

SPOT DNA Extraction from 142mm Durapore 0.22µm Filters

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Abstract

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Guidelines

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Supplies:

- a) Dry ice
- b) 15 ml falcon tube - 1 per filter
- c) Oak Ridge tube - 1 per filter; Nalgene #3119-0050 (polypropylene)
- d) 2 x 2ml NON lo-bind tube/filter for 1st and 2nd DNA precipitation steps (Day 2 steps 4, 14)
- e) 2 x 1.5ml lo-bind tube/filter (Day 3, step 6)
- f) 1 x PCR tube/filter for 2ng/µl dilution
- g) pH paper, range 5.5-9

Reagents: Make all solutions with autoclaved 0.02µm filtered MilliQ water and autoclave.

- a) 10X STE: 100mM Tris-Cl (pH 8.0), 1M NaCl, and 10mM EDTA). Dilute to 1X STE.
- b) 10% SDS: do NOT autoclave.
- c) 10.5M NH₄OAC
- d) 100% Ethanol (200 proof, molecular grade)
- e) 1X TE, pH 8.0: 10mM Tris-Cl (pH 8.0) and 1mM EDTA
- f) Phenol, pH 8
- g) SEVAG aka chloroform: isoamyl alcohol
- h) Phenol: chloroform: isoamyl alcohol, pH 8 (optional)

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Protocol

Day 1

Step 1.

Prepare a boiling water bath; this MUST be a rolling boil.

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Microwave water to heat faster, then put on hot plate, cover with foil, and boil.

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Using a full 1-2L beaker is recommended to prevent heat loss when you add samples.

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Day 1

Step 2.

Place 50ml falcon tube with 142mm filter on dry ice.

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Filter MUST be kept totally FROZEN at all times to crush the filter.

Day 1

Step 3.

Using the bottom of an untouched STERILE 15ml polypropylene falcon tube as a pestle, vigorously crush the 142mm filter while in the 50ml falcon until it has been pulverized and the filter material is BELOW the 10ml line.

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Only handle the 15ml falcon by the top lid, and use the conical base as the pestle.

Day 1

Step 4.

Add 9mls of 1X STE directly to the crushed filter pieces.

Day 1

Step 5.

Vortex for 10 seconds.

🕒 DURATION

00:00:10

Day 1

Step 6.

Add 1ml of 10% SDS drop-wise while swirling.

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It is important to MIX SDS into STE buffer.

Day 1

Step 7.

Spin briefly in Eppendorf 5810R centrifuge at 15-25°C by spinning up to 4000 rpm (3220xg) and immediately stopping.

Day 1

Step 8.

Place in rolling, boiling water bath for 2 minutes.

🕒 DURATION

00:02:00

Day 1

Step 9.

Spin at 4000 rpm (Eppendorf 5810R) for 10 minutes at 15°C to separate filter and debris.

 **DURATION**

00:10:00

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This MUST be 15°C (or room temp) because at lower temperatures SDS will precipitate, and you will lose DNA along with it.

Day 1

Step 10.

Add 3mls of 10.5M NH₄OAC to an Oak Ridge tube for each filter.

Day 1

Step 11.

Pour supernatant (only) from 50ml falcon tube into Oak Ridge tube (38ml capacity).

Day 1

Step 12.

Use 1ml pipette to transfer any remaining supernatant to Oak Ridge tube: 0.5-1ml.

Day 1

Step 13.

Remove any large filter pieces using STERILE 1ml serological pipette to reach the bottom and drag the filter pieces up the sides.

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(or with wide bore plastic pipette tip)

Day 1

Step 14.

Add 28mls of 200 proof (100%) EtOH (molecular grade).

Day 1

Step 15.

Invert to mix thoroughly.

Day 1

Step 16.

Store at -20°C overnight.

 **DURATION**

18:00:00

Day 2

Step 17.

Pellet DNA in Sorvall RC5-B at 4°C using the HB-4 rotor by spinning at max speed of 13,000RPM (27,900xg) for at least 2 hours.

 **DURATION**

02:00:00

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Sorvall takes ~30 minutes to cool to 4-10°C and gauge may only read ~11000 RPM

When finished for the day, turn off, let warm to room temp, and wipe out any liquid with Kimwipe.

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Note: this rotor pellets the DNA at the very bottom of the tube.

Do not use a fixed angle rotor or DNA will be smeared along the side.

Day 2

Step 18.

Gently pour out supernatant and dry pellet upside-down in fume hood for at least 2 hours.

 DURATION

02:00:00

Day 2

Step 19.

Resuspend in 500ul 1X TE (pH 8.0) for 2 hours at 37°C.

 DURATION

02:00:00

Day 2

Step 20.

Transfer to 2ml non-LoBind tube.

Day 2

Step 21.

