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Conditions for growth of *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* in different media

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ABSTRACT

This protocol provides a method for culturing *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* wildtype 2.4.1 and its KO strains in shake flask and BioTek Epoch 2, 48-well microplates. A baffled side arm flask is used but other flasks can be used with appropriate modifications.

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MATERIALS TEXT

- Incubator at 33⁰C
- GYCC agar plate and liquid medium
- Centrifuge
- Sterile tooth pick
- Colorimeter/spectrophotometer

Conditions for growth of *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* in GYCC medium in shake flasks

- 1 Inoculate a GYCC agar plate from a glycerol stock containing appropriate antibiotic (if necessary) and incubate at **33 °C** in an incubator in dark.
- 2 After **72:00:00** pick one colony from the plate and inoculate 80 ml fresh GYCC medium^{3d} with appropriate antibiotic (if necessary) in **125 mL** baffled side arm flask.
- 3 Incubate at **33 °C** shaking at **125 rpm** for 72 -96 hours.
- 4 Monitor the growth of the culture with regular measurement of turbidity. Side-arm flasks are especially convenient for the determination of culture turbidity with a Klett-Summerson colorimeter. The equivalent OD₆₀₀ may also be used if side arm flasks are not used.

Conditions for growth of *R. sphaeroides* in GYCC or MR26 medium in Microplate

- 5 Inoculate GYCC or MR26 agar plates from a glycerol stock containing appropriate antibiotic if necessary and incubate at **33 °C** .
- 6 After **72:00:00** s pick one colony from the plate and inoculate 25 ml fresh medium of GYCC^{3d} or MR26 containing appropriate antibiotic (if necessary) in **50 mL** flask
- 7 Incubate at **33 °C** with shaking at **125 rpm** for 72 -96 hours.

- 8 Monitor the growth of the culture with measurement of turbidity. Once the culture reaches to the log phase ($OD_{600} \sim 0.7$), the starter culture is ready for inoculation of the microplate.
- 9 For each well 600, μ l of fresh ^GYCC or MR26 medium was added. It is recommended to use Microplate Greiner BioOne 48 well (Item no. 677180) for compatibility with a BioTek Epoch2 microplate reader

Procedure Details in microplate reader

- 9.1 Plate Type: Greiner BioOne 48-wellv2 (Use plate lid)
Eject plate on completion
Set Temperature: Setpoint 33°C, Gradient 2 °C
Start Kinetic: Runtime 96:00:00 (HH:MM:SS), Interval 0:15:00, 385 Reads
Shake Double Orbital: Continuous
Frequency: 548 cpm (2 mm)
Read:A600
Absorbance Endpoint
Full Plate
Wavelengths:600
Read Speed: Normal, Delay: 200 msec, Measurements/Data Point: 8
End Kinetic

- 10 Once the run is complete, export the data in a .txt or .xls file and save in an appropriate location. Analyze and visualize the data by any software.