

Experiment protocol: a syringe-filter based DNA extraction

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We use this protocol in our group and it is working

- Prepare the following solutions
 - a. TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl and 1 mM EDTA)
 - b. TE/lysozyme (TL) buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 7.5 mg/mL lysozyme)
 - c. TE/proteinase K/SDS (TPS) buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, 300 µg/mL proteinase K, and 1% SDS[w/v])

The 10 mL sample or 100ml was passed through a 0.2 µm pore-sized syringe filter in the direction of the filtration.

TE buffer addition

A 1 mL of TE buffer was injected into the same filter, still in the direction of the filtration; the flow through was pooled into a sterile 15 mL tube.

Backwasing step

Backwashing was done in the opposite direction of filtration with the flow through pooled into the same 15 mL tube; the tubes were mixed by inversions for 5 mins in between each back-washing step:

- a. A 1 mL of TL buffer was flushed through the filter then 300 µL of TL was added into the pooled flow-through.
- b. Next, 1 mL of TPS buffer was flushed through the filter.
- c. Lastly, 1 mL of TPS buffer and 3 times of 1 mL air was flushed and mixed to the flow through.
- d. The filter is then discarded
- Magnetic beads addition

A 50 µL of silica-coated magnetic beads solution (Dynabeads MyOne SILANE, Invitrogen) was added to the flow-through and was mixed by inversions for 5mins.

Washing

Optional: Washing buffer (1 mL) (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 70% ethanol) was added and mixed by pipetting the mixture

The beads were magnetized to the tube walls then the supernatant was discarded.

- DNA elution and collection
 - a. The DNA was then eluted from the beads with 50 μ L of TE buffer.
 - b. The magnetic beads were collected, and the DNA samples were recovered.
 - c. The recovered DNA was then diluted 3x with TE buffer to lessen possible inhibitions on downstream applications. The diluted DNA can also be stored in -20°C.

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