



TECHNOLOGY

Defined Mutations in the E. coli Porins Genes *impF* and *impC* that Confer Increased Permeability

OVERVIEW

Bacteria are a major cause of contamination in food and water-borne diseases. To eliminate and treat bacterial infections many drugs are formulated and synthesized. Chemicals synthesized as potential anti microbial compounds and/or therapeutic drugs need to be tested for their efficacy. To do this, a good screening system with a test bacteria is essential.

Researchers at the University of Maryland, College Park's Department of Microbiology have developed a bacterial strain which can be used to screen for new anti microbial compounds. The advantage of this new invention over other currently existing technology involves a mutation in the bacteria which allows many more molecules to permeate or enter the cells. This invention thus allows for a more defined system to screen existing and new compounds for their anti microbial activity and assessment of their potential as new targets for drug development.

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