

M2D5: Prepare for induction of CRISPRi system

1. Pre-lab discussion
2. Examine sequencing data
3. Prepare media conditions
4. Inoculate starter culture



Mod2 Overview

Research goal: Increase the yield of commercially valuable byproducts in *E. coli* using CRISPRi technology to target genes involved in mixed-acid fermentation pathway.

Last Lab:

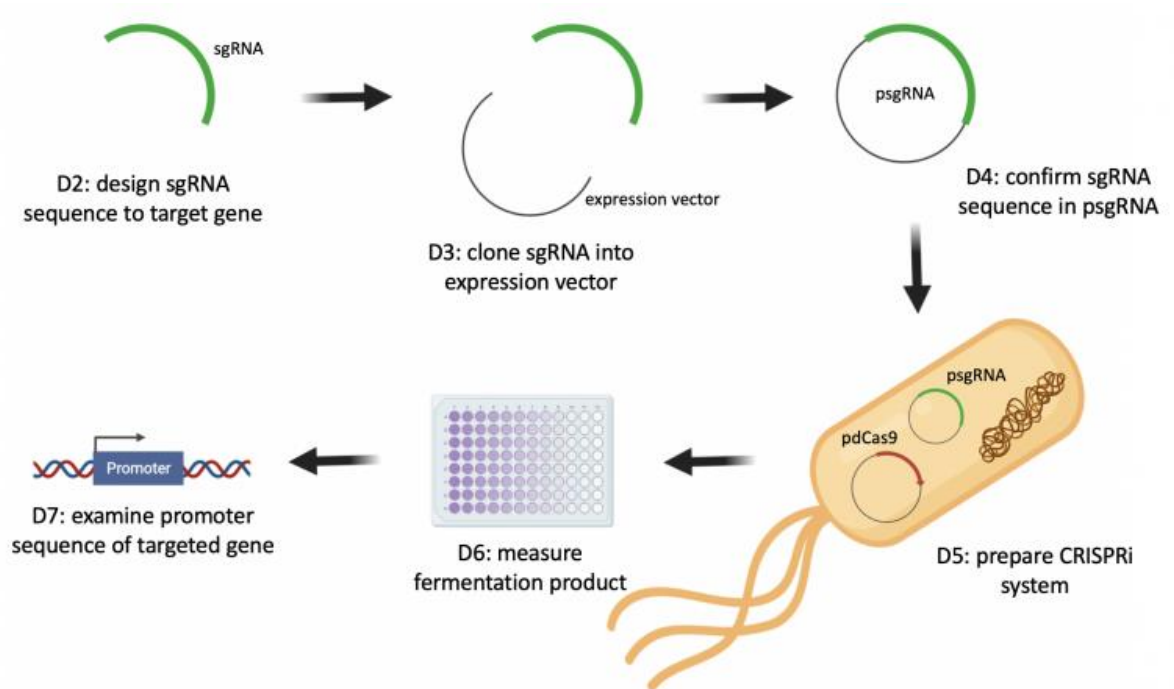
Clone sgRNA into vector to create plasmid that targets gene of interest

This Lab:

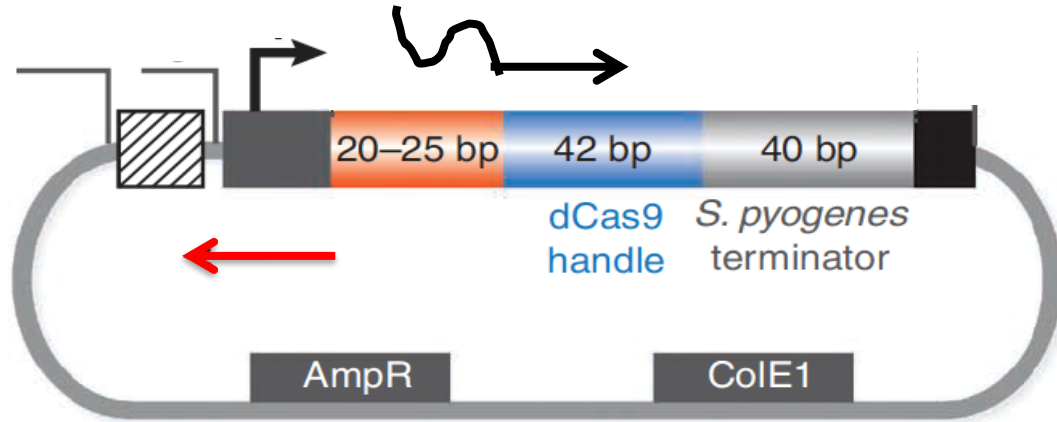
Confirm correct sgRNA cloning and do preliminary CRISPRi system preparations

