M2D8: Measure fermentation products

1. Quiz
2. Pre-lab
3. Measure OD of your bacteria
4. Measure fermentation products (acetate) in the supernatant
5. Start data analysis

GRADE M2D2 Notebook

Major assignments for M2

- **Research Article** 20%
  - Due by 10pm on Mon., November 12th

Research Article content

1. Title
2. Abstract
3. Introduction
4. Materials and Methods
5. Figures and Results
6. Discussion
7. References

- Lab notebook, specifically M2D2 due 10pm, 11/8
- Blog post for Mod 2 due 10pm, 11/13

Extra office hours

11/10 (Sat): 1-3 pm, 56-302

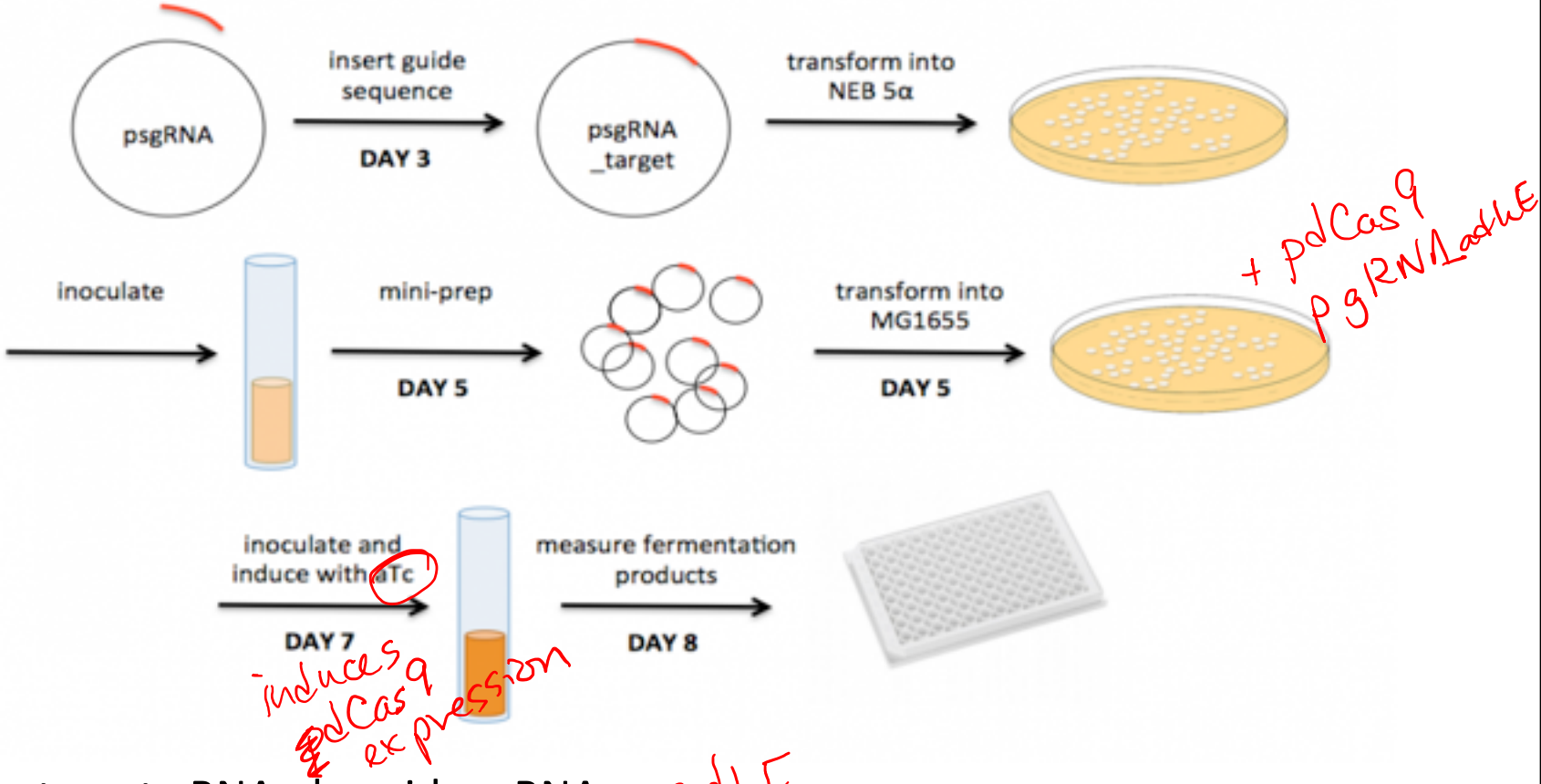
11/11 (Sun): 2-7 pm, 56-302

Regular office hours

- Noreen: Mon. 2-5pm (16-317)
- Leslie: Th 2-3pm, Fr 12-1pm (56-341c)
- Josephine: W 12-1pm, Fr 2-3pm (56-341c)
- Email us to schedule a different time

The research article is your most formal writing assignment. Use proper formatting for references, make neat figures, don't include images from lecture/prelab slides or wiki, and pay attention to guidelines on the wiki.

