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#### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this procedure is to describe the maintenance of bacteria cultures.

#### 2. SCOPE

2.1 This procedure applies to all bacterial plasmid culture being used for HPV VLP production.

#### 3. REFERENCES

- 3.1 15000: Waste Disposal at the Advanced Technology Research Facility
- 3.2 26000: Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Use and Maintenance
- 3.3 26005: Use and Maintenance of a 2-8°C Refrigerator
- 3.4 26007: Use and Maintenance of the Fisher Scientific Isotemp GDP10 Water Bath
- 26008: Use and Maintenance of the Orbital Shaker 3.5
- 3.6 26009: Use and Maintenance of Pipettes
- 3.7 26014: Use and Maintenance of a Laboratory Convection Oven
- 3.8 26016: Use and Maintenance of the Water Purification Systems
- 3.9 26030: Use and Maintenance of -80°C Freezers

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Research Associate, hereafter referred as analyst, is responsible for reviewing and following this procedure.
- 4.2 The Scientific Manager or designee is responsible for training personnel in this procedure and reviewing associated documentation.
- 4.3 The Quality Assurance Specialist is responsible for quality oversight and approval of this procedure.

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#### 5. DEFINITIONS

- 5.1 Amp Ampicillin
- 5.2 Blas Blasticidin
- 5.3 Kan Kanamycin
- 5.4 LB Luria broth
- 5.5 SDS Safety Data Sheets
- 5.6 SOP Standard Operating Procedure
- 5.7 TB Terrific Broth
- 5.8 TOC Total Oxidizable Carbon
- 5.9 Type I Water Ultrapure/Reagent Grade/critical applications (Resistivity >18 M $\Omega$ -cm and TOC  $\leq$  50 ppb)
- 5.10 Zeo Zeocin

#### 6. REAGENTS, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Reagents
  - 6.1.1 HPV Serology Laboratory transformed plasmids in DH5a bacteria
  - 6.1.2 Fast-Media® Amp Media (Invivogen, Cat # fas-am-b or equivalent)
  - 6.1.3 Fast-Media® Kan Media (Invivogen, Cat # fas-kn-b or equivalent)
  - 6.1.4 Fast-Media® Blas TB (Invivogen, Cat # fas-bl-l or equivalent)
  - 6.1.5 Fast-Media® Zeo TB (Invivogen, Cat # fas-zn-l or equivalent)
  - 6.1.6 Fast-Media® Amp Agar (Invivogen, Cat # fas-am-s or equivalent)
  - 6.1.7 Fast-Media® Kan Agar (Invivogen, Cat # fas-kn-s or equivalent)

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- 6.1.8 Fast-Media® Blas Agar (Invivogen, Cat # fas-bl-s or equivalent)
- 6.1.9 Fast-Media® Zeo Agar (Invivogen, Cat # fas-zn-s or equivalent)
- 6.1.10 5x Terrific Broth with Kanamycin (Teknova, Cat # T8211-12 or equivalent)
- 6.1.11 10x Terrific Broth (Teknova, Cat # T7009 or equivalent)
- 6.1.12 Ampicillin Solution, 100 mg/ml (Teknova, Cat # A9626 or equivalent)
- 6.1.13 LB Broth, 1 L Bottle (Teknova, Cat # L8000-12 or equivalent)
- 6.1.14 Kanamycin Solution, 100 mg/ml (Teknova, Cat # K2135 or equivalent)
- 6.1.15 Zeocin Solution, 100 mg/ml (Invivogen, Cat # ant-zn-05 or equivalent)
- 6.1.16 Bleach, Concentrated (FNLCR Warehouse, Cat # 68100251 or equivalent)
- 6.1.17 Primary Disinfectant (Cavicide, FNLCR Warehouse, Cat # 79300360 or equivalent)
- 6.1.18 Secondary Disinfectant (Ster-ahol, VWR, Cat # 14003-358 or equivalent)

#### 7. Equipment

- 7.1.1 -80°C (Range: -65 to -90°C) Freezer
- 7.1.2 2-8°C Refrigerator
- 7.1.3 Erlenmeyer filter flask
- 7.1.4 Orbital Shaker
- 7.1.5 Convection Oven
- 7.1.6 Water Bath
- 7.1.7 Microwave
- 7.1.8 Pipettes

