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Project Title : Persistence Study of S. aureus

Towards Antibiotics


Researcher(s) : Chan Shek Nga

Supervisor(s) : Prof. Henry M. N. Lam

Work Plan No. : 17035

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Signature of Approval : 

Prof. Barford  
DSO



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I have read, understood the approved Work Plan # 17010 and declare that I will follow strictly follow the experimental procedure contained therein.

I will be supervised at, ALL times, by Lee Yik Yung (Supervising M.Phil./~~Ph.D.~~ student).

I have read and understand and will comply with the feedback from HSEO for this work plan.

I understand that any departure from the contents of this work plan with require an amendment to Work Plan or New Work Plan submission.

I have completed and signed a separate CBME Risk Assessment Audit Declaration and submitted this to the relevant technician.

Name: Chan Shek Nga

Signature: 

Date: 1/6/2017



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7110	Kam Tim TANG		

Please list ALL laboratories in which ANY ANALYTICAL work will be undertaken:

Bioengineering Laboratory (Room 6104),

BioCRF (Room 6127)

Laboratory	Responsible Technician Name	Equipment	Training Required Y/N	Training Completed Y/N
6104	Inez S M Tsui	BCA assay	Y	N
6127	Joyce Wong	LC-MS	Y	N

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# **Persistence Study of *S. aureus* Towards Antibiotics**

**Work Plan #17035**

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2 June, 2017

## 1. General Information

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Name of Project Supervisor:	Prof. Henry H. N. Lam
Project Title:	Persistence Study of <i>S. aureus</i> Towards Antibiotics
Research Area:	Proteomics
Location:	Rm 7110 and Bioengineering Laboratory
Proposed Start Date:	2 June 2017

## 2. Experiment/Project Description

This project is to analyze the proteins in *S. aureus* after which is treated by antibiotics by proteomics. The bacteria will be extracted from medium and lysed to extract the proteins and the proteomes will be analyzed by mass spectrometry (MS). The method has been used in the research field for investigating the proteome changes of cells. Proteins will be extracted from *S. aureus*. The extracted protein will be desalinated and then analyzed by MS.

After the mass spectrum is successfully obtained, it will be compared with the protein spectrum existed in the Spectra Library. Comparing spectra with Spectra Library will require computational calculation. By this comparison, identifications and structures of the proteins can be revealed so that the changes of proteomes can be determined.

## 3. Equipment List

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|--|---|
| 1. Biochemical Incubator                           | 2. Incubator shaker                                     |
| 3. Biological Safety Cabinet                       | 4. Chemical Fume Hood                                   |
| 5. Centrifuges                                     | 6. SpeedVac   |
| 7. Micro-plate Reader                              | 9. High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)        |
| 8. Ultrasonic Homogenizer                          | 11. Quadrupole Time-of-Flight (Q-TOF) Mass Spectrometry |
| 10. Linear Trap Quadrupole (LTQ) Mass Spectrometry |   |

## 4. Experimental Procedures

### 4.1 Cell Culture

#### 4.1.1 Preparation of Mueller-Hinton liquid media

Reagent	Amount to add (for 100 mL)
Acid hydrolysate of casein	1.75 g
Beef extract	0.3 g
Starch	0.15 g
H <sub>2</sub> O	100 mL

#### 4.1.2 *S. aureus* cell culture

Pick a single *S. aureus* colony from a normal agar plate and inoculate a starter culture of 2-5 mL Mueller-Hinton liquid media with different antibiotics in different test-tubes. Incubate for approximately 8-12 h at 37 °C with vigorous shaking in nearly 300rpm.

### 4.2 Protein Extractions from bacteria

**4.2.1** Harvest the *S. aureus* cells by centrifugation at  $6000 \times g$  for 15 minutes under 4°C and aspirate the supernatant.

**4.2.2** Resuspend the pellet in cold PBS buffer and centrifuge at  $6000 \times g$  for 10 minutes under 4°C and aspirate the supernatant. Repeat 2 times.

