Bacterial Adaptations and Their Application in Genetic Engineering: Student Lab Sheet Part 2

PART 2 - CELL PELLETING AND ANALYSIS

Materials:

Each group needs:

- One 1000 µL micropipette
- Two 1000 μL micropipette tips (sterile)
- Two 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tubes
- A micro-tube rack
- Fine-tip labeling marker

To share with the entire class:

One micro-centrifuge

Procedure:

- 1. Put on protective equipment.
- 2. Pick up your group's two culture tubes in a test tube rack.
- **3.** Discuss and write down your observations of the cell cultures below.
- **4.** Pick up a micro-tube rack with two micro-centrifuge tubes.
- **5.** Label the tubes: <u>Group # E. coli Aerobic</u> and <u>Group # E. coli Anaerobic</u>.
- **6.** Using the micropipettes, draw up all 1000 μL of the <u>aerobic</u> culture and transfer it to the corresponding micro-tube. Dispose of the tip.
- 7. Using the other tip, repeat the previous step with the **anaerobic** culture.
- **8.** Take your group's two tubes to your teacher to be placed into the centrifuge and spun for 5 minutes at a speed of around 6000 rcf.
- 9. After the spin, pick up your group's tubes and analyze the resulting cell pellet.
- **10.** Write down observations of the cell pellets below.







Cell Culture Observations		
	Before Spinning	After Spinning
Aerobic		
Anaerobic		

