

Subcloning Protocol for 5, 1, and 0.2 cells per well of a 96 well plate

Besides reagents to trypsinize cells, you will need:

In hood:

- 75 ml pre-warmed cell maintenance media (100ug/ml G418)
- 3 TC treated 96-well plates
- 2 Small tubes (1.5 ml is fine) and rack
- 3 25 ml serological pipets
- 200 ul pipetor
- 12 channel pipetor, 200 ul each channel
- 37 200 ul pipet tips (3 rows of 12)
- Waste box for pipet tips (old tip box works well)
- Pen

At microscope:

- Haemocytometer
- Pipet and pipet tip for dispensing 10 ul

Note: cells sink in media, so make sure to mix solution by pipetting up and down immediately before taking cells

Rinse (DPBS), trypsinize, & resuspend cells in same volume media

To count cells

Pipet >10 ul cells into small tube, remove from hood

Pipet 10 ul cells into haemocytometer on microscope

Count cells in haemocytometer, the total # of cells in one of the 9 big squares = **count**

As one big square = 0.1 ul volume, **count** cells/0.1 ul = cells/ul

To dilute cells and plate into 96 well plates

Pipet 1 ml media into 1.5 ml conical tube

Add 625/**count** ul of cell suspension into the 1 ml of media, this makes a 62.5 cells/ul suspension

For example, with a cell count of 101, add 625/101cells ul = 6.188ul to the 1ml of media

For 5 cells per 200 ul well, you will use a 25 cells/ml dilution:

Add 100 ul of 62.5 cells/ul suspension to a sterile trough

Add 25 ml media, mix by pipetting twice

Plate 200 ul/well into a 96 well plate, use autoclaved 12 channel pipet with 300 ul unstuffed pipet tips

For 1 cells per 200 ul well, you will use a 5 cells/ml dilution:

Add 20 ml media to remaining ~5 ml in trough, mix by pipetting twice

Put 200 ul/well into a 96 well plate

For 0.2 cells per 200 ul well, you will use a 1 cell/ml dilution:

Add 20 ml media to remaining ~5 ml in trough, mix by pipetting twice

Put 200 ul/well into a 96 well plate

Place cells in incubator, check for colonies in a week