**4.2.3** Add ice-cold cell lysis buffer (8 M urea) and resuspend the pellet. Incubate on ice for 10 minutes.

**4.2.4** Vortex tubes briefly and proceeds to sonication for 5 min at 4°C.

**4.2.5** Transfer the supernatant to a new tube and centrifuge samples at  $6000 \times g$  for 15 minutes at 4°C to remove any insoluble material.

**4.2.6** Add ice-cold acetone to precipitate the proteins.

**4.2.7** Aspirate the supernatant and redissolve the proteins in buffer (4 M urea and 30 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.5).

**4.2.8** Take an aliquot for the protein quantification.

**4.2.9** Repeat step 4.2.1 to 4.2.8 for other antibiotic samples.

### **4.3 Sample preparation**

**4.3.1** Reduce the proteins with dithiothreitol (DTT, 10 mM final concentration) at 37°C for 3 hours.

**4.3.2** Alkylate the proteins with iodoacetamide (IAA, 20 mM final concentration) in dark for 1 hr. The alkylation reaction is quenched by adding DTT (10 mM final concentration) again.

**4.3.3** Dilute the samples to a concentration of urea less than 1 M.

**4.3.4** Digest the proteins with sequencing grade modified trypsin (1: 50, w/w) at 37°C overnight.

**4.3.5** Acidify samples with 10% formic acid to a final concentration of 0.5% (v/v).

**4.3.6** Desalt the sample with C18 reverse-phase ZipTip.

**4.3.7** Dry the sample with SpeedVac and store it at -20°C before use.

### **4.4 Analysis by mass spectrometry**

**4.4.1** Run the mass spectrometry and obtain the spectrum so as to do matching with database.

## 5. Procedure Template

Experimental Procedure No.	Experimental Procedure Description	Scale (Mass/Volume)	Location (Fumehood, benchtop, etc.)	Method (New or Existing)
4.1.1	Preparation of Mueller-Hinton liquid media	Acid hydrolysate of casein = 1.75 g Beef extract = 0.3 g Starch = 0.15 g H <sub>2</sub> O = 100 mL	Room 6104, benchtop	Existing
4.1.2	<i>S. aureus</i> cell culturing	2~5 mL	Room 6104, BSC	Existing
4.2	Protein extraction	PBS buffer-5 mL Lysis buffer-2 mL Actone-5 mL	Room 7110, benchtop	Existing
4.3	Sample preparation	DTT-2 µL IAA-2 µL Sequencing grade modified trypsin-2 µL Formic acid-2 µL	Room 7110, benchtop	Existing
4.4	Analysis by mass spectrometry	N/A	Room 7101 and BioCRF	Existing

## 6. HAZOP Template

Hazards and Operability Analysis							
4.1 Cell Culture							
No.	Hazards	Hazards Effect	Severity	Probability	Risk	Minimize Risk By	Residual Risk
1	Contact with chemicals	Causes sever skin and eye burns	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the fume hood	L
2	Autoclave	High pressure steam burns	H	M	H	Strictly follow the safety requests and do not overload the autoclave	L
3	Contact with bacteria	Causes illness and infection	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the biosafety cabinet	L
4.2 Protein Extraction							
1	Contact with chemicals	Causes sever skin and eye burns	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the fume hood	L



2	Centrifuge	Rotor Failure: the rotor that breaks can spin out of control and hit laboratory personnel. Spillage: the tubes may spray over the machine parts.	H	M	H	Strictly follow the safety requests. Balance all samples as closely as possible Set the rotors under the maximum speed.	L
<b>4.3 Sample Preparation</b>							
1	Contact with chemicals	Causes sever skin and eye burns	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the fume hood	L
2	SpeedVac	Rotor Failure: the rotor that breaks can spin out of control and hit laboratory personnel. Spillage: the tubes may spray over the machine parts.	H	M	H	Strictly follow the safety requests. Balance all samples as closely as possible Set the rotors under the maximum speed.	L

Severity: L=Low (Minor injuries, first aid), M=Meddle (Hospitalization, medical leave), H=High (Serious injuries, fatality).

