Activity 2

Bacterial Transformation Laboratory Activity

Background

In this experiment you will transform *E. coli* with the **pGLO** plasmid. Then you will grow, or culture, those bacteria overnight on solid media called **LB agar**, which is a nutrient source for bacteria.

You will have two *E. coli* samples, one with pGLO plasmid added, called +pGLO, and another without pGLO called –pGLO. You will follow the same bacterial transformation protocol for both samples. Then, you will culture each sample on LB agar plates with and without ampicillin. The +pGLO sample will be added to one side of each LB agar plate and the –pGLO sample to the other side. Then the plates will be incubated overnight to let the bacteria grow.



Fig. 5. pGLO bacterial transformation experiment setup.

A. In Table 1 below, sketch and describe the results you expect after you complete the experiment.



Table 1. Predicted results.