Next Lab:

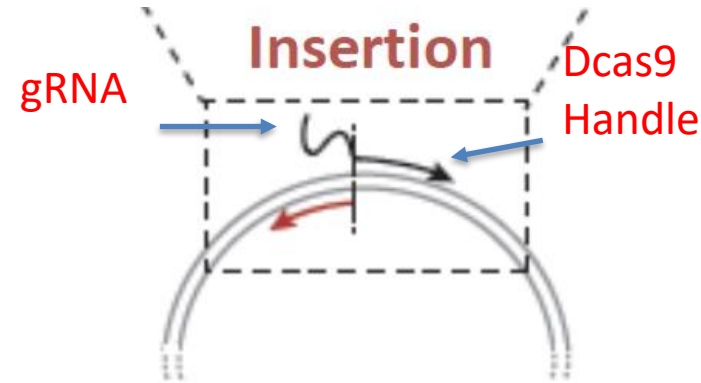
Measure fermentation products



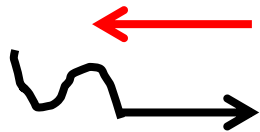
M2D3: Generated pgRNA_target by SDM



pgRNA_template



insertion (NEB5α kit)

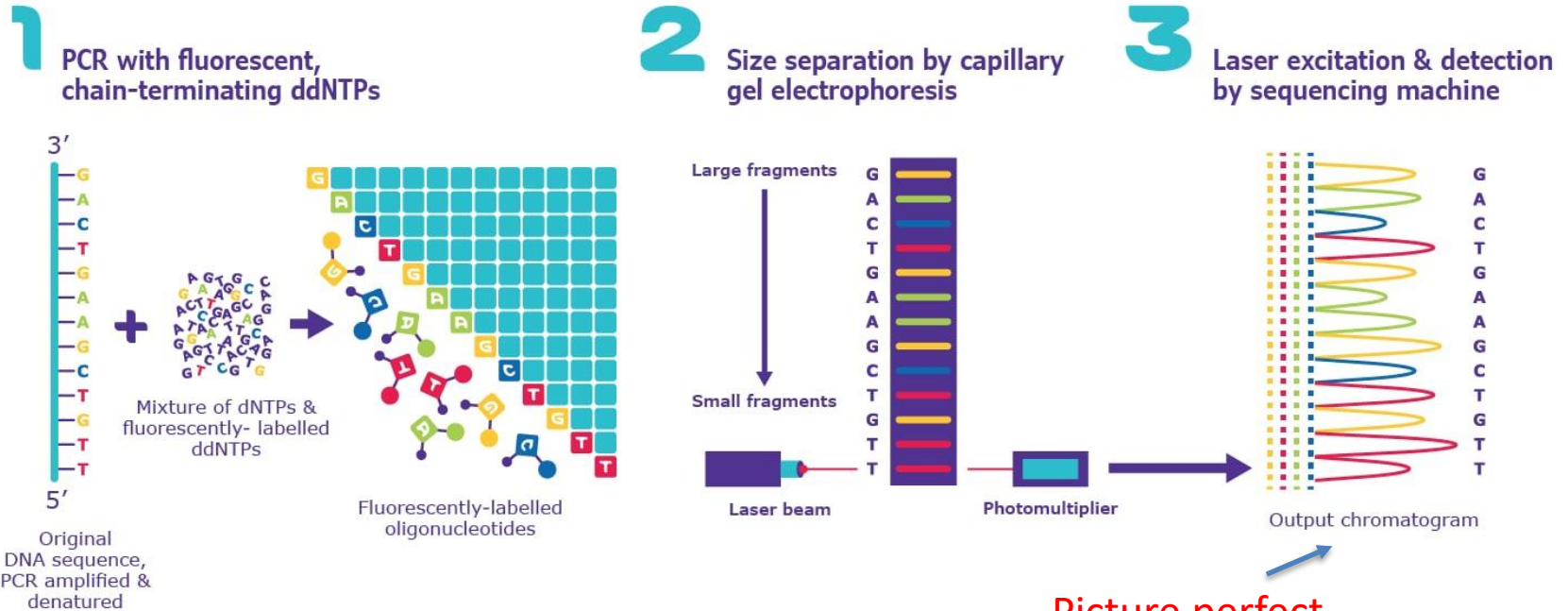


CRISPRi universal *amplification* reverse primer

forward primer including crRNA to be inserted ()

dCas9 handle ()