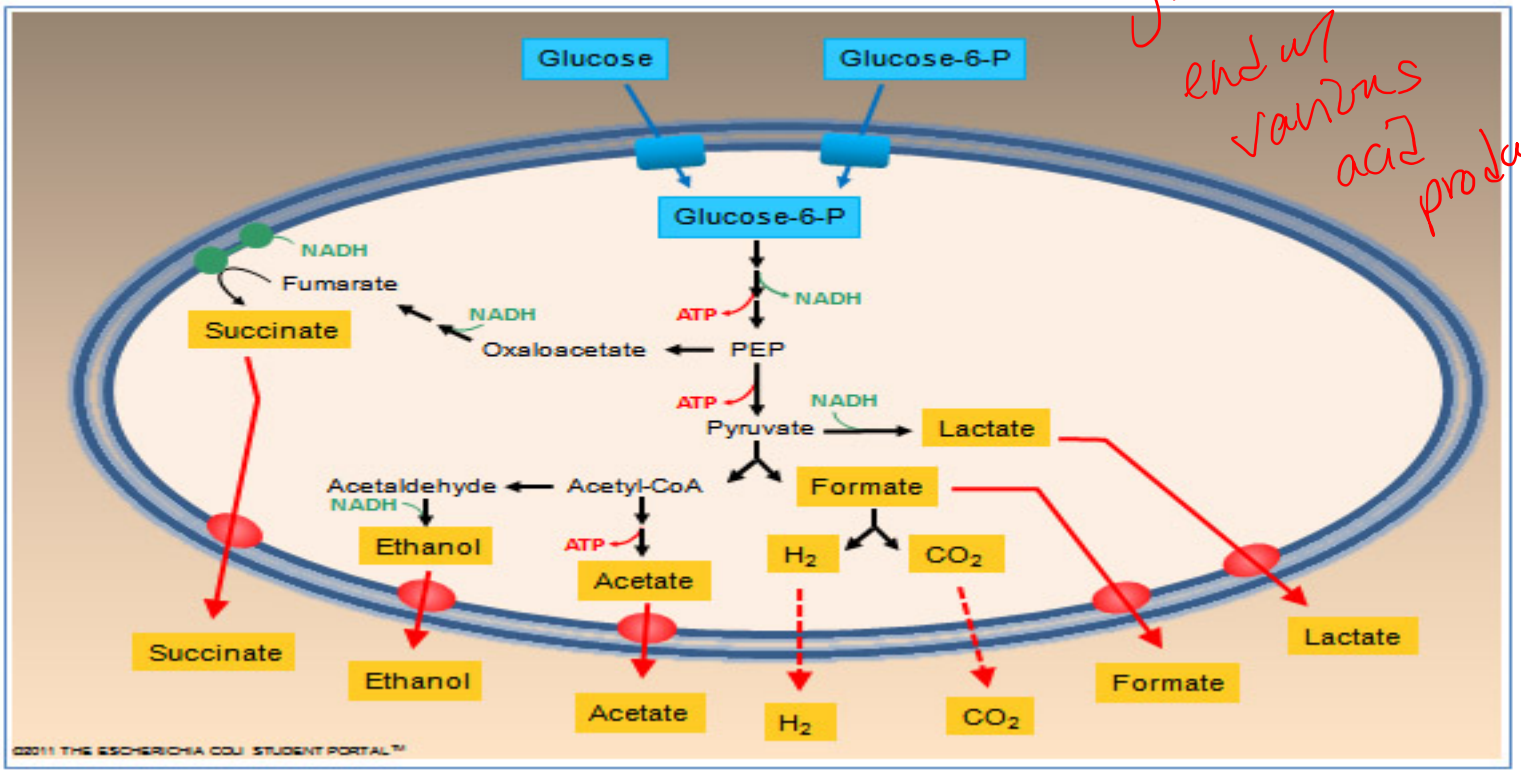
M2 experimental overview



Name your target gRNA plasmid: pgRNA_ adhE

E. coli fermentation pathway

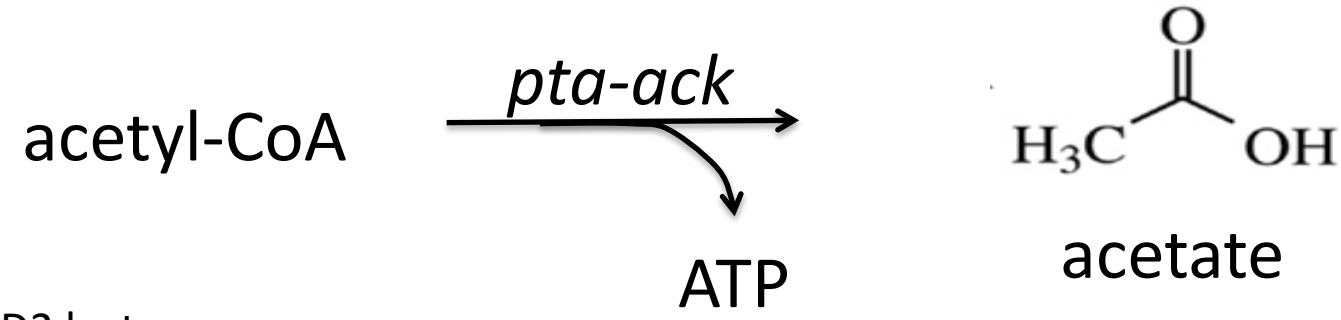
What does mixed-acid mean?



http://ecolistudentportal.org/article_fermentation#_

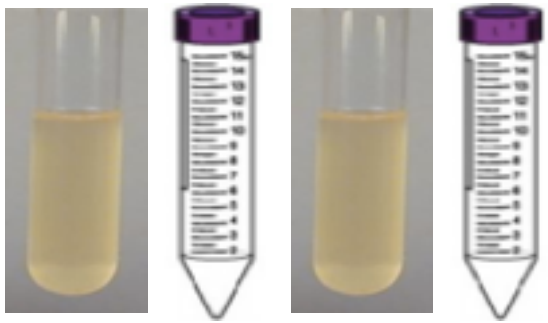
Production of acetate

- Acetates used in production of polymers
- *pta-ack* expressed constitutively
  - Aerobically grown cells produce negligible amounts of other fermentation products



