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# Colony PCR for screening transgenic yeast

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Wear safety equipments when handling sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and microwave.

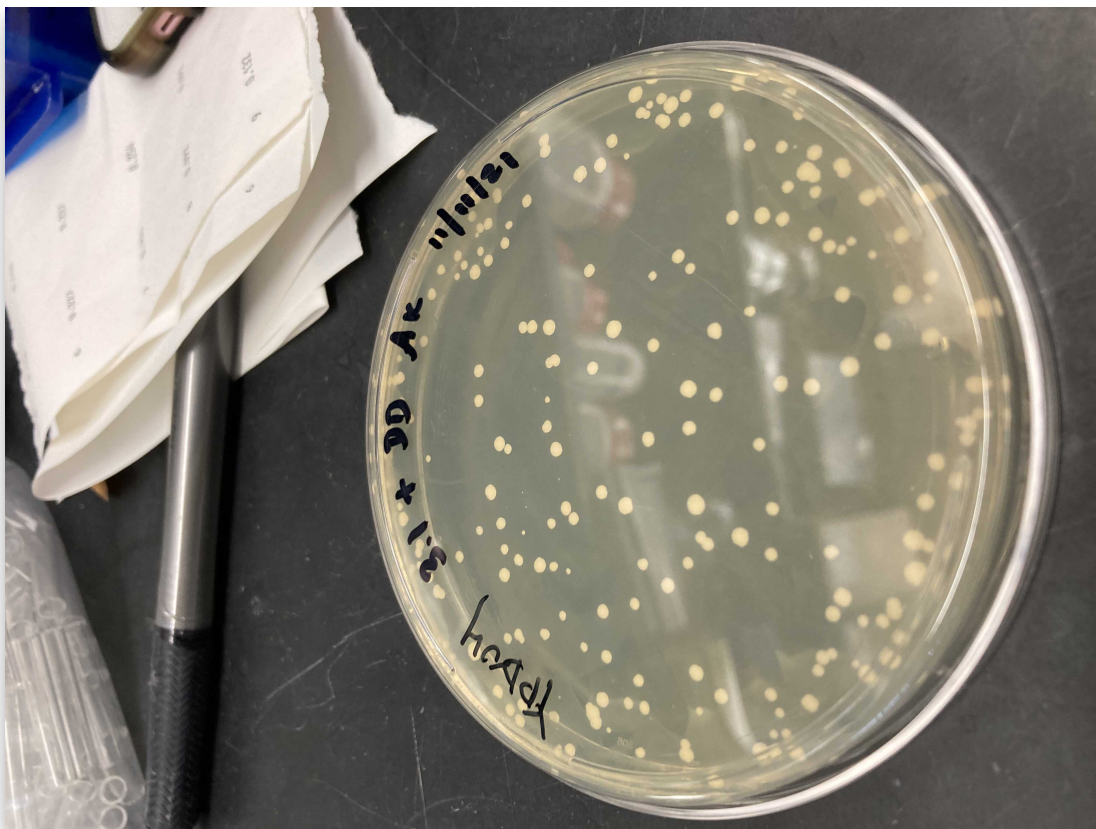
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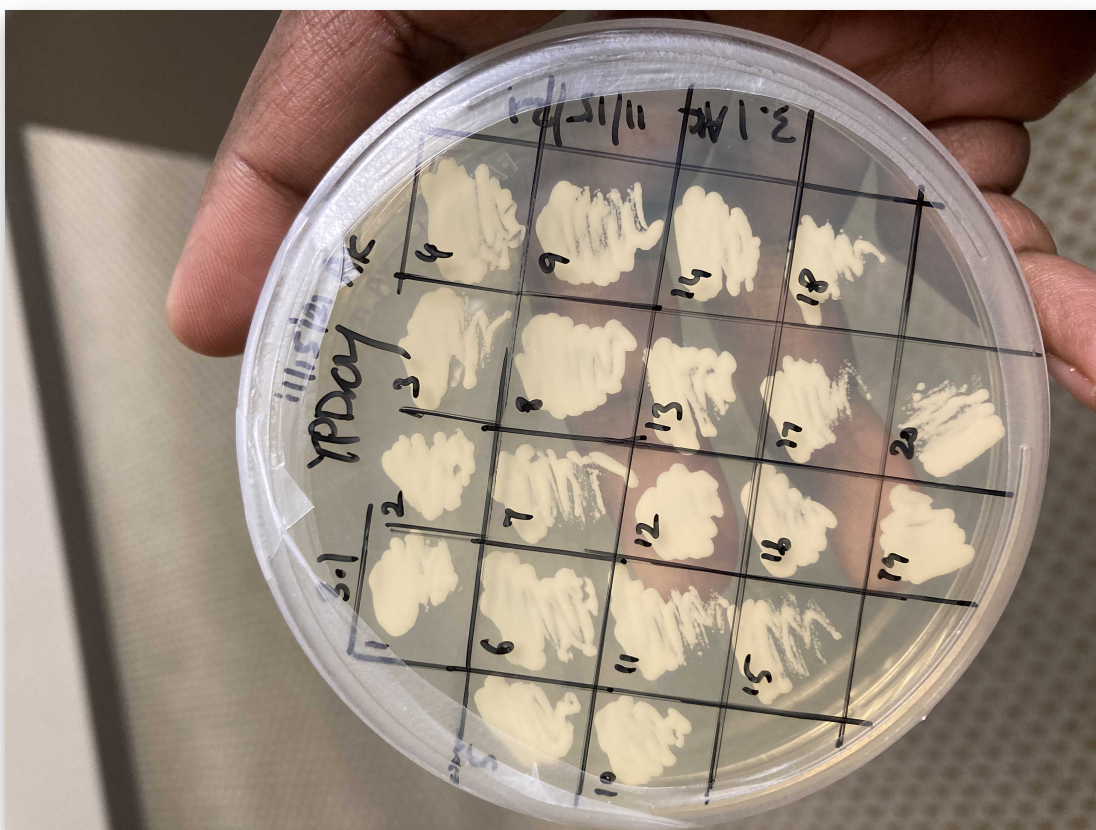
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Prepare **10 millimolar (mM)** sodium hydroxide (NaOH)





- 1 Pick single yeast colony from the transformation plate and re-streak to a fresh plate with appropriate selection marker.




Individual yeast colonies on the transformation plate.



Re-streaked (master) plate containing 20 representative colonies from the original transformation plate.

- 2 Incubate the plate in a  **30 °C** incubator for 2 days.
- 3 After 2 days, pick around 8 colonies from the re-streaked plate using the smallest micropipette tip or sterile wooden toothpick.
- 4 Re-suspend the cells into  **20 µL** of  **10 millimolar (mM)** sodium hydroxide (NaOH) by twirling the pipette tip or wooden toothpick inside the NaOH solution.
- 5 Microwave the PCR tubes at the highest power setting for  **00:05:00** . 5m

The tubes will be hot. Care should be taken while handling the tubes after microwaving.

- 6 Take the PCR tubes out of the microwave oven and briefly spin to pellet down the cells using a bench-top centrifuge.
- 7 Without disturbing the pellet, carefully aspirate  **2 µL** out of the tubes and use it as template for PCR.
- 8 The PCR reaction mix and the primer annealing temperatures can be adjusted depending on the polymerase and the primer pair used.