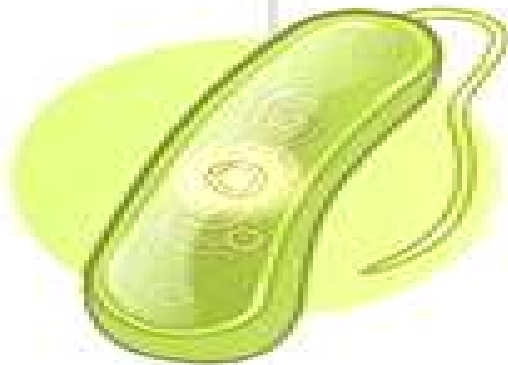
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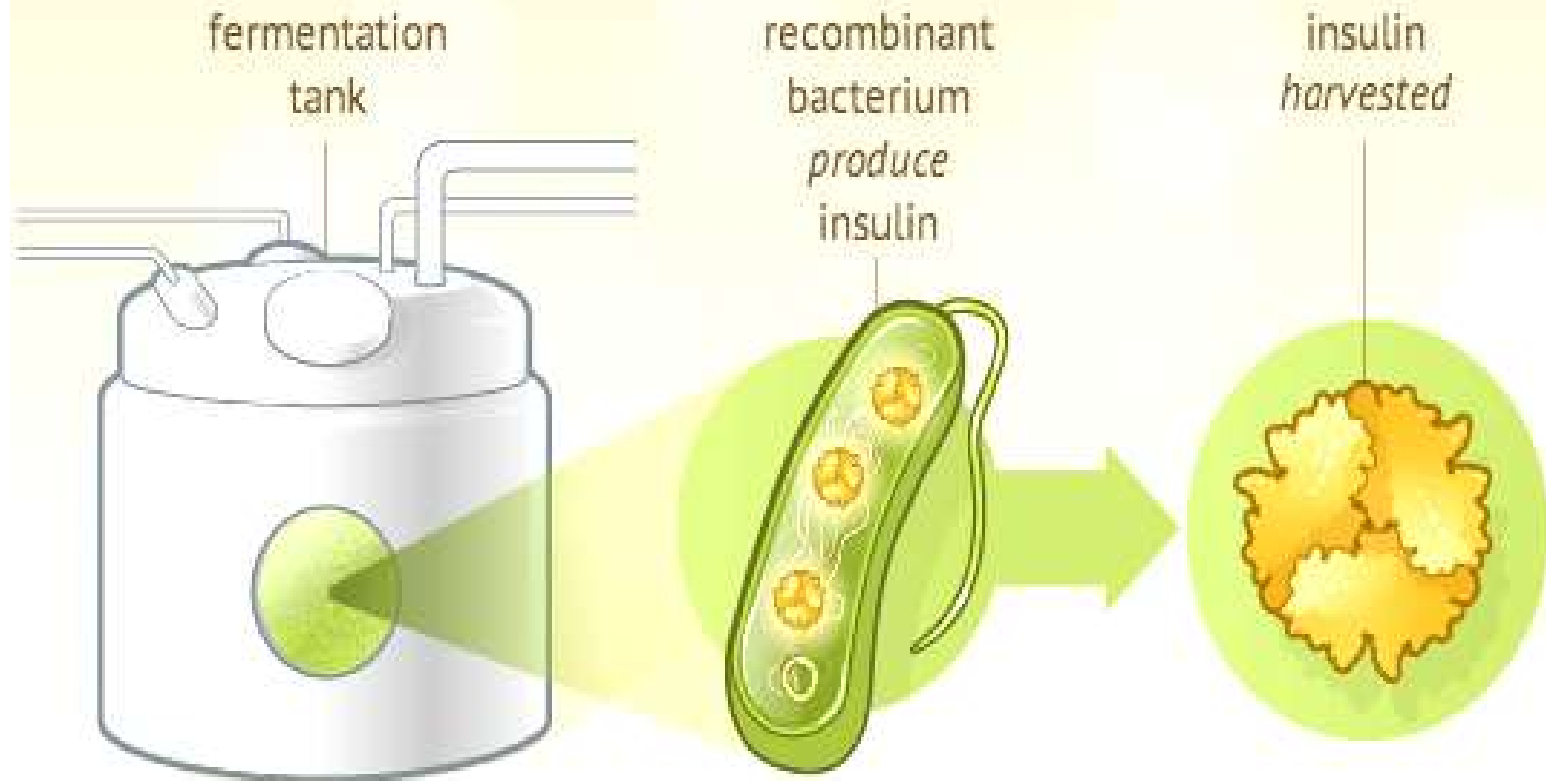
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recombinant  
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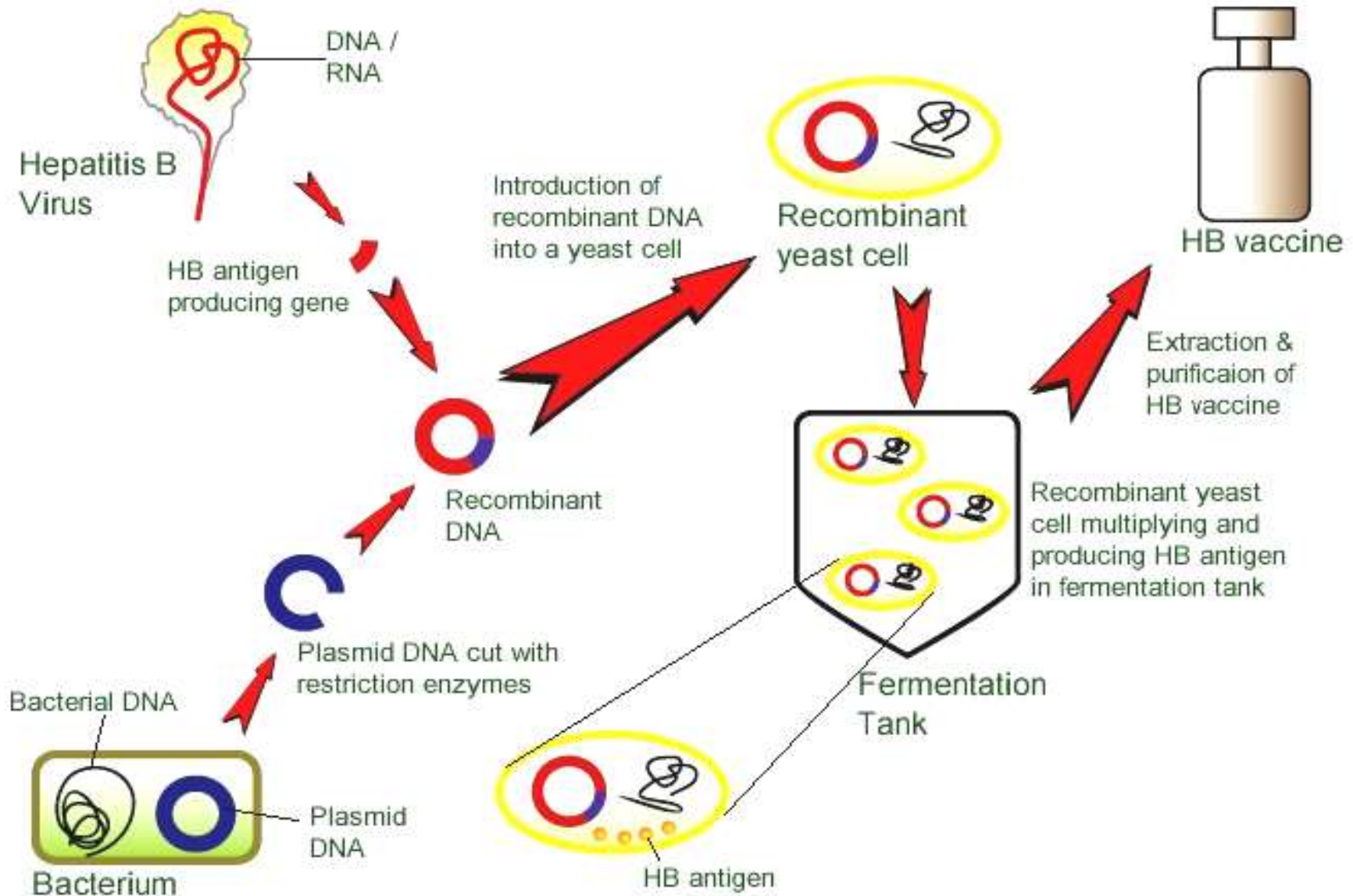
## PRODUCTION OF HORMONE INSULIN:



Human gene for insulin production has been incorporated into bacterial DNA and such genetically engineered bacteria are used for large scale production of insulin. This insulin does not cause allergy .

# PRODUCTION OF VACCINES

## Production of Recombinant HB Vaccine



## PRODUCTION OF INTERFERONS

- ❑ **Interferon** was named for its ability to **interfere** with viral proliferation.
- ❑ Interferon's are **virus-induced proteins** produced by **virus-infected cells**.
- ❑ Interferon are antiviral in action and act as first line of **defense against viruses** causing serious infections, including breast cancer and lymph nodes malignancy.
- ❑ Natural interferon is produced in very small quantity from human blood cells.
- ❑ It is **very costly**.
- ❑ It is now possible to produce interferon by recombinant DNA technology at **much cheaper rate**.

# INTERFERONS USED FOR HCV INFECTION



# PRODUCTION OF ENZYMES

PRODUCTION OF ENZYMES

Used to dissolve  
blood clots



# GENE THERAPY

## Symptoms of alkaptonuria



Patients may display painless bluish darkening of the outer ears, nose and whites of the eyes. Longer term arthritis often occurs.



Genetic engineering may one day enable the medical scientists to replace the defective genes responsible for hereditary diseases (e.g., **haemophilia**, **phenylketonuria**, **alkaptonuria**) with normal genes. This new system of therapy is called gene therapy.

