

Day before: make 50ml “superbroth” in 250ml flask and autoclave it:

For 50ml broth mix 1.25g LB broth powder, 1.25g peptone, 0.75 g yeast extract.

Autoclave two Oak Ridge tubes.

- 1) Inoculate 5 ml overnight culture in “superbroth special” with some leftovers of Top10 cells. Grow the culture at 37°C overnight.
- 2) Next morning transfer 2 ml of o/n culture into an autoclaved 250ml Erlenmeyer flask with 50 ml “superbroth” and grow at 37°C to an O.D<sub>600</sub> 0.4-0.5 (4 to 5hr) with 350rpm shaking (it never actually get to 0.4, just grow for 4 to 5hr). Place sterile ddH<sub>2</sub>O and 10% sterile glycerol in the ice/water slurry. Turn centrifuge upstairs on, put small rotor SS34 in and set centrifuge for 1°C.
- 3) After 4-5hr place flask containing the bacteria in an ice/waterbath slurry for five minutes, transfer 25 ml of culture into each pre-cooled Oak Ridge tube and spin down at 8000 RPM in prechilled rotor for 10 min at 1°C.
- 4) Discard the supernatant and invert the tube on a paper towel for just a couple of seconds. Add 1 ml cold ddH<sub>2</sub>O while keeping the tube in the ice/water. Resuspend the pellet in the ddH<sub>2</sub>O by gently swirling the tube in the ice/water (this can take a while the first time, around 30 minutes). When resuspended, fill up to 10 ml with ice cold ddH<sub>2</sub>O, invert gently a couple of times and spin again for 5 minutes at 8000 RPM.
- 5) Pour off supernatant and resuspend the pellet in 1 ml cold 10% glycerol by gently swirling the tube in the ice/water (resuspension will be easier this time). Transfer cells to a chilled 2 ml round bottom tube using 1ml blue tip with cutoff end. Spin at 12,000 g for 30s at 1°C (Begun lab has cold centrifuge).
- 6) Pipet supernatant off (pellet is super loose, it is not even a pellet, just settled cells). Resuspend the pellet in 1 ml cold ice-cold 10% glycerol by rocking tube

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- 7) Gently remove all supernatant. Resuspend the cell pellet in 1ml ice-cold 10% glycerol by rocking tube gently on ice/water and keep on ice.
- 8) Prechill a lot of microfuge tubes on ice.
- 9) Pipet 55ul into each tube using 200ul tip with cutoff end, close and freeze by lowering and leaving in LiqN<sub>2</sub>. Leave tubes in LiqN<sub>2</sub> until ready to transfer to -70°C.
- 10) Go to the basement and transfer tubes to -70°C using big spoon to fish them out.