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## Abstract

This standard operating procedure (SOP) sets out the workflow for processing wastewater samples for with the goal of recovering and detecting viral pathogens. The steps include virus concentration using the Ceres Nanoparticles A method and total nucleic acid extraction using MagMAX Wastewater Ultra Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit

The raw wastewater/sewage samples are concentrated using the Ceres Nanoparticles A method, adapted to 40 mL starting volume from the Ceres Nanotrap A 35 mL Manual Protocol with MagMAX Wastewater Ultra Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit. The samples are mixed with Nanotrap A particles and Enhancement Reagent 3, incubated on a shaker, and then pelleted on a magnetic rack. The supernatant is removed, and the beads are resuspended in Nanotrap Buffer 2, and pelleted once more. The pellet is then resuspended in lysis binding solution from the extraction kit, incubated at 56°C, and recaptured on the magnetic rack. The final lysate from the concentration step is then removed, leading into automated or manual extraction.

### Safety information

**Infectious agents** – Wastewater contains pathogens, including viruses, bacteria and fungi. Appropriate safety precautions must be exercised when handling wastewater samples.

## Guidelines

All procedures can be performed by suitably trained members of staff.

## Materials

-  Nanotrap® Enhancement Reagent 3 (ER3) **Ceres Nano Catalog #10113-10**
-  Nanotrap Magnetic Virus Particles (10) **Ceres Nano Catalog #44202**
-  Nanotrap® Buffer 2 **Ceres Nano Catalog #10102-100**
-  MagMAX™ Wastewater Ultra Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #A52606**

| Equipment                                                                                                                                   |  |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Cole-Parmer BH-250D-4 Dri-Block Digital Block Heater; Quadruple Insert; 100Deg C; 230 VAC                                                   |  | NAME  |
| ScientificLabs                                                                                                                              |  | BRAND |
| BLO1042                                                                                                                                     |  | SKU   |
| <a href="https://www.scientificlabs.co.uk/product/block-heaters/BLO1042">https://www.scientificlabs.co.uk/product/block-heaters/BLO1042</a> |  | LINK  |

| Equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Fisherbrand™ Lab Thermometer                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | NAME  |
| FisherScientific                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | BRAND |
| 11597273                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | SKU   |
| <a href="https://www.fishersci.co.uk/shop/products/liquid-filled-total-immersion-thermometer-1/11597273#?keyword=Thermometer">https://www.fishersci.co.uk/shop/products/liquid-filled-total-immersion-thermometer-1/11597273#?keyword=Thermometer</a> |  | LINK  |

Equipment

|                                                                                                                                                                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Mini Centrifuge                                                                                                                                                                                               | NAME  |
| FisherScientific                                                                                                                                                                                              | BRAND |
| 16617645                                                                                                                                                                                                      | SKU   |
| <a href="https://www.fishersci.co.uk/shop/products/fisherbrand-standard-mini-centrifuge/16617645">https://www.fishersci.co.uk/shop/products/fisherbrand-standard-mini-centrifuge/16617645</a> <sup>LINK</sup> |       |

Equipment

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Thermo Scientific™ HulaMixer™ Sample Mixer                                                                                                                                                                        | NAME  |
| Thermo Scientific                                                                                                                                                                                                 | BRAND |
| 15920D                                                                                                                                                                                                            | SKU   |
| <a href="https://www.fishersci.co.uk/shop/products/hulamixer-sample-mixer/10548425#?keyword=15920D">https://www.fishersci.co.uk/shop/products/hulamixer-sample-mixer/10548425#?keyword=15920D</a> <sup>LINK</sup> |       |

| Equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |
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| DynaMag™-2 Magnet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | NAME  |
| Invitrogen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | BRAND |
| 12321D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | SKU   |
| <a href="https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/12321D?ef_id=Cj0KCQiAgvPKBhCxARIsAOIK_EoUALdVrIpw8GmPVS0DIU17F62ar8NJ__tBEhstfUYr6L-k5v7jEkaAhJMEALw_wcB:G:s&amp;s_kwid=AL!3652!3!762546101515!!!g!!!16893189581!143415109412&amp;cid=bid_sap_rst_r01_co_cp1362_pj">https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/12321D?ef_id=Cj0KCQiAgvPKBhCxARIsAOIK_EoUALdVrIpw8GmPVS0DIU17F62ar8NJ__tBEhstfUYr6L-k5v7jEkaAhJMEALw_wcB:G:s&amp;s_kwid=AL!3652!3!762546101515!!!g!!!16893189581!143415109412&amp;cid=bid_sap_rst_r01_co_cp1362_pj</a> | LINK  |

| Equipment                                                                                                                                                     |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 50 ml Magnetic Separation Rack                                                                                                                                | NAME  |
| New England Biolabs                                                                                                                                           | BRAND |
| S1507S                                                                                                                                                        | SKU   |
| <a href="https://www.neb.com/en-gb/products/s1507-50-ml-magnetic-separation-rack">https://www.neb.com/en-gb/products/s1507-50-ml-magnetic-separation-rack</a> | LINK  |



## Safety warnings

- ❗ Experiments **MUST** be performed in the CL2 within the Class II BSC. Before starting the procedure, ensure that the working area (Class II BSC) and equipment e.g pipettors are thoroughly clean.

Separate dedicated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is to be worn in each working area.

## Procedure to concentrate viruses

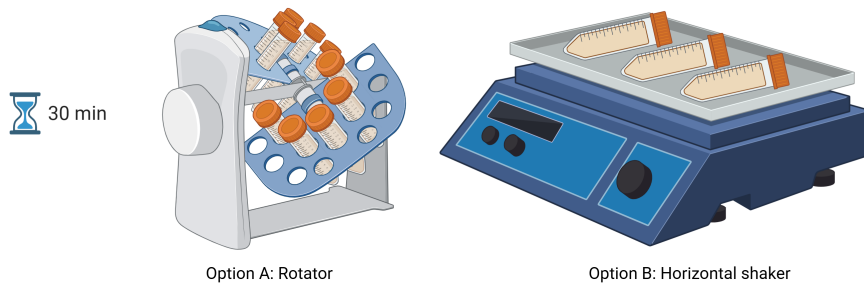
1h 13m

- 1 Working inside the class II/A2 biological safety cabinet, mix the 40 mL wastewater sample thoroughly by inverting several times, then let settle (45 seconds at room temperature). 1m
- 2 Add 114.3  $\mu$ L of Nanotrap Enhancement Reagent 3 (ER3) into the sample, close, and invert twice to mix. 1m
- 3 Add 600  $\mu$ L of Nanotrap Microbiome A Particles into the sample, close, and invert twice to mix. 1m



*Depicted above: all reagents used in this protocol - Nanotrap A Particles (step 3), Enhancement reagent 3 (step 2), and Nanotrap Buffer 2 (step 7)*

- 4 Incubate samples combined with Nanotrap A Particles and Enhancement Reagent 3 at room temperature for 30 minutes, inverting every few minutes (can also use a rotator or horizontal shaker). 30m



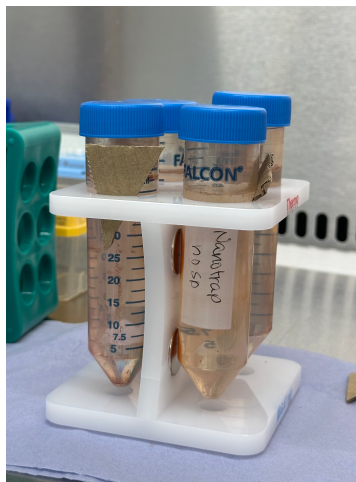
*Can use either rotator (option A) or horizontal shaker (option B). Secure samples in place with tape to avoid falling off if using horizontal shaker. For both rotator or horizontal shaker, secure lids tightly and seal tubes with parafilm prior to commencing 30 minute incubation.*

#### Note

*During this incubation, set the heating block to 56°C.*

- 5 Place samples on the 50 mL magnetic rack for 10 minutes to pellet the Nanotrap particles.

