

Pour plating protocol for *Emiliana huxleyi* (single colonies)

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Abstract

A protocol for generating single colonies of *Emiliana huxleyi* embedded in soft-agarose.

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Protocol

Step 1.

Autoclave 75 mL DDW with 0.75 g agarose

Step 2.

For 300 mL (= 7 plates): heat 225 mL FSW in a 50 °C water bath.

Step 3.

Cool autoclaved agar to 50 °C, mix with heated FSW, add F/2 stock and antibiotics if necessary. Swirl/mix well.

Step 4.

For each sample, pour 40 mL of FSW-agar mixture to a 50 mL conical tube.

Step 5.

Move to 32 °C bath.

Step 6.

Prepare the cells at desired cell concentration. For each sample prepare 0.5ml cells.

Step 7.

Lay out plates.

Step 8.

When you are ready, remove FSW-agar mix from 32 °C bath and allow to cool 1-2 degrees. Critical: the mixture will start to solidify at 27-28 °C.

Step 9.

Add cell suspension to each tube, mix gently, then pour into plates.

Step 10.

Let solidify to a loose consistency

Step 11.

Transfer to growth room. Single colonies should appear within 10 days (without selection).