

Chemocompetent cells of *Vibrio natriegens* (Weinstock et al. 2016, modified)

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Abstract

A protocol outlining the Preparation and transformation of chemo-competent cells for *Vibrio natriegens*

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Materials

- PIPES [View](#) by [P212121](#)
 - Manganese(II) chloride tetrahydrate [M3634](#) by [Sigma Aldrich](#)
- ✓ Potassium Chloride by Contributed by users
 - MgCl₂ by [Applied Biosystems](#)
- ✓ CaCl₂ by Contributed by users
 - NaCl [53014](#) by [Sigma Aldrich](#)
- ✓ brain Heart Infusion Broth Oxoid CM1135-UK by Contributed by users
 - DMSO D8418 by [Sigma](#)

Protocol

Reagents

Step 1.

- 150mL BHI + v2 salts
- 1,5mL storage buffer
- 35mL MgCl₂ [100mM]
- 30mL CaCl₂ [100mM]
- 15mL MnCl₂ [555mM]
- 15mL KCL [1M]
- 15mL PIPES [100mM]
- 120µL spec. DMSO

Recipes

Step 2.

Brain heart infusion (BHI) + v2 salts

- 37g/L brain heart infusion broth
- 204mM NaCl
- 4.2mM KCl
- 23.14mM MgCl₂

Storage buffer

- 55mM MnCl₂
- 15 mM CaCl₂
- 250mM KCl
- 10mM PIPES
- 7% spec. DMSO

Preparation of chemocompetent cells

Step 3.

All subsequent steps are performed at room temperature!

Step 4.

150 mL of BHI + v2 salts is inoculated directly from a glycerol stock of *V. natriegens* and incubated in an Erlenmeyer flask at 30°C with agitation at 200 r.p.m..

Step 5.

Grow at 30°C shaking with agitation at 200 r.p.m. to an OD₆₀₀ of 0.4

Step 6.

The culture is split into three 50 mL cronical tubes and the cells are pelleted by centrifugation at 3000 x *g* for 5 min.

Step 7.

The supernatant is carefully removed and each pellet is gently suspended with 5 mL MgCl₂ [100mM].

Step 8.

The three cronical tubes are consolidated into one 50 mL cronical tube.

Step 9.

Cells are pelleted by centrifugation at 3000 x *g* for 5 min.

Step 10.

The supernatant is carefully removed and the pellet is gently suspended with 20 mL MgCl₂ [100mM].

Step 11.

The cells are pelleted again by centrifugation at 3000 x *g* for 4 min.

Step 12.

The supernatant is carefully removed and the pellet is gently suspended with 30 mL CaCl₂ [100mM] and then incubated at room temperature for 40 min.

Step 13.

Following the incubation, cells are pelleted by centrifugation at 3000 x *g* for 4 min.

Step 14.

The supernatant is carefully removed and the cells are resuspended in 1.5 mL transformation storage buffer.

Step 15.

The cells are then aliquoted into chilled tubes, frozen in a liquid nitrogen bath and stored at -80°C until use.

Heatshock Transformation of pYTK into *Vibrio natriegens*

Step 16.

Thaw an aliquot of chemocompetent Vn (Weinstock)

Step 17.

Inoculate 1 µL pYTK into an aliquot of chemocompetent Vn (Weinstock)

Step 18.

10 minutes ice

Step 19.

45 sek. 42°C

Step 20.

10 minutes ice

Step 21.

Add 800 µL Brainheart-Infusion

Step 22.

90 minutes, 37°C, shaking

Step 23.

Plate out on LB with 2.5% NaCl

Step 24.

oN 37°C