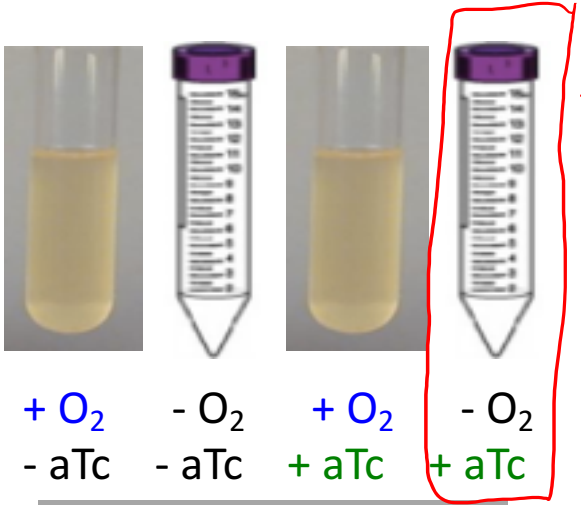
Noreen's M2D2 lecture

Experimental conditions: mixed-acid fermentation and pdCas9 induction



+ O_2 - aTc | - O_2 - aTc | + O_2 + aTc | - O_2 + aTc

MG1655



highest acetate

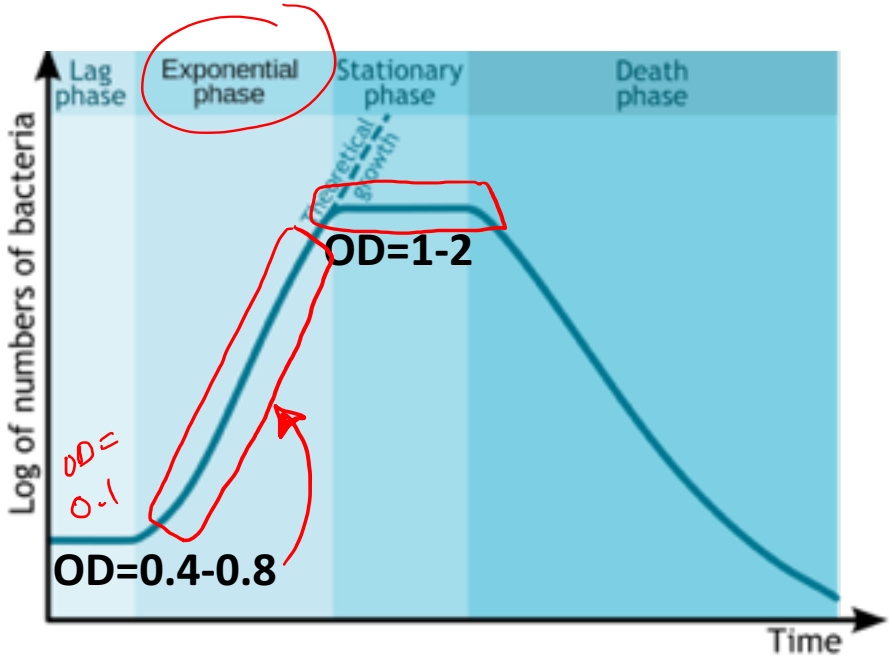
+ O_2 - aTc | - O_2 - aTc | + O_2 + aTc | - O_2 + aTc

MG1655 with CRISPRi

Normalize for cell number by measuring O.D. (optical density)

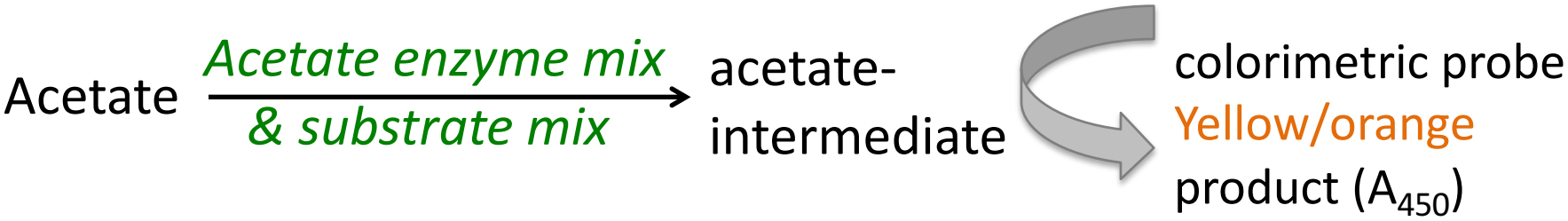
Measure *E. coli* (MG1655) concentration by optical density

- Optical Density (O.D.) ≠ absorbance
- Measure of light scattering
  - *E. coli* yellowish, don't absorb 600nm (orange)
  - 600nm is safer than UV (UV~300nm) for DNA in *E. coli*
- Measuring turbidity rather than absorption (relates to number of cells)



*You will measure a 1:10 dilution of your culture—remember this for your analysis!

