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# **ProductInformation**

## **RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASE AfI III**

Product No. R 1259

Store at 0 °C to -20 °C

**Product Summary** 

Recognition Sequence: 5'A/C(AG)(TC)GT3'

Activity: 5000 units/ml

Cutting: 100% Ligation: >90% Recutting: >90%

No degradation detected with >20 units for 16 hrs.

Fold over digestion: 320 (20 units x 16 hrs.)

Package Size: 100 units

### **Unit Definition**

One unit is the enzyme activity that completely cleaves 1  $\mu$ g  $\lambda$ DNA in 1 hr. at 37 °C in a total volume of 25 $\mu$ l of Buffer SH for restriction endonucleases.

### Specificity

Afl III recognizes the sequence A/C(AG)(TC)GT and generates fragments with 5' cohesive ends.<sup>1</sup>

## Comments

Digestion Buffer SH is supplied as a 10x concentration. Afl III is not heat inactivated after incubation of 100 units at 65 °C for 15 minutes.

## AfI III Storage and Dilution Buffer Composition

20 mM Tris-HCl 400 mM NaCl 0.1 mM EDTA 7 mM 2-mercaptoethanol 50% (v/v) glycerol pH 7.6 1x Digestion Buffer SH (B3657) Composition for AfI III: 100% Digestion at 37 °C.

50 mM Tris-HCI 100 mM NaCI 10 mM MgCI<sub>2</sub> 1.0 mM dithioerythritol(DTE) pH 7.5

## **Quality Control Testing**

Absence of unspecific endonuclease activities:

1  $\mu g$   $\lambda DNA$  is incubated for 16 hrs. in 50  $\mu l$  buffer SH with excess of Afl III.

#### Ligation and Recutting Assay

AfI III fragments, obtained by complete digestion of 1 $\mu$ g  $\lambda$ DNA, are adjusted to pH 7.5 at 20 °C. The AfI III fragments are then ligated with 0.5 units T4-DNA ligase at pH 7.5 at 4 °C. A 10  $\mu$ I reaction mixture, incubated for 16 hrs. at 4 °C, contained: 0.5 units T4-DNA ligase, 66 mM Tris-HCl, 5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 mM dithioerythritol and 1 mM ATP.

The degree of ligation and subsequent recutting with Afl III to yield the typical pattern of  $\lambda$  x Afl III fragments is determined.

#### References

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