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# Ligation Protocol with T4 DNA Ligase (M0202) V.3

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## ABSTRACT

This product can be used for the following applications:

- Cloning of restriction fragments
- Joining linkers and adapters to blunt-ended DNA

## EXTERNAL LINK

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### MATERIALS

[T4 DNA Ligase](#) **New England****Biolabs Catalog #M0202**

## SAFETY WARNINGS

Please refer to Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

## BEFORE STARTING

Thaw the T4 DNA Ligase Buffer and resuspend at **Room temperature**.

1 

Set up the following reaction in a microcentrifuge tube **On ice**.

(T4 DNA Ligase should be added last. Note that the table shows a ligation using a molar ratio of 1:3 vector to insert for the indicated DNA sizes.) Use [NEBioCalculator](#) to calculate molar ratios.

A	B
COMPONENT	20 µl REACTION
T4 DNA Ligase Buffer (10X)*	2 µl
Vector DNA (4 kb)	50 ng (0.020 pmol)
Insert DNA (1 kb)	37.5 ng (0.060 pmol)
Nuclease-free water	to 20 µl
T4 DNA Ligase	1 µl

\* The T4 DNA Ligase Buffer should be thawed and resuspended at room temperature.

2 

Gently mix the reaction by pipetting up and down and microfuge briefly.

3 

10m

For **cohesive (sticky) ends**, incubate at **16 °C** **Overnight** or **Room temperature** for **00:10:00**.

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2h 10m

For **blunt ends** or **single base overhangs**, incubate at **16 °C** **Overnight** or **Room temperature** for **02:00:00** (alternatively, high concentration T4 DNA Ligase can be used in a 10 minute ligation).

5 Heat inactivate at **65 °C** for **00:10:00**.

10m

6 Chill **On ice** and transform **1 µl** - **5 µl** of the reaction into **50 µl competent cells**.