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Kasson Lab DNA Extraction

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1 Works for me

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ABSTRACT

This is a routine protocol for extracting DNA from various fungi. This extraction method is suitable for follow-up molecular work such as PCR amplification.

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MATERIALS TEXT

Sterile micropestles, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, cell lysis buffer, protein precipitation buffer, elution buffer, metal scraper.

Before you begin

- 1 Turn on hot water bath, set to **65 °C**.
- 2 Pull two Eppendorf **1.5 mL** centrifuge tubes per sample.

2.1 Label both sets of tubes with (short) sample names.

2.2 Label one tube set for each sample with an "I" for

isopropyl

alcohol Sigma Catalog #W292907



Sketch of "I"-labeled tubes (Angie Macias).

- 3 Add **600 µL** of **Cell Lysis Solution, 1000ml (for Wizard Genomic) Promega Catalog #A7933** (or **Nuclei Lysis Solution, 1000ml Promega Catalog #A7943**) to **tubes without "I"**.

- 4 Add **600 µL** of **isopropyl alcohol Sigma Catalog #W292907** to **tubes labeled with "I"**.

5 [Elution buffer pH 8.0 \(250 mL\)](#) Alfa

Place tube with **Aesar Catalog #J61558**

into

⌄ 65 °C water bath.

Extraction Protocol

1h 10m 3s

6 Sterilize some metal scrapers with flame and [95 % \(v/v\)](#)

[Ethyl](#)

[Alcohol Sigma Catalog #E7023](#)

7 Add 1/2 pea-sized amount of fungal tissue (young hyphae) to each tube containing

[Cell Lysis Solution, 1000ml \(for Wizard](#)

[Genomic\) Promega Catalog #A7933](#)

7.1 Flame-sterilize and cool scrapers between samples.

8 Macerate each sample with a new, sterile micropestle until tissue is homogenous.

9 Add tubes to a floating rack to allow samples to incubate directly in ⌄ 65 °C water bath for ^{30m}
🕒 00:30:00 .

10 Remove samples and vortex for 🕒 00:00:03 before returning to ⌄ 65 °C water bath for ^{30m 3s}
🕒 00:30:00 .

10.1 Place a sufficient aliquot of

[Elution buffer pH 8.0 \(250 mL\)](#) Alfa


Aesar Catalog #J61558

in water

bath to warm for Step 21.

11 Remove samples and allow them to cool on the bench for 🕒 00:05:00 .

5m

- 12 Add  **200 µL** of [Protein Precipitation Solution](#) **350ml Promega Catalog #A7953** to each tube and vortex for 10 seconds.

- 13 Centrifuge samples for  **00:03:00** at  **14.000 rpm** . 3m

Proteins will form a large pellet: unload samples carefully into rack.

- 14 Using a P1000 micropipette, transfer supernatant to each tube containing [isopropyl alcohol Sigma Catalog #W292907](#) and gently mix by inversion.

It's better to leave some liquid than to carry bits of the protein pellet into the next step.

- 15 Centrifuge for  **00:01:00** at  **14.000 rpm** . 1m

- 16 Carefully pour off the supernatant into waste container.

Be careful to not lose your white DNA pellet!

- 17 Add  **600 µL** of [Ethyl](#) **70 % (v/v) Alcohol Sigma Catalog #E7023** to each tube and mix gently by inversion.

- 18 Centrifuge for  **00:01:00** at  **14.000 rpm** . 1m

19 Repeat Step 16.

20 Open and invert tubes onto a clean paper towel.


A tube rack can be placed on the tube lids to secure inverted tubes onto the paper towel.

21 Add  **100 µL** of warmed

 [Elution buffer pH 8.0 \(250 mL\) Alfa](#)

[Aesar Catalog #J61558](#)

to each tube.

22 Store fully-labeled tubes in a box (not a tube rack) in the  **-20 °C** freezer.