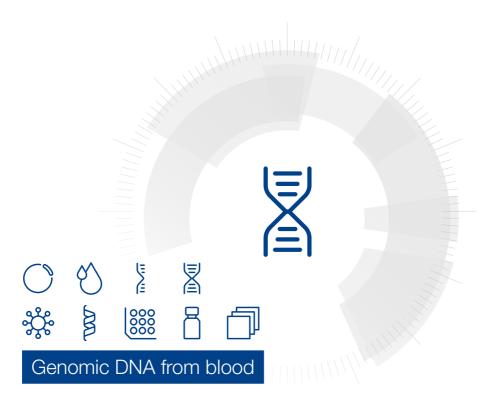
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1 Components

1.1 Kit contents

	NucleoMag [®] Blood 200 μL		
	1x 96 preps	4 x 96 preps	
REF	744501.1	744501.4	
NucleoMag® B-Beads	2 x 1.5 mL	12 mL	
Lysis Buffer MBL1	13 mL	45 mL	
Binding Buffer MBL2	40 mL	160 mL	
Wash Buffer MBL3	300 mL	900 mL	
Wash Buffer MBL4	125 mL	500 mL	
Elution Buffer MBL5*	30 mL	125 mL	
Proteinase K, lyophilized**	50 mg	4 x 50 mg	
Proteinase Buffer PB	8 mL	15 mL	
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^{*} Elution Buffer MBL5: 5 mM Tris, pH 8.5

^{**}For preparation of working solutions and storage conditions see section 3.

1.2 Reagents, consumables, and equipment to be supplied by user

Reagents

80% ethanol (for the washing step)

Equipment/Consumables

Product	REF	Pack of
Separation plate for magnetic beads separation, e.g., Square-well Block (96-well block with 2.1 mL square-wells)	740481 740481.24	4 24
• Elution plate for collecting purified DNA, e.g., Elution Plate U-bottom (96-well 0.3 mL microtiterplate with 300 μL U-bottom wells)	740486.24	24
 For use of kit on KingFisher® instruments:, 		
e.g., 96-well Accessory Kit B for KingFisher (Deep-well Blocks, Deep-well tip combs, Plates for 4 x 96 preparations)	744951	1 set

1.3 About this user manual

It is strongly recommended that first time users of the NucleoMag® Blood 200 µL kit read the detailed protocol sections of this user manual. Experienced users, however, may refer to the Protocol at a glance instead. The Protocol at a glance is designed to be used only as a supplemental tool for quick referencing while performing the purification procedure.

All technical literature is available online at www.mn-net.com.

2 Product description

2.1 The basic principle

The **NucleoMag® Blood 200 µL** procedure is based on reversible adsorption of nucleic acids to paramagnetic beads under appropriate buffer conditions. Whole blood is lysed with Lysis Buffer MBL1 and Proteinase K. Following lysis incubation, magnetic beads are added and binding conditions under which the DNA binds to the magnetic beads are adjusted by addition of Binding Buffer MBL2. After magnetic separation and removal of the supernatant, the paramagnetic beads are washed three times to remove contaminants and salt. There is no need for a drying step as ethanol from previous wash steps is removed by Wash Buffer MBL4. Finally, highly purified DNA is eluted with low-salt Elution Buffer MBL5 and can directly be used for downstream applications. The **NucleoMag® Blood 200 µL** kit can be used either manually or automated on standard liquid handling instruments or automated magnetic separators.

2.2 Kit specifications

NucleoMag® Blood 200 µL is designed for rapid manual and automated small-scale preparation of highly pure genomic DNA from 200 μ L whole blood using the NucleoMag® 96 SEP (see ordering information) or other magnetic separation systems (see section 2.3). Manual time for the preparation of 96 samples is about 120 minutes. The obtained DNA can be used directly as template for PCR, blotting, or any kind of enzymatic reactions.

NucleoMag® Blood 200 μ L allows easy automation on common liquid handling instruments or automated magnetic separators, for example Thermo Scientific's KingFisher® instruments. The actual processing time depends on the configuration of your instrument and the magnetic separation system used. Typically, 96 samples can be purified in less than 120 minutes using the NucleoMag® SEP on the automation platform.

The kit provides reagents for the purification of 2–8 μ g of pure genomic DNA from 200 μ L whole blood with an A_{260}/A_{280} ratio $\geq 1.6-1.9$ and typical concentration of 20–40 ng/ μ L. Depending on the health status of the blood donor and the elution volume used, concentrations of 10–160 ng/ μ L can be obtained.

