

We will also be supplying information about the pedigree of the strains and some protocols for using them. I assume we can send these as MS Word email attachments?

A question has come up regarding the price of this "Neurospora Knockout Kit". Do you think the FGSC would consider selling the 8 Neurospora strains, the 1 yeast strain and the two E. coli strains with plasmids at a reduced rate as part of a kit?

Finally, there is the question of how people will obtain phosphinothricin for spot-testing cross progeny to determine those that have lost the ku knockout mutation. It is not always possible to obtain Finale (commercial name) from local nurseries or home-improvement centers. I had to get it from an agricultural supply company (on the positive side, it is relatively cheap when purchased in bulk). After this, the user needs to perform a butanol extraction and then lyophilize the solution (we use a protocol from the Selker lab in the FGN). Would the FGSC consider selling the unpurified Finale to investigators who wish to use the ku mutant strategy for generating knockout mutants?

Best Regards,
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