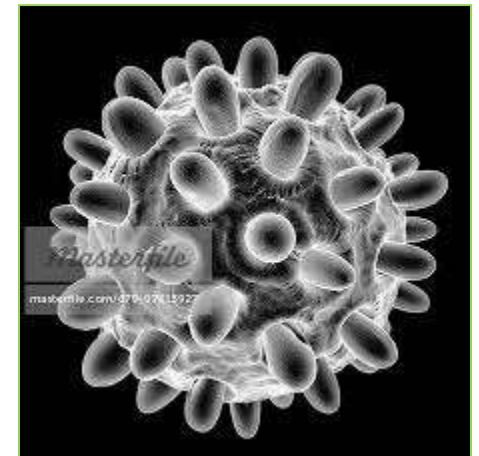
# SOLUTION FOR DISPUTED PARENTAGE



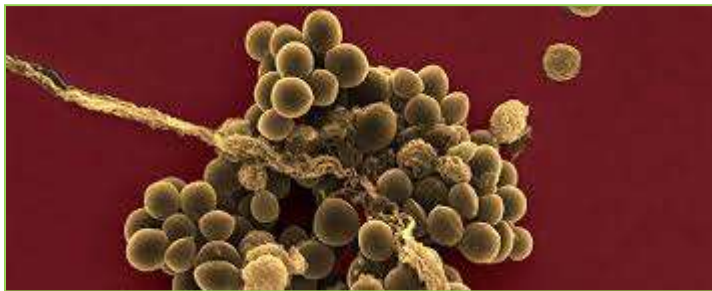


# DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASES

- Recombinant DNA technology has provided a broad range of tools to help physicians in the diagnosis of diseases.
- ❧ food poisoning Salmonella
- ❧ Pus forming Staphylococcus
- ❧ hepatitis virus
- ❧ HIV.



HBV



staphylococci

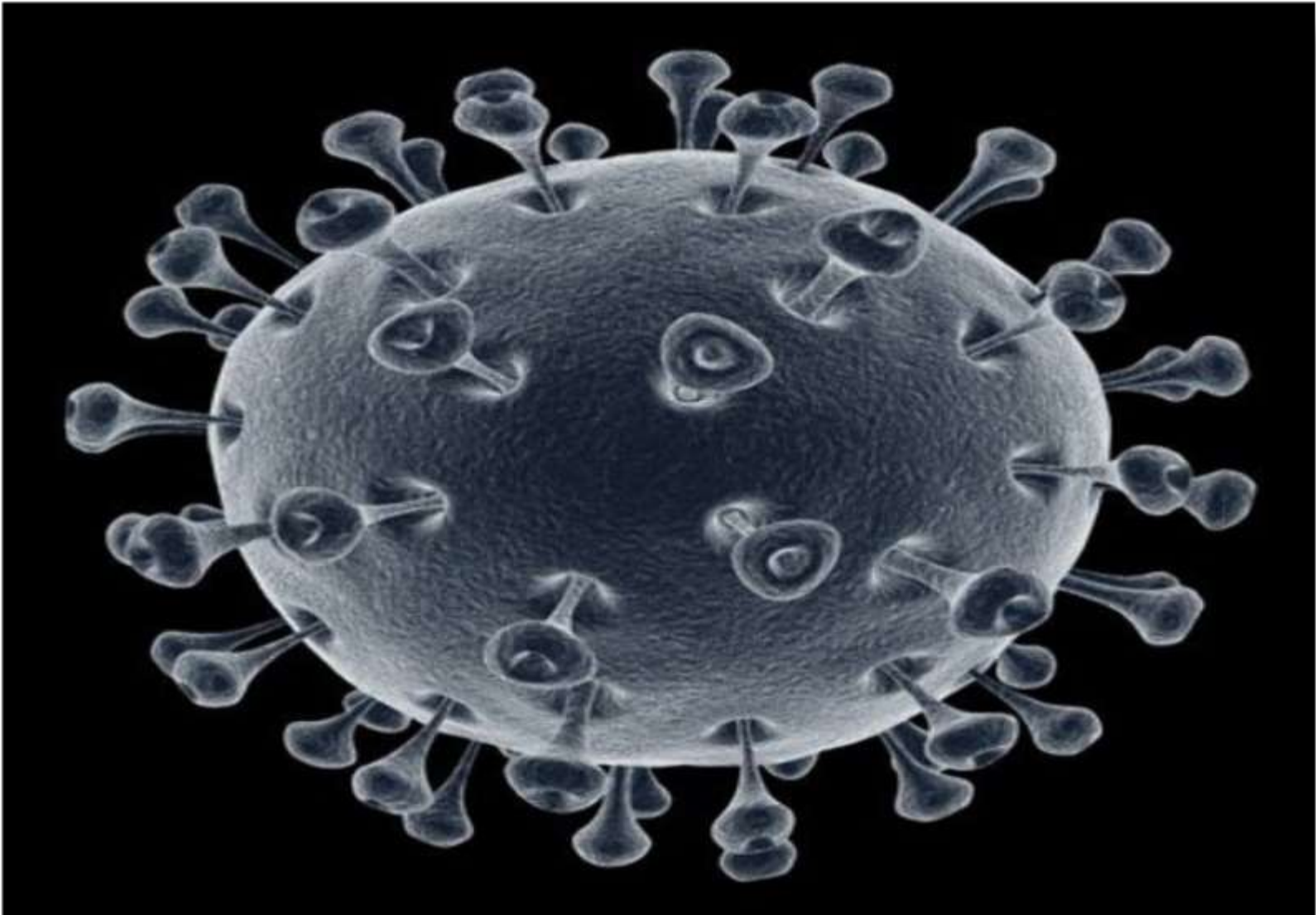


salmonella



# HIV UNDER ELECTRON MICROSCOPE

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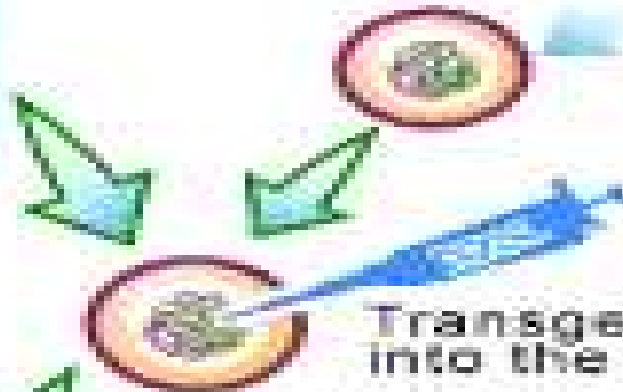
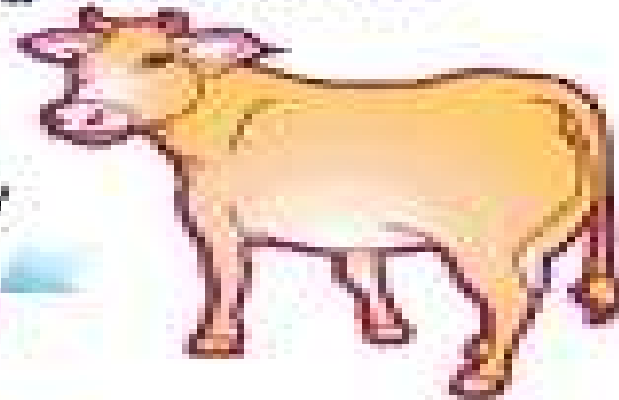


# TRANSGENIC ANIMALS

## Creating a transgenic animal



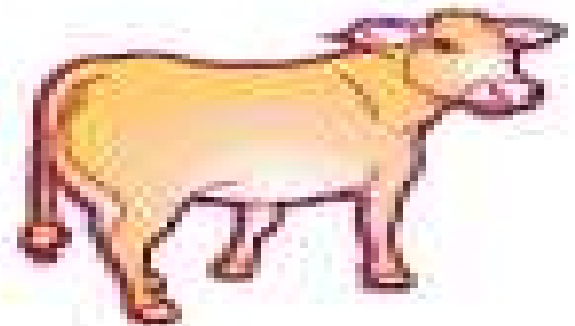
Gene of choice is manipulated and prepared in the laboratory



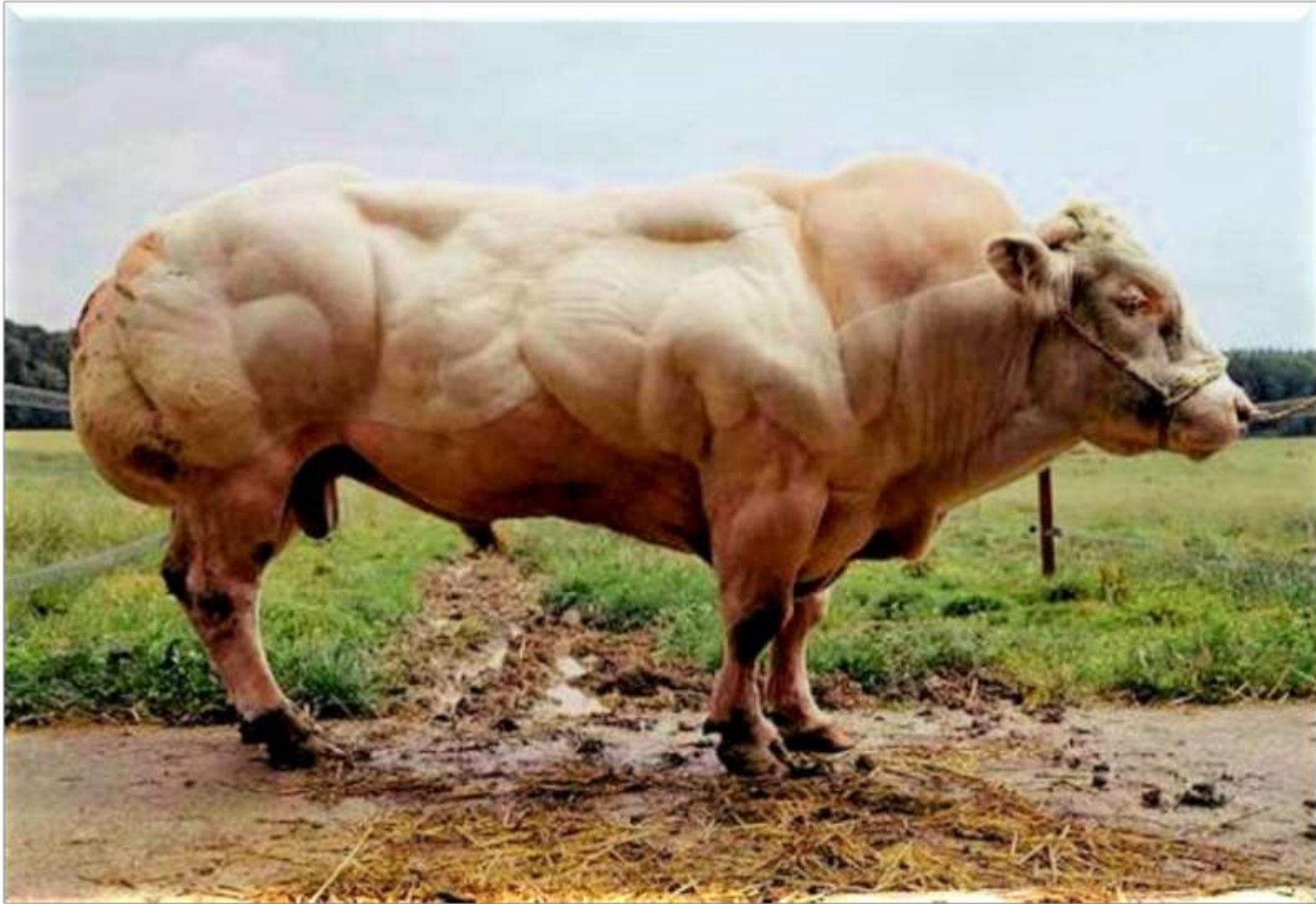
Transgene is injected into the egg of an animal