Probability: L=Low (Unlikely), M=Middle (Possible), H=High (Very likely).

Risk=Severity × Probability, the product follows the higher severity or probability

## 7. Operating Conditions

- Autoclave: 121°C, 103.4 kPa, 20 min
- Cell Culture: 37°C, shaking, 8~12 hr
- Pellet Cells: 6000 × g, 4°C, 10~15min
- Reduce Proteins: Dithiothreitol (DTT) (10 mM final concentration), 37°C, 3 hours
- Alkylate Proteins: Iodoacetamide (IAA) (20 mM final concentration), in dark, 1 hr
- Digest Proteins: 37°C, overnight

## 8. Services List

- Electricity (AC 220V, 50Hz)
- Tap water
- Double deionized Water
- Chemical Fume Hood
- Biological Safety Cabinet (Level 2)
- Linear Trap Quadrupole (LTQ) Mass Spectrometry

## 9. Chemicals List

Chemical	Purity	Quantity per Experiment
Acid hydrolysate of casein	99.999%	1.75 g
Beef extract	99%	0.3 g
Starch	99.99%	0.15 g
Urea	95%	50 µL (4M solution)
Tris-HCl	99%	10 mL (30 mM solution)
Dithiothreitol	99.5%	1 mg
Iodoacetamide	99%	1 mg
Formic Acid (CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	98%	1 mL

<b>Acetone (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	99.9%	5 mL
<b>Trypsin</b>	2,500 USP units/mg	3 mg
<b>Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)</b>	99.9%	10 mL
<b>Oxacillin Sodium Salt (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Ampicillin sodium salt (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Amoxicillin trihydrate (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S · 3H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Cephalexin Hydrate (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S · xH<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Sulfathiazole Sodium salt (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Tetracycline hydrochloride (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> · HCl)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Erythromycin (C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>67</sub>NO<sub>13</sub>)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Levofloxacin (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)</b>	99%	200 µg

## 10. Summary of Relevant Hazards and Incompatibilities

Chemical	Summary of Hazards	Incompatibilities
<b>Acid hydrolysate of casein</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Beef extract</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Starch</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents

<b>Urea</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Tris-HCl</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Bases, Oxidizing agents
<b>Dithiothreitol</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Alkali metals
<b>Iodoacetamide</b>	Toxic if swallowed. May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.	Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents
<b>Formic Acid (CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)</b>	Flammable liquid and vapor. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Powered metals
<b>Acetone (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	Highly flammable. Irritating to eyes. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking. Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness.	Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Acetone reacts violently with phosphorous oxychloride
<b>Trypsin</b>	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Irritating to skin and eyes	N/A
<b>Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)</b>	Not a hazardous substance or mixture according to EC-directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC.	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids
<b>Oxacillin Sodium Salt (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S)</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
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<b>Erythromycin</b> ( $C_{37}H_{67}NO_{13}$ )	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Levofloxacin</b> ( $C_{18}H_{20}FN_3O_4$ )	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents

## 11. Waste List

- Cell culture (liquid) containing Mueller-Hinton liquid medium, autoclaved and dispose to the sink.
- Used PBS (liquid), autoclaved and disposed in the sink.
- Used acetone (liquid), disposed in the organic waste container of non-halogenated solvent.
- Used pipette and microcentrifuge tubes (solid), disposed in the waste container of biological waste and disposed as domestic waste after autoclave

## 12. Assessment of Significant Risks

May exposed to toxic or irritating chemicals. Goggles and gloves should be always put on.

## 13. Safety Precautions

- Personal Protective Equipment
  - A lab coat, safety glasses and respirator must be worn throughout the experiment. Rubber glove should be worn according to the nature of chemicals being handled.
- Fume Extraction System is required and in Place
  - The reaction system is run in the fume cupboard throughout the course of the experiment.
- Warning sign required
  - Chemicals have to be clearly labeled, e.g. harmful, toxic, flammable, and irritant.

