

Protocol for enhancement of mature spore numbers used for Sporobead production

1. Overnight culture

- inoculate your culture in 5 ml LB-Medium
- let them grow over night at 37 °C

2. Exponential growth

- measure the OD₆₀₀ of your overnight culture (if necessary dilute a sample 1:100 before measurement)
- inoculate 2 ml LB-Medium to OD₆₀₀ = 0.1 from overnight culture

Calculation:

$$\frac{0,1 \text{ OD}_{600}}{x \text{ OD}_{600}} \times y \text{ ml}$$

- let the cells grow to an OD₆₀₀ = 0.8

3. Sporulation

- centrifuge the 2 ml of cells at 13,000 rpm for 1 minute
- wash the pellet with bi-distilled water
- resuspend the pellet in 1 ml DS-Medium
- let the cell grow at 37 °C for minimum 24 hours

4. Lysozyme treatment

- dilute the cells 6:1 in lysozyme solution (15 mg/μl)
- incubate them for 1 hour at room temperature

5. Used Puffer

- Difco Sporulation Medium (DSM):

Nutrient Broth	8 g
KCl	1 g
MgSO ₄ (1 M)	1 ml
MnCl ₂ (10 mM)	1 ml
H ₂ O (bidest)	ad 1000 ml

Add after autoclave:

CaCl ₂ (1 M)	0.5 ml
FeSO ₄ (1mM)	1ml

- Luria-Bertani (LB) Medium:

Tryptone 10 g

Yeast extract 5 g

NaCl 10 g

H₂O (bidest.) add 1000 ml

- for LB plates: add 15 g/l of agar
- important: cool down the agar solution to 50°C before adding antibiotics