

# *Bce83I*, a restriction endonuclease from *Bacillus cereus* 83 which recognizes novel nonpalindromic sequence 5'-CTTGAG-3' and is stimulated by S-adenosylmethionine

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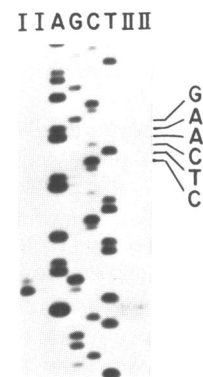
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Restriction endonuclease *Bce83I* has been purified by chromatography on blue-sepharose and hydroxyapatite. It recognizes 4, 6, 5, 13 and more than 20 sites on pUC18, pBR322, M13mp18,  $\lambda$  and T7 DNA, respectively. Double digestion of pUC18 with *Bce83I* and *PvuII*, *HindIII*, *Cfr10I* and *Bme216I* (isochizomer *AvaII*) showed that the *Bce83I* sites localized to the position 912, 1179, 1451, 2319, where the same sequence CTTGAG or the complementary to it are located. The numbers of cleavage sites and lengths of the DNA fragments after treatment of the M13mp18, pBR322 and  $\lambda$  DNA are consistent with this recognition site. To identify the points of cleavages the recombinant phage M13tg130 with the  $\lambda$ *HindIII* fragment with coordinates 37459–37584 was constructed. The cleavage points were determined by cleavage of a primer–synthesis reaction (1). The cleaved product resulted in a predominant band comigrated with G at a distance of 14 nucleotides from the recognition site. At addition of DNA polymerase the band appeared two nucleotides lower (Figure 1). These results indicate that *Bce83I* recognizes the site 5'-CTTGAG-16N↓N-3' and cleaves DNA 3'-GAACTC-14N↓N-5'

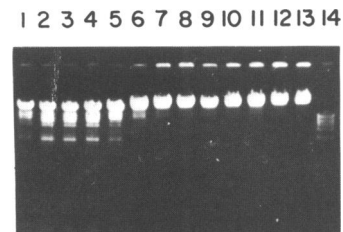
as indicated by arrows. The enzyme is activated more than 30-fold by S-adenosylmethionine (Figure 2). Consequently it belongs to the type IV of restriction endonucleases (2).

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**Figure 1.** Determination of the *Bce83I* cleavage site. I: The template of primed-synthesis reaction was cleaved with *Bce83I*, II: The product from line I was treated with DNA polymerase; A, G, T, C: The sequence ladder through the *Bce83I* recognition sequence, using the termination method.



**Figure 2.** S-adenosylmethionine requirement of *Bce83I* endonuclease. Cleavages of  $\lambda$  DNA. With addition of SAM into the incubation mixture: 1 – 100  $\mu$ M; 2 – 20  $\mu$ M; 3 – 4  $\mu$ M; 4 – 0.8  $\mu$ M; 5 – 160 nM; 6 – 32 nM; 7 – 6.4 nM; 8 – 1.2 nM; 9 – 250 pM; 10 – 50 pM; 11 – 10 pM; 12 – 2 pM; 13 – without SAM; 14 – SP6*HindIII* fragment (marker of molecular weights).

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