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- 7.1.9 Serological Pipettor
- 7.1.10 Class II Biosafety Cabinet (BSC)
- 7.1.11 Silicone Hand Protector (Thomas Scientific Cat # 1150H33 or equivalent)
- 7.1.12 Heat Resistant Gloves (Thomas Scientific Cat # 1176R24 or equivalent)

#### 7.2 Consumables

- 7.2.1 Baffled Glass Flask (Thomas Scientific, Cat # 1234D77 or equivalent)
- 7.2.2 Pipette Tips
- 7.2.3 Sterile Beaker or Graduated Cylinder
- 7.2.4 Serological Pipettes
- 7.2.5 Sterile filtered Type I Water (water purification system (26016, Q-POD with BioPak cartridge) or Distilled water (Life Technologies, Cat # 15230204 or equivalent))
- 7.2.6 Nalgene 0.2 µm PES membrane 1000 mL filter bottle (Thomas Scientific, Cat # 1234K59 or equivalent)
- 7.2.7 Nalgene 0.2 μm PES membrane 250 mL filter bottle (Thomas Scientific, Cat # 1234K60 or equivalent)
- 7.2.8 Sterile aluminum foil
- 7.2.9 Wipe, Low-Lint, Wypalls (Warehouse, Cat # 79300335 or equivalent)

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#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS 8.

- 8.1 Proper safety precautions must be taken while working in a laboratory setting. This includes, but is not limited to, proper protective equipment such as lab coats, safety glasses, closed-toe shoes, and non-latex gloves.
- 8.2 Refer to the respective SDS when working with any chemicals.
- 8.3 Refer to "15000: Waste Disposal at the Advanced Technology Research Facility" regarding waste disposal processes at the ATRF.

#### 9. **PROCEDURAL PRINCIPLES**

- 9.1 All process relevant information is recorded on "20000-01: Bacterial Culture Maintenance Form."
- 9.2 When available, all steps are performed in the BSC "26000: Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Use and Maintenance."
- 9.3 To obtain sterile Type I water using the Water Purification Systems, sterile filter Type I water (see "26016: Use and Maintenance of Water Purification Systems") using a 0.2µm PES filter. Reagent expires 2 months from date of preparation and is stored at room temperature.
- 9.4 Sterile filtered Type I water from the Water Purification Systems or purchased Distilled water from vendor may be used interchangeably as sterile Type I water throughout the procedure.

#### PREPARING LIQUID MEDIA 10.

- 10.1 Preparing Liquid Media from pouch such as Invivogen Fast-Media®.
  - 10.1.1 Pour the pouch contents into a clean, autoclaved flask or glass bottle.
  - 10.1.2 Note: Pouch refers to "Fast-Media® Amp/Kan/Blas/Zeo" powder. Make sure to use appropriate antibiotic additive for bacteria being used; see Attachment 1 for reference.
  - 10.1.3 Add 200 mL of Type I water.

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- 10.1.4 Mix thoroughly by swirling the glass bottle or flask.
- 10.1.5 Remove foil and place flask in the microwave and heat on MEDIUM power setting (about 450W) until bubbles start to appear (about 3 minutes)
- 10.1.6 Repeat steps 10.1.4 and 10.1.5 until medium is completely dissolved. Do not overboil. Use heat resistant gloves or silicone hand protectors to hold flask.
- 10.1.7 Replace the autoclaved foil cover on the flask and allow the medium to cool to 20-37°C before use.

**Note:** May use water bath set at  $37 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C per "26007: Use and Maintenance of the Fisher Scientific Isotemp GDP10 Water Bath" to maintain temperature.