- Safety Training Required
  - Safety training courses, included Chemical Safety (I), (II) and Biological Safety organized by the HSEO should be attended.
- Specific training required
  - None
- Emergency shutdown procedures
  - Follow the emergency shutdown procedures, absorb any liquid spillage using the laboratory caustic spill kit, transfer used materials to an appropriately labeled container and inform the person designated responsible for laboratory.
- If connected with chemicals and reagents
  - Immediately flush eyes or skin with top water at least 15 minutes and take off contaminated clothing as far as possible.

## **14. Action in Case of Abnormal or Emergency Situations**

### **14.1 Service Failure**

Close the main valve on the air cylinder and reactant inlet.

### **14.2 Action in case of fire or explosion**

#### **(1) When hear the fire alarm**

- Remain calm and check if there is any sign of fire in the vicinity.
- If you see fire or smoke, or hear the announcement asking you to evacuate, follow the evacuation procedures below.
- If there is no sign of a fire, stay alert and pay attention to announcement until the fire alarm is silenced.
- Evacuate if the alarm has sounded for more than two minutes.
- If you hear the buzzer sound which indicates fire alarm is activated in an adjacent fire zone, stay alert and pay attention to announcement.
- If you hear both the buzzer and the fire alarm, you are near the boundary of fire zones, treat as if you hear the fire alarm.

#### **(2) If discover a fire**

- Activate the fire alarm by pressing the break glass fire alarm button.
- Report to Security Control Centre by dialing 8999.
- Alert other people. If SAFE to do so, try to put out the fire by firefighting equipment.
- DO NOT take any personal risk. If the fire gets beyond your control, evacuate immediately by following the procedures below.

- Close the door of the room on fire.

#### **(3) When there is a fire and need to evacuate**

- Remain calm. Walk, do not run, especially when travelling on staircases.

- Immediately leave the building and go to the assembly point using the nearest exit.

- Try to help those who may have difficulties travelling such as disabled and pregnant persons.

- DO NOT USE THE LIFTS.

- Report to your Fire & Safety Officer at the assembly point as far as practicable.

- Do not return to the building until permission is given by the Fire Services Department Officer in charge of the scene.

#### **(4) Fire Fighting Equipment**

- Water from the hose reels is good for wood, paper and structural fire, but NOT for oil, electrical or metal fire.

- The most common fire extinguishers on campus are the carbon dioxide types (black containers) which are good for general purposes, including oil and/or electrical fire.

- Some laboratories have dry powder fire extinguishers (blue container), which are good for chemical and/or metal fire.

- Sand (lab buckets) can be used to contain flammable liquid as well as put out a fire, including metal fire.

- Fire blanket can be used when someone's clothing catches fire.

### **14.3 Action in case of hazardous chemical spill in a research laboratory**

- Alert co-workers.

- If safe to do so, (1). Confine the spill with appropriate materials. (2). Turn off remotely all heat/ignition sources if flammable vapor is involved.

- Ask for assistance if necessary.

- Press the Emergency Ventilation button (do not activate this button in case of fire).

- Inform the Security Control Centre by dialing 8999 from a safe location.

- Evacuate everyone in the affected area. Leave contaminated clothing and close the door.

- Activate local warning system to prevent others from entering the room.

- If possible, maintain a safe distance from the scene, keep the entrance or access routes in sight and help to prevent entry to the affected room.

- If conditions allow, remain to assist the emergency response team.