Fresh or frozen blood treated either with EDTA or citrate can be used. The procedure is optimized for a sample volume of 200 μ L.

NucleoMag® Blood 200 μ L can be processed completely at room temperature, however, elution at 55 °C or 72 °C will increase the yield by about 15–20 %.

NucleoMag® Blood Beads are highly reactive, superparamagnetic beads. The binding capacity is approximately 0.4 μ g of gDNA per 1 μ L of NucleoMag® Blood Bead Suspension, 1 μ L of suspension contains 140 μ g of beads.

2.3 Magnetic separation systems

For use of **NucleoMag® Blood 200 \muL**, the use of the magnetic separator NucleoMag® SEP is recommended. Separation is carried out in a Square-well Block (see ordering information). The kit can also be used with other common separators.

Magnetic separator	Separation plate or tube
NucleoMag® SEP (MN REF 744900)	Square-well Block (MN REF 740481)
Tecan Te-MagS™	1.5 mL tubes without lid (Sarstedt)

Static magnetic pins

Separators with static magnetic pins, for example, NucleoMag® SEP (for manual use and for use on liquid handling workstations): This type of separator is recommended in combination with a suitable microplate shaker for optimal resuspension of the beads during the washing and elution steps. Alternatively, beads can be resuspended in the buffer by pipetting up and down several times. For fully-automated use on liquid handling workstations, a gripper tool is required, the plate is transferred to the magnetic separator for separation of the beads and transferred to the shaker module for resuspension of the beads.

Movable magnetic systems

Separators with moving magnetic pins, for example Te-MagSTM (for automated use only): Magnetic pins/rods are moved from one side of the well to the other and vice versa. Beads follow this movement and are thus pulled through the buffer during the wash and elution steps. Separation takes place when the system stops the movement.

Automated separators (e.g., King Fisher® instruments)

Separators with moving magnets: Magnetic beads are transferred into suitable plates or tubes. Beads are resuspended from the rod-covered magnets. Following binding, washing or elution beads are collected again with the rod-covered magnets and transferred to the next plate or tube.*

^{*} Contact MN Technical Service for optimized program files and support protocols.

2.4 Adjusting the shaker settings

When using a plate shaker for the washing and elution steps, the speed settings have to be adjusted carefully for each specific separation plate and shaker to prevent cross-contamination from well to well. Proceed as follows:

Adjusting shaker speed for wash steps:

- Load 800 µL dyed water to the wells of the separation plate. Place the plate on the shaker and start shaking with a moderate speed setting for 30 seconds. Turn off the shaker and check plate surface for small droplets of dyed water.
- Increase speed setting, shake for an additional 30 seconds, and check plate surface for droplets again.
- Continue increasing the speed setting until you observe droplets on top of the separation plate. Reduce speed setting, check again and use this setting for the washing step.

Adjusting shaker speed for the elution step:

 Load 100 µL dyed water to the wells of the collection plate and proceed as described above.

2.5 Handling of beads

Distribution of beads

A homogeneous distribution of the magnetic beads to the individual wells of the separation plate is essential for a high well-to-well consistency. Therefore, before distributing the beads, make sure that the beads are completely resuspended. Shake the storage bottle well or place it on a vortexer shortly. Premixing magnetic beads with the Binding Buffer MBL2 allows easier homogenous distribution of the beads to the individual wells of the separation plate. During automation, a premix step before aspirating the beads/binding buffer mixture from the reservoir is recommended to keep the beads resuspended.

Magnetic separation time

Attraction of the magnetic beads to the magnetic pins depends on the magnetic strength of the magnetic pins, the selected separation plate, the distance of the separation plate from the magnetic pins, and the volume to be processed. The individual times for complete attraction of the beads to the magnetic pins should be checked and adjusted on each system. It is recommended to use the separation plates or tubes specified by the supplier of the magnetic separator.

Washing the beads

Washing the beads can be achieved by shaking or mixing. In contrast to mixing by pipetting up and down mixing by shaker or magnetic mixing allows simultaneous mixing of all samples. This reduces the time and number of tips needed for the preparation. Resuspension by pipetting up and down, however, is more efficient than mixing by a shaker or magnetic mix. Complete and homogenous resuspension of the beads in wash buffers MBL3, MBL4, and 80 % ethanol is mandatory for best performance of the kit.

