

# Molecular Biology Experiment

# Colony selection

SKKU BME 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Today

- Select colonies
- Colony PCR
- •DNA electrophoresis



•Seeding for plasmid mini-prep.



#### How to find right one?

- LacZ method
- Colony PCR
- Miniprep and enzyme cutting
- GFP leakage



X-gal identifies cells with beta-galactosidase



#### How to find right one?

• Colony PCR

**Colony PCR** is a convenient highthroughput method for determining the presence or absence of insert DNA in plasmid constructs.









## Colony PCR

#### • Question:

- How to confirm the insert by PCR?
- Make your own plan!!





## Colony PCR

- Picking colonies
- Suspending each colony in D.W. (~10 ul)
- Use 1 ul of suspended colony for PCR template

#### Colony PCR

- Marking colonies to be picked
- Picking each colony
- Suspending in 10 ul D.W. by up and down

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- How many colonies will you pick?
- If 10 colonies,
- Making PCR mix for 10 reactions
- Calculate the PCR mix



- Total volume of the PCR mix?
  10 ul each
- What should be in the PCR mix?
  - Template: E. coli containing plasmid
  - Primers
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	1X	11X
Template	1ul	
Primer 1		
Primer 2		
dNTP		
Buffer		
Taq polymerase		



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#### Colony PCR Cycle?

- Think what's different from usual PCR?
- Then, what should you change the cycle?





#### Overall schedule today

- Colony selection and marking
- Colony picking
- Colony PCR (mix => aliquot => RX)
- Agarose gel making
- Gel electrophoresis
- Miniprep seeding (4 ul suspension to 5 ml in LB/Amp media)
- E.coli streaking (1ul in each section)



#### Subcolony! Do NOT pick it up!



#### Homework





- Please find streaking method and explain the right figure.
- Explain what the subcolony is, how it is generated, and discuss about how to reduce the subcolony. Then explain the left figure.
- For protein induction, a specific E. coli line is necessary. Explain the reason and find BL21(DE3) cell line.