### **14.4 Action in case of other abnormal situations**

In case of accidental contact with chemicals, flush eyes or skin with copious amount of water immediately for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. For inhalation, remove to fresh air. If swallowed, wash mouth with water. Contact nearest physician.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Highly flammable or explosive materials             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation under extreme pressure or temperature     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

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**Assessment checked by Technical staff associated with ALL laboratories in which the planned EXPERIMENTAL work will be undertaken.**

Laboratory	Responsible Technician (Name)	Signature	Date
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**Bioengineering Laboratory (Room 6104),**

**BioCRF (Room 6127)**

Laboratory	Responsible Technician Name	Equipment	Training Required Y/N	Training Completed Y/N
6104	Inez S M Tsui	BCA assay	Y	N
6127	Joyce Wong	LC-MS	Y	N

**\* Note:** After completion of training, a record of training completion will be recorded and kept by the relevant technician

I have had my work plan checked by the relevant technical staff associated with all laboratories in which the planned work will be undertaken and also by my Faculty research supervisor. I have considered their suggestions and feedback and have modified the work plan accordingly.

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# **Persistence Study of *S. aureus* Towards Antibiotics**

**Work Plan #17010**

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## 1. General Information

Name of Researcher:	LEE Yik Yeung
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Project Title:	Persistence Study of <i>S. aureus</i> Towards Antibiotics
Research Area:	Proteomics
Location:	Rm 7110 and Bioengineering Laboratory
Proposed Start Date:	15 February 2017

## 2. Experiment/Project Description

This project is to analyze the proteins in *S. aureus* after which is treated by antibiotics by proteomics. The bacteria will be extracted from medium and lysed to extract the proteins and the proteomes will be analyzed by mass spectrometry (MS). The method has been used in the research field for investigating the proteome changes of cells. Proteins will be extracted from *S. aureus*. The extracted protein will be desalinated and then analyzed by MS.

After the mass spectrum is successfully obtained, it will be compared with the protein spectrum existed in the Spectra Library. Comparing spectra with Spectra Library will require computational calculation. By this comparison, identifications and structures of the proteins can be revealed so that the changes of proteomes can be determined.

## 3. Equipment List

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|--|---|
| 1. Biochemical Incubator                           | 2. Incubator shaker                                     |
| 3. Biological Safety Cabinet                       | 4. Chemical Fume Hood                                   |
| 5. Centrifuges                                     | 6. SpeedVac   |
| 7. Micro-plate Reader                              | 9. High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)        |
| 8. Ultrasonic Homogenizer                          | 11. Quadrupole Time-of-Flight (Q-TOF) Mass Spectrometry |
| 10. Linear Trap Quadrupole (LTQ) Mass Spectrometry |   |

## 4. Experimental Procedures

### 4.1 Cell Culture

#### 4.1.1 Preparation of Mueller-Hinton liquid media

Reagent	Amount to add (for 100 mL)
Acid hydrolysate of casein	1.75 g
Beef extract	0.3 g
Starch	0.15 g
H <sub>2</sub> O	100 mL

#### 4.1.2 *S. aureus* cell culture

Pick a single *S. aureus* colony from a normal agar plate and inoculate a starter culture of 2-5 mL Mueller-Hinton liquid media with different antibiotics in different test-tubes. Incubate for approximately 8-12 h at 37 °C with vigorous shaking in nearly 300rpm.

### 4.2 Protein Extractions from bacteria

**4.2.1** Harvest the *S. aureus* cells by centrifugation at  $6000 \times g$  for 15 minutes under 4°C and aspirate the supernatant.

**4.2.2** Resuspend the pellet in cold PBS buffer and centrifuge at  $6000 \times g$  for 10 minutes under 4°C and aspirate the supernatant. Repeat 2 times.

**4.2.3** Add ice-cold cell lysis buffer (8 M urea) and resuspend the pellet. Incubate on ice for 10 minutes.

**4.2.4** Vortex tubes briefly and proceeds to sonication for 5 min at 4°C.

**4.2.5** Transfer the supernatant to a new tube and centrifuge samples at  $6000 \times g$  for 15 minutes at 4°C to remove any insoluble material.

**4.2.6** Add ice-cold acetone to precipitate the proteins.

**4.2.7** Aspirate the supernatant and redissolve the proteins in buffer (4 M urea and 30 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.5).