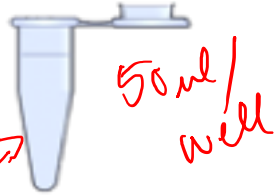
The acetate colorimetric assay is also (very!) proprietary



- Abcam ab204719 colorimetric acetate assay kit:
  - Acetate assay buffer
  - Acetate enzyme mix
  - Acetate substrate mix
  - Acetate probe
  - Acetate standard

Acetate colorimetric assay procedure

Standard 1-7



50ul/well

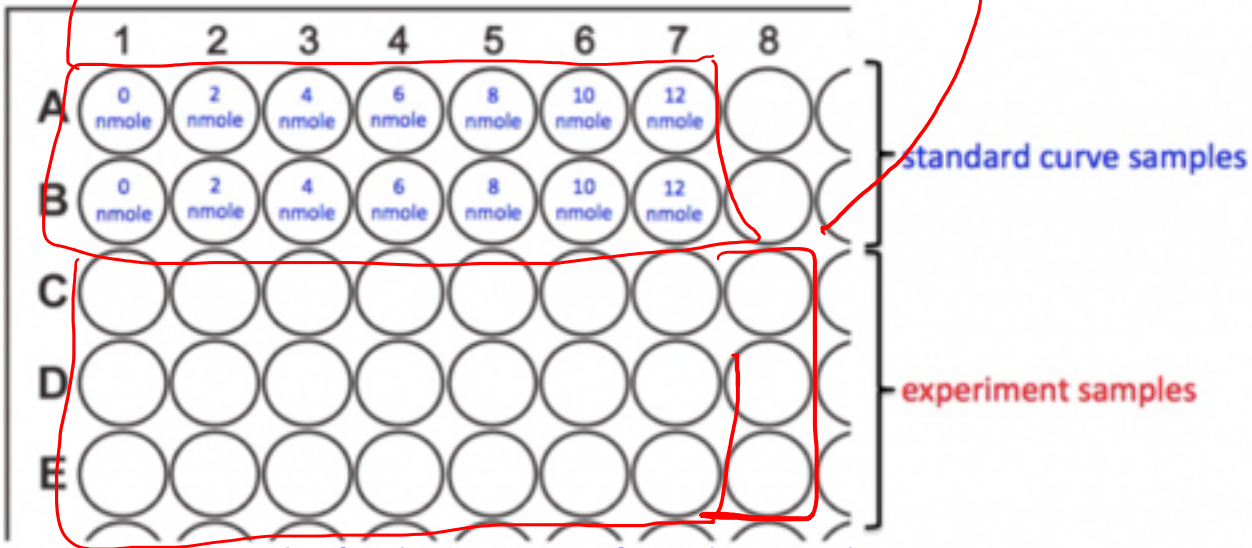
E. coli Samples 1-8

→ dilute
→ 50ul/well

Reaction mix for ALL standard and sample wells

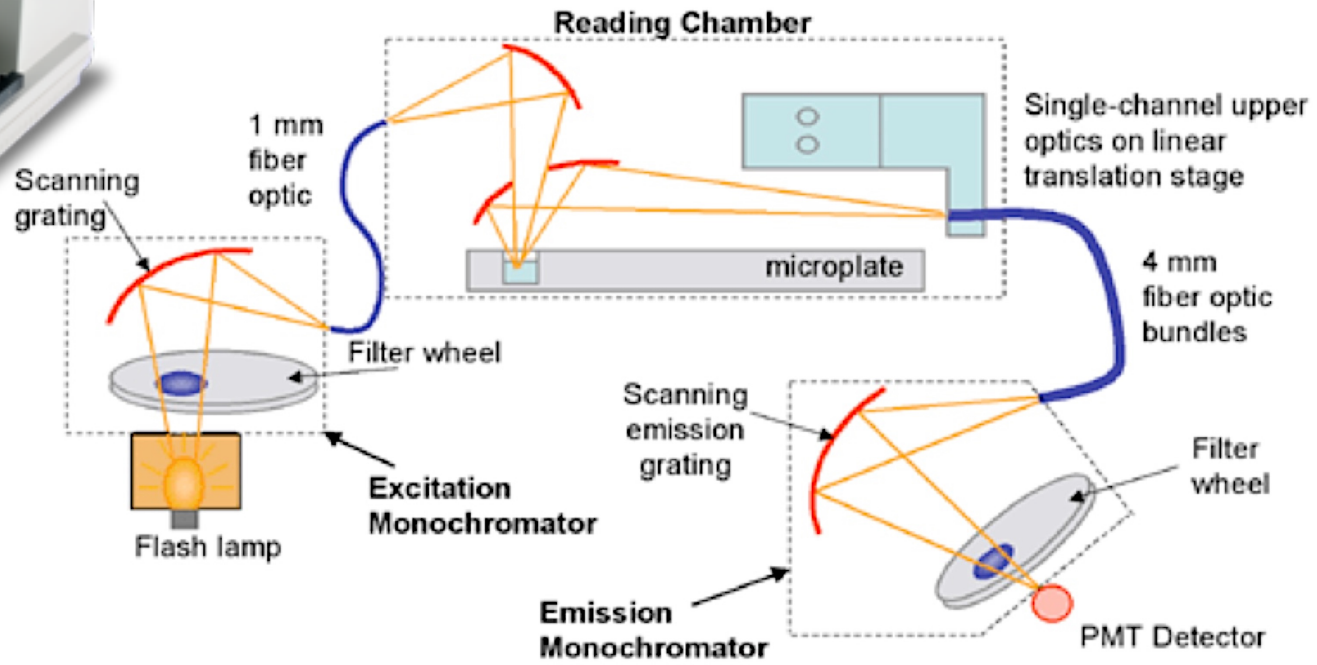
Calculate 20% extra (x1.2)

add 50ul/well



Cover with foil during final incubation!

Microplate reader measures absorbance of individual wells at a specific wavelength



adapted from keck.med.yale.edu

You must compare team data vs. class data

Please upload Excel spreadsheet with your ODs and raw absorbance readings to Class Data page **TODAY**

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Team	Ethanol (E) or Acetate (A)	Gene targeted by CRISPRi gRNA	gRNA (DNA) sequence (without tag at 3' end)	Locus targeted (eg. beginning of gene, putative promoter, -35 region)	Target template or nontemplate strand	Colorimetric Assay Results
TR red	E	pta	TGCGCCCGATCAGACTACGACTATC	Middle of the operon	Non-template	File:TRRed ethanol rawdata.xlsx
