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DNA extraction from whole blood using simple salting out procedure

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this protocol is high-molecular weight DNA extraction from whole blood for genetic analyses, including no amplification long-range sequencing.



S. A. Miller, D. D. Dykes, H. F. Polesky (1988). A simple salting out procedure for extracting DNA from human nucleated cells. *Nucleic Acids Research*.

<http://10.1093/nar/16.3.1215>

ATTACHMENTS

[DNA extraction from whole blood using simple salting out procedure.pdf](#)

GUIDELINES

Storage Vial labeling:

3 lines, 6pt bold font; 1.5" label

a) Subject ID#: four digit SUSL ID (e.g. SUSL-2345), Sample type: *WBC*

b) Date of blood draw: MM/DD/YY

c) Study: [Name Study], Initials

MATERIALS

NAME ▾	CATALOG # ▾	VENDOR ▾
Sodium chloride	S3014	Sigma Aldrich
Ammonium chloride (≥ 99.5 %)	A9434	Sigma Aldrich
Potassium bicarbonate (≥ 99.5 %)	90339	Sigma Aldrich
EDTA 500 mM Solution pH 8.0 ULTROL® Grade	324504	Merck Millipore
Trizma® hydrochloride / Tris-HCl	T5941	Merck Millipore Sigma
Ethyl Alcohol 200 Proof (GR ACS)	EX0276	Millipore Sigma
2-Propanol (99.5 %)	278475	Millipore Sigma
Proteinase K from Tritirachium album	P2308	Millipore Sigma

MATERIALS TEXT



If using different vendors, choose molecular biology grade reagents.

Buffers and Solution Recipes

10X Red blood cell (RBC) lysis buffer (1l)

NH ₄ Cl	82.91 g
KHCO ₃	10.01 g
EDTA 0.5 M	20 ml
complete to 1000 ml with autoclaved dH ₂ O	

* dilute to 1x before use with autoclaved dH₂O

1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8 (used to make nucleolysis buffer and TE)

Tris -HCl	15.7 g
Bring volume to ~ 95ml with autoclaved ddH ₂ O	
measure & adjust pH to 8	
Bring final volume up to 100 ml with autoclaved ddH ₂ O	

10X Nucleus lysis buffer (100ml)

NaCl	23.38 g
Tris-HCl (1 M, pH = 8)	10 ml
EDTA 0.5 M	4 ml
complete to 100 ml with autoclaved ddH ₂ O	

* dilute to 1x before use with autoclaved ddH₂O

20 % SDS (used end of Day 1 for DNA extraction to poke holes in cell membrane)

SDS	20 g
autoclaved ddH ₂ O	80 ml

5 M NaCl

NaCl	146.1 g
Bring volume to 500 ml with autoclaved dH ₂ O	

70 % EtOH (used Day 2 of DNA extraction to "clean" DNA)

100 % EtOH	35 ml
ddH ₂ O	15 ml

TE (used at end of DNA extraction to re-suspend DNA and prepare for storage)

1 M Tris-HCl	1 ml
0.5 M EDTA	0.2 ml
Bring volume to 100 ml with autoclaved ddH ₂ O	

Proteinase K reconstitution:

Solutions can be prepared in **1M 25 Millimolar (mM) Tris-HCl buffer**, **pH 8.0**, containing

1 Millimolar (mM) Calcium chloride. Amounts for typical usage is **50 µg/ml** – **200 µg/ml**. Solutions are stable at **pH 8**

at $\delta 4^{\circ}\text{C}$. It is stable in a broad range of environments: pH, buffer salts, detergents (SDS), and temperature. In the presence of 0.1 – 0.5 % SDS, proteinase K retains activity and will digest a variety of proteins and nucleases in DNA preparations without compromising the integrity of the isolated DNA.

Materials

- 10 ml EDTA collection tube (K₂EDTA, 5.4mg; 16 x 100mm; 10mL; Pink)
- 50 ml conical tube (Fisher catalog # [12565268](#))
- 1.5 ml clear Eppendorf tube (Fisher catalog # [5408129](#))
- 1000 µl filter pipette tips
- 5.0 ml serological pipette (Fisher catalog # [13-678-11D](#))
- 50 ml serological pipette (Fisher catalog # [13-678-11E](#))
- Gloves
- Bleach (e.g. Clorox, as 20 % fresh solution)

Equipment

- Centrifuge: Sorvall Legend XTR, or SorvallT 6000B, H10000B
- Centrifuge: Eppendorf 5417R
- Rotator

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please see SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for hazards and safety warnings.