**4.2.8** Take an aliquot for the protein quantification.

**4.2.9** Repeat step 4.2.1 to 4.2.8 for other antibiotic samples.

### **4.3 Sample preparation**

**4.3.1** Reduce the proteins with dithiothreitol (DTT, 10 mM final concentration) at 37°C for 3 hours.

**4.3.2** Alkylate the proteins with iodoacetamide (IAA, 20 mM final concentration) in dark for 1 hr. The alkylation reaction is quenched by adding DTT (10 mM final concentration) again.

**4.3.3** Dilute the samples to a concentration of urea less than 1 M.

**4.3.4** Digest the proteins with sequencing grade modified trypsin (1: 50, w/w) at 37°C overnight.

**4.3.5** Acidify samples with 10% formic acid to a final concentration of 0.5% (v/v).

**4.3.6** Desalt the sample with C18 reverse-phase ZipTip.

**4.3.7** Dry the sample with SpeedVac and store it at -20°C before use.

### **4.4 Analysis by mass spectrometry**

**4.4.1** Run the mass spectrometry and obtain the spectrum so as to do matching with database.

## 5. Procedure Template

Experimental Procedure No.	Experimental Procedure Description	Scale (Mass/Volume)	Location (Fumehood, benchtop, etc.)	Method (New or Existing)
4.1.1	Preparation of Mueller-Hinton liquid media	Acid hydrolysate of casein = 1.75 g Beef extract = 0.3 g Starch = 0.15 g H <sub>2</sub> O = 100 mL	Room 6104, benchtop	Existing
4.1.2	<i>S. aureus</i> cell culturing	2~5 mL	Room 6104, BSC	Existing
4.2	Protein extraction	PBS buffer-5 mL Lysis buffer-2 mL Actone-5 mL	Room 7110, benchtop	Existing
4.3	Sample preparation	DTT-2 µL IAA-2 µL Sequencing grade modified trypsin-2 µL Formic acid-2 µL	Room 7110, benchtop	Existing
4.4	Analysis by mass spectrometry	N/A	Room 7101 and BioCRF	Existing

## 6. HAZOP Template

Hazards and Operability Analysis							
4.1 Cell Culture							
No.	Hazards	Hazards Effect	Severity	Probability	Risk	Minimize Risk By	Residual Risk
1	Contact with chemicals	Causes sever skin and eye burns	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the fume hood	L
2	Autoclave	High pressure steam burns	H	M	H	Strictly follow the safety requests and do not overload the autoclave	L
3	Contact with bacteria	Causes illness and infection	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the biosafety cabinet	L
4.2 Protein Extraction							
1	Contact with chemicals	Causes sever skin and eye burns	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the fume hood	L



2	Centrifuge	Rotor Failure: the rotor that breaks can spin out of control and hit laboratory personnel. Spillage: the tubes may spray over the machine parts.	H	M	H	Strictly follow the safety requests. Balance all samples as closely as possible Set the rotors under the maximum speed.	L
<b>4.3 Sample Preparation</b>							
1	Contact with chemicals	Causes sever skin and eye burns	H	M	H	Wear protective gloves, face shield and lab coats; Conduct experiments in the fume hood	L
2	SpeedVac	Rotor Failure: the rotor that breaks can spin out of control and hit laboratory personnel. Spillage: the tubes may spray over the machine parts.	H	M	H	Strictly follow the safety requests. Balance all samples as closely as possible Set the rotors under the maximum speed.	L

Severity: L=Low (Minor injuries, first aid), M=Meddle (Hospitalization, medical leave), H=High (Serious injuries, fatality).

Probability: L=Low (Unlikely), M=Middle (Possible), H=High (Very likely).

