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Environmental DNA (eDNA) metabarcoding protocol for amphibians species V.1

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ABSTRACT

Environmental DNA metabarcoding universal primers targeting the hypervariable region of the 12S rRNA gene

ATTACHMENTS

[Valentini_et_al-2016-Molecular_Ecology.pdf](#)

GUIDELINES

Serial dilutions of mock community was prepared as a positive control

MATERIALS

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Agencourt Ampure XP Beckman Coulter Catalog
#A63AA0

UltraPure™ DNase/RNase-Free Distilled Water Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog
#10977015

10 mM dNTPs Life Technologies Catalog #10297-018

Q5 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase - 500 units New England Biolabs Catalog
#M0491L

SAFETY WARNINGS

The 1st part of the protocol is performed in the pre-PCR room.
The 2nd part in the post-PCR room.
Never bring back PCR products to the pre-PCR room.
Always add a negative control samples in each PCR run

BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS

Laboratory work space and equipment were sterilized by UV-light and DNase solution and 70% ethanol. Filter pipet tips were used in all steps of the laboratory work.

- 1 For DNA extraction use Qiagen DNeasy power water sterivex kit.
The quality of the extracted DNA can be estimated using Nanodrop.

Qiagen DNeasy power water sterivex kit: <https://www.qiagen.com/se/resources/resourcedetail?id=c5fe7d5f-070a-4ebe-ac04-4bbf05a13e91&lang=en>

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Perform the first PCR (triplicates/duplicates of each sample) using Illumina adaptor attached primers that target the gene of your choice.

For Amphibians

Group specific mitochondrial 12S primers and human blocking primers

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26479867>) were used

batra_F: 5'-ACA CTC TTT CCC TAC ACG ACG CTC TTC CGA TCT NNN NNN ACA CCG CCC GTC ACC CT-3' and

batra_R: 5'-AGA CGT GTG CTC TTC CGA TCT NNN NNN GTA YAC TTA CCA TGT TAC GAC TT-3'.

Human blocking primer: batra_blk: TCACCCTCCTCAAGTATACTTCAAAGGCA-SPC3I

which was used to bind to human DNA and prevent its amplification.

Amplification strategy

3 Paired end sequencing on the Miseq platform required two steps of PCR

First PCR step

3.1

Components	Working conc.	Final conc.	1 reaction (µl)
5x Q5 Reaction Buffer	5X	1X	5
batra_F	10 µM	0,2 µM	0,5
batra_R	10 µM	0,2 µM	0,5
dNTPs	2 mM	0,2 mM	2,5
batra_blk	50uM	4uM	2
Q5 HF DNA polymerase	2 U/µl	0.02 U/µl	0,25
Template DNA			5
Nuclease-Free water			9,25

Σ			25
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For environmental samples add 5 µl of template DNA and for mock community samples add 1 µl DNA

STEP	TEMP.	TIME
Initial Denaturation	98 C	30 sec
	98 C	20 sec
35 cycles	57 C	30 sec
	72 C	1 min
Final Extension	72 C	7 min
Hold	6 C	∞

3.2 Check PCR products with Agarose gel electrophoresis (1%).

3.3

Pool PCR triplicated or duplicate samples together and perform purification with magnetic beads (Agencourt AMPure)

https://research.fhcrc.org/content/dam/stripe/hahn/methods/mol_biol/Agencourt%20AMPure%20XP.pdf

Second PCR

- 4** A second PCR is conducted for attaching standard illumina handles and index primers
- Multiplex_fwd
AATGATACGGCGACCAACGAGA{TCTACAC}-[i5 index] ACACTCTTCCCTACACGACG
- Multiplex_rev
CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATAACGAGAT-[i7 index]-GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
- We have in total 20 different forward index/barcode primers and 20 different reverse index/barcode primers.
- By combining both primers (20X20), it is possible to generate 400 tags in one final pool for sequencing.

4.1

Component s	Working conc.	Final conc.	¹ reaction (20 μl)
5xQ5 Reaction Buffer	5X	1X	4
Forward index (i5, illumina- N501- N508)	5μM	0.25 μM	1
Reverse index (i7, illumina- N701- N712)	5μM	0.25 μM	1
dNTP s	2mM	200 μM	2
Q5 HF DNA polymerase	U/μl ²	0.02 U/μl	0.2
Template from 1st PCR			2
Nuclease- Free water			9.8

	Σ		20
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STEP	TEMP.	TIME
Initial Denaturation	98 C	30 sec
	98 C	10 sec
15 cycles	66 C	30 sec
	72 C	30 sec
Final Extension	72 C	2 min
Hold	6 C	∞

4.2 Check second PCR products with Agarose gel electrophoresis (1%)

4.3 Perform purification with magnetic beads (Agencourt AMPure).

5 Use a PicoGreen assay to quantify the concentration of the second PCR product before pooling.

6 Pool the PCR samples in equal DNA amount (ng) or for unequal length amplicons, in equal molecule amount (mol). This results in one tube including a mix of all the samples.

Calculate the volume of each sample to be pooled (DNA amount mixing) as follows:

- Use the lowest concentration sample to define the minimum amount of DNA (ng) that you have

available from a single sample:

- DNA concentration (ng/μL) of the lowest concentration sample multiplied with its volume (μL). This will be your target DNA amount for each sample.
- Calculate how many μLs of each sample you need to achieve the target DNA amount: divide the target DNA amount with the concentration of each sample.
- Pipette into one tube the calculated volume of each sample.
- Aim to use the same pipette for all samples (dilute or pipette multiple times) to avoid pipette calibration errors.

- 7 Check the pooled samples by agarose gel electrophoresis (1%) to make sure only one band is displayed in the gel.
Gel purify the pool and re-quantify with PicoGreen before submitting to sequencing facility.

Sequencing

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Software

Illumina MiSeq Next Generation sequencer

NAME

Sequencing was performed on the Illumina MiSeq platform that generated paired end sequence that where 150 bp in length.

Expected result

Analysis was carried out by DADA2 pipeline <https://benjjneb.github.io/dada2/tutorial.html> .