BEFORE STARTING




Prepare buffers and solutions (for recipes see [Materials](#)).

Red blood cell lysis

- 1 If you use FROZEN blood, start with step-case 'FROZEN blood'. If FRESH blood is used, select step-case 'FRESH blood'.

step case

FROZEN blood

- 2 In the morning take out tubes of blood from the $\delta -80^{\circ}\text{C}$ freezer. Record ID numbers and put in fridge ($\delta 4^{\circ}\text{C}$) to thaw until later in the afternoon.
- 3 Once blood has thawed, invert several times or place on rotator for a couple of minutes.
- 4 Decant the blood sample into 50 ml conical tube.
- 5 Rinse blood tube with  1 ml of 1x RBC lysis buffer and add to 50ml conical tube.
- 6 
Add 1x RBC lysis buffer up to  50 ml.

- 7 Place on shaker at 🌡 **Room temperature** for ⌚ **00:30:00** .



Note: Blood solution becomes transparent.

- 8

Centrifuge ⌚ **00:15:00** at 🌀 **2000 rpm** at 🌡 **Room temperature** .

- 9 Discard supernatant in container with [M] **20 % bleach** .



Note: The pellet contains the nuclei.



If direct processing with Nuclei lysis, day 1, then continue **after this step** with Nuclei lysis (**step 12**) .

- 10

Add 📏 **700 µl 1x RBC lysis buffer** and close the tube tightly. Pipette up and down to resuspend the pellet (cleans up the nuclei pellet from additional RBCs and allows for storage in small tubes).

- 11 Transfer to 1.5 ml **pre-labeled** clear Eppendorf tube.

- 12

Centrifuge ⌚ **00:05:00** at 🌀 **2000 rpm** at 🌡 **Room temperature** .

- 13 Using a 1000 µl pipette tip, discard the supernatant in container with [M] **20 % bleach** .

- 14 Pellets can be frozen at this point at 🌡 **-80 °C** .

Nuclei lysis (Day 1, afternoon)

- 15


Add 📏 **3 ml Nucleus Lysis Buffer** and close tube tightly.



- 16

Pipette up and down to resuspend pellet.

- 17

Add 📏 **300 µl** of [M] **10 % SDS** and 📏 **70 µl Proteinase K** ([M] **10 mg/ml**).

18 
Mix by gently swirling tube.

19 
Incubate  **Overnight** in water bath at  **55 °C** .

DNA extraction (Day 2, morning)

20 
Add  **1 ml** of  **5 Molarity (M) NaCl** to the tubes.

21 Close caps tightly and **shake vigorously**.



Note: Very important to **shake thoroughly** at this step to precipitate proteins.

22 
Centrifuge for  **00:20:00** at  **3000 rpm** at  **Room temperature** .

23 While centrifuging, label 2x 15ml conical tubes per sample.

24 Transfer supernatant to a 15 ml conical tube and then repeat centrifugation for  **00:20:00** at  **3000 rpm**



Note: The supernatant contains the DNA.

25 Transfer supernatant to next 15 ml conical tube.

26 
Add equal volume of **ice-cold isopropanol** (usually about  **4 ml**).








27 Invert tubes several times and DNA will precipitate.











Note: You should be able to see **white strings** (this is the DNA!).

28 
Centrifuge for  **00:05:00** at  **3000 rpm** .

29 Discard supernatant.

- 30  Add  **1 ml**  **70 % ethanol** to each tube.
- 31  Centrifuge for  **00:05:00** at  **3000 rpm**.
- 32  Carefully pipette off *ethanol* to not dislodge the DNA pellet.
- 33 Leave DNA to dry in **uncapped tubes** overnight.