TR orange	E	ldhA	gttgcaggtacttcttgtcgt	32 bps downstream from start of gene	Template Strand	File:TROrange ethanol rawdata.xlsx
TR green	A	adhE	TACTAAAAAAGTTTAACATTATCA	locus targeted: -50 upstream (promoter)	Template strand	File:TRGreen acetate rawdata.xlsx
TR pink	A	Citrate Synthase (gltA)	tgagtttgctttgtatcagccat	Beginning of gene	Non-template Strand	File:TRPink acetate rawdata.xlsx
TR purple	A	ldhA	TAGTAGCTTAAATGTGATTCAACAT	Locus targeted: -40 upstream region (promoter)	Non-template strand	File:TRPurple acetate rawdata.xlsx

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WF yellow	A	adhE	ATTCGAGCAGATGATTTACTAAAAA	locus targeted: -34 upstream; promoter	template strand	Raw data
WF green	Acetate	adhE	TTACTAAAAAAGTTTAACATTATCA	locus targeted: -35 upstream (promoter)	template strand	Raw data
WF blue	A	adhE	TTCGAGCAGATGATTTACTAAA	locus targeted: -65 upstream (promoter)	Template Strand	Raw data

team data

PLUS

at least 3

other teams

Today in lab…

1. Retrieve cultures from 37°C incubator and measure optical density (O.D.)
2. Prepare supernatant samples
3. Prepare standard curve
4. Combine sample/standards with reaction mix, incubate
5. Measure absorbance on plate reader (4th floor)
6. Calculate fermentation product concentration from assay results
7. Email me (lesliemm@mit.edu) an Excel spreadsheet with your ODs (x10) and absorbance readings