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We are still developing and optimizing this protocol

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Abstract

This protocol describes how to make chemically competent *Vibrio natriegens* cells. The protocol was described and published by Weinstock et al., 2016

Guidelines

All steps are done at room temperature (RT).
This protocol was published by Weinstock et al., 2016

Materials

MATERIALS

- ⊗ PIPES **P212121**
- ⊗ Potassium chloride **P212121**
- ⊗ Sodium Chloride **Fisher Scientific Catalog #S271**
- ⊗ Magnesium Chloride **Fisher Scientific Catalog #AC223210010**
- ⊗ Manganese chloride **Fisher Scientific Catalog #7773-01-5**
- ⊗ brain Heart Infusion Broth **Catalog #Oxoid CM1135-UK**
- ⊗ Calcium chloride, dihydrate **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #CD0050.SIZE.500g**



Before start

Make sure you have all solutions there:

- **Brain heart infusion + V₂-Salts**
- **V₂-Salts**
- NaCl 204mM (58.44g/mol) → 11.92176g for 200ml
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- KCl 4,2mM (74.55g/mol) → 0,31311g for 200ml
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- MgCl₂ 23,14mM (203.3g/mol) → 7.704362g for 200ml
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- **MgCl₂ x 2H₂O** 100mM (203.3g/mol) → 0.10165g for 200ml
- **CaCl₂ x 2H₂O** 100mM (147.02g/mol) → 2.9404g for 200ml
- **Modified Inoue buffer**
- MnCl₂ x 2H₂O 55mM (161.87g/mol) → 1.78057g for 200ml
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- CaCl₂ x 2H₂O 15mM (147.02g/mol) → 0.44106g for 200ml
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- KCl 250mM (75.55g/mol) → 3.7275g for 200ml
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- PIPES 10mM (302.37g/mol) → 4ml (from 0.5M stock solution) for 200ml
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- **PIPES** 500mM (302.37g/mol) → 7.55925g in 50ml (adjust pH 6.7)
- **DMSO**



- 1 Inoculate 150ml BHI + V2-Salts in a baffled flask
- 2 Incubate shaking: OD = 0.4, 30°C, 200rpm

30 °C

02:30:00 Competent *V. natriegens*
- 3 Split into three 50ml falcons
- 4 Centrifuge: 3000g, 5min, RT

00:05:00 1. Centrifuge competent *V. natriegens*
- 5 Remove supernatant completely
- 6 Resuspend by gently inversion in 5ml 100mM MgCl₂
- 7 Pool the cells in two 50ml falcons
- 8 Fill up to 30ml with 100mM MgCl₂
- 9 Centrifuge: 3000g, 4min, RT

00:04:00 2. Centrifuge competent *V. natriegens*
- 10 Remove supernatant completely
- 11 Resuspend the pellet by gently inversion in 5ml 100mM CaCl₂
- 12 Pool the cells into one 50ml falcon
- 13 Fill up to 30ml with 100mM CaCl₂



- 14 Incubate: 20min, RT
 00:20:00 Incubation competent *V. natriegens*
- 15 Centrifuge: 3000g, 4min, RT
 00:04:00 3. Centrifuge competent *V. natriegens*
- 16 Remove supernatant completely
- 17 Resuspend the pellet by gently inversion in 1.5ml modified Inoue buffer
- 18 Add DMSO to a volume concentration of 7% (=105µl)
- 19 Aliquot the cells into chilled tubes (50µl aliquots)
- 20 Freeze at -80°C