10m



*Beads pelleting against 50 mL magnetic rack*

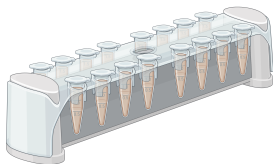
- 6 Once 10 minutes are up, remove and discard supernatant, taking care to avoid disturbing the pellet. If necessary, use a smaller pipette to remove residual supernatant from the sample.

3m

- 7 Resuspend the pelleted Nanotrap particles in 1 mL of Nanotrap Buffer 2, taking care to completely collect all particles. 5m

Transfer the suspension to a clean 2 mL microcentrifuge tube.

- 8 Place the sample tubes on a 2 mL magnetic rack to pellet the Nanotrap Particles for 2 minutes. 2m



- 9 Carefully remove and discard supernatant using a P-1000 pipette, taking care not to disturb the pellet. If necessary, use a smaller pipette to remove any residual supernatant. 3m

- 10 Add 500  $\mu$ L of MagMAX Wastewater Lysis Solution to the pelleted Nanotrap particles, resuspending thoroughly with the pipette. 2m

- 11 Close tubes and incubate for 10 minutes on heating block set to 56°C. 10m

- 12 Replace the sample tubes on the 2 mL magnetic rack and allow samples to pellet for 2 minutes. 2m

#### Note

*If necessary, centrifuge samples (2000g for 2-5 seconds) to remove drops from the lid prior to placing on magnet.*

- 13 For manual extraction, transfer approximately 500  $\mu$ L of lysate from each sample to a fresh 1.5-2 mL tube and discard pelleted beads. 3m

For automated extraction using the KingFisher Duo, transfer the lysate to the 96-deep-well plate (row A).

Sample is now ready for extraction following either manual or automated small volume extraction workflow.

## Extraction using the MagMAX Wastewater Ultra Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit

1h 48m 50s

### 14 Reagent preparation

2m

Prepare 80% ethanol by diluting 100% (absolute) ethanol with nuclease-free water. Prepare a minimum of 2 mL of 80% ethanol per sample.

### 15 Bead Mix

30s

#### Note

Prepare the bead mix on the day of use.

Vortex the Binding Beads vigorously to ensure complete resuspension.

- 15.1 Prepare the Binding Bead Mix by combining the required components below for the total number of samples plus an additional 10% excess.

3m

|  | Component        | Volume per sample |
|--|------------------|-------------------|
|  | Binding Solution | 500 µL            |
|  | Binding Beads    | 20 µL             |
|  | Total volume     | 520 µL            |

- 15.2 Mix the Binding Bead Mix well by inversion, then store at room temperature.

10s

### 16 Automated extraction on KingFisher Duo

Attached here is the KingFisher Duo Prime protocol for importing into your Instrument.

 MagMAX\_Wastewater\_DUO96.bdz 3.6KB

Processing plate layout

|  | Row ID | Plate row | Reagent                                         | Volume per well |
|--|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|  | Sample | A         | Sample lysate + Proteinase K + Binding Bead Mix | 960 µL          |



| Row ID   | Plate row              | Reagent                          | Volume per well |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tip Comb | B                      | Place a 12 tip comb in the plate |                 |
|          | C                      | Empty                            |                 |
| Wash 1   | D                      | Wash Buffer                      | 1, 000 $\mu$ L  |
| Wash 2   | E                      | 80 % Ethanol                     | 1, 000 $\mu$ L  |
| Elution  | Separate elution strip | Elution Solution                 | 100 $\mu$ L     |

**Note**

To avoid evaporation and contamination, cover the prepared processing plates with paraffin film or MicroAmp Clear Adhesive Film until they are loaded into the instrument

16.1 Transfer 500  $\mu$ L of lysate to row A of a new 96-deep-well sample plate.

2m

16.2 Add 40  $\mu$ L of Proteinase K to each sample well.

2m

16.3 Invert the Binding Bead Mix several times to resuspend the beads, then add 520  $\mu$ L of Binding Bead Mix to each sample in row A.