Egg is implanted into a surrogate



# TRANSGENIC ANIMAL - FOR MEAT



# TRANSGENIC-CHICKEN



# DOLION - TRANSGENIC ANIMAL



# LOZEBRA - TRANSGENIC ANIMAL






**Industrial  
application**



- ❧ In industries, recombinant DNA technique will help in the **production of chemical compounds of commercial importance.**
- ❧ Improvement of existing fermentation processes and **production of proteins from wastes.**
- ❧ This can be achieved by developing more efficient strains of microorganisms.
- ❧ Specially developed microorganisms may be used even to **clean up the pollutants.**
- ❧ Biotechnology, especially recombinant DNA technology has many useful applications in **crop improvement, medicines and industry.**



# Basic principles- recombinant DNA technology

- ❧ Generation of **DNA fragments** and selection of the desired piece of DNA .
  - ❧ **Insertion of the selected DNA** into a cloning vector (e.g. a plasmid) to create a **recombinant DNA or chimeric DNA**
  - ❧ Introduction of the recombinant **vectors into host cells** (e.g. bacteria).
  - ❧ **Multiplication and selection** of clones containing the recombinant molecules.
  - ❧ **Expression of the gene** to produce the desired product.
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# Molecular tools of genetic engineering

- Enzymes most commonly used in recombinant DNA experiment are molecular tools.

- ✓ **RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASES -**  
**(DNA CUTTING ENZYMES.)**

DNA

DNA  
duplex



restriction  
enzyme



THIS IS HOW THEY GOT NAME....

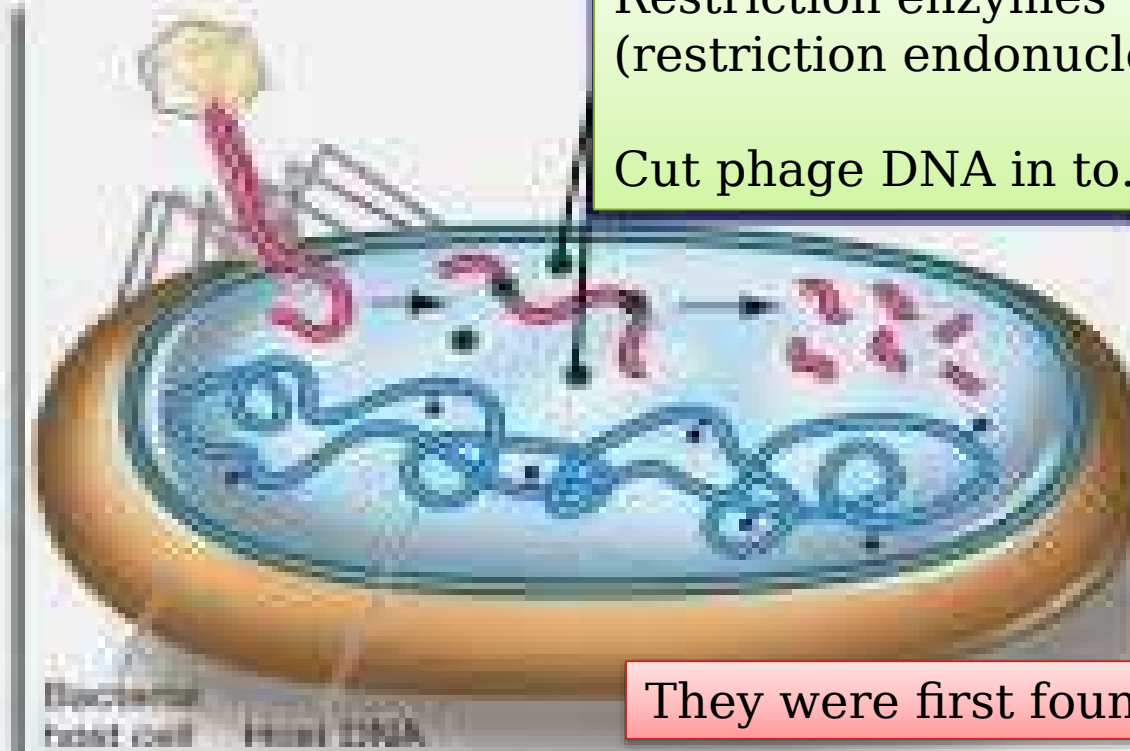
Some bacteria defend themselves from attack by bacteriophages by producing :

Restriction enzymes  
(restriction endonucleases)

Cut phage DNA in to.....

smaller

NonInfectious  
fragment



They were first found in E.COLI

# Restriction endonucleases

Over 3000 restriction enzymes have been studied in detail, and more than 600 of these are available commercially.

Restriction endonuclease	source	Type ends formed
EcoRI	Escherichia coli	Forms sticky ends
BamHI	Bacillus amyloliquifaciens	Forms sticky ends
HaeIII	Hemophyllus aegypticus	Forms blunt ends
HindIII	Hemophyllus influenza	Forms sticky ends
NotI	Nocardia otitidis	Forms sticky ends

# NOMENCLATURE FOR RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASES

## □ EcoRI

Escherichia (E) (genus)

coli (co) (specific epithet)

strain Ry13 (R) (strain)

first endonuclease (1) (order of identification)

## □ HindIII

Haemophilus (H) (genus)

influenzae (in) (specific epithet)

strain Rd (d) (strain)

third endonucleases (III)(order of identification)

## DNA ligases-DNA joining enzymes

- The cut DNA fragments are **covalently joined** together by DNA ligase.
- These enzymes were originally isolated from **viruses, E.coli and eukaryotic cells.**
- DNA ligases actively participate in **cellular DNA repair** process.
- DNA Ligase joins (**seals**) the DNA fragments by forming **phosphodiester bond** between the phosphate group of carbon of one deoxyribose with the hydroxyl group of carbon of another deoxyribose.

# HOST CELLS-THE FACTORIES OF CLONING

- The hosts are the living systems or cells in which the carrier of recombinant DNA molecule or vector can be propagated.





