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# Announcements

- Common issues on quizzes
  - Vacuum aspirators have bleach for biohazardous waste (i.e., cells) → eventually ends up in sink
  - Chemical waste and sink-safe chemicals (w/out cells) should NOT be aspirated
    - the former is a **safety** risk, the latter just a hassle
    - *do* aspirate LB taken right off of the cells
  - Heads up: travel 10/3-10/6. OH options:
    - Skype on Sat 10/4 (agi.ns)
    - office phone (617.324.1940) forwards to my cell
    - email any time
- \* *Norlien has Mon AM office hours*
- 10/5=wedding, 10/6=travel*
- \* in SF, so Δt=3hr.*

# Extracting DNA from XL1-Blue

• pellet cells + aspirate LB

Step	Contains	Purpose
Prepare	EDTA Buffer, glucose	→ weaken cell envelope → keep otherwise stable
Lyse	SDS $\text{Na}^+ \text{O}^- \text{H}_3$ NaOH	→ disrupt/solubilize lipid membranes and protein → denatures DS → SS DNA
Neutralize	Acetic acid/KAc	→ neutralize, precipitate SDS 1) $\text{O} \rightsquigarrow \text{O}$ $\text{O}$ renature      2) genomic "crushes out" w/ SDS
Transfer	N/A	keep supernatant
Wash, collect	A) EtOH B) dry, water	→ precipitates DNA → but EtOH interferes w/ digest, etc.

# Tissue culture (TC) medium

↳ environment  
( $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ , etc.)

- What do cells need to survive?

Food: energy source

- glucose; L-glutamine; (<sup>pyruvate</sup>  
<sup>lactate</sup>)

building blocks or co-factors for cellxns.

- essential amino acids

- non-essential amino acids → separate usually

- lipids, vitamins, minerals  
pro-life and other signals

- cytokines (e.g., growth factors)



serum → separately  
(~ blood)

Non-food: antibiotics (Pen/Strep)

phenol red (track pH)

# Passaging adherent cells

↳ "splitting" (or "sub-culturing")

- MES = murine embryonic stem cells

- Rinse w/PBS

- media has trypsin inhibitors

- Add trypsin to remove from dish

- proteolytic enzyme → breaks  
cell-matrix contacts

- Re-plate at lower density

- why? contact inhibition and/or  
differentiation and/or nutrient  
& O<sub>2</sub> competition



"confluent" →   
(x 70)

The second diagram shows a sparse distribution of four small circles on a grid, representing low density.

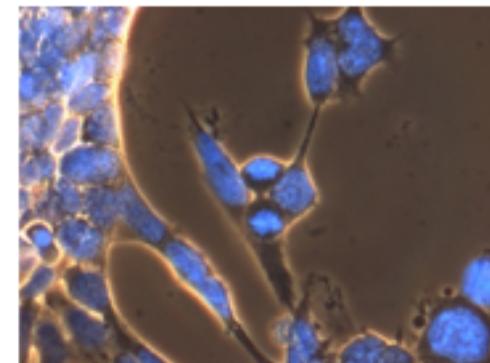
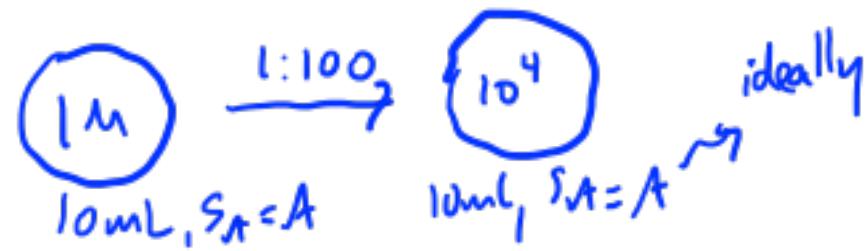
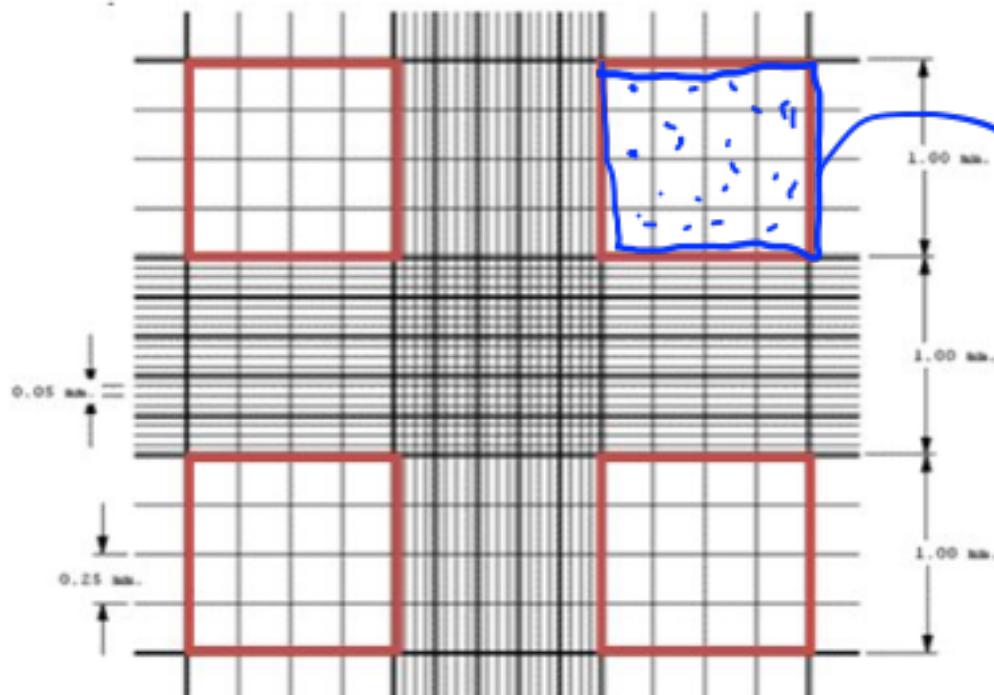


Image from [http://www.stemcellresources.org/library\\_images.html](http://www.stemcellresources.org/library_images.html)



# Final steps: counting and plating cells

hemocytometer



in general: be able to plate ~~a known~~ amount

$$\# \text{ cells} \times 10,000 = \text{cells/ml}$$

(+ any dilution factor)

average corners  
- clusters  
- avoid double count

Hemocytometer image: [www.allcells.com/blog/how-to-count-fresh-primary-cells/](http://www.allcells.com/blog/how-to-count-fresh-primary-cells/)  
Handy well plate image from (thanks, Shannon!): [www.cellsignet.com/media/templ.html](http://www.cellsignet.com/media/templ.html)

# Today in Lab (M1D5)

- Let's all start with TC practice session
  - don't need notebook, just a piece of scrap paper
- Miniprep **3** Δ5-EGFP candidates, and **1** pCX-NNX
  - tip: orient tubes in centrifuge
  - pCX-NNX = control for *miniprep technique* *260 → [ ]  
280 → purity*
- Set up digests to evaluate candidate clones
  - pick **2** candidates, based on [DNA] and purity; + **1** pCX-NNX
  - tip: make reaction cocktail → efficiency
  - add loading dye next time
- Count and post colony #s on M1D5 *Talk* page
  - we will discuss next time