Recombinant DNA is DNA taken from two different sources and fused into a single DNA molecule. Special DNA cutting enzymes, called restriction enzymes, cut the DNA at specific sites.

- Recombinant DNA technology has extensive applications in developing pharmaceuticals.
- The first drug created using recombinant DNA was human insulin.
- Need a restriction enzyme that will cleave known segments of DNA
- Restriction enzymes specific for organism
- DNA fragment migration through the gel dependent upon fragment size
- Bands do not represent genes

## Diffusion Plasma membrane structure

## Fluid-mosaic model --- semi-permeable

- Lipid bi-layer construction
- Integral proteins
- Receptors

Diffusion through the plasma membrane Diffusion through the plasma membrane Diffusion through the plasma membrane Diffusion through the plasma membrane

**Functions of membrane proteins** 

## **Plasma Membranes**

- **♦** Membranes often porous to solvent (water) but not solutes
  - Membrane are selectively permeable to solutes
    ♦ K+, Na+, Cl-, proteins, etc.
- How are these concentrations maintained against the diffusion gradient?
  - Filtration
  - Active transport (primary and secondary)
    - ♦ Ex. The Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> pump
  - Vesicular

**Active transport** 

## Taking in, and getting rid of, particles

- **◆ Exocytosis** 
  - Removal of products
- **◆ Endocytosis** 
  - Absorption of products
    - ♦phagocytosis: pseudopods engulf particles
    - ♦ bulk phase: nonselective absorption of extracellular fluids and molecules
    - ◆receptor mediated: absorption of specific molecules