Method	Resuspension efficiency	Speed	Number of tips needed
Magnetic mix	+	++	Low
Shaker	++	++	Low
Pipetting	+++	+*	High

^{+:} acceptable, ++: good, +++: excellent

2.6 Elution procedures

Purified total DNA can be eluted directly with the supplied Elution Buffer MBL5. Elution can be carried out in a volume of $\geq 50~\mu L$. It is essential to cover the NucleoMag® B-Beads completely with Elution Buffer MBL5 during the elution step. The volume of dispensed Elution Buffer MBL5 depends on the magnetic separation system (e.g., the position of the pellet inside the separation plate). For efficient elution, the magnetic bead pellet should be resuspended completely in the Elution Buffer MBL5. For some separators high elution volumes might be necessary to cover the whole magnetic bead pellet.

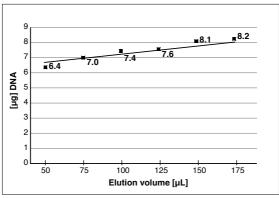


Figure 1: Influence of elution volume on DNA yield (example)

Depending on multichannel system

Elution is possible at room temperature. However, DNA yield can be increased by 15–20% if elution is performed at 72 °C (see Figure 2).

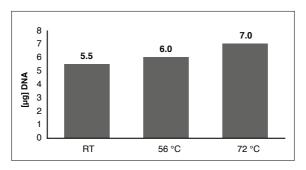


Figure 2: Influence of elution temperature on DNA yield

3 Storage conditions and preparation of working solutions

Attention: Buffers MBL1, MBL2, and MBL3 contain chaotropic salt! Wear gloves and goggles!

CAUTION: Buffer MBL1 contains guanidine hydrochloride which can form highly reactive compounds when combined with bleach (sodium hypochlorite). DO NOT add bleach or acidic solutions directly to the sample-preparation waste.

- All components of the NucleoMag[®] Blood 200 μL kit should be stored at 15– 25 °C and are stable for up to one year.
- All buffers are delivered ready-to-use.

Before starting **NucleoMag® Blood 200 µL** protocol prepare the following:

 Add the indicated volume of Proteinase Buffer PB to dissolve lyophilized Proteinase K (see table below). Proteinase K solution is stable at -20 °C for up to 6 months.

	NucleoMag [®] Blood 200 μL			
	1 x 96 preps 4 x 96 prep			
REF	744501.1	744501.4		
Proteinase K	50 mg	4 x 50 mg		
	Add 2.5 mL Proteinase Buffer PB	Add 2.5 mL Proteinase Buffer PB to each vial		

4 Safety instructions

When working with the **NucleoMag® Blood 200 µL** kit wear suitable protective clothing (e.g., lab coat, disposable gloves, and protective goggles).

For more information consult the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS available online at **www.mn-net.com/msds**).



Caution: Guanidin hydrochloride in Buffer MBL1, sodium perchlorate in buffer MBL2 and MBL3 can form highly reactive compounds when combined with bleach! Thus, do not add bleach or acidic solutions directly to the sample preparation waste.

The waste generated with the <code>NucleoMag®</code> <code>Blood 200 µL</code> kit has not been tested for residual infectious material. A contamination of the liquid waste with residual infectious material is highly unlikely due to strong denaturing lysis buffer and Proteinase K treatment but it cannot be excluded completely. Therefore, liquid waste must be considered infectious and should be handled and discarded according local safety regulations.

4.1 Disposal

Dispose hazardous, infectious or biologically contaminated materials in a safe and acceptable manner and in accordance with all local and regulatory requirements.

5 Protocol for the isolation of DNA from blood

Protocol-at-a-glance

- For additional equipment and hardware requirements, refer to section 1.2 and 2.3, respectively.
- For detailed information on each step, see page 19.

Before starting the preparation:

Check if Proteinase K was prepared according to section 3.

1	Lyse samples	Dispense 20 μL Proteinase K into Square-well Block	
		200 μL blood	
		80 μL MBL1	
		Mix 3-5 times	
		Shake 10 min at RT	
2	Bind DNA to	25 μL B-Beads	
	NucleoMag® B-Beads	300 μL MBL2	
		Mix by shaking for 5 min at RT (Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)	↔
		Remove supernatant after 2 min separation	
3	Wash with MBL3 (1st wash)	Remove Square-well Block from NucleoMag® SEP	
		800 μL MBL3	
		Resuspend: Shake 5 min at RT (Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)	↔

Remove supernatant after 2 min separation



4 **Wash** with MBL3 (2nd wash)

Remove Square-well Block from NucleoMag® SEP

800 μL MBL3



Resuspend: Shake 5 min at RT (Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)



Remove supernatant after 2 min separation



5 **Wash** with 80 % ethanol

Remove Square-well Block from NucleoMag® SEP

800 μL 80 % ethanol



Resuspend: Shake 5 min at RT (Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)



Remove supernatant after 2 min separation



6 Wash with MBL4

<u>Leave</u> Square-well Block on NucleoMag® SEP

900 µL MBL4

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Incubate for 45-90 s



Asprirate and discard supernatant

Note: Do not resuspend the beads in Buffer MBL4!