- 10.2 Preparing Liquid Media from sterile liquid source.
  - 10.2.1 Prepare fresh 200 mL growth medium with antibiotic in a clean, autoclaved flask; see Attachment 1 for reference.
    - 10.2.1.1 Dilute stock media as needed using sterile Type I water.
    - 10.2.1.2 For example, Teknova LB media is used neat without addition of Type I water. Teknova 10x TB media is prepared by mixing 20 mL 10x TB media with 180 mL sterile Type I water.
    - 10.2.1.3 If Kanamycin is required, add to growth media at a final concentration of 50 μg/mL (1:2000 dilution of 100 mg/mL stock concentration).
    - 10.2.1.4 For example, 200 µL of 100 mg/mL solution into 400 mL growth media.
    - 10.2.1.5 If Ampicillin is required, add to growth media at a final concentration of 100 μg/mL (1:1000 of 100 mg/mL stock concentration).

For example, 200  $\mu L$  of 100 mg/mL solution into 200 mL growth media.

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#### INOCULATING AN OVERNIGHT LIQUID STARTER CULTURE FROM A GLYCEROL STOCK 11.

- 11.1 To recover bacteria from glycerol stock, thaw the vial on wet ice.
- 11.2 Note: Vials are single use.
- 11.3 Thaw antibiotic selection on wet ice or in 2-8°C refrigerator.
- 11.4 Label a sterile tube or flask with the HPV type information, date, and analyst initials. See Attachment 2 for reference.
- 11.5 Add 0.1 mL of glycerol stock to flask with 200 mL of liquid media with appropriate antibiotic selection for plasmid and swirl to mix. (See Attachment 1, and Section 9)
- 11.6 Loosely cover the culture with sterile aluminum foil or cap.
- 11.7 Incubate bacterial culture at 37 ± 2°C at 250 ± 10 RPM for 12-18 hours in the Orbital Shaker per "26008: Use and Maintenance of the Orbital Shaker."

Note: Certain plasmids may require different incubation time and temperature, consult with Scientific Manager.

11.8 Starter cultures can be stored at 2-8°C for 1 week after incubation and can be passaged no more than 4 times.

#### 12. **INOCULATING AN OVERNIGHT STARTER CULTURE FROM A PREVIOUS STARTER** CULTURE

- 12.1 Bacterial starter cultures should be maintained for use no more than 4 passages. Any deviations require approval by the Scientific Manager.
- 12.2 Thaw antibiotic on wet ice.
- 12.3 Label a sterile tube or flask with the HPV type information, date, and analyst initials. See Attachment 2 for reference.
- 12.4 Add 0.1 mL of Starter Culture to flask with 200 mL of liquid media with appropriate antibiotic selection for plasmid and swirl to mix. (See Attachment 1, and Section 9)
- 12.5 Loosely cover the culture with sterile aluminum foil or a cap.

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12.6 Incubate bacterial culture at  $37 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C at  $250 \pm 10$  RPM for 12-18 hours in the Orbital Shaker per 26008.

**Note:** Certain plasmids may require different incubation time and temperature, consult with Scientific Manager or designee.

Table 1: Approximate	Time Bacte	rial Cultures	Remain	Stable

Condition	Temperature (°C)	Time (approximate)
Glycerol Stock	-65 to -90	1-10 years
Starter Culture	2-8	1 week

#### 13. FORM REVIEW

- 13.1 Analyst fills out data capture form during testing and dates and initials form.
- 13.2 A second review of the data capture form is completed by the Scientific Manager or designee (Group Leader) for completeness and dates and initials form.

#### 14. ATTACHMENTS

- 14.1 Attachment 1: List of Plasmids and Characteristics
- 14.2 Attachment 2: Starter Culture Flask Label
- 14.3 Attachment 3: 20000-01 Bacterial Culture Maintenance Form

#### 15. REVISION HISTORY

Version	Change	Reason
1.0	New SOP	Currently no SOP

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Version	Change	Reason		
2.0	<ol> <li>Updated Fast-Media preparation to reflect product instructions in section 9.1</li> <li>Added heat resistant glove and silicone hand protectors to Equipment in section 6.2</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Reflect current practices</li> <li>Reflect current practices</li> </ol>		
3.0	<ol> <li>Change in Form 20000-01: Orbital shaker temperature range, temperature recording at time of start of incubation and temperature recording at the end of incubation</li> <li>Corrected reference to form as 20000-01 throughout SOP.</li> <li>Removed 35°C incubation temperature.</li> <li>Include in Form 2000-01: Water bath temperature for media preparation</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>As per requirements to document all temperatures</li> <li>Accurate reference.</li> <li>Reflect current practices</li> <li>As per requirements to document all temperatures</li> </ol>		

