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  - Cell dilutions
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  - Today in Lab (Mod 3 Day 4)

## **Announcements**

- How grades are determined in 20.109
- If you went first on D2, go second today
- During down-time
  - Prep RNA area
  - Work on Module 3 report (viability analysis)
  - Other as you see fit
- RNA work: double-check today's protocol for when to take fresh collection tube

# Cell dilutions



$$V_{\text{cells}} = 0.5 \text{mL}$$

$$V_{\text{med}} = 2.5 \text{mL}$$

Area = 
$$A$$

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$$A$$
  
V =  $3mL$ 

#### Case 2

Area =  $\triangle$ 

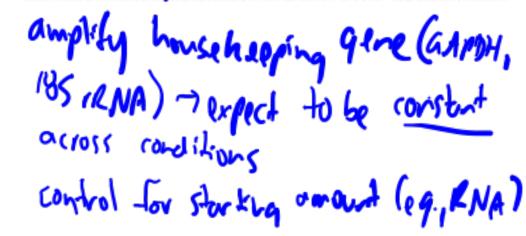
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Vued to total

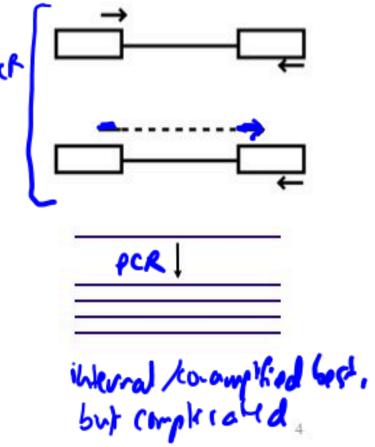
Area = 
$$2A$$

## RT-PCR recap

- RT = reverse transcriptase
  - what does this enzyme do?
- Unique primer design needs
  - how to isolate transcript...
  - ... but not genomic DNA?
- RT and PCR can be done in one reaction or two
- What kinds of controls are desired?







### Module overview: 2<sup>nd</sup> half