7 Elute DNA

Remove Square-well Block from NucleoMag® SEP

50–100 μL MBL5 (Optional: Elute at 55 °C)



Shake 5–10 min at RT (Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)



Separate 2 min and transfer DNA into elution plate/tubes



Detailed protocol

This protocol is designed for magnetic separators with static pins (e.g., NucleoMag® SEP) and suitable plate shakers (see section 2.3). It is recommended using a Square-well Block for separation (see section 1.2). Alternatively, isolation of DNA can be performed in reaction tubes with suitable magnetic separators. This protocol is for manual use and serves as a guideline for adapting the kit to robotic instruments.

Before starting the preparation:

Check if Proteinase K was prepared according to section 3.

1 Lyse samples

Dispense 20 µL of Proteinase K solution into each well of a Square-well Block.

Transfer **200 µL blood** (equilibrated to room temperature) to each well of a Square-well Block. Do not moisten the rims of the well.

<u>Note</u>: See recommendations for suitable plates or tubes and compatible magnetic separators (section 2.3).

Add **80 µL Buffer MBL1** to each sample and **mix** by repeated pipetting up and down (3–5 times) **and shaking** for **5–10 min** at **room temperature**.

Alternatively, when processing the kit without a shaker, pipette up and down 10 times and incubate 5–10 min at room temperature.

2 Bind DNA to NucleoMag® B-Beads

Add **25 µL NucleoMag® B-Beads** to each sample. Mix magnetic beads thoroughly before dispensing to the samples.

Add **300 µL Buffer MBL2** to each sample and **mix** by pipetting up and down 3–5 times and **shake** for **5 min** to allow the DNA to bind to the magnetic beads. Alternatively, when processing the kit without a shaker, pipette up and down 10 times and incubate 5 min at room temperature.

Note: NucleoMag® B-Beads and Buffer MBL2 can be premixed. For each sample to be processed, mix 25 µL of NucleoMag® B-Beads with 300 µL Buffer MBL2. Vortex briefly. Depending on the dead volume of the reservoir, additional amounts of bead suspension and binding buffer are necessary. Mix the solution several times to avoid the beads to settle within the premix distribution step. Do not store the premix of the NucleoMag® B-Beads and Buffer MBL2 longer than 12 h.

Be sure to resuspend the NucleoMag® B-Beads before removing them from the storage bottle. Vortex storage bottle briefly until a homogenous suspension has been formed

Separate the magnetic beads against the side of the wells by placing the Square-well Block on the magnetic separator. Wait at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attracted by the magnet. Remove and discard the supernatant by pipetting.

<u>Note</u>: Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant. The magnetic pellet is not visible in this step. Remove supernatant from the opposite side of the well.

3 Wash with MBL3 (1st wash)

Remove the Square-well Block from the magnetic separator.

Add **800 µL Buffer MBL3** to each well and resuspend the bead/DNA complex by **shaking** at room temperature until the beads are resuspended completely (**5 min**). Alternatively, resuspend the beads by pipetting up and down (15 times).

<u>Note</u>: Make sure that the magnetic beads are resuspended completely and form a brownish suspension. If necessary increase shaking incubation time or number of mixing cycles. Incomplete mixing may result in low purity of eluted DNA.

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the magnetic separator. Wait for at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attrected to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

Note: Supernatant has a brownish color, magnetic bead pellet is now visible.

4 Wash with MBL3 (2nd wash)

Remove the Square-well Block from the magnetic separator.

Add **800 µL Buffer MBL3** to each well for a second wash step with Buffer MBL3. Wash the bead/DNA complex by **shaking** (**5 min**) at **room temperature**. Alternatively, resuspend the beads by pipetting up and down (15 times).

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the magnetic separator. Wait for at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attrected to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

Note: Supernatant is colorless, magnetic bead pellet is clearly visible.

5 Wash with 80 % ethanol

Remove the Square-well Block from the magnetic separator.

Add **800 µL 80% ethanol** to each well and wash the bead/DNA complex by **shaking** (5 min) at **room temperature**. Alternatively, resuspend the beads by pipetting up and down (15 times).

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the magnetic separator. Wait for at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attrected to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

Note: Supernatant is colorless, magnetic bead pellet is visible now.

6 Wash with MBL4

<u>Leave</u> Square-well Block on the magnetic separator.