Dissolve DNA

- 34  Add  **250 µl TE** and allow DNA to dissolve in 15 ml conical tube stored in fridge ( **4 °C**).
- 35 Once **completely dissolved**, transfer to labeled sterile Eppendorf tube.
- 36 Label top with **subject ID**. Label side with **date of extraction** and **concentration**.
- 37  Spec all samples using **Nanodrop**. Dilute samples to stock at  **250 ng/µl** –  **350 ng/µl** and to working dilution at  **10 ng/µl**.
- 38  Transfer samples into barcode tubes and log into DNA bank.

Red blood cell lysis

step case

FRESH blood

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- 3 Rinse blood tube with  **1 ml** 1xRBC lysis buffer and add to 50ml conical tube.
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Note: Blood solution becomes transparent.

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- 7 Discard supernatant in container with 🧴 **20 % bleach** .



Note: The pellet contains the nuclei.



If you continue with processing "Nuclei lysis, day 1", then continue **after this step** with Nuclei lysis (**step 13**) and leave pellet in 50ml conical tube.

- 8

Add 🧴 **700 µl 1x RBC lysis buffer** and close the tube tightly. Pipette up and down to resuspend the pellet (cleans up the nuclei pellet from additional RBCs and allows for storage in small tubes).

- 9 Transfer to 1.5 ml **pre-labeled** clear Eppendorf tube.

- 10

Centrifuge ⌚ **00:05:00** at 🌀 **2000 rpm** at 🌡 **Room temperature** .

- 11

Using a 1000 µl pipette tip, discard the supernatant in container with 🧴 **20 % bleach** .

- 12 Pellets can be frozen at this point at 🌡 **-80 °C** .

Nuclei lysis (Day 1, afternoon)

- 13

Add 🧴 **3 ml Nucleus Lysis Buffer** and close tube tightly.

- 14

Pipette up and down to resuspend pellet.


15 


Add  **300 µl** of  **10 % SDS** and  **70 µl Proteinase K** ( **10 mg/ml** stock solution).



The total volume is about 3370 plus the volume of the pellet for the nuclei lysis.
If 70ul of 10mg/ml proteinase K is added, it results in a dilution of ~1:50, which will be a final proteinase K concentration of 200ug/ml.

16 Mix by gently swirling tube.

17 

Incubate  **Overnight** in water bath at  **55 °C**.



Temperature is at 55C as proteinase K is resistant to denaturation by heat and will continue to function as long as the temperature/concentration is not too high, whereas most nucleases are denatured at this temperature.

DNA extraction (Day 2, morning)

18 Add  **1 ml** of  **5 Molarity (M) NaCl** to the tubes.

19 Close caps tightly and **shake vigorously**.





Note: Very important to **shake thoroughly** at this step to precipitate proteins.

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Centrifuge for  **00:20:00** at  **3000 rpm** at  **Room temperature**.

21 While centrifuging, label 2x 15ml conical tubes per sample.

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Transfer supernatant to a 15 ml conical tube and then repeat centrifugation for  **00:20:00** at  **3000 rpm**



Note: The supernatant contains the DNA.

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Transfer supernatant to next 15 ml conical tube.

24 

Add equal volume of **ice-cold isopropanol** (usually about  **4 ml**).

25 Invert tubes several times and DNA will precipitate.



Note: You should be able to see **white strings** (this is the DNA!).




DNA after addition of 5M NaCl and vigorous shaking.

26  Centrifuge for ⌚ 00:05:00 at 🌀 3000 rpm .

27 Discard supernatant.


28  Add 📄 1 ml [M] 70 % ethanol to each tube.

29  Centrifuge for ⌚ 00:05:00 at 🌀 3000 rpm .

30  Carefully pipette off *ethanol* to not dislodge the DNA pellet.


31 Leave DNA to dry in **uncapped tubes** overnight.


Dissolve DNA


32  Add 📄 100 µl to 📄 250 µl TE and allow DNA to dissolve in 15 ml conical tube stored in fridge (⚡ 4 °C).

33  Once **completely dissolved**, transfer to labeled sterile Eppendorf tube.

34 Label top with **subject ID**. Label side with **date of extraction** and **concentration**.

35  Spec all samples using **Nanodrop**. Dilute samples to stock at [M] 250 ng/µl – [M] 350 ng/µl and to working dilution at [M] 10 ng/µl .

36  Transfer samples into barcode tubes and log into DNA bank.

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