

Table 1  
Highest cell densities by various propagation techniques of *E. coli*

Propagation technique	Basic medium	C source	Yield; g dcw/l	Reference
<i>Fed batch</i>				
1. Exponential growth	Semi-defined Medium yeast Extract	Glucose	54	Shiloach and Bauer, 1975
2. Carbon source defended linear growth	Defined Minimal medium	Solid glucose	134	Neidhardt et al., 1974; Matsui et al., 1989
	Defined Minimal medium	Glucose	104	Riesenberg et al., 1990
	Defined Minimal medium	Citric acid Glycerol	148	Korz et al., 1995
	Defined Minimal medium	Glucose	128	
3. Slow linear growth to keep acetate concentration close to zero	Protein hydrolyzate and yeast extract	Glycerol	84	Macaloney et al., 1996
	Defined minimal medium	Low glucose Glycerol	145	Horn et al., 1996
<i>Dialysis</i>				
1. Membrane dialysis reactor	Against complete growth medium	Glycerol	174	Märkl et al., 1993
2. "Nutrient-split" feeding	Against basal medium	Glycerol	190	Nakano et al., 1997
	Against buffer salt solution	Separate glycerol feeding	150	Ogbonna and Märkl, 1993

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