CONCEPT: DIDEOXY SEQUENCING

• Sequencing: method using	ddNTPs as elongation "terminators" to deter	rmine the sequence of DNA.
Discovered in 1977 by Fredrick	_, it is commonly referred to as	Sequencing.
☐ The first method of DNA seguencing that	at uses nucleotides.	

Components of Dideoxy Sequencing

• The components needed dideoxy sequencing reactions include:

a Unknown _____ DNA of interest

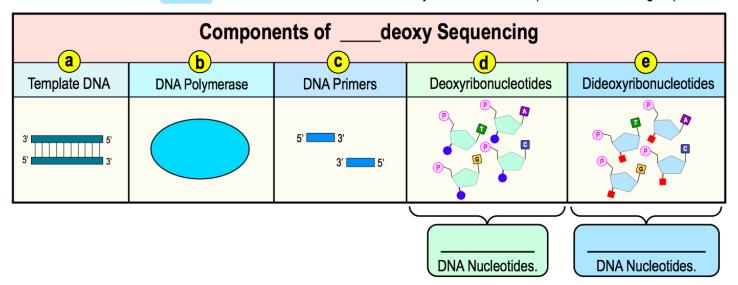
b _____ polymerase

C DNA _____ that anneal to the template strand

d All 4 DNA _____nucleotides (dATP, dTTP, dGTP, dCTP)

e A small amount of a <u>single</u> _____nucleotide (either ddATP, ddTTP, ddGTP, ddCTP)

□ Recall: ddNTPs _____ DNA synthesis due to the presence of a 3' H group.



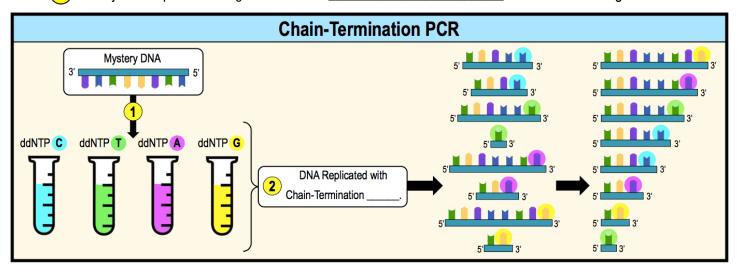
PRACTICE: Which of the following is NOT required for the reactions in dideoxy sequencing?

- a) Deoxyribonucleotides.
- b) RNA polymerase.
- c) DNA primers.
- d) Template DNA.
- e) Dideoxyribonucleotides.

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Chain-Termination PCR

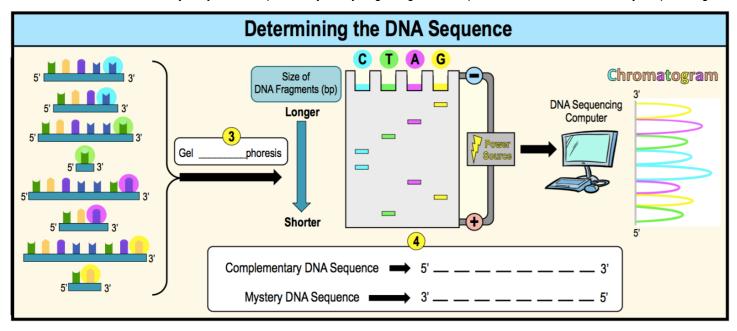
- Recall: DNA synthesis reaction is terminated when a ddNTP is added to the 3' end of the growing DNA strand.
- •The first 2 steps of Dideoxy sequencing require setting-up a ______-Termination PCR:
 - 1 separate reactions are set-up each containing a small amount of a different ddNTP.
 - 2) DNA synthesis produces fragments of DNA _______ to the unknown target.



Determining the DNA Sequence from a Gel

- •In the final 2 steps of Dideoxy sequencing the DNA sequence is determined:
 - **3** Fragments from all 4 reactions are separated by _____ using *gel electrophoresis*.
 - determined *manually* (on a gel) OR autonomously (on a chromatogram).
 - □ Gel is "read" backwards (from bottom to top) across all lanes to reveal complementary DNA sequence.

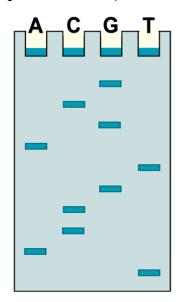
EXAMPLE: Determine the mystery DNA sequence by analyzing the gel electrophoresis results from dideoxy sequencing.



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PRACTICE: According to the gel below, which of the following is the correct sequence on the unknown DNA molecule?

- a) 5'- GCGATGCCAT 3'
- b) 5' ATGGCATCGC 3'
- c) 5' TACCGTAGCG 3'
- d) 5' CGCTACGGTA 3'
- e) None of the above are the correct sequence.



PRACTICE: Dideoxy sequencing is also known as chain termination sequencing because:

- a) The dideoxy nucleotide prevents further synthesis of DNA due to the lack of a free 5' carbon.
- b) The dideoxy nucleotide prevents further synthesis of DNA due to the lack of a free 3' OH.
- c) The dideoxy nucleotide prevents further synthesis of DNA due to the lack of a nitrogen-containing base.
- d) Chain termination is the same as sequencing by synthesis.
- e) None of the above are correct.

PRACTICE: The final step in a Sanger DNA sequencing reaction is to run the DNA fragments on a gel. What purpose does this serve?

- a) It adds ddNTP to the end of each DNA fragment.
- b) It changes the length of the DNA fragments.
- c) It separates DNA fragments based on their sequence.
- d) It separates DNA fragments generated during the sequencing reaction based on one nucleotide differences in their size.