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### Attachment 1: List of Plasmids and Characteristics

COMPANY	PLASMID	BACTERIA STRAIN	ANTIBIOTIC	ANTIBIOTIC CONC.	GROWTH MEDIA
ADDGENE	PVITRO-HPV6 L1L2	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	PVITRO-HPV52 L1L2	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	PVITRO-HPV31 L1L2	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	PVITRO-HPV18 L1L2	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	PVITRO-HPV11 L1L2	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	PVITRO-HPV33 L1L2	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P11L2W	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 μg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P58SHELL	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P18SHELL	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P31SHELL	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P52SHELL	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB

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COMPANY	PLASMID	BACTERIA STRAIN	ANTIBIOTIC	ANTIBIOTIC CONC.	GROWTH MEDIA
ADDGENE	P11L1W	E.COLI_DH5A	KANAMYCIN	50 µg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P45SHELL	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P16SHELL	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB
ADDGENE	P6SHELLR	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB
SCHILLER	PFWB (EGFP)	E.COLI_DH5A	ZEOCIN	25 μg/mL	LB or TB
SCHILLER	PYSEAP	E.COLI_DH5A	BLASTICIDIN	75 μg/mL	LB or TB
SCHILLER	PHPV16L1H	E.COLI_DH5A	AMPICILLIN	100 µg/mL	LB or TB

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#### Attachment 2: Starter Culture Flask Label

#### Starter Culture Flask Label (Manual Label)



Starter Culture Flask Label (LIMS Label)



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Plasmid Being Purified: \_\_\_\_\_\_Passage #:\_\_\_\_\_

#### Equipment

Equipment Name	Equipment ID	Calibration Due Date	
BSC	□ HSL_009 □ Other:		
Orbital Shaker	□ HSL_011 □ HSL_050 □ Other:		
□ N/A Water Bath (Range: 37±2°C)	□ HSL_010 □ Other:	□N/A	
□ N/A Microwave	□ HSL_053 □ Other:	□N/A	
□ N/A 2-8°C Refrigerator	□ HSL_043 □ Other:	□N/A	
□N/A Pipette: µL	PIP_		
□N/A Pipette: µL	PIP_		
□ N/A Water Purification System	HSL_		

#### Reagents

	Lot Number	Expiration Date
□ N/A Distilled water	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Fast-Media Amp Media	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Fast-Media Kan Media	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Fast-Media Blas Media	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Fast-Media Zeo Media	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A LB	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A TB	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Ampicillin	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Kanamycin	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Zeocin	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A Glycerol Stock		□N/A
□ N/A Starter Culture		
□ N/A Filter Unit	□N/A	□N/A
□ N/A	□N/A	□N/A

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Liquid Media Preparation	n for Starting Culture:						
Fast-Media Pouches	I/A Section, LB or TB used						
Type I Water Sterile Filtered	Volume of Water (mL)	# F	t of Fa Pouch	ast-Media es Added		Total # of Flasks Prepared	
□ Yes □ N/A							
LB or TB  N/A Section, F	ast-Media Pouches used						
Volume of LB or TB (mL)	Volume of Type I wate Sterile Filtered (mL) □ N	Volume of Type I water Sterile Filtered (mL) □ N/A		Volume of Prepared Antibiotic Added (uL)		Total # of Flasks prepared	
Water Bath Temperature	□ N/A b		Performed by/date			□ N/A	
Starting Culture Prepara	tion:						
Volume of Gly	vcerol Stock per Flask (mL)			Volume of	of Lie	quid Media per Flask (mL)	
Overnight Incubation of	Starting Culture:						
Incubation Temperature 37±2°C:		Incu	Incubation Start Time / Date:				
Performed by/date:							
Incubation Temperature 37±2°C:		Incu	Incubation End Time / Date:		e /		
Total Hours incubated		Pe	Performed by/date		•		
Expiration Date of Starter Culture		Storage Location of Starter Culture					
Reviewed by/date:							
Comments: 🗆 N/A							

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