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***Agrobacterium Tumefaciens* Bead Beating Protocol**

**Pcb302 into *S. Microadriaticum***

1. Placed Symbiodinium cells in 1 mL culture medium (ASP-8A) in a 2mL cryotube containing a dry volume of 200  $\mu\text{L}$  (about 500 mg) acid-washed, sterile glass beads.
  - a. Mini-bead beater [S. Micro]=  $3.0 \times 10^5$  total cells from flask: S. Micro ASP-8A 8/2/19 100 mL; 2
  - b. Lambert Bead Beater [S. Micro]=  $9.6 \times 10^5$  total cells from flask: S.M. 75 mL + 1mL ASP-8A 8/21/19
2. Then, added 350  $\mu\text{L}$  of 20% polyethylene glycol (PEG) to the suspension.
3. Shaked the tube in a bead beater at 4200 rpm for 90 seconds.
  - a. Mini-bead beater [S. Micro]=  $1.6 \times 10^4$  cells/mL
  - b. Lambert Bead Beater [S. Micro]=  $6.0 \times 10^4$  cells/mL
4. After shaking, transferred the cells to a new sterile 2 mL cryotube and washed to remove the PEG by pelleting at 3,000 g for 3 minutes then resuspending in 1 mL ASP-8A.
  - a. Mini-bead beater [S. Micro]= 0 visible cells
  - b. Lambert Bead Beater [S. Micro]=  $4.4 \times 10^4$  cells/mL (some seen swimming)
5. Added 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Agrobacterium* culture (OD600= 1.5) harboring the pcb302 plasmid.
6. Incubated in fresh ASP-8A medium without antibiotics in the dark for 2 days before selection.
7. To select, added 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  Kanamycin and 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  Ampicillin. In addition, 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  Kanamycin was always present to prevent any bacterial growth during the selection process.
  - a. 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of 1000x kanamycin
  - b. 25  $\mu\text{L}$  of 50  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  Ampicillin

8. The cultures were then maintained in the same solution (Final volume 25 mL) in 50 mL sterile tubes under the standard photoperiod conditions and monitored for the appearance of bright-green fluorescence detected by microscopy (under phase contrast and epifluorescence 40x and 63x).

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1. Took 200ul from algae solution and spun at 1,400 rpm for 2min, resuspended in 20ul ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Took 10 ul into PCR tube.
2. Prepared a PCR concentration cocktail with the following proportions: 10 µL PCR Mastermix, 1 µL of the Dino forward primer, and 1 µL of the Dino reverse primer.
3. Labeled PCR tubes as following:
  - 1: S.micro ASP8A blank transt
  - 2: 'blank' Symbio #1 transt
  - 3: Dino RFP S.micro 3
  - 4: Dino RFP S.micro 1
  - 5: 'blank' Symbio #2 transt
  - 6: Symbiodinium original
4. Placed PCR tube in the thermocycler at the following generic settings:
  - 95° C for 3:00 minutes
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  - 50° C for 1:00 minute
  - 72° C for 1:00 minute
  - 30X (Go to Step 2)
  - 72° C for 5:00 minutes
  - Lid Temperature: 105° C

Results:

