

Yeast Organic Extraction for LC-MS

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Grow yeast in selective medium overnight.

Step 3.

Inoculate a 30mL YPD culture to a final OD600 of 0.2.

Step 4.

Grow at 30°C, shaking at 200 rpm.

Step 5.

At day 3 and/or 4, harvest 2mL of culture in 15 mL Falcon tubes. Spin down.

Step 6.

Move the supernatant to a new tube and add 2mL of ethyl acetate. Mix by vortexing and incubate at RT overnight.

Step 7.

For the pellet, add 1mL of acetone and 1mL of ethyl acetate. Mix by vortexing and incubate at RT overnight.

Step 8.

For unknown compounds, consider adding vol/vol 1% of acetic acid.

Step 9.

Take 0.5 mL from each extraction, avoiding pellet or particulate matter. Speed vacuum at RT until completely dry.

Step 10.

Redissolve in 200µL of methanol. Load 5-8µL on LC-MS.