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Enzyme evolution using ribosome display

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Selection of β-lactamases using catalytic activity

- What limitations do the authors identify with in vivo or "partially" in vitro type selections?
- What is the strategy used by the authors? Does everyone understand IVT?
- What is the library size limitation?
- What sort of controls do the authors do to test their strategy?
- What are the results?
- What are the problems with this strategy?

Ribosome display

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Mechanism of lactamase inhibition by suicide inhibitors

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Figure 6: Enrichment and controls

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T4 DNA ligase selection

- What is the authors' strategy for selection using ribosome display? (Figure 1)
- What are the controls used to test the strategy? (Figure 3 and 4)
- What are the results? Figure 5
- What are the pitfalls of this method?
- Has ribosome display been used for enzyme evolution?

Figure 1: T4 display and selection



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Figure 5: Catalytic enrichment



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