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## Preparation of Frozen Bacteria Stock

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This protocol details how to prepare bacteria culture for deep freezing. Protocol adapted from the protocol provided as an external link.

#### Reference:

Vitko N.P. and Richardson A.R. 2013. Laboratory Maintenance of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). *Curr Protoc Microbiology*. Basic Protocol 4: Preparation of *S. aureus* Frozen Stocks.

#### **EXTERNAL LINK**

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4070006/pdf/nihms-594321.pdf

## **GUIDELINES**

Gloves must be worn at all times. Observe aseptic technique to reduce the risk of contamination.

#### **MATERIALS**

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### MATERIALS TEXT

- Crytotube(s)
- Overnight bacteria culture in broth
- Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)

## BEFORE STARTING

Suggested: sterilize crytoube in biosafety cabinet UV.

## Prepare Stocks

- 1 Add **150 μl** sterile DMSO to sterile cryotube.
- 2 Add **3850 μl** overnight culture to cryotube containing.
- 3 Vortex or invert repeatedly to mix.
- 4 Store cryotube in deep freezer ( § -40 °C to § -80 °C )

# Update Inventory

- Go to the frozen storage inventory and add at a minimum the following information:
  - Storage location
  - Your name
  - Date
  - Organism identification

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