

# Seeding protocol (Tissue Culture)

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## Introduction

Plate the cells onto 24-well plate

## Materials

- › HEK resuspended in 10mL of media
- › Complete media
- › 24-well plate
- › Hemacytometer cover glass
  - › Brand name: Hausser Scientific
  - › Found in the Weiss Common drawer
- › p200 pipet tips

## Procedure

### Measuring cell concentration

1. Add ~12-15uL of cells to the cell cover lid. WATCH OUT to no overflow the cells or too little cells. You want no bubbles either. If there are bubbles, use your finger and drag the glass oversheet to move the bubbles towards the edge or the place you pipetted stuff in.
2. Use the microscope to zoom in the 4x4 square
3. Count the number of cells in the 4x4 square using the counter (X)
4. Multiply X by  $10^4$  to get the concentration per milliliter ( $Y = X \times 10^4$  cells/mL)

### Plating

5. Each well needs:  $5 \times 10^4$  cells and the total volume is 500 uL
6. Calculate the seeding volume:  $Z = 5 \times 10^4 / (Y \times 10^{-3} \text{ cells/uL})$  [2017 iGEM:  $Z = 2 \times 10^4 / (Y \times 10^{-3} \text{ cells/uL})$ ]
7. Add (500 - Z) uL of media and Z uL of cells to each well
8. Gently shake the plate
9. Put in the 37°C incubator. The cells are ready for transfection at >75% confluency