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Abstract

This protocol details the procedure of genomic DNA isolation from fixed cells.

Attachments



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Materials

Reagents:

- Proteinase K (Zymo #D3001-2-20) (20mg/ml stock in storage buffer).
- RNase A (Sigma #70856) (10mg/ml stock).
- 100% Molecular biology grade Ethanol.
- Silica spin columns (Econospin).
- Qiagen buffer AL.
- Qiagen buffer AW1.
- Qiagen buffer AW2.
- Nuclease free water.

Buffer AL (storage: room temperature (RT))

	A	B
	Tris-HCl (7.4)	50 mM
	Guanidine HCl	5.5 M
	EDTA	20 mM
	Triton X-100	1.3%

Buffer AW1 (storage: RT)

	A	B
	Guanidine HCl	1 M
	EtOH, pH 5.5	57%

Buffer AW2 / PE (storage: RT)

	A	B
	Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)	10 mM
	Ethanol	80%

Buffer AW2 / PE (storage: RT)

	A	B
	Tris-HCl (pH 9)	10 mM
	EDTA	0.5 mM

Troubleshooting



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38m 5s

- 1 Resuspend 1-3 X10⁶ cells in  250 µL of PBS and transfer to a 2 mL tube (this would represent one  3.5 cm dish of 3T3 cells).
- 2 Add  200 µg Proteinase K (from a  20 mg/mL stock) and  200 µg RNase A (from a  20 mg/mL stock).
- 3 Incubate cells at  37 °C for  00:30:00 in a water bath. 
- 4 Add  250 µL Qiagen AL lysis buffer per  250 µL of the protease and RNAase-containing cell suspension and mix thoroughly.  
- 5 Place tubes in an incubator at  56 °C with shaking at  800 rpm  Overnight ,   

Note

Each tube is parafilm sealed to ensure safety.

- 6 Add  250 µL , 100% molecular biology grade ethanol; mix slowly using a slow vortex for  00:00:05 .  
- 7 With a razor blade, trim the tip of a  1 mL pipet tip to enlarge the opening. Use this tip to pipet out DNA from the ethanol solution and apply it onto a silica spin DNA binding column (e.g. EconoSpin 1920-250).
- 8 Spin at  6000 x g for  00:01:00 in a fixed angle tabletop microfuge; aspirate and discard flow-through. 
- 9 Add  500 µL Qiagen **buffer AW1** to the column, spin again at  6000 x g for  00:01:00 , aspirate and discard flow-through.  



10 Add  500 μL Qiagen **buffer AW2**, spin at  8000 x g for  00:01:00 , aspirate and discard flow-through.

1m



11 Spin once more using microfuge to remove excess ethanol at  13000 x g for  00:01:00 .

1m



12 Transfer column into a new, 1.5 mL collection tube.



13 Elute with pre-warmed,  100 μL nuclease-free **water** or **TE**.

Note

Volume depends on starting number of cells: use  100 μL per 1 million cells.

14 Incubate for  00:01:00 , then spin at  13000 x g for  00:01:00 .

2m



15 Add another  50 μL **nuclease free water** to accomplish a second elution.



16 Incubate at  Room temperature for  00:01:00 , then spin as before at  13000 x g for  00:01:00 .

2m



17 **The two flow-through fractions contain the genomic DNA.**

18 Perform Nanodrop and Qubit HS DNA estimation to calculate yield.

Note

Theoretically, 1×10^6 cells should yield  6 μg DNA.