Risk=Severity × Probability, the product follows the higher severity or probability

## 7. Operating Conditions

- Autoclave: 121°C, 103.4 kPa, 20 min
- Cell Culture: 37°C, shaking, 8~12 hr
- Pellet Cells: 6000 × g, 4°C, 10~15min
- Reduce Proteins: Dithiothreitol (DTT) (10 mM final concentration), 37°C, 3 hours
- Alkylate Proteins: Iodoacetamide (IAA) (20 mM final concentration), in dark, 1 hr
- Digest Proteins: 37°C, overnight

## 8. Services List

- Electricity (AC 220V, 50Hz)
- Tap water
- Double deionized Water
- Chemical Fume Hood
- Biological Safety Cabinet (Level 2)
- Linear Trap Quadrupole (LTQ) Mass Spectrometry

## 9. Chemicals List

Chemical	Purity	Quantity per Experiment
Acid hydrolysate of casein	99.999%	1.75 g
Beef extract	99%	0.3 g
Starch	99.99%	0.15 g
Urea	95%	50 µL (4M solution)
Tris-HCl	99%	10 mL (30 mM solution)
Dithiothreitol	99.5%	1 mg
Iodoacetamide	99%	1 mg
Formic Acid (CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	98%	1 mL

<b>Acetone (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	99.9%	5 mL
<b>Trypsin</b>	2,500 USP units/mg	3 mg
<b>Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)</b>	99.9%	10 mL
<b>Oxacillin Sodium Salt (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Ampicillin sodium salt (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Amoxicillin trihydrate (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S · 3H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Cephalexin Hydrate (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S · xH<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Sulfathiazole Sodium salt (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Tetracycline hydrochloride (C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> · HCl)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Erythromycin (C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>67</sub>NO<sub>13</sub>)</b>	99%	200 µg
<b>Levofloxacin (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)</b>	99%	200 µg

## 10. Summary of Relevant Hazards and Incompatibilities

Chemical	Summary of Hazards	Incompatibilities
<b>Acid hydrolysate of casein</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Beef extract</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Starch</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents

<b>Urea</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Tris-HCl</b>	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Bases, Oxidizing agents
<b>Dithiothreitol</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Alkali metals
<b>Iodoacetamide</b>	Toxic if swallowed. May cause sensitization by inhalation and skin contact.	Strong acids, Strong bases, Strong oxidizing agents, Strong reducing agents
<b>Formic Acid (CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)</b>	Flammable liquid and vapor. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong bases, Powered metals
<b>Acetone (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)</b>	Highly flammable. Irritating to eyes. Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking. Vapors may cause drowsiness and dizziness.	Bases, Oxidizing agents, Reducing agents, Acetone reacts violently with phosphorous oxychloride
<b>Trypsin</b>	May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Irritating to skin and eyes	N/A
<b>Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)</b>	Not a hazardous substance or mixture according to EC-directives 67/548/EEC or 1999/45/EC.	Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids
<b>Oxacillin Sodium Salt (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S)</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Ampicillin sodium salt (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>S)</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Oxidizing agents
<b>Amoxicillin trihydrate (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S · 3H<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Cephalexin Hydrate (C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S · xH<sub>2</sub>O)</b>	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents

<b>Sulfathiazole Sodium salt</b> ( $C_9H_8N_3NaO_2S_2$ )	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Tetracycline hydrochloride</b> ( $C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8 \cdot HCl$ )	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Erythromycin</b> ( $C_{37}H_{67}NO_{13}$ )	This substance is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 67/548/EEC.	Strong oxidizing agents
<b>Levofloxacin</b> ( $C_{18}H_{20}FN_3O_4$ )	Harmful if swallowed. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin.	Strong oxidizing agents

## 11. Waste List

- Cell culture (liquid) containing Mueller-Hinton liquid medium, autoclaved and dispose to the sink.
- Used PBS (liquid), autoclaved and disposed in the sink.
- Used acetone (liquid), disposed in the organic waste container of non-halogenated solvent.
- Used pipette and microcentrifuge tubes (solid), disposed in the waste container of biological waste and disposed as domestic waste after autoclave

## 12. Assessment of Significant Risks

May exposed to toxic or irritating chemicals. Goggles and gloves should be always put on.

