I-SceI

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Supplied in: 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 500 µg/ml BSA and 50% glycerol.

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**Reagents Supplied with Enzyme:**

10X NEBuffer I-SceI, 100X BSA, 5 µg pGPS2 NotI-linearized Control Plasmid.

**Reaction Conditions:**

1X NEBuffer I-SceI, supplemented with 100 µg/ml BSA. Incubate at 37°C.

**Unit Definition:** One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to cleave 1 µg of pGPS2 NotI-linearized Control Plasmid in 1 hour at 37°C in a total reaction volume of 50 µl.

**Diluent Compatibility:**

Diluent Buffer B 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 500 µg/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. (pH 7.4 @ 25°C)

**Quality Control Assays**

**Ligation and Re-cutting:** After a 10-fold overdigestion with I-SceI, > 95% of the DNA fragments can be ligated with T4 DNA Ligase (at a 5’ terminal concentration of 1–2 µM) at 16°C. Of these ligated fragments, > 95% can be recut with I-SceI.

**16-Hour Incubation:** A 50 µl reaction containing 1 µg of DNA and 50 units of I-SceI incubated for 16 hours at 37°C resulted in a DNA pattern free of detectable nuclease degradation as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

**Exonuclease Activity:** Incubation of a 50 µl reaction containing 50 units of I-SceI with 1 µg of a mixture of single and double-stranded [3H] *E. coli* DNA (20,000 cpm/µg) for 4 hours at 37°C released < 0.1% of the total radioactivity.

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**Endonuclease Activity:** Incubation of a 50 µl reaction containing 25 units of I-SceI with 1 µg of φX174 RF I DNA for 4 hours at 37°C resulted in <20% conversion to RFII as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

**Plasmid DNA:** pGPS2 NotI-linearized Control
Plasmid is supplied at 0.5 mg/ml in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) and 1 mM EDTA. Cleavage of this 2,499 bp plasmid with I-SceI gives fragments of 1,518 and 981 base pairs.

**Enzyme Properties**

**Activity in NEBuffers:**
- NEBuffer 1: 10%
- NEBuffer 2: 50%
- NEBuffer 3: 50%
- NEBuffer 4: 50%

When using a buffer other than the optimal (supplied) NEBuffer, it may be necessary to add more enzyme to achieve complete digestion.

**Activity in Unique Homing Endonuclease Buffers:**
- NEBuffer I-SceI: 100%
- NEBuffer PI-PspI: 50%
- NEBuffer PI-SceI: 25%

**Heat Inactivation:** 50 units of enzyme were inactivated by incubation at 65°C for 20 minutes.

**Note:** For additional information about homing endonucleases, visit www.neb.com.

**References:**