Add 500µl phenol.

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Shelf life is ~6 months with equilibration buffer added and stored at 4°C. If acidic, DNA will not be in the aqueous layer. Phenol is covered with buffer so pipette from the bottom of the container and blow out the pipette before pulling up.

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Check every time (once per day) that phenol is equilibrated to pH 8.0.

TO TEST pH: either a) test the equilibration buffer with pH paper (range 5.5-9) or b) pipet small amount of phenol into microcentrifuge tube, add equal amount of water, mix by inversion, spin to separate layers, and test water with pH paper.

Day 2

Step 22.

Mix 5 times by gentle inversion.

Day 2

Step 23.

Spin 2 min at 12000 rpm (13,000xg) to separate organic and inorganic phases (Beckman, beige)

 DURATION

00:02:00

Day 2

Step 24.

Remove and discard bottom (phenol) layer. LEAVE INTERFACE.

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INTERFACE is the line between organic and inorganic phases

Day 2

Step 25.

Add 300µl phenol and 300µl SEVAG (CHCl₃:IsoamylOH 24:1 v/v) to aqueous phase.

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Alternatively, add 600µl of pre-mixed phenol:chloroform: isoamyl (25:24:1). Check it is at pH=8 before use.

Day 2

Step 26.

Mix by gentle inversion 5 times.

Day 2

Step 27.

Spin 2 min at 12000 rpm (13,000xg).

🕒 DURATION

00:02:00

Day 2

Step 28.

Remove and discard bottom layer. LEAVE INTERFACE.

Day 2

Step 29.

Add 500µl SEVAG (CHCl₃:IsoamylOH 24:1 v/v).

Day 2

Step 30.

Mix by gentle inversion.

Day 2

Step 31.

Spin 2 min at 12000 rpm (13,000xg).

🕒 DURATION

00:02:00

Day 2

Step 32.

Remove TOP layer (YOUR DNA) and transfer to new 2ml non-LoBind tube.

LEAVE INTERFACE BEHIND. This top layer is your DNA!!!

Day 2

Step 33.

Add 125µl 10.5M NH₄OAc. Mix by inversion 5-10 times.*

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*You want to add 0.25 volumes of 10.5M NH₄OAc and 2.2 volumes Ethanol for a final concentration of 2.5M NH₄OAc and 70% Ethanol. We assume that extract volume is 500µl. If your volume differs, adjust amounts of NH₄OAc and ethanol accordingly. For 500ul: 25µl NH₄OAc: 0.25 x 500 = 125µl. 1375µl EtoH: 2.2 (500+125) = 1375µl

Day 2

Step 34.

Add 1375 µl ice-cold 100% EtOH (200 proof, molecular grade).*

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Day 2

Step 35.

Mix by inversion 5-10 times.

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Small bubbles may appear, this is ok.

Day 2

Step 36.

Precipitate overnight at -20°C.

🕒 DURATION

18:00:00

Day 3

Step 37.

Spin at max speed (approximately 13,750RPM, 12,535xg) in Beckman Microfuge E with **horizontal** rotor at 4°C (cold room) for 30 minutes to pellet most DNA in the center/bottom of tube.

🕒 DURATION

00:30:00

Day 3

Step 38.

To pellet the rest of the DNA, spin the same tube for at least 90 minutes at 14,000 rpm (20,800xg) at 4°C (Eppendorf 5810R) .

🕒 DURATION

01:30:00

Day 3

Step 39.

Gently pour off supernatant.

Day 3

Step 40.

Dry pellet for at least 2 hrs by leaving open and upside-down.

🕒 DURATION

02:00:00

Day 3

Step 41.

Resuspend 5m and CMAX samples in 50µl of 1X TE and 150m, 500m, and 890m samples in 30ul 1X TE for 2 hours at 37°C.

🕒 DURATION

02:00:00

Day 3

Step 42.

Transfer all re-suspended extract to 1.5ml **Eppendorf LoBind DNA tube**.

Day 3

Step 43.

Aliquot 10µl of extract to an additional 1.5ml **Eppendorf LoBind DNA tube** for archiving.

Day 3

Step 44.

After re-suspension, immediately quantify using PICO Green (Invitrogen).

NOTES

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To be within range of the picogreen standard curve (05-20ng), you may need to dilute the extracts if from an initial sample volume of 10-20L seawater: 1:30 for 5m, DCM and 1:10 or 1:15 for deeper depths.

Day 3

Step 45.

Prepare 2ng/µl dilution for a working stock using no more than 1µl of extract.

Day 3

Step 46.

Store dilution, extract, and archive at -80°C

NOTES

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Archive DNA should NOT be in the same freezer as MAIN stocks.

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Use the 2ng/µl extract for downstream ARISA PCR, etc.

Warnings

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