micro organisms are preferred as host cells

Host cells

prokaryotic


Eukaryotic

bacteria

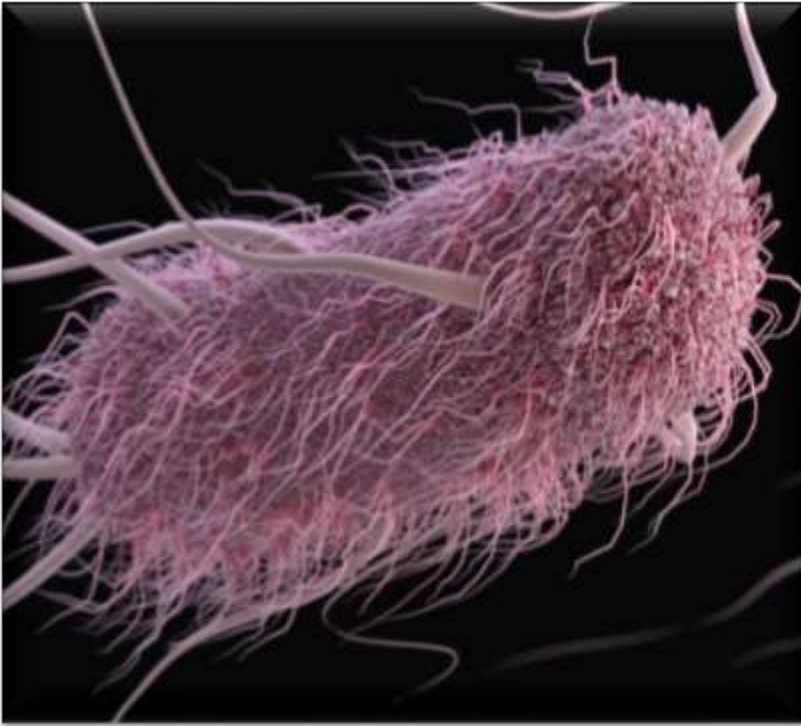
fungi

animals

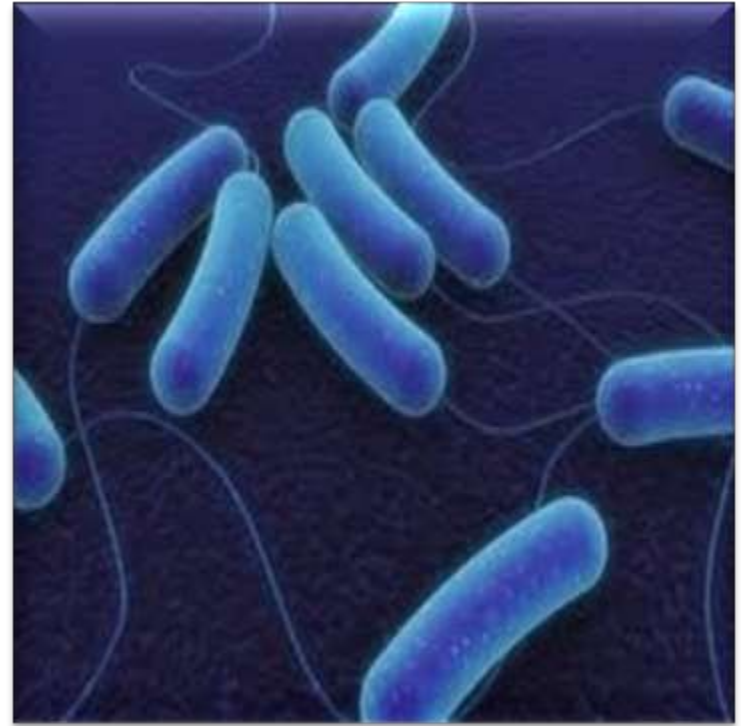
plants

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- The bacterium, **Escherichia coli** was the first organism in the DNA technology experiments and continues to be **the host of choice**.
  - **Major drawback** - cannot perform post-translational modifications.
  - **Bacillus subtilis** - non-pathogenic bacterium used as a model in industry for the **production of enzymes, antibiotics, insecticides** etc.
  - **Bacillus subtilis** considered as an **alternative to E.coli**.

# ESCHERICHIA COLI AND BACILLUS SUBTILIS



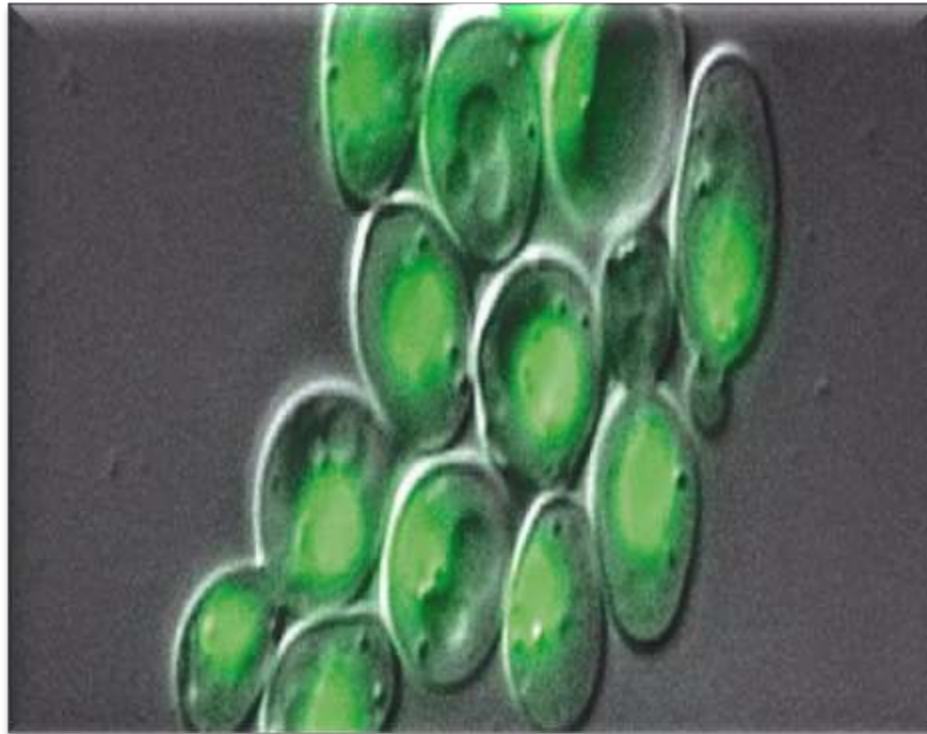
Escherichia coli



Bacillus subtilis



# Eukaryotic hosts- yeast



# SACCHAROMYCES CEREVISIAE



# MAMMALIAN CELLS

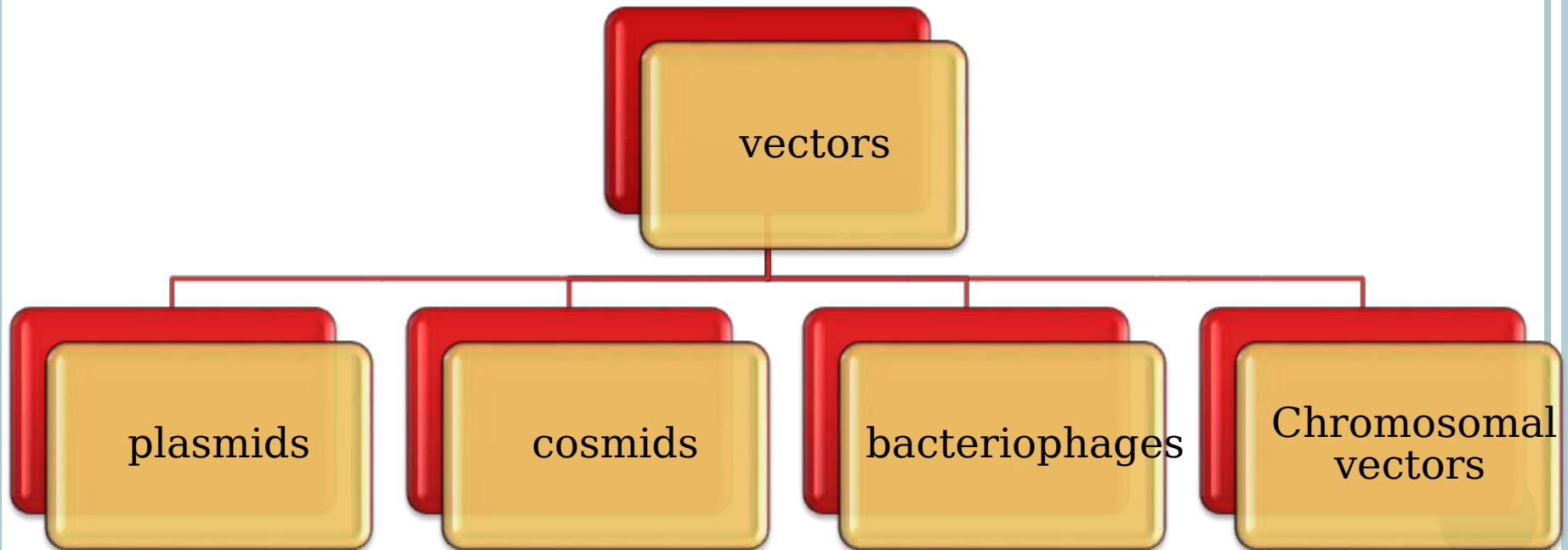


Mammalian cells possess the machinery to modify the protein to the active form (post-translational modifications).

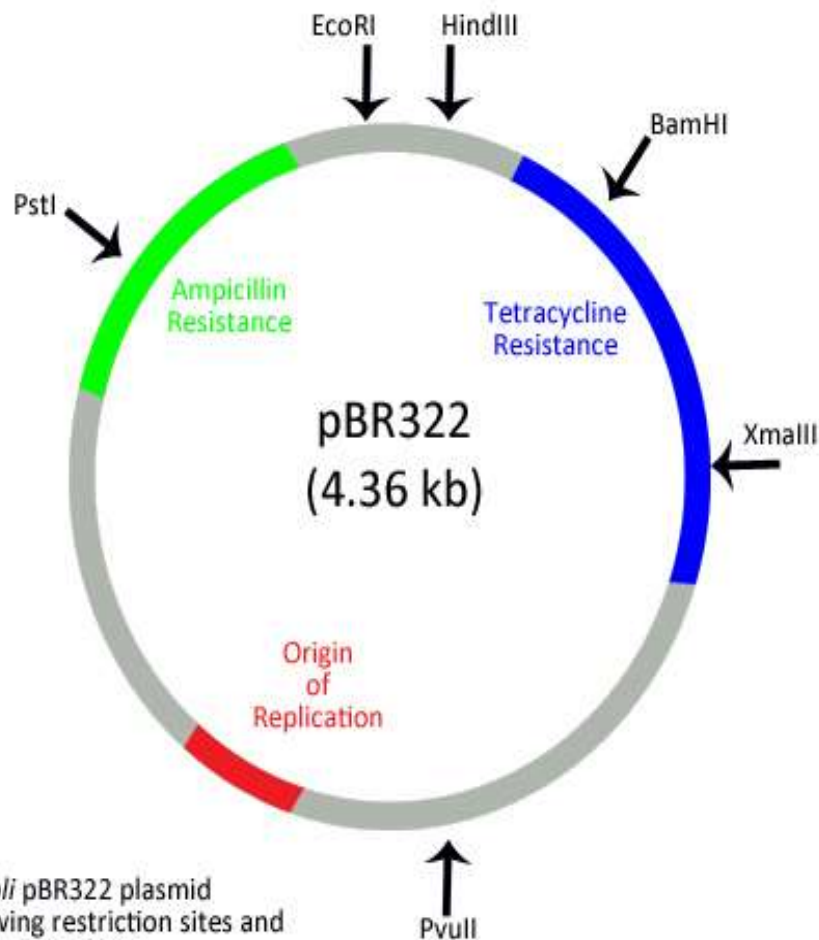
The advantage is that certain complex proteins which cannot be synthesized by bacteria can be produced by mammalian cells e.g. **tissue plasminogen activating factor**

# vectors

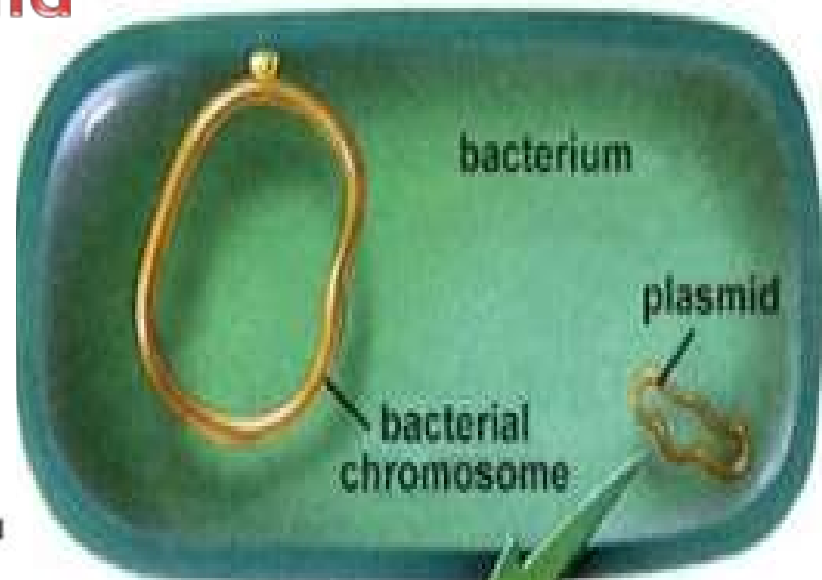
- Vectors are the DNA molecules, which can carry a foreign DNA fragment to be cloned.
- Self-replicating in an appropriate host cell.
- Most important vectors are .....



