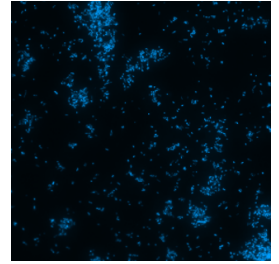


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Isolate prokaryotes from sponge tissue (SAP)

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We used this protocol for different purposes and it is working

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Abstract

Protocoll to create a fixed suspension of sponge associated prokaryotes (SAP) from sponge tissue. This can serve as the basis for Fluorescence *in situ* hybridisation and/or cell sorting.

This protocol was tested for different sponge species but might also be adapted to other organisms (let others know)

The protocol was modified from :

Fieseler L, Horn M, Wagner M, Hentschel U. (2006) Discovery of the novel candidate phylum "Potibactetia" in marine sponges (vol 70, pg 3724, 2004). Applied and Environmental Microbiology;72(8):5677-.

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Guidelines

Keep sample on ice during preparation.


Materials

STEP MATERIALS

 Corning® 40µm Cell Strainer **Corning Catalog #431750**

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Before start

- Prepare CMASW:

400mM NaCl, 27.6mM Na₂SO₄, 2.3mM NaHCO₃, 8.9mM KCl, 0.8mM KBr, 0.4 mM H₃BO₃, 0.15mM SrCl₂, 0.07mM NaF in MilliQ and autoclave. >>(This likely will also work with NaCl only but adjust salinity)



Dissect and homogenise tissue

- 1 Mince sponge tissue in ice cold CMASW using a razor blade within a petry dish on ice

Note

Tissue can be either fresh or thawed from -20°C samples

Process about the tissue volume that would fit in a 1.5 ml eppendorf tube

- 2 Squeeze remaining pieces using 15 ml falcon tube lid 0 °C on ice

- 3 Transfer to fresh 50ml Falcon tube and add up to 20 mL CMASW

- 4 Incubate 00:30:00 on ice

- 5 Vortex strongly 00:05:00 at 21 °C

Purify

- 6 Filter through 40µm cell strainer into a fresh 50 ml Falcon tube

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- 7 Transfer to fresh 50 ml falcon tube and add up to 50 mL CMASW




- 8 Spin down at 600g to pellet cells for 00:10:00 at 4 °C



- 9 Transfer supernatant to fresh 50ml falcon tube and add up to  50 mL CMASW

Note

The supernatant should contain the bacterial fraction


- 10 Spin down at 1600g to pellet cells for  00:10:00 at  4 °C and resuspend in  50 mL CMASW

- 11 Repeat step 10 until solution becomes clear

Note

In case of sponge tissue this gets rid of secondary metabolites that inhibit downstream applications.

Fix cells

- 12 If solution is clear resuspend pellet into 1ml ice cold  1 Mass Percent PFA in CMASW and transfer to fresh 2ml tube

Protocol



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4% PFA for fixation

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PREVIEW



12.1

Safety information

use mask be careful with PFA

pour 2 g of paraformaldehyde (PFA) powder in 50 ml phosphate buffered saline (PBS; 130 mM NaCl, 10 mM Na₂HPO₄ / NaH₂PO₄, pH 7.4)

Note

adjust to amount actually required

12.2 heat to approx. 60° C (must not boil!), until suspension is clear (approx. 1/2 h); if not add some drops of 1N NaOH

30m


12.3 check pH and adjust to pH 7.0

12.4 filter through 0.2 µm filter and place on ice

13 Fix overnight  4 °C in fridge

Note


Fixation time and fixative concentration might be optimised for different cell types find basic guidelines here: [Silva protocols](#)

14 Pellet cells by centrifugation ( 00:10:00 at 4000 x g) discharge supernatant

15 Thoroughly resuspend fixed cells in 500 µl PBS

16 Repeat step 5 and 6



- 17 Add 500 μ l absolute ethanol and resuspend cells thoroughly
- 18 At this stage the cell suspension can be stored at  -20 °C for several months