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## ELECTROCOMPETENT RHODOCOCCUS ERYTHROPOLIS SQ1 AND XO1

- 1. (Day or two before) Inoculate small (5-10 ml) cultures of *Rhodococcus*
- 2. Transfer 0.1-5 ml of overnight culture of *Rhodococcus* to 200 ml MB 3.5% Glycine supplemented with 1.8% sucrose and 0.01% isonicotinic acid hydrazide (isoniazid) in a 1L baffled flask
- 3. Incubate shaking at 30°C overnight or until O.D.<sub>600</sub> is approximately 0.5-0.6
- 4. Add sterile ampicillin to a final concentration of 1 mg/L; continue inccubating for 1.5 hr at 30°C
- 5. Pellet the cells by centrifuging for 5 min at 6 000 rpm in a GSA rotor using sterile centrifuge bottles or 50 ml conical tubes and proper adapters (may have to spin twice to pool)
- 6. Resuspend the cell pellet in 30 ml ice-cold EPB1; Recentrifuge as in step 4
- 7. Wash cell pellet one more time in EPB1; centrifuge as before; discard supernatant
- 8. Wash pellet once in 10 ml ice-cold EPB2; centrifuge as before except at 8000 rpm; discard supernatant
- 9. Resuspend final cell pellet in 1 ml EPB2
- 10. Aliquot 150 μl into sterile microfuge tubes and store at -80°C

## Electroporation of Rhodococcus

- 1. Thaw aliquots of electrocompetent *Rhodococcus* cells on ice
- 2. Mix DNA with 70µl cells in a sterile microfuge tube and incubate on ice for 5 min.
- 3. Electroporate DNA at 2.5 kV, 25  $\mu$ F and 400  $\Omega$
- 4. Immediately add 300 µl LB
- 5. Incubate cells for recovery at 30°C for 1-20 hours
- 6. Spread cells onto plates with appropriate antibiotics

MB 3.5% Glycine medium (per liter)		EPB1 (20 mM Hepes, 5% glycerol, pH7.2)	
Yeast extract	5g	0.5 M Hepes stock, pH7.2	20ml
Bacto tryptone	15 g	100% glycerol	25ml
Bacto soytone	5g	distilled water to 500 ml	
NaCl	5g		
Glycine 35g			
Hepes Stock Solution		EPB2 (5mM Hepes, 15% glycerol, pH7.2)	
Hepes	23.8g	0.5 M Hepes stock, pH7.2	2ml
distilled water	180ml	100% glycerol	30ml
adjust pH to 7.2; raise volume to 200 ml		distilled water to 200ml	