# Plasmid



*E. coli* pBR322 plasmid showing restriction sites and resistance genes.

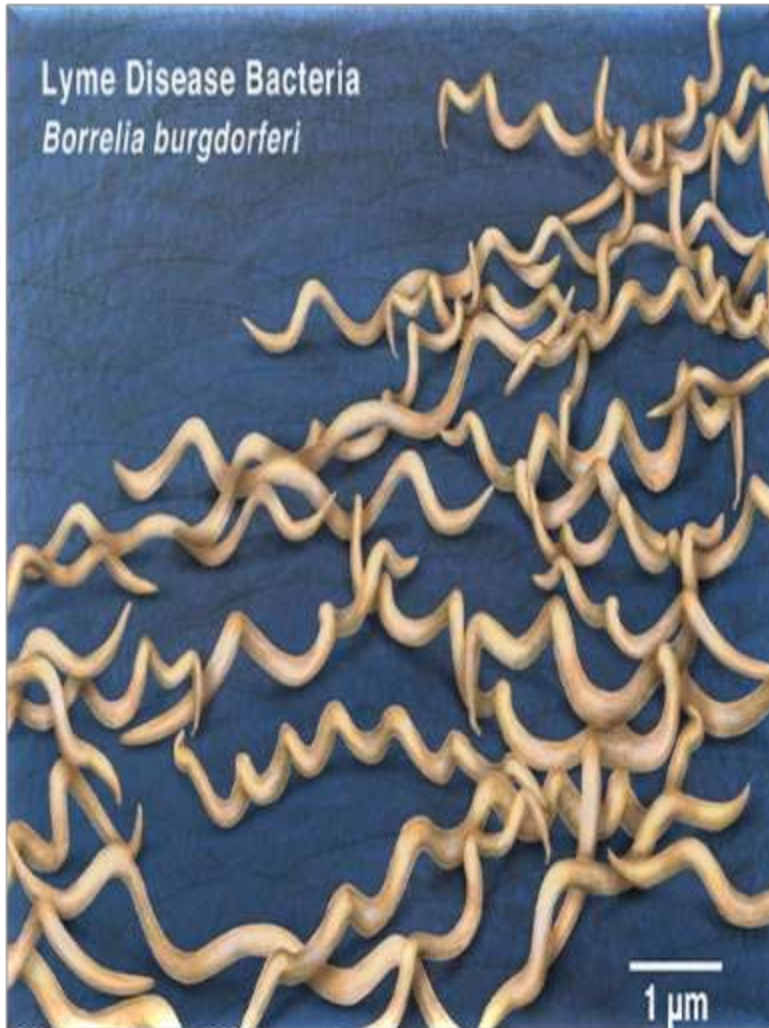


1 μm

pBR322 of *E. coli* is **the most popular and widely used plasmid vector** and is appropriately regarded as the **parent or grand parent of several other vectors.** (others pBR325, pBR328 and pBR329)



# Linear plasmid - bacteria



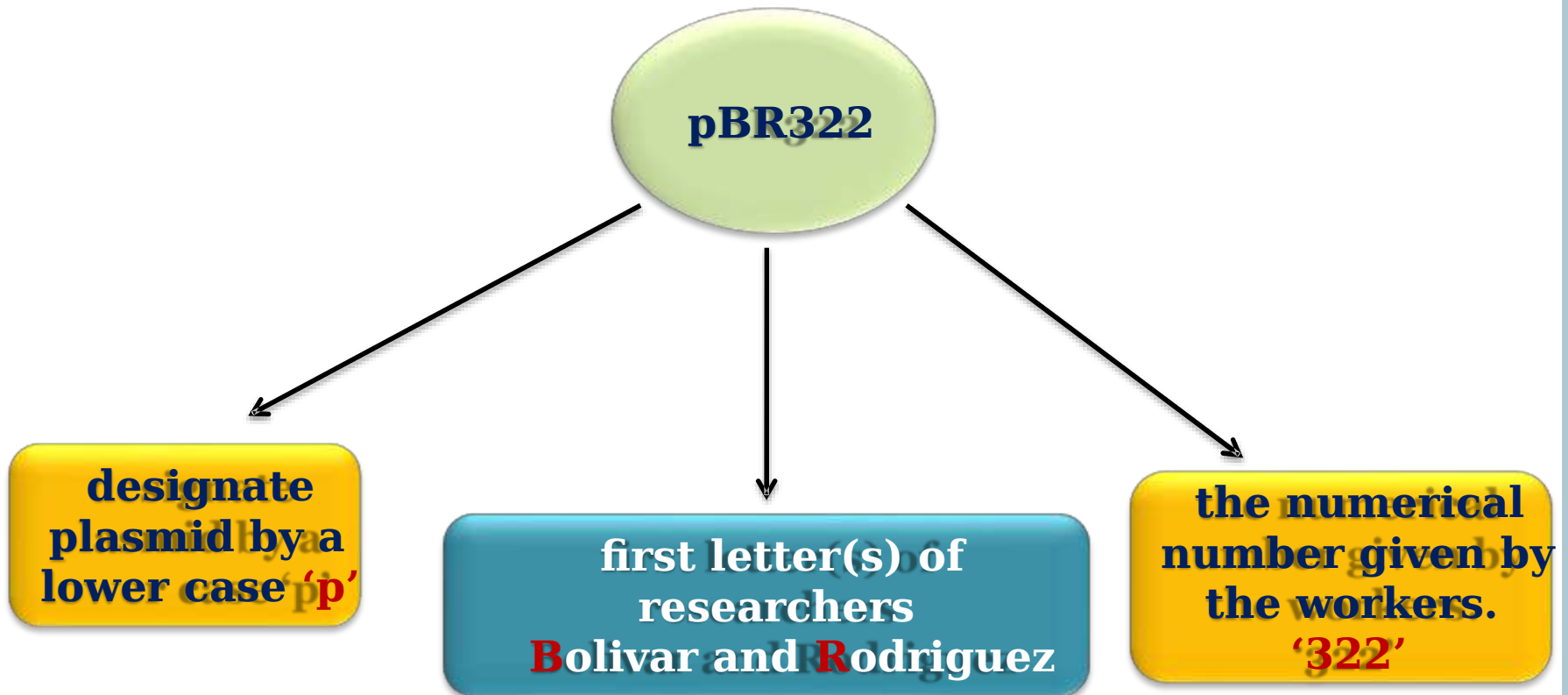
Borrelia burgdorferi



streptomyces



# Nomenclature of plasmids



Some plasmids are given **names of the places** where they are discovered e.g.

( **pUC** is plasmid from **U**niversity of **C**alifornia.)

# BACTERIOPHAGE

☞ Bacteriophages or simply phages are the **viruses that replicate within the bacteria**

☞ Phages **can take up larger DNA segments** than plasmids



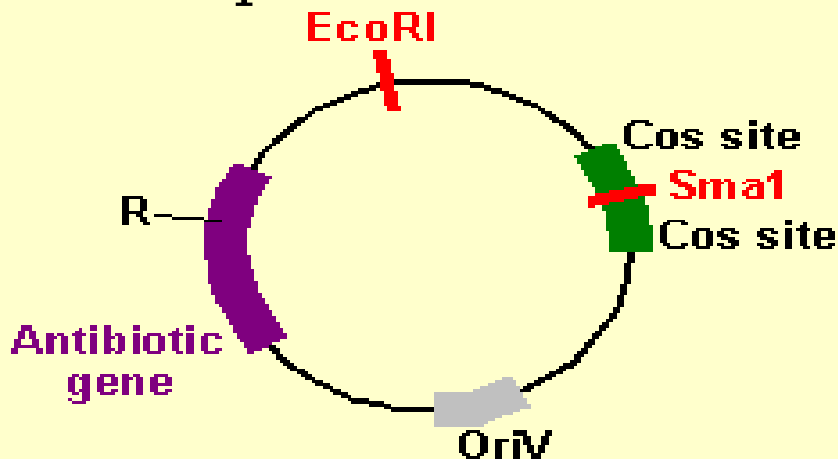
Most commonly used phages are **bacteriophage (phage)** and **bacteriophage M13 (phage M13)**

# COSMIDS

- Cosmids are the vectors having characteristics of both **plasmid and bacteriophage** .

**Fragment of phage DNA including COS site + plasmid = cosmid**

- Cosmids can **carry larger fragments of foreign DNA** than plasmids.
- A **foreign DNA of 40 kb** can be inserted in to cosmids.
- Once inside the host cell, **cosmids behave just like plasmids** and replicate.



## KEY

- OriV - origin of replication.
- Cos sites - provide blunt ends.
- R - recombinant site
- EcoRI } - Restriction endonuclease
- SmaI } - recognition sequence.