Sanger Sequencing review

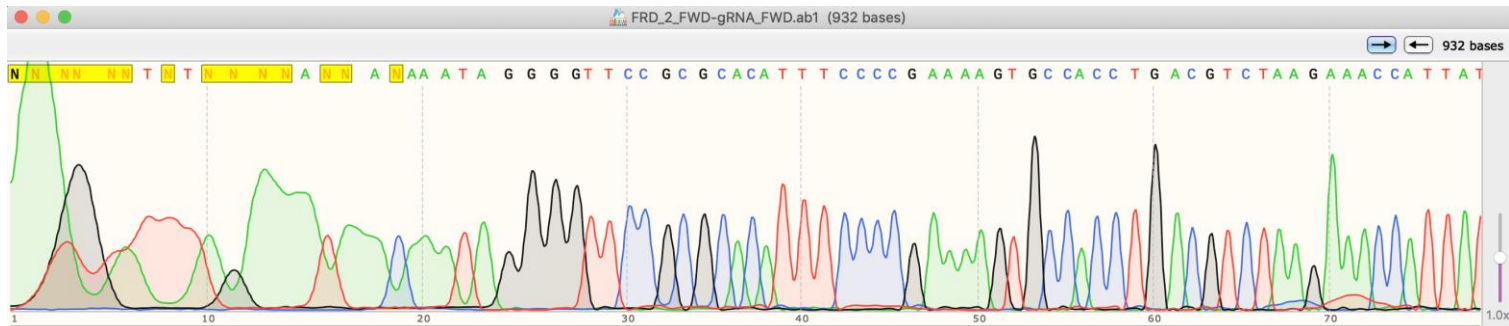


Analyzing Sequence Information

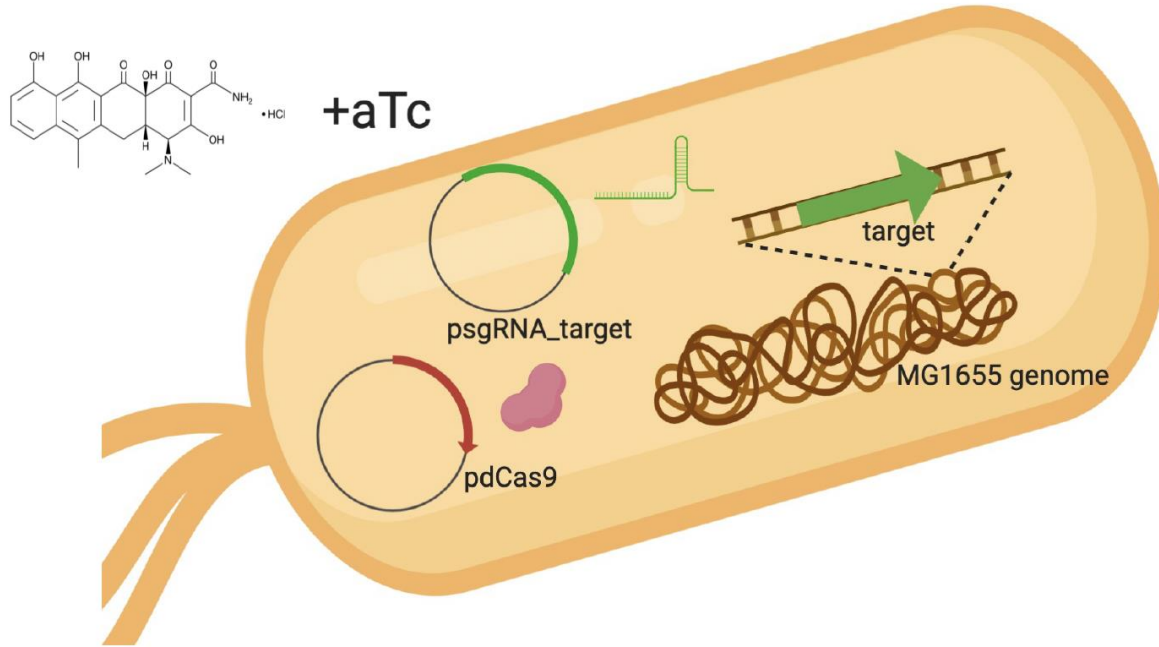
- Was your target sequence successfully incorporated into the pgRNA_target plasmid?
 - Open the Seq file in Snapgene and search for your gRNA sequence



