

endoenzymes

Enzymes that cut internal bonds of a polymer. Endonucleases are able to cleave phosphodiester bonds within a nucleic acid chain by hydrolysis either randomly or at specific base sequences (cf. restriction enzymes).

Source:

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 152