# Artificial chromosomal vectors

Artificial chromosomal  
vectors

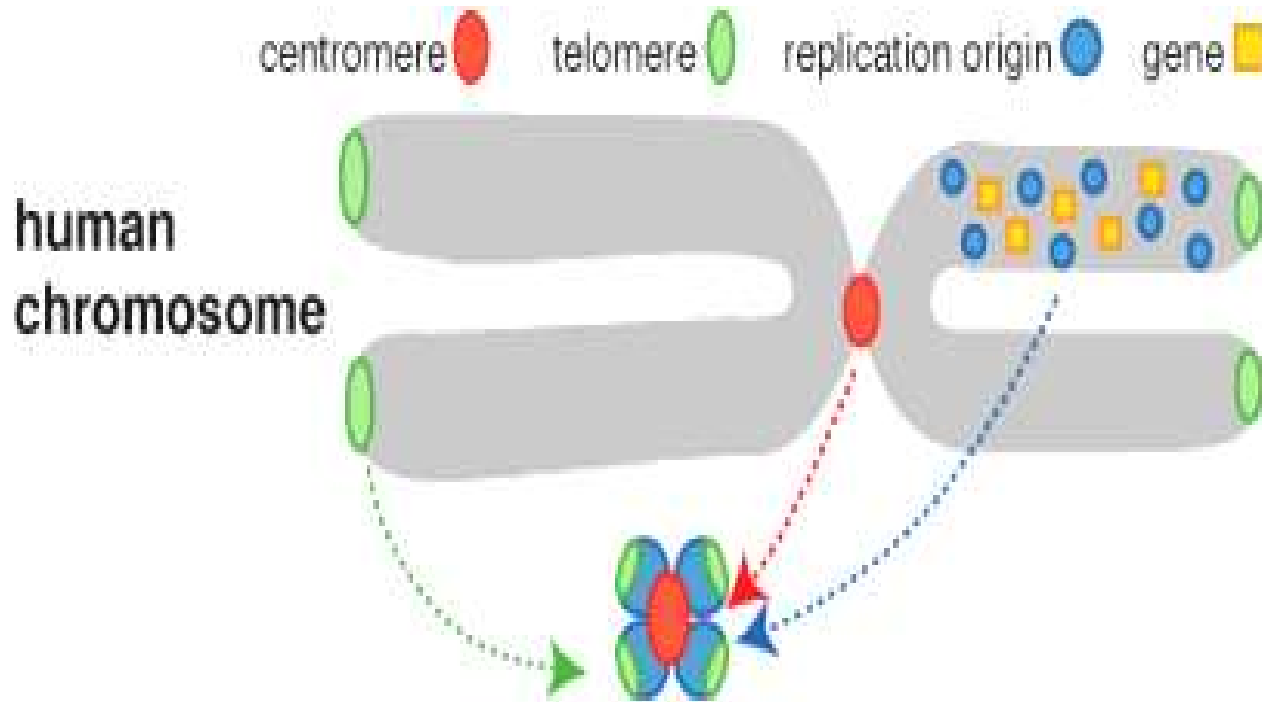
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**Human  
artificial  
chromosome**

**Yeast  
artificial  
chromosome**

**Bacterial  
artificial  
chromosome**

# HUMAN ARTIFICIAL CHROMOSOME (HAC)



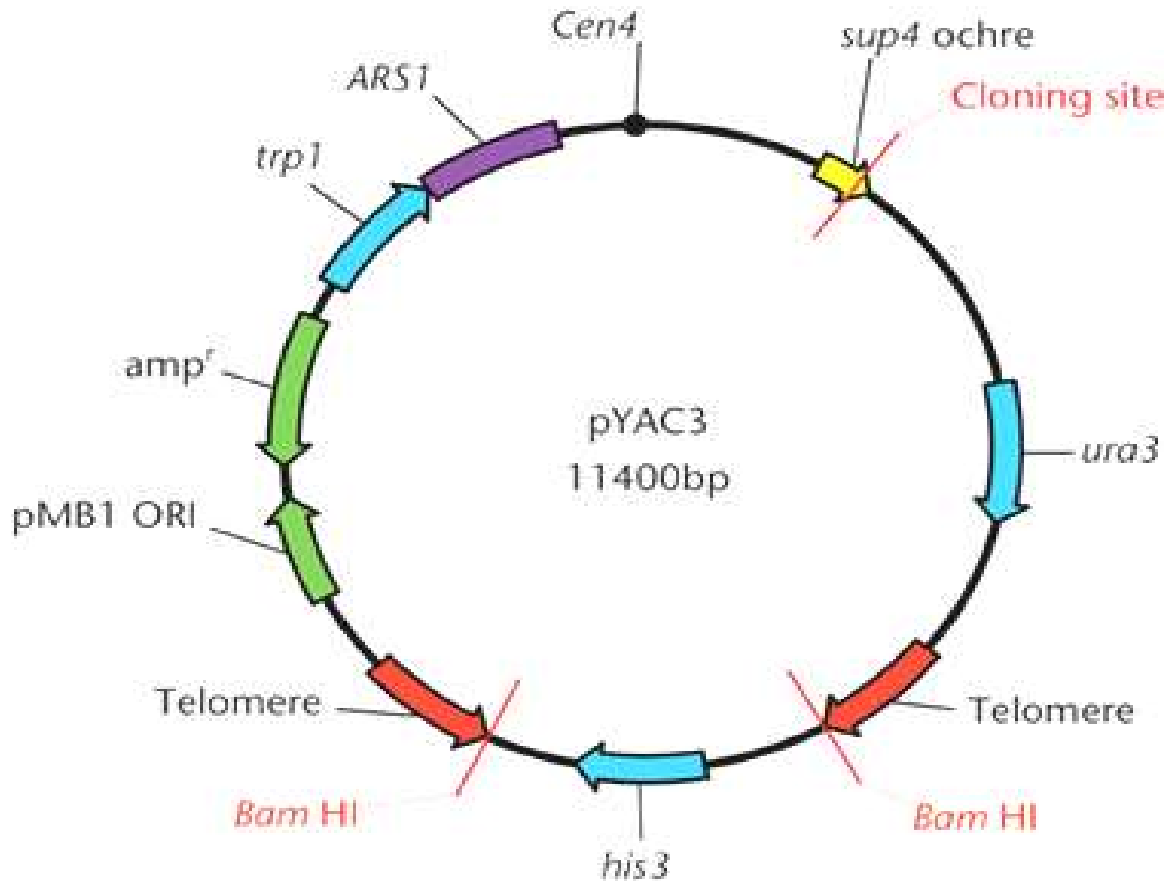
H. Willard 1997

☞ **synthetically produced vector DNA**, possessing the characteristics of human chromosome

☞ Advantage with HAC is that it can carry **human genes that are too long**

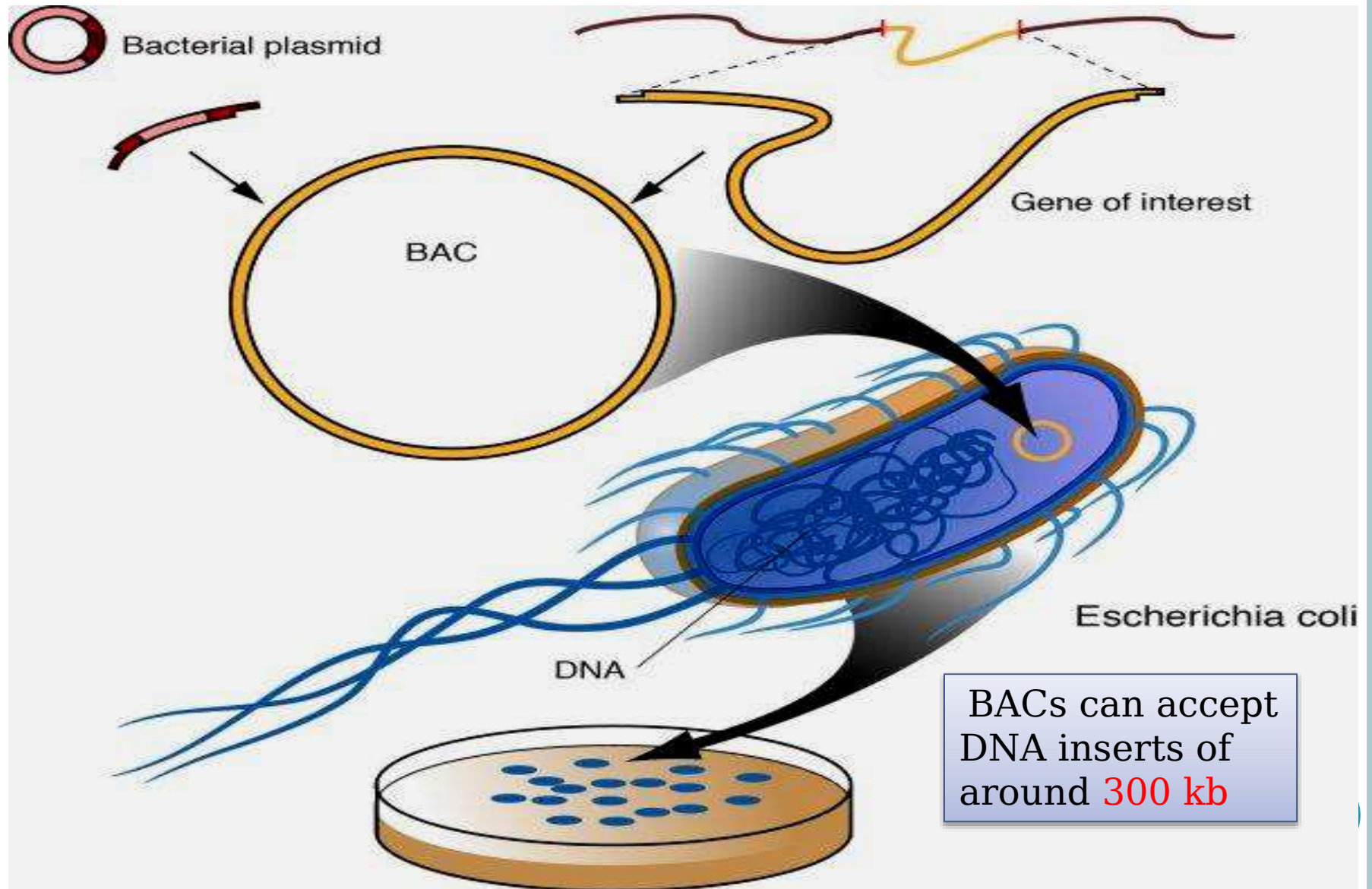
☞ HAC can carry genes to be introduced into the cells in **gene therapy**.

