## **DNA Polymerase I (E.coli)**

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Source: Escherichia coli

DNA Polymerase I is a mezophilic, DNA-dependent DNA polymerase with inherent 3'-> 5' and 5'-> 3' exonuclease activity.

## Description:

- Exhibits the 5'-> 3' polymerase activity.
- Exhibits the 5'-> 3' exonuclease activity, active only on duplex DNA.
- Contains the 3'-> 5' exonuclease, primarily active on single-stranded DNA (1).
- Ultrapure recombinant enzyme.
- Used to prepare radioactive probes by nick translation (2) and random priming (3).
- Useful for end-labeling of DNA molecules with 3' and 5' protruding tails or blunt-ended.

**Unit Definition:** One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to incorporate 10 nmoles of total deoxyribonucleotide into acid-insoluble material in 30 min at 37°C with DNase Factivated DNA as the template primer.

Storage Conditions: Store at -20°C.

Storage Buffer: 50 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.0), 0.25 mM dithiothreitol and 50% (v/v) glycerol.

**Assay Conditions:** 67 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.4), 6.7 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM dithiothreitol, 0.033 mM each dCTP, dGTP, dTTP and [ $\alpha$ -32P]dATP, 4.5  $\mu$ g activated DNA. Incubation is at 37°C for 30 min in a reaction volume of 100  $\mu$ l.

**Quality Control:** All preparations are assayed for contaminating endonuclease activity. Typical preparations are greater than 95% pure, as judged by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

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