

IN VIVO EXCISION λ ZAP

1. Pick plaque into 500 μ l SM. Add 20 μ l chloroform and vortex. Leave at room temperature for 1 - 2 h.

2. In a 50 ml Falcon tube put:

200 μ l OD₆₀₀ = 1 XL1Blue cells

100 μ l phage stock ($> 1 \times 10^5$ pfu)

1 μ l exassist helper phage ($> 1 \times 10^6$ pfu ml^{-1})

Incubate at 37°C 15'.

3. Add 3 ml 2 x YT and shake for 2.5 h at 37°C. (Cloudy growth is not always seen at this stage.)

4. Heat tube at 70°C for 20' then spin for 15' at 4000g.

5. Decant supernate into a sterile tube.

6. To plate out phagemid:

1 eppendorf: 200 μ l OD₆₀₀ = 1 SOLR cells
 1 μ l phage stock (from step 5)

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 50 μ l phage stock (from step 5)

7. Plate 100 μ l of each on LB + Amp plates and incubate at 37°C overnight.

8. Pick colonies from whichever plate produces them.

2 x YT - 16g tryptone, 10 g yeast extract, 10 g NaCl per litre.