# YEAST ARTIFICIAL CHROMOSOME



☞ Yeast artificial chromosome (YAC) is a synthetic DNA that can accept large fragments of foreign DNA (particularly human DNA).

# BACTERIAL ARTIFICIAL CHROMOSOME





# Choice of vector

- The size of the foreign DNA is very important in the choice of vector
- The efficiency of this process is often crucial for determining the success of cloning.

- Phage  $\lambda$   $\longrightarrow$  E.Coli (5-25kb)
- Cosmid  $\lambda$   $\longrightarrow$  E.Coli (35-45kb)
- Plasmid artificial chromosome (PAC)  
 $\longrightarrow$  E.Coli (100-300kb)
- Bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC)  
 $\longrightarrow$  E.Coli (100 -300kb)
- Yeast chromosome  $\longrightarrow$  **S. cerevisiae (200-2000kb)**

# Methods of gene transfer



**Transformation**

**Conjugation**

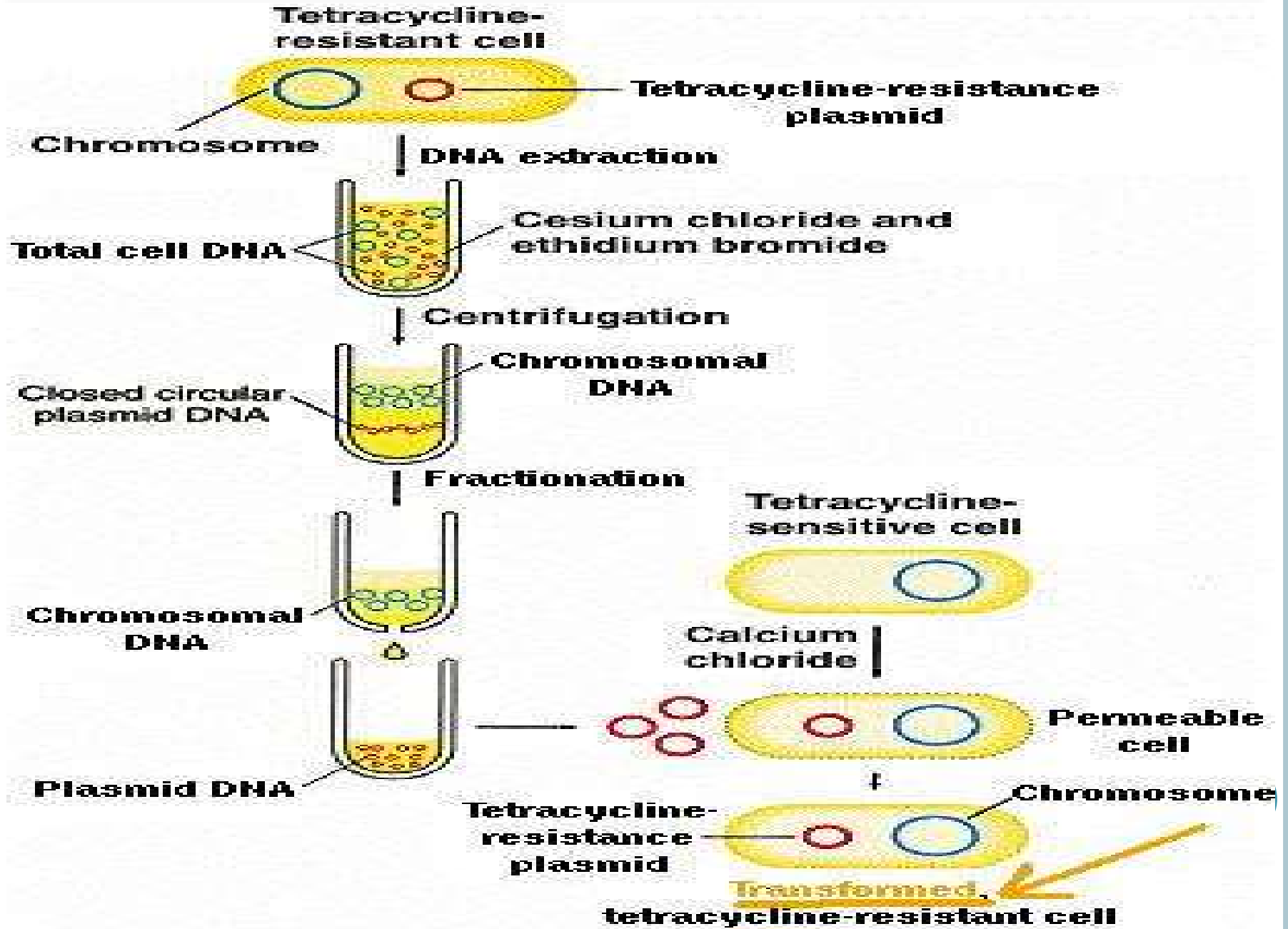
**Gene  
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**Lipofection**

