

# untitled protocol

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### Abstract

Flow Cytometry

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## Protocol

### Step 1.

□ Inoculate single colony of freshly transformed DH5 $\alpha$ Pro or TOP10 cells in 4 ml LB medium containing

### Step 2.

50 $\mu$ g/ml chloramphenicol (or appropriate antibiotic).

### Step 3.

□ Grow the culture overnight at 37 C with shaking (250 rpm).

### Step 4.

□ Next day re-inoculate the cultures into 4 ml fresh LB medium having antibiotics and varying inducer

### Step 5.

concentrations. Inducer concentrations can be varied from 0-1mM of IPTG or 0-200 ng/ml aTc.

### Step 6.

□ Collect the samples at different time intervals of 3, 6 and 9 hours.

### Step 7.

□ Monitor the growth rate by measuring optical density at 600 nm.

### Step 8.

□ Measure the fluorescence in a Becton Dickinson FACS Calibur flow cytometer equipped with a 488 nm argon

### Step 9.

laser and a 515-545 nm emission filter (FL-1) and a 585-610 nm emission filter (FL-2).

### Step 10.

□ Make sure that machine has settings for E. coli.

### Step 11.

□ To measure the fluorescence, add 3-5  $\mu$ l of the growing culture in 1 ml PBS (phosphate buffer saline, pH-7.5).

### Step 12.

Measurement should be done at low flow rate (1000 events/second).

### Step 13.

□ For each sample, collect 50,000 events.

**Step 14.**

□ Analyze the fluorescence in both FL-1 and FL-2 channel using FlowJo software (BD Biosciences).

**Step 15.**

□ Determine the background fluorescence by using controls (cells having empty plasmid vector).