Gently add 900 µL Buffer MBL4 to each well and incubate for 45–90 s while the beads are still attracted to the magnet.

Then aspirate and discard the supernatant.

<u>Note</u>: Do **not** resuspend the beads in Buffer MBL4. This step is to remove traces of ethanol and eliminates a drying step.

<u>Optional</u>: Washing the magnetic beads with Buffer MBL4 may decrease the DNA yield slightly. Alternatively, replace this washing step by air-drying of the magnetic beads for 10–15 min until all of the ethanol from previous washing step has evaporated. Beads with remaining ethanol appear to be glossy. Moderate heating (37 °C) can support and shorten the air-drying step. Over drying the beads may result in low yield in the final elution step.

7 Elute DNA

Remove the Square-well Block from the magnetic separator.

Add desired volume of Buffer MBL5 ($50-100 \mu L$) to each well of the Square-well Block and resuspend the bead/DNA complex by shaking (5-10 min). Alternatively, resuspend the beads by pipetting up and down (15 times).

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the magnetic separator. Wait for at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attrected to the magnet. Transfer the supernatant containing the purified genomic DNA to the Elution Plate.

<u>Note</u>: Yield can be increased by 15–20% by using pre-heated elution buffer (55–72°C) or by incubating the bead/elution buffer suspension at 55–72°C for 10 min.

6 Appendix

6.1 Troubleshooting

Problem

Possible cause and suggestions

Elution buffer volume insufficient

Beads pellet must be covered completely with elution buffer

Insufficient performance of elution buffer during elution step

Remove residual buffers during the separation steps completely.
 Remaining buffers decrease efficiency of subsequent wash steps and elution step.

Beads dried out

 Do not let the beads dry as this might result in lower elution efficiencies.

Poor DNA yield

Partial elution in Wash Buffer MBL4 already

 Keep the separation plate on the magnet while dispensing Wash Buffer MBL4. Do not resuspend beads in this buffer, and do not incubate beads in this buffer for more than 2 min, as Buffer MBL4 promotes DNA elution.

Aspiration of attracted bead pellet

 Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant, especially when the magnetic pellet is not visible in the lysate.

Incubation after dispensing beads to lysate

 Mix immediately after dispensing NucleoMag® B-Beads and Binding Buffer MBL2 to the lysate.

Poor blood quality

 Be sure that no blood clots are transferred to the well. Blood can be stored at 2–8 °C for two weeks. Freeze samples if stored for longer periods.

Low purity

Insufficient washing procedure

 Use only the appropriate combinations of separator and plate, for example, Square-well Block in combination with NucleoMag® SEP.

Problem Possible cause and suggestions Carry-over of ethanol from ethanol wash step Suboptimal Be sure to remove all of the ethanol from the ethanol wash performance step. Carry-over of ethanol may interfere with downstream of DNA in applications. Use of Buffer MBL4 or introduce on air-drying step. downstream applications Low purity See above Time for magnetic separation too short Increase separation time to allow the beads to be completely attracted to the magnetic pins before aspirating any liquid from the well. Carry-over Aspiration speed too high (elution step) of beads High aspiration speed during the elution step may cause bead carry over. Reduce aspiration speed for elution step. To remove magnetic beads from the eluates, put the elution plate on the magnetic separator and aspirate the supernatant after sufficient beads separation.

Contamination of the rims

Cross contamination

 Do not moisten the rims of the Square-well Block when transferring the blood. If the rim of the wells is contaminated, seal the Square-well Block with Self-adhering PE Foil (see ordering information) before starting the shaker.

6.2 Ordering information

Product	REF	Pack of
NucleoMag [®] Blood 200 μL	744501.1 744501.4	1 x 96 preps 4 x 96 preps
NucleoMag® SEP	744900	1
Square-well Blocks	740481.4 740481.24	4 24
Elution Plates U-bottom	740486.24	24
Self-adhering PE Foil	740676	50 sheets
96-well Accessory Kit B for KingFisher (Deep-well Blocks, Deep-well tip combs, Plates for 4 x 96 preparations)	744951	1 set

Visit www.mn-net.com for more detailed product information.

6.3 Product use restriction/warranty

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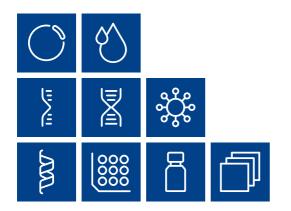
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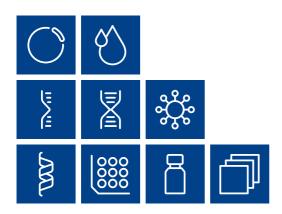
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