- Sanger sequencing traces are also on Dropbox (ab1 files)



CRISPRi blocks gene expression in presence of inducer



- Expressed constitutively:

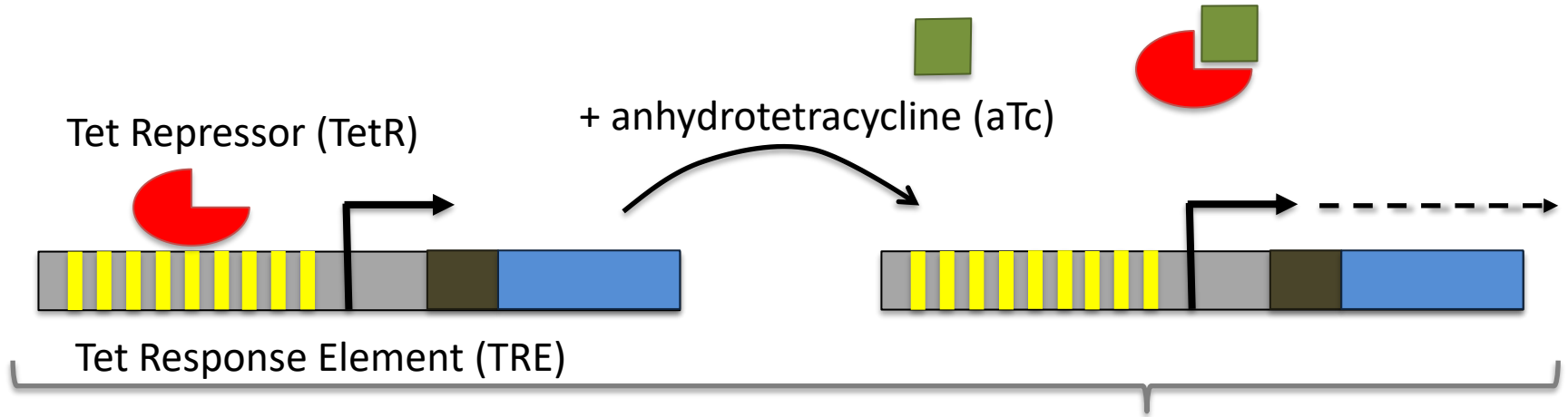
sgRNA

- Expression induced with aTc:

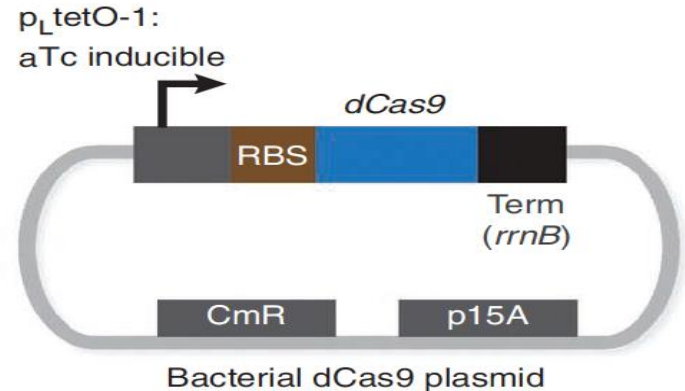
dCas9

dCas9 protein associates with gRNA/target gene to repress target gene expression

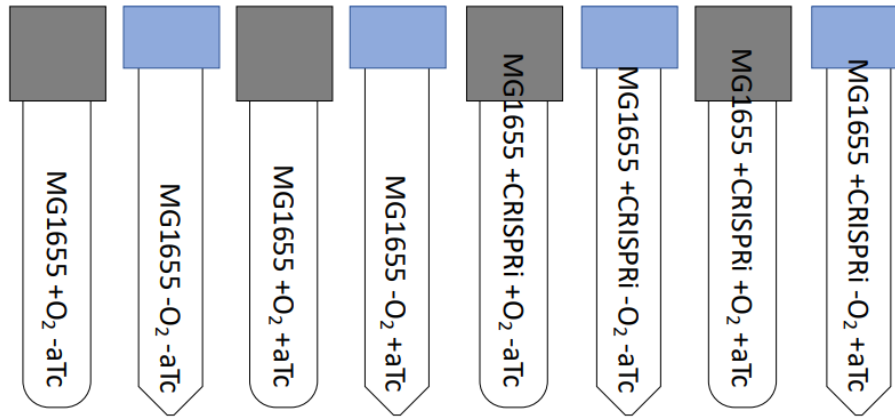
aTc induction of pdCas9



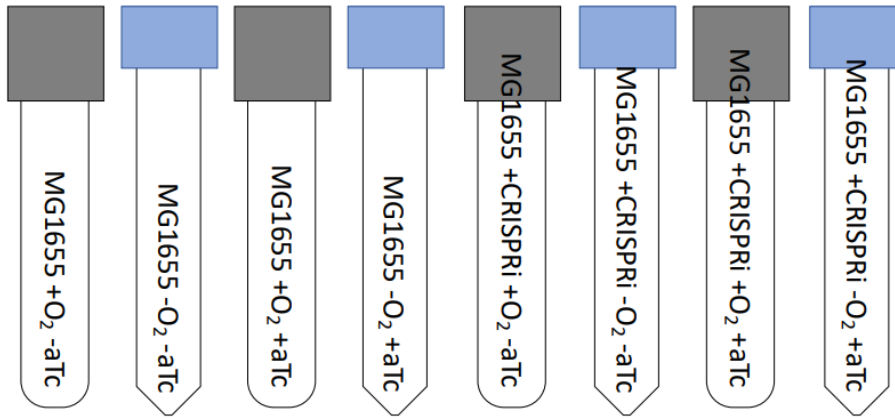
- Tet promoter regulates expression of dCas9 gene



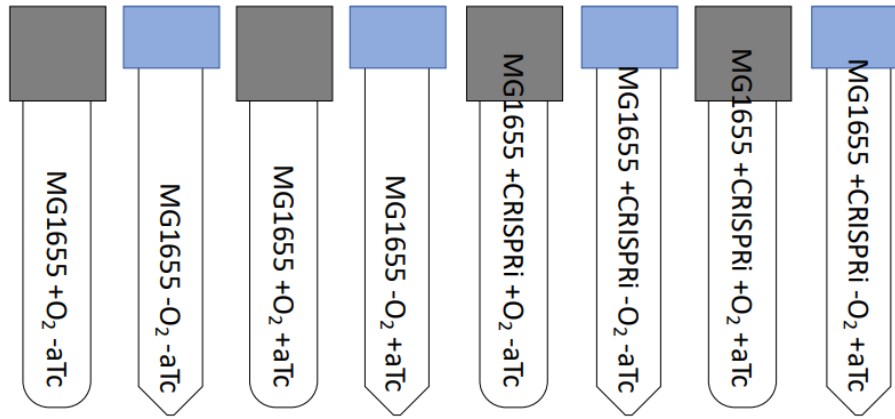
Experimental question/
hypothesis?