## 13. Safety Precautions

- Personal Protective Equipment
  - A lab coat, safety glasses and respirator must be worn throughout the experiment. Rubber glove should be worn according to the nature of chemicals being handled.
- Fume Extraction System is required and in Place
  - The reaction system is run in the fume cupboard throughout the course of the experiment.
- Warning sign required
  - Chemicals have to be clearly labeled, e.g. harmful, toxic, flammable, and irritant.

- Safety Training Required
  - Safety training courses, included Chemical Safety (I), (II) and Biological Safety organized by the HSEO should be attended.
- Specific training required
  - None
- Emergency shutdown procedures
  - Follow the emergency shutdown procedures, absorb any liquid spillage using the laboratory caustic spill kit, transfer used materials to an appropriately labeled container and inform the person designated responsible for laboratory.
- If connected with chemicals and reagents
  - Immediately flush eyes or skin with top water at least 15 minutes and take off contaminated clothing as far as possible.

## 14. Action in Case of Abnormal or Emergency Situations

### 14.1 Service Failure

Close the main valve on the air cylinder and reactant inlet.

### 14.2 Action in case of fire or explosion

#### (1) When hear the fire alarm

- Remain calm and check if there is any sign of fire in the vicinity.
- If you see fire or smoke, or hear the announcement asking you to evacuate, follow the evacuation procedures below.
- If there is no sign of a fire, stay alert and pay attention to announcement until the fire alarm is silenced.
- Evacuate if the alarm has sounded for more than two minutes.
- If you hear the buzzer sound which indicates fire alarm is activated in an adjacent fire zone, stay alert and pay attention to announcement.
- If you hear both the buzzer and the fire alarm, you are near the boundary of fire zones, treat as if you hear the fire alarm.

#### (2) If discover a fire

- Activate the fire alarm by pressing the break glass fire alarm button.
- Report to Security Control Centre by dialing 8999.
- Alert other people. If SAFE to do so, try to put out the fire by firefighting equipment.
- DO NOT take any personal risk. If the fire gets beyond your control, evacuate immediately by following the procedures below.

- Close the door of the room on fire.

#### (3) When there is a fire and need to evacuate

- Remain calm. Walk, do not run, especially when travelling on staircases.

- Immediately leave the building and go to the assembly point using the nearest exit.

- Try to help those who may have difficulties travelling such as disabled and pregnant persons.

- DO NOT USE THE LIFTS.

- Report to your Fire & Safety Officer at the assembly point as far as practicable.

- Do not return to the building until permission is given by the Fire Services Department Officer in charge of the scene.

#### **(4) Fire Fighting Equipment**

- Water from the hose reels is good for wood, paper and structural fire, but NOT for oil, electrical or metal fire.

- The most common fire extinguishers on campus are the carbon dioxide types (black containers) which are good for general purposes, including oil and/or electrical fire.

- Some laboratories have dry powder fire extinguishers (blue container), which are good for chemical and/or metal fire.

- Sand (lab buckets) can be used to contain flammable liquid as well as put out a fire, including metal fire.

- Fire blanket can be used when someone's clothing catches fire.

#### **14.3 Action in case of hazardous chemical spill in a research laboratory**

- Alert co-workers.

- If safe to do so, (1). Confine the spill with appropriate materials. (2). Turn off remotely all heat/ignition sources if flammable vapor is involved.

- Ask for assistance if necessary.

- Press the Emergency Ventilation button (do not activate this button in case of fire).

- Inform the Security Control Centre by dialing 8999 from a safe location.

- Evacuate everyone in the affected area. Leave contaminated clothing and close the door.

- Activate local warning system to prevent others from entering the room.

- If possible, maintain a safe distance from the scene, keep the entrance or access routes in sight and help to prevent entry to the affected room.

- If conditions allow, remain to assist the emergency response team.

#### **14.4 Action in case of other abnormal situations**

In case of accidental contact with chemicals, flush eyes or skin with copious amount of water immediately for at least 15 minutes while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. For inhalation, remove to fresh air. If swallowed, wash mouth with water. Contact nearest physician.