**Electroporation**

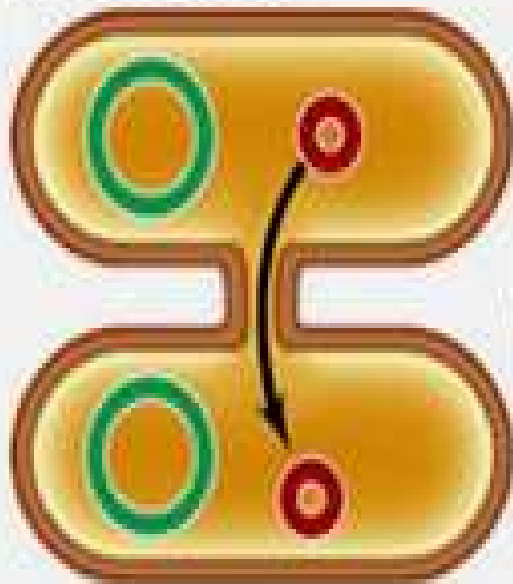
**Direct DNA  
transfer**

# TRANSFORMATION



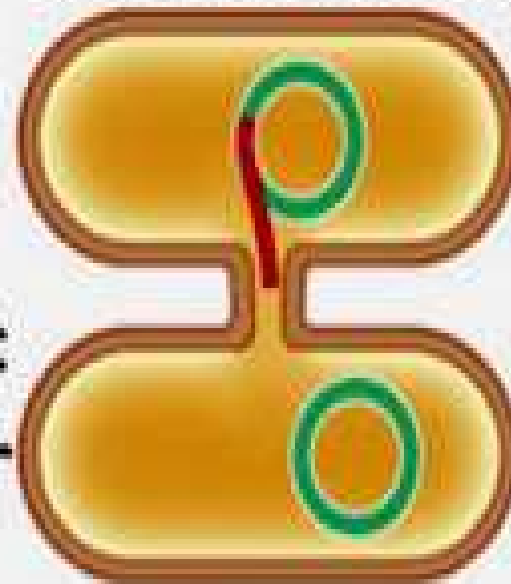
# CONJUGATION

Plasmid-containing donor cell



**Conjugation:  
Plasmid transfer**

Donor cell with integrated plasmid



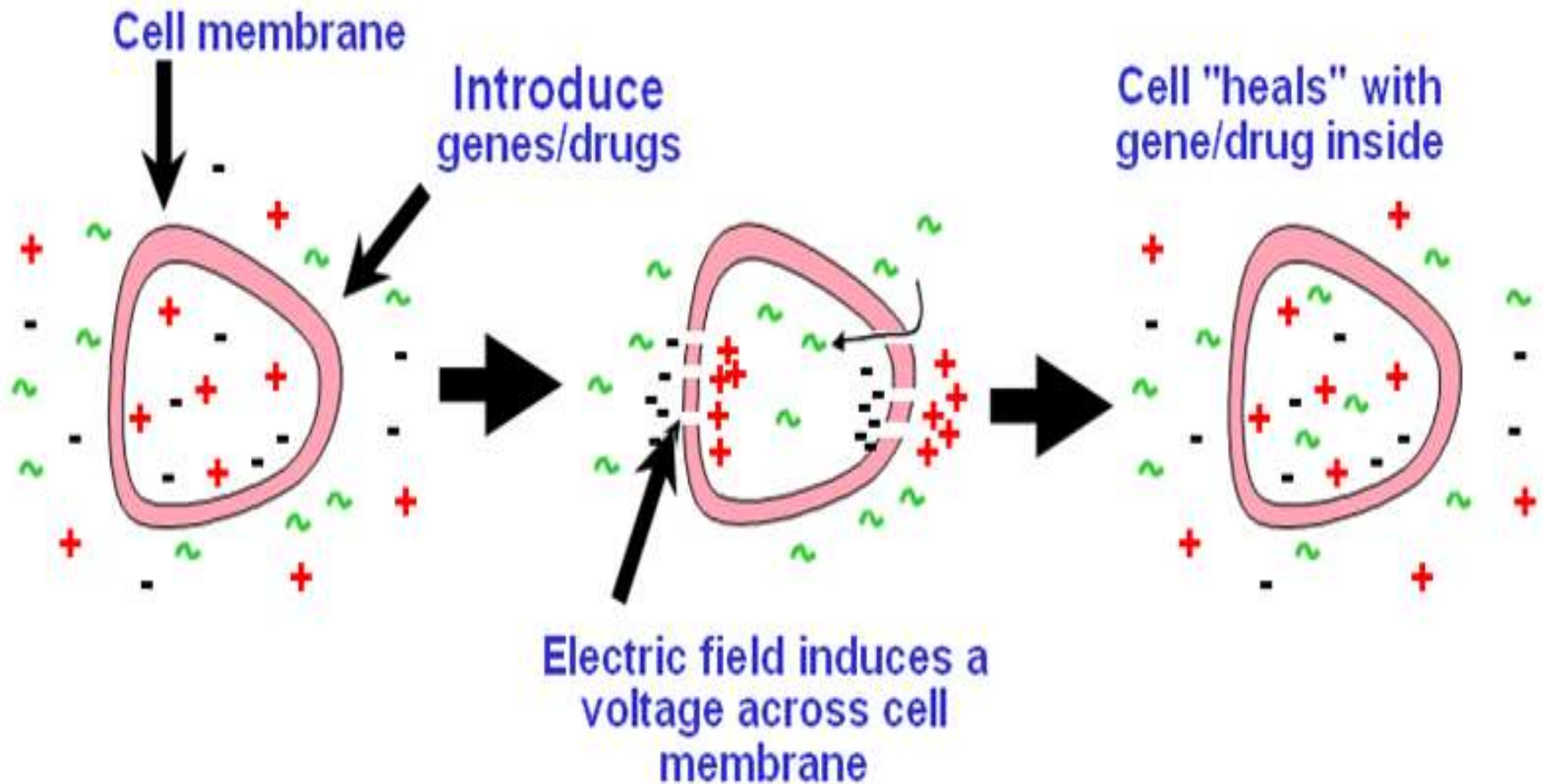
**Conjugation:  
Chromosome transfer**

# ELECTROPORATION

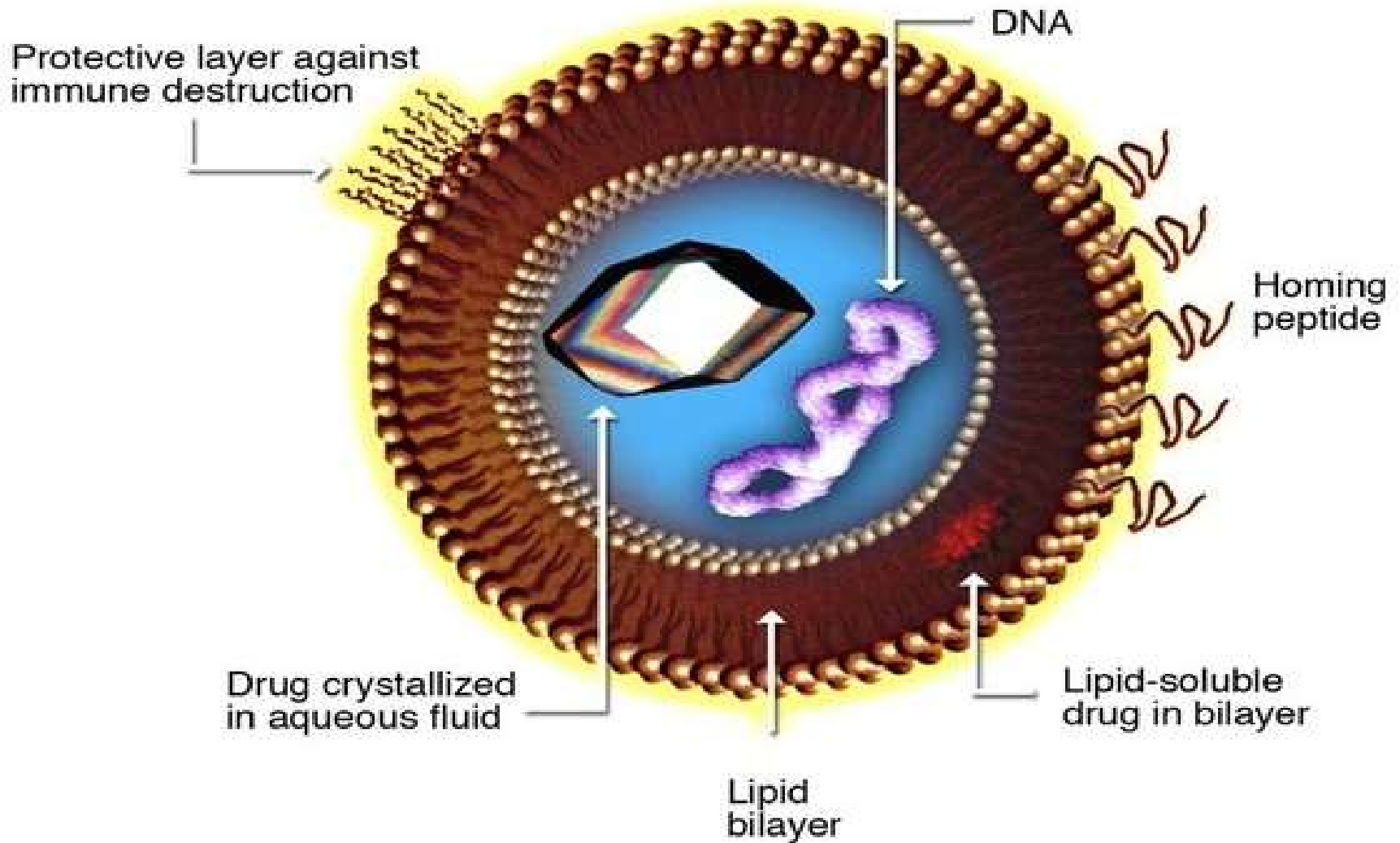
Before Pulse

During E-field

After Pulse



# LIPOFECTION



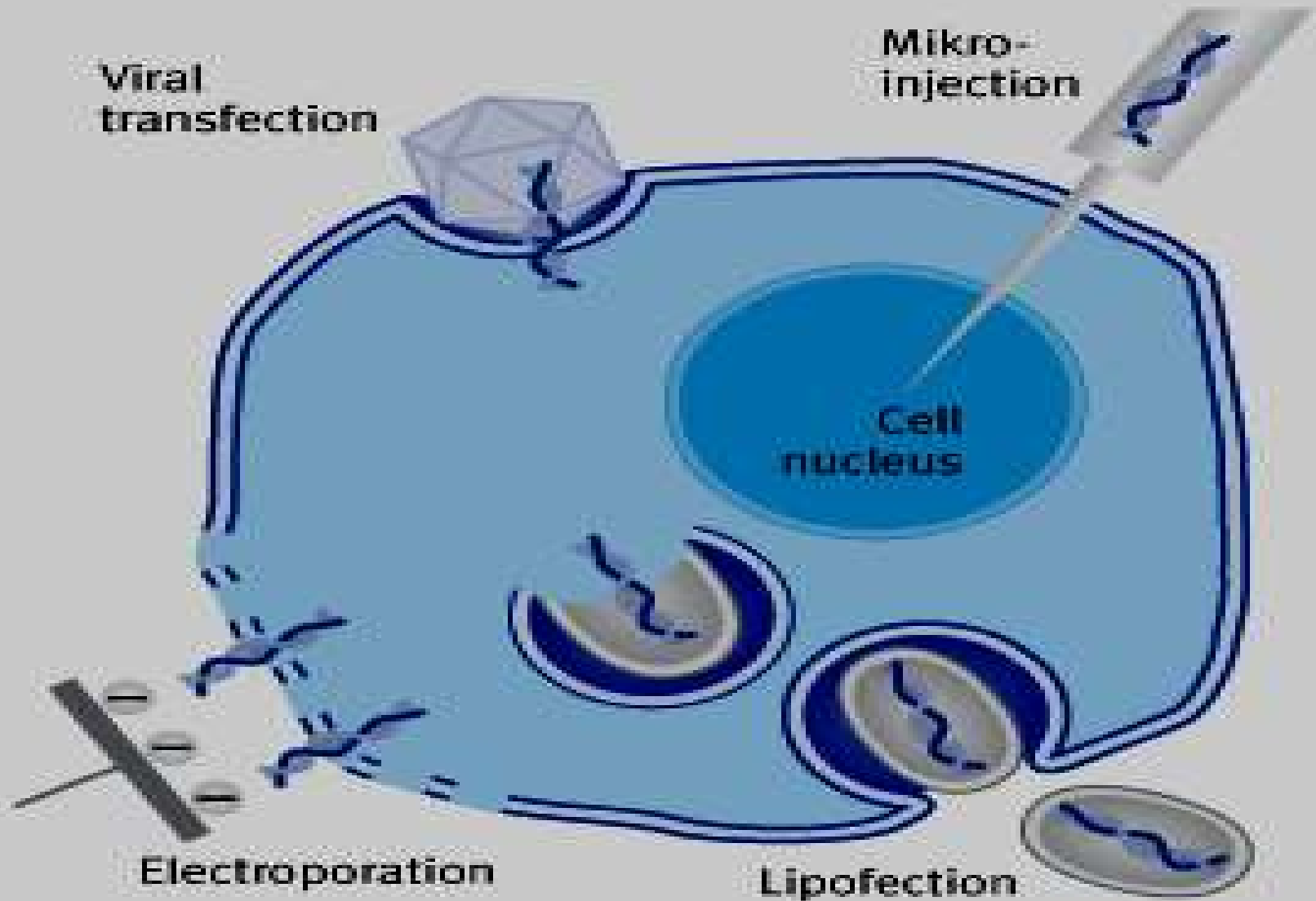
# Micro injection of genetic material



**Microinjection and particle Bombardment are the two techniques commonly used for this purpose**



# GENE TRANSFER AT A GLANCE



# Gene cloning strategies

Generation of DNA fragments



Insertion in to cloning vectors



Introduction in to host cells



Selection and screening



# CLONING FROM GENOMIC DNA OR mRNA

Genomic DNA



mRNA



# GENOMIC DNA

- **DNA represents the complete genetic material of an organism which is referred to as genome.**
- **Theoretically speaking, cloning from genomic DNA is supposed to be ideal.**
- **But the DNA Contains non-coding sequences ( introns), control regions and repetitive sequences This complicates the cloning strategies hence DNA as a source material is not preferred.**

# MESSENGER RNA

**The use of mRNA in cloning is preferred for following reasons.....**

▶ **mRNA represents the actual genetic information being expressed.**

▶ **Selection and isolation mRNA are easy.**

▶ **As introns are removed during processing, mRNA reflects the coding sequence of the Gene.**

▶ **The synthesis of recombinant protein is much easier with mRNA cloning.**

Thank

you