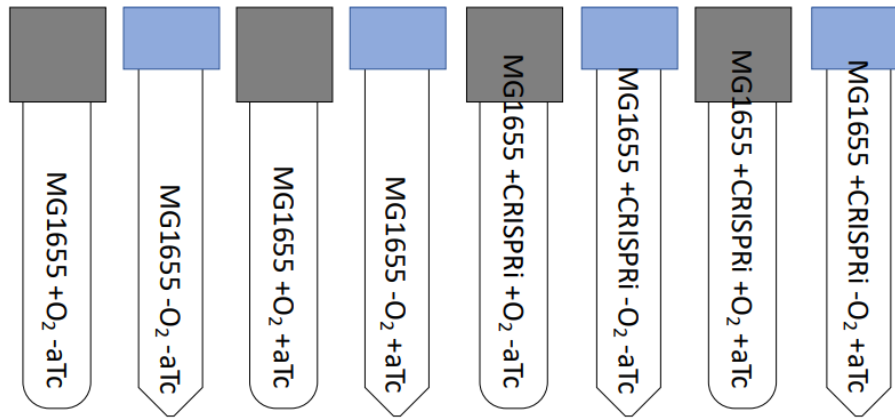
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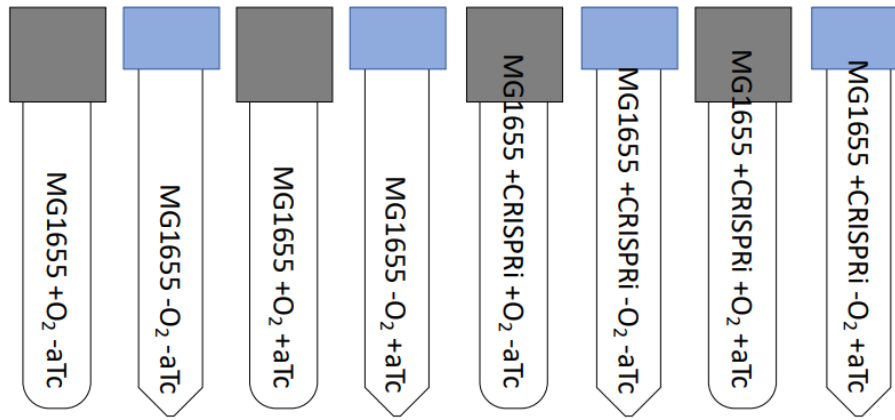
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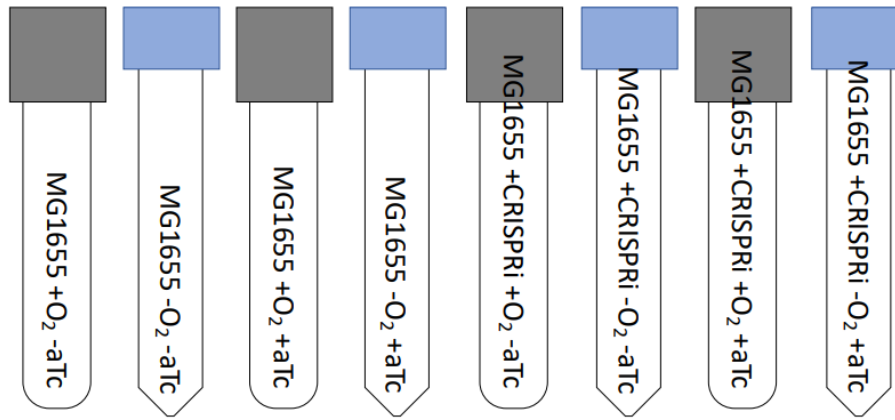
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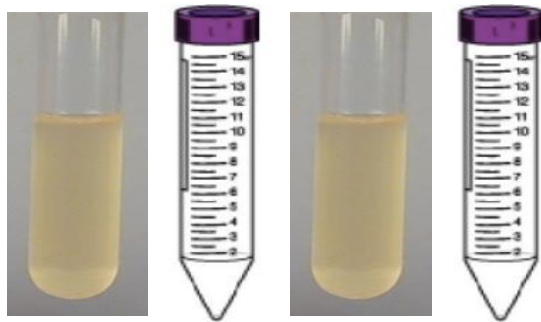
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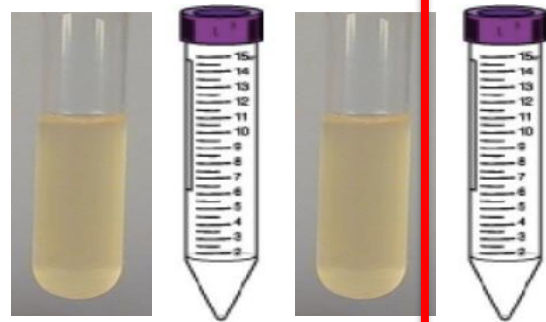
Set up liquid cultures for mixed-acid fermentation and pdCas9 induction

- Where do we expect most ethanol/acetate if hypothesis confirmed?



+ O₂ - O₂ + O₂ - O₂
- aTc - aTc + aTc + aTc

MG1655



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MG1655 with CRISPRi

- 1) Anaerobic
- 2) +aTC (inducing pdcas9)
- 3) Cons expressing sgRNA

For today

1. Examine sequencing data
2. Set up media conditions for inoculation
3. Inoculate starter culture of bacteria for experiments

For M2D6...

1. Write a methods section for M2D3-M2D5