

Microbubbling technique

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Abstract

For use in the protocol "[Large Volume Marine Cyanophage protocols](#)"

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Protocol

Step 1.

Inoculate 2L Pro99 with exponentially growing cells (20-50 ml of dense cells, 10^8 cells ml^{-1})

Step 2.

Let cells grow to about mid 10^7 cells ml^{-1}

Step 3.

Add as much cyanophage stock as available (up to an infective MOI = 3)

NOTES

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NOTE: Average cyanophage lysates are $\sim 10^8 - 10^9$ SYBR ml^{-1} ; only $\sim 0.1-10\%$ of that is usually infective (as assayed with MPNs)

Step 4.

Adsorb for about 60 minutes without bubbling

DURATION

01:00:00

Step 5.

Start bubbling again

Step 6.

Add 1xPro99 amounts of N, P every 3 days until see 'lysis' (by eye, or more rigorously by a decrease in cell concentration)

Step 7.

Confirm phage production by SYBR titering