Folate Microbiologic Assay Training Poster

Part 3: Prepare 96-Well Plates and Add Samples

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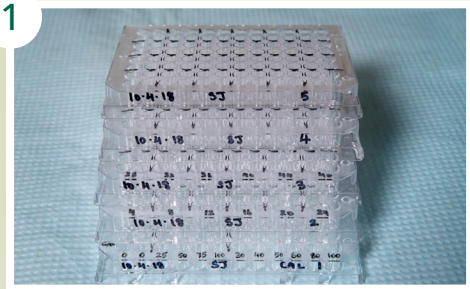

Label each plate on the front with the date and analyst initial. Write the plate number on the upper left corner and on the front.

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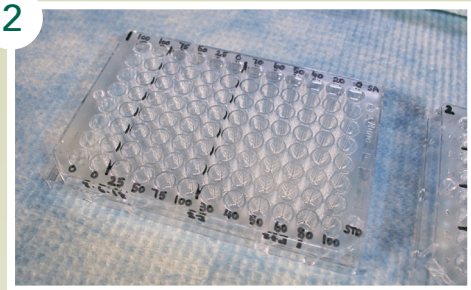

Plate #1 is used for the calibrator with 8 replicates/concentration. Write the volumes of sodium ascorbate (SA) at the top of each column and the volumes of calibrator (CAL) at the bottom of each column.

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Each sample plate contains the following

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	QC		#4		#8		#12		#16		#20	
B												
C	#1		#5		#9		#13		#17		#21	
D												
E	#2		#6		#10		#14		#18		#22	
F												
G	#3		#7		#11		#15		#19		Blank	
H												

Plates #2-4 are sample plates. Each sample is analyzed using 4 replicates (2 dilutions and 2 replicates per dilution). A total of 24 samples can be analyzed per sample plate including 1 QC sample and 1 blank.

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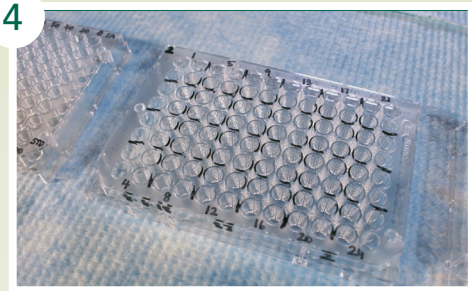

To help with the correct transfer of diluted samples into the plate, divide the plate into columns and rows. Each sample will occupy four wells. Label the sample # on the plate.

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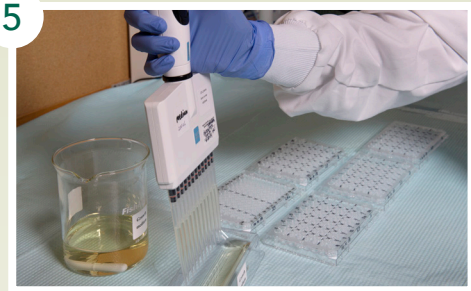

Add 200 µL growth medium to all plates using a 12-channel electronic pipette (50–1,250 µL) with the repetitive pipetting function and volume set to 200 µL.

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Calibrator plate
Add sodium ascorbate

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
B	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
C	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
D	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
E	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
F	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
G	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0
H	100	100	75	50	25	0	70	60	50	40	20	0

Volume of 0.5% sodium ascorbate solution (µL)

Add 0.5% sodium ascorbate to the calibrator plate (#1) using a smaller 12-channel electronic pipette (20-300 µL) with the single pipetting function and 8 tips. Transfer appropriate volumes as shown above.

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Sample plate
Add sodium ascorbate

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
B	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
C	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
D	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
E	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
F	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
G	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
H	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0

Volume of 0.5% sodium ascorbate solution (µL)

Add 50 µL of 0.5% sodium ascorbate into sample plates using the same 12-channel electronic pipette with the repetitive pipetting function and 8 tips. Only add solution to odd-number columns.

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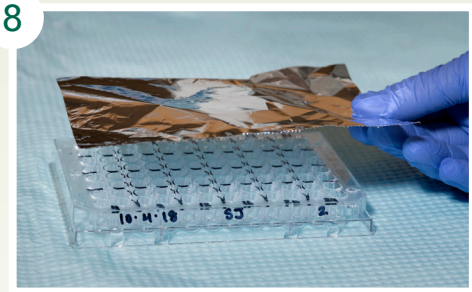

Cover all plates with foil to protect them from dust and light.

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