3m

**Note**

Keep the Binding Bead Mix well mixed throughout pipetting. Pipette slowly to ensure accurate volumes, and use fresh pipette tips for each addition. Do not reuse tips due to the high viscosity of the mix.

16.4 Place a 12-tip comb into row B of the 96-deep-well plate. Leave row C empty.

10s

16.5 Add 1,000  $\mu$ L of wash buffer to row D.

2m

16.6 Add 1,000  $\mu$ L of 80% ethanol to row E.

2m



- 16.7 Add 100  $\mu$ L of elution buffer into a separate elution strip tube 1m
- 16.8 Select the MagMAX\_Wastewater\_DUO96 program on the KingFisher DUO
- 16.9 Start the run, then load the prepared plate and elution strip tube into position when prompted by the instrument
- 16.10 At the end of the run (~28 minutes), immediately remove the plate from the instrument and transfer the eluate to a new tube or plate for downstream analysis or storage. 28m

**Note**

The isolated nucleic acid is ready for immediate use. For long-term storage, store extracted nucleic acid at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Samples may be stored in 1.5 mL tubes.

**17 Manual Extraction**

- 17.1 Transfer the 500  $\mu$ L lysate to labelled clean 1.5 mL tube 3m
- 17.2 Add 40  $\mu$ L of Proteinase K to each sample tube 2m
- 17.3 Invert the tube of Binding Bead Mix several times to resuspend the beads, then add 520  $\mu$ L of Binding Bead Mix to each sample 3m
- 17.4 Transfer the sample tubes on a shaker and set to shake for 5 minutes at 900rpm. 5m
- 17.5 Briefly spin down and place the sample tubes on a magnetic stand for at least 5 minutes, or until all of the beads have collected. 5m
- 17.6 With the sample tube on the magnetic stand, carefully remove and discard the supernatant. 5m

**Note**

**Important!** Avoid disturbing the beads.

- 17.7 Remove the tube from the magnetic stand, then add 1 mL of Wash Buffer to each sample 2m
- 17.8 Close the tubes then shake at 800 rpm for 30 seconds. 30s
- 17.9 Place the sample tube on the magnetic stand for 3 minutes, or until all of the beads have collected on the side of the tube. 3m
- 17.10 With the sample tube on the magnetic stand, carefully remove and discard the supernatant. 3m
- 17.11 Repeat step 17.7 through step 17.10, using 1 mL of 80% ethanol. 8m 30s
- 17.12 Briefly centrifuge and remove any residual solution with a small volume fine-tipped pipette, without disturbing the pellet. 3m
- 17.13 Air-dry the beads by leaving the tube open for 2 minutes to allow residual ethanol to evaporate. 2m

**Note**

Avoid overdrying the beads to the point of the pellet cracking as this may lower the efficiency of nucleic acid recovery.

- 17.14 Add 100  $\mu$ L of Elution Solution to each sample and vortex vigorously to fully resuspend the pellet. 3m
- 17.15 Incubate at 75°C for 5 minutes. 5m



17.16 Shake at 800 rpm for 5 minutes.

5m

17.17 Briefly centrifuge and place the sample tube on the magnetic stand for 3 minutes, or until all of the beads have collected to the side of the tube.

3m

17.18 With the sample tube on the magnetic stand, carefully transfer the eluates to a new clean 1.5 mL tube.

2m

17.19 Keep the isolated nucleic acid on ice for immediate use or store at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until ready for further downstream analysis

## Protocol references

Based on the protocol APP-082 from Ceres Nanosciences.