

# High Efficiency Yeast Transformation

1. Start an overnight culture of the yeast cells to be transformed, in YPD.
2. Next morning, reinoculate 5 mls of YPD with 50  $\mu$ l of O/N culture. Allow cells to grow approximately 4 hours, or until in log phase growth.
3. Take 250  $\mu$ l of culture, pellet the cells at top speed in a microfuge for 5 sec.
4. Resuspend the cells in 1 ml of dH<sub>2</sub>O, pellet in microfuge. Remove dH<sub>2</sub>O.
5. Resuspend the cells in 1 ml of 100 mM LiAc and incubate for 10 min at 30° C. Pellet the cells in a microfuge.
6. Add the following components into the tube on top of the cell pellet in this order;
  - 240  $\mu$ l of PEG (50% w/v)
  - 36  $\mu$ l 1.0 M. LiAc
  - 50  $\mu$ l SS-DNA (2.0 mg/ml)
  - 5.0  $\mu$ l of plasmid or linear DNA
  - 20  $\mu$ l of sdd water.
7. Vortex the cell pellet for at least 1 min to resuspend the cell pellet in the transformation mix. Incubate the cells for 30 minutes at 30° C. Incubate for 20 minutes at 42° C.
8. Pellet the cells at top speed in a microcentrifuge for 10 sec. Remove the supernatant using a micropipet.
9. Gently resuspend the pellet in 100  $\mu$ l of sdd water by slowly pipetting up and down.
10. Plate the cell suspension onto a plate of omission medium that selects for the presence of the plasmid (or insert). Colonies should be visible in 2 -4 days at 30° C.