

Genomics and Proteomics Core Facilities

- Contamination Control

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Mycoplasma removal in cell cultures

The following protocol is designed to remove *Mycoplasma* from cell cultures*. The antibiotics (see below) should NOT be applied together as this will substantially harm your cells. We recommend treating each affected cell line in parallel using the following three antibiotics.

Material:

Name	Company	Cat. Nr.
Mycoplasma Removel Agent (MRA)	MP BIOMEDICALS	<u>0930500</u>
Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride	biomol	LKT-C3263.25
BM-Cyclin	Sigma Aldrich	10799050001

Procedure:

- Split your *Mycoplasma*-positive cell line in three 5ml aliquots (one aliquot per antibiotic). Add the antibiotic according to the manufacturer's instructions.
 - Monolayer:
 - Allow the cells to grow 4-8h
 - o Remove medium
 - Wash with PBS
 - o Add antibiotic-containing medium to cells
 - Suspension culture:
 - o Centrifuge, 5-10 min. at 1,500 rpm
 - o Resuspend cell pellet in antibiotic-containing medium
 - After 3-4 days change the antibiotic-containing medium

Duration of treatment: 2 weeks

After the treatment: Grow the cells without antibiotics for 2 weeks, then repeat Mycoplasma test

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