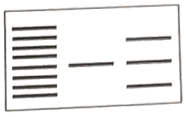
5.2 DNA extraction from agarose gels

Before starting the preparation:

- Check if Wash Buffer NT3 was prepared according to section 3.

1 Excise DNA fragment / solubilize gel slice



Note: Minimize UV exposure time to avoid damaging the DNA. Refer to section 2.5 for more tips on agarose gel extraction.

Take a clean scalpel to excise the DNA fragment from an agarose gel. Remove all excess agarose.

! Determine the weight of the gel slice and transfer it to a clean tube.

+ 200 µL NTI per 100 mg gel

For each **100 mg of agarose gel** < **2 %** add **200 µL Buffer NTI**.

One band will be less than 100 mg, don't measure, add 100µL

For gels containing > 2 % agarose, double the volume of Buffer NTI.

Incubate sample for **5–10 min** at **50 °C**. Vortex the sample briefly every 2–3 min until the gel slice is ***completely*** dissolved!

50 °C
5–10 min

2 Bind DNA

Place a **NucleoSpin® Gel and PCR Clean-up Column** into a Collection Tube (2 mL) and load up to 700 µL sample.

Load sample

Centrifuge for **30 s** at **11,000 x *g***. Discard flow-through and place the column back into the collection tube.

11,000 x *g*
30 s

Load remaining sample if necessary and repeat the centrifugation step.

3 Wash silica membrane

Add **700 µL Buffer NT3** to the NucleoSpin® Gel and PCR Clean-up Column. Centrifuge for **30 s** at **11,000 x *g***. Discard flow-through and place the column back into the collection tube.

Do 35µL if 10µL NT1 used

+ 700 µL NT3

11,000 x *g*
30 s

Recommended: Repeat previous washing step to minimize chaotropic salt carry-over and low A_{260}/A_{230} (see section 2.7 for detailed information).

+ 700 µL NT3

11,000 x *g*
30 s

4 Dry silica membrane

Centrifuge for **1 min** at **11,000 x *g*** to remove Buffer NT3 completely. Make sure the spin column does not come in contact with the flow-through while removing it from the centrifuge and the collection tube.

Note: Residual ethanol from Buffer NT3 might inhibit enzymatic reactions. Total removal of ethanol can be achieved by incubating the columns for 2–5 min at 70 °C prior to elution.

11,000 x *g*
1 min

5 Elute DNA

Place the NucleoSpin® Gel and PCR Clean-up Column into a **new** 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided). Add **15–30 µL Buffer NE** and incubate at **room temperature** (15–25 °C) for **1 min**. Centrifuge for **1 min** at **11,000 x *g***.

+ 15–30 µL NE

RT
1 min

Note: DNA recovery of larger fragments (> 1000 bp) can be increased by multiple elution steps with fresh buffer, heating to 70 °C and incubation for 5 min. See section 2.6 for detailed information.

11,000 x *g*
1 min