

FluoroCells[™] for Fluorescent Transformation Substitute for BactoBeads EDVO-Kit #s 222, 223, & 303

Day before the experiment

This experiment requires preparation of isolated *E.coli* host transformation colonies 16-20 hours before the laboratory experiment, so plan accordingly.

Important: Do not prepare source plates more than 20 hours before the experiment. Older source plates will compromise the success of the transformation experiment.

Preparation of E. coli Cells

- 1. Use a sterile pipet to aseptically add 2 ml of recovery broth to the vial of FluoroCells™.
- 2. Replace the rubber stopper of the FluoroCell[™] vial and cap. Mix by gently inverting until the freeze dried plug is dissolved.
- 3. Incubate the vial of cells for 30 60 minutes in a 37°C incubation oven.

Growth should be evident (Broth should be slightly turbid or cloudy). If growth is not evident, incubate for a longer period of time.

- Transfer 50 75 μl of cells to each source plate and streak the cells on one quadrant of each plate with a sterile loop. (figure top right).
- 5. With the same loop, streak through the cells once or twice into another clean section of the plate (figure bottom right) to obtain isolated colonies.



6. Label the plates "*E. coli*", invert and incubate the plates overnight (16-20 hours) at 37°C in an incubation oven.

If growth on plates is heavy (i.e. few or no isolated colonies), instruct students to touch the toothpick to a small amount of cells.



Add 2 ml recovery broth to FluoroCell™

vial

Incubate cells