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# Metagenomic extraction of high molecular weight plankton from filters

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Filtration and extraction protocol of plankton metagenomic samples to obtain high molecular weight DNA for sequencing on Minion nanopore.

The protocol describes the following steps:

- filtration of the water on filters of different porosity
- Recovery and grinding of organisms
- HMW extraction
- Results

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Use only wide-bore pipette tips

Reagent :

[DNeasy PowerSoil Pro Kit](#)

[\(250\) Qiagen Catalog #Cat No./ID: 47014](#) Step 7

[Liquid nitrogen Contributed by users](#) Step 4

[NucleoProtect RNA Macherey-](#)

[nagel Catalog #740400.500](#) Step 4

[1X PBS \(Phosphate-buffered saline \) Contributed by users](#) Step 5

[Nylon Net filter 20 µm Merck](#)

[Millipore Catalog #NY2004700](#) Step 3

[isopore membrane filter 3 µm Merck](#)

[Millipore Catalog #TSTP04700](#) Step 3

[Isopore membrane filter 0.2 µm Merck](#)

[Millipore Catalog #GTTP04700](#) Step 3

Consumables :

[2 mL Eppendorf Contributed by users](#)

[1.5ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tubes Contributed by users](#)

[ART Wide-Bore tips 200µl Contributed by](#)

[users Catalog #2069GPK](#)

[ART Wide-Bore tips 1000 µl Contributed by](#)

[users Catalog #2079GPK](#)

Equipment:

Peristaltic Pump

Spectra Field Pro SFP-100



Horizontal Microtube Holder for 24 Tubes 97060-178



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Filtration

1h

- 1 From several liters of water (fresh or sea).  
Cascade filtration on filters of different porosity with the help of a peristaltic pump.

Peristaltic Pump

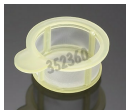
Spectra Field Pro SFP-100



- 2 Pre-filtration through a 100µm cellular sieve to remove large debris and larger zooplanktonic organisms (not of interest in our case).

cellular sieve falcon 100 µm

cellular sieve falcon 100 µm 352360



- 3 Successive filtration on 3 filters of different porosities: 20 µm; 3 µm; 0.2 µm.

[Nylon Net filter 20 µm Merck](#)

**Millipore Catalog #NY2004700**

[isopore membrane filter 3 µm Merck](#)

**Millipore Catalog #TSTP04700**

[Isopore membrane filter 0.2 µm Merck](#)

**Millipore Catalog #GTTP04700**

- 4 Filters are transferred into 5 ml tubes and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen.  
The tubes are stored at -80°C before extraction.

[Liquid nitrogen Contributed by users](#)

Filters can be directly resuspended in nucléoprotect RNA and stored at 4°C.

[NucleoProtect RNA Macherey-](#)


**nagel Catalog #740400.500**

Recovery and grinding of organisms

1h

- 5 Add 3 ml of 1X PBS to the tube with the filter.  
Vortex at maximum power to loosen the organisms from the membrane.  
Remove the filter with sterile forceps.

 **1X PBS (Phosphate-buffered saline ) Contributed by users**

- 6 Centrifuge the tube to pellet the organisms. 5m  
 **5000 x g, Room temperature, 00:05:00**  
Gently remove the supernatant with a pipette.

6.1 If the filters have been stored in Nucleoprotect, make a second wash in 500 µl of 1X PBS (same centrifugation)

- 7 Resuspend the pellet with 800 µl of CD1 buffer (PowerSoil kit).

 **DNeasy PowerSoil Pro Kit**

**(250) Qiagen Catalog #Cat No./ID: 47014**

- 8 Incubate 10 min at 65 °C with 300 rpm agitation.

 **300 rpm, 65°C, 00:10:00**

- 9 Transfer the suspension to a powerbeads tube (PowerSoil kit). 3m  
Vortex at maximum speed for 3 x 1 min (with 1 min pause between each grinding cycle) using the horizontal tube adapter.

 **00:03:00**

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10 Transfer the grinding material by dipping the tip at the bottom of the tube into a 2ml tube.

Powersoil extraction 30m

11 Add 200 µl of CD2 solution (stored at 4°C) to the grinding and vortex 5 sec. 1m  
Centrifuge 1 min / 14 000 G / RT

⌚ 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00

12 Transfer the supernatant (avoiding touching the pellet) to a 2ml tube.  
Add 600 µl of CD3 solution and vortex 5 sec.

13 Load 700 µl of the lysate on a *MB spin column* (PowerSoil kit) 1m  
Centrifuge 1 min / 14 000 G

⌚ 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00

14 Discard the filtrate and repeat step 13 until the lysate is consumed

15 Place the column on a new collection tube and add 500 µl of EA Solution 1m  
Centrifuge 1 min / 14,000 G

⌚ 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00

16 Discard the filtrate and add 500 µl of Solution C5 1m  
Centrifuge 1 min / 14,000 G

⌚ 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00

17 Place the column on a new collection tube 2m  
Centrifuge for 2 min / 14 000 G

⌚ 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:02:00

18 Place the column on a 1.5 ml eppendorf tube 6m  
Add 25 µl of Solution C6 to the center of the column  
Incubate 5 min at RT and Centrifuge 1 min / 14 000 G

⌚ 00:05:00 🌡 Room temperature

🌀 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00

- 19 Add 25 µl of Solution C6 to the center of the column  
Incubate 5 min at RT and Centrifuge 1 min / 14,000 G  
Remove the column.

6m

🕒 00:05:00 🌡 Room temperature

🌀 14000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00

- 20 Make the following quality controls:
- Qbit (concentration)
  - Nanodrop (purity)
  - Tapestation or Femto-pulse (molecule size estimation)

Store the tube at -20°C

## Results

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	size fraction µm	Qbit [c] ng/µl	Nanodrop A260/A280	Tapestation (kb)	MinION Yield (Gb)	N50 run MinION (kb)
1	20-100	33,3	1,87	17		
2	20-100	16,9	1,86	15		
3	3-20	97,9	1,87	52	14,6	12,3
4	3-20	65	1,86	20		
5	0,2-3	41,4	1,81	22		
6	0,2-3	10,4	1,66	17		