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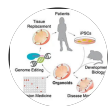
# Whole Organoids Harvesting Procedure (Cultrex) V.1

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## ABSTRACT

This protocol is use for whole organoids isolation, after isolation organoids may be:

- Resuspended in basement membrane matrix for further organoid culture.
- Resuspended in freezing medium for cryopreservation.
- Processed for biochemical analysis (such as RT-PCR, MS-PCR