

## **frame-shift mutation**

A point mutation involving either the deletion or insertion of a nucleotide in a gene. By the frame-shift mutation, the normal reading frame used when decoding the nucleotide triplets in the gene is altered to another reading frame.

**Source:**

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (*Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)*) on page 154