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Bacteria Staining

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ABSTRACT

A bacteria staining protocol has been automated by OT-2. It allows to check the amount of target we had coated on the 96 well plate. (We used 5 replicates per dilution)

MATERIALS









NAME ▾	CATALOG # ▾	VENDOR ▾
Crystal violet	C-328	Gold Biotechnology
Nuclease-free water or water filtered using a Milli-Q filtering system	AM9932	Ambion
Sodium bicarbonate	S6014	Sigma – Aldrich
PBST (PBS 1:1000 Tween-20)	View	
Centrifuge	5415D	Eppendorf Centrifuge
LB	L24400-2000.0	Research Products International (rpi)
White 96-Well Immuno Plates, Maxisorp, Flat-Bottom, MaxiSorp, 350µL	436110	Thermo Fisher

BEFORE STARTING

Clean all the working surface with ethanol.

Staining bacteria

- 1 Inoculate a single colony of E.Coli DH5α from LB agar plate in 10 ml of LB. Use a sterile pipette tip, selecting a single colony from LB agar plate. The liquid culture is incubated overnight 37 °C .
- 2 Spin at 4000 rpm for 00:05:00 . Discard the supernatant, collect pellet and re-suspend in 10 ml of NaHCO₃-Na₂CO₃, 50mM, pH 9,6. Mix by inverting the tube.
- 3 Spin at 4000 rpm for 00:05:00 Discard the supernatant, collect pellet and re-suspend in 8 ml of NaHCO₃-Na₂CO₃, 50mM, pH 9,6. Mix by inverting the tube.

- 4 Read the absorbance (600nm). Dilute the sample with $\text{NaHCO}_3\text{-Na}_2\text{CO}_3$, 50mM, pH 9,6. and adjust the absorbance to 1.
- 5 Make the following dilutions with $\text{-Na}_2\text{CO}_3$, 50mM, pH 9,6:1:5, 1:10, 1:30, 1:50 and 1:100.
- 6 Add 200 μl the sample into 96 well-plate Nunc MaxiSorp. Incubate overnight at  4 °C .
- 7 Wash 3x 200 μl PBS Tween 0,1%, pH 7,4. Remove the drops after the last wash.
- 8 Add 150 μl of crystal violet/well. Incubate for 00:15:00 at  Room temperature
- 9 Wash 4x 250 μl destilled water. Wait for 01:30:00 for air-drying before counting colonies in the microscope.



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