



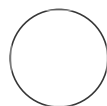
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# PhageFISH for DIG-labelled bacterial probes

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## ABSTRACT

This protocol details about PhageFISH for DIG-labelled bacterial probes.

## ATTACHMENTS

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## MATERIALS

### Reagents

- 1% paraformaldehyde
- PBS
- 0.01M HCl
- sterile water
- 96% ethanol
- permeabilisation buffer
- hybridisation buffer
- gene washing buffer I
- gene washing buffer II
- amplification buffer
- Alexa tyramides (488)
- Tris-HCl
- RNase I
- RNase A
- antibody-blocking solution
- antibody binding solution
- antibody washing solution
- Alexa tyramides (594)
- SlowFade Gold
- DAPI dye

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## Fix liquid samples to glass slides

1 Place liquid sample in a  30-50 µL droplet on poly-L-lysine coated slide.

2 Dry in warm incubator for approx.  00:30:00 or until the droplet has dried out.

30m

3 OPTIONAL: if sample is very dilute add several droplets and repeat drying procedure.



4 Add 1% paraformaldehyde to cover the sample area.



5 Incubate at  Room temperature for  01:00:00 .

1h



6 Aspirate the paraformaldehyde off.

7 Rinse samples in PBS for  00:01:00 .

1m




## Fix faecal samples to glass slides


8 Mix a small faecal sample with  10-20 µL PBS (1X) and vortex thoroughly.








9 Allow suspension to settle for  00:05:00 . 5m

10 Take  10  $\mu$ L of the supernatant and place on coated glass slide.

11 Smear the droplet over the slide using a cover slip.

12 Allow the sample to dry – this should not take more than  00:10:00 . 10m

13 Overlay the slides with 1% paraformaldehyde. Ensure the whole sample area is covered (approx.  1 mL ).

14 Incubate for  01:00:00 at  Room temperature or  Overnight at  4 °C . 1h



15 Aspirate off excess paraformaldehyde.

16 Wash in PBS for  00:01:00 . 1m



## Note

### FREEZING POINT

## Permeabilise cells

- 17 Add lysozyme to permeabilisation buffer.




- 18 Overlay samples with permeabilisation buffer.

- 19 Incubate  On ice for  01:00:00 .



1h

- 20 Wash samples in PBS for  00:05:00 .





5m

- 21 Wash samples in sterile water for  00:01:00 .




1m

## Inactivate peroxidases

- 22 Incubate samples in  0.01 Molarity (M) HCl for  00:10:00 .



10m

23 Wash samples in PBS for  00:05:00 . 5m



24 Wash samples in sterile water for  00:01:00 . 1m



25 Wash samples in 96% ethanol for  00:01:00 . 1m



26 Allow slides to dry on blotting paper or filter paper.



## rRNA hybridisation of DIG-labelled probes

27 Place filters in a petri dish and spot up to  100  $\mu$ L hybridisation buffer to cover the filters.

28 Transfer to a humidity chamber with hybridisation buffer soaked paper towels.

29 Incubate for  01:00:00 at hybridisation temperature\_\_\_\_\_. 1h





30 Mix  1 mL gene hybridisation buffer with  1  $\mu$ L of each probe. Vortex to mix.




**31** Place one droplet of  30-100 µL probe mix on a petri dish for each filter.

**32** Place the filters face down in the probe mix droplets.

**33** Place the dish back in the humidity chamber and incubate for  01:00:00 at  85 °C .



1h


**34** Immediately place the humidity chamber at hybridisation temperature  Overnight .




1h

**35** Wash filters.




**35.1** Wash filters in gene washing buffer I  00:01:00 . (1/3)



1m

**35.2** Wash filters in gene washing buffer I  00:01:00 . (2/3)

1m

**35.3** Wash filters in gene washing buffer I  00:01:00 . (3/3)


1m

**35.4** Wash filters in gene washing buffer I  00:30:00 at  42 °C .


30m

**36** Wash filters.




**36.1** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  00:01:00 . (1/3)



1m

**36.2** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  00:01:00 . (2/3)

1m

**36.3** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  00:01:00 . (3/3)

1m

**36.4** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  01:30:00 at  42 °C .

1h 30m

**37** Wash filters in PBS for  00:01:00 .


1m



## Antibody binding


**38** Place filters in a petri dish and add antibody blocking solution to cover the filters. Incubate for

30m

 00:30:00 .



39

Move filters to antibody binding solution and incubate for  01:30:00 .

1h 30m




40

Wash filters.




40.1

Wash filters in antibody washing solution for  00:01:00 .


1m

40.2

Wash filters in antibody washing solution for  00:10:00 . (1/3)


10m

40.3

Wash filters in antibody washing solution for  00:10:00 . (2/3)

10m

40.4

Wash filters in antibody washing solution for  00:10:00 . (3/3)

10m


## CARD amplification

41

Mix  1 mL amplification buffer with  10  $\mu$ L  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  2  $\mu$ L Alexa tyramides (488).  
Vortex to mix.




42

Place filters in a petri dish and cover with probe mix by spotting droplets of  30-100  $\mu$ L .




## 43 Wash filters.



43.1 Wash filters in PBS for  00:01:00

1m

43.2 Wash filters in PBS for  00:05:00 .

5m

43.3 Wash filters in PBS for  00:10:00 at  46 °C . (1/2)

10m


43.4 Wash filters in PBS for  00:10:00 at  46 °C . (2/2)

10m

44 Wash filters in sterile water for  00:01:00 .





1m





45 Wash filters in 96% ethanol for  00:01:00 .

1m

## Remove RNases

**46** Add  10.8 mL sterile water,  1.2 mL Tris-HCl (1M, pH 8),  15 µL RNase I, and  30 µL RNase A to a 15ml falcon tube.



**47** Place filters in the RNase solution and incubate for  01:00:00 at  37 °C .



1h

**48** Wash filters in PBS for  00:05:00 .



5m

**49** Repeat wash.



**50** Wash filters in sterile water for  00:01:00 .





1m

## Gene hybridisation



**51** Cover samples with hybridisation buffer.

**52** Transfer to a humidity chamber with formamide soaked paper towels at the corresponding concentration.

**53** Incubate for  01:00:00 at hybridisation temperature (approx.  46 °C ).





1h


54 Mix  1 mL gene hybridisation buffer with  1 µL of each probe. Vortex to mix.



55 Cover the samples with the hybridisation buffer-probe mix.

56 Place the dish back in the humidity chamber and incubate for  01:00:00 at  85 °C .

1h

57 Immediately place the humidity chamber at hybridisation temperature  Overnight .

1h




#### Note


#### OVERNIGHT

58 Wash filters.




58.1 Wash filters in gene washing buffer I for  00:01:00 . (1/3)



1m

58.2 Wash filters in gene washing buffer I for  00:01:00 . (2/3)

1m

58.3 Wash filters in gene washing buffer I for  00:01:00 . (3/3)


1m

**58.4** Wash filters in gene washing buffer I for  00:30:00 at  42 °C .


30m

**59** Wash filters.




**59.1** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  00:01:00 . (1/3)



1m

**59.2** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  00:01:00 . (2/3)

1m

**59.3** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  00:01:00 . (3/3)

1m

**59.4** Wash filters in gene washing buffer II for  01:30:00 at  42 °C .

1h 30m

**60** Wash filters in PBS for  00:01:00 .


1m



## Antibody binding

**61** Place filters in a petri dish and add antibody-blocking solution to cover the filters. Incubate for

30m

 00:30:00 .





**62** Move filters to antibody binding solution and incubate for 01:30:00 . 1h 30m



**63** Wash filters.



**63.1** Wash filters in antibody washing solution for 00:01:00 . 1m

**63.2** Wash filters in antibody washing solution for 00:10:00 . (1/3) 10m

**63.3** Wash filters in antibody washing solution for 00:10:00 . (2/3) 10m


**63.4** Wash filters in antibody washing solution for 00:10:00 . (3/3) 10m

## CARD amplification

**64** Mix 1 mL amplification buffer with 10  $\mu$ L  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 2  $\mu$ L Alexa tyramides (594).  
Vortex to mix.



65

Place filters in a petri dish and cover with probe mix by spotting droplets of  30-100  $\mu\text{L}$  .

45m




Incubate at  37 °C for  00:45:00 .

66

Wash filters.




66.1

Wash filters in PBS for  00:01:00 .

1m

66.2

Wash filters in PBS for  00:05:00 .

5m

66.3

Wash filters in PBS for  00:10:00 at  46 °C .


10m

66.4

Wash filters in PBS for  00:10:00 at  46 °C .

10m

67

Wash filters in sterile water for  00:01:00 .

1m



68

Wash filters in 96% ethanol for  00:01:00 .




1m



Note

**OPTIONAL FREEZING POINT**

## Staining

69 Mix  1 mL SlowFade Gold with  1  $\mu$ L  5 mg/mL DAPI dye.




70 Apply  5-10  $\mu$ L mix in droplets to each slide.

71 Apply coverglass and carefully press down to seal sample with minimal air bubbles.

72 Seal with clear nail polish on all edges of the sample.

73 Allow to cure completely.

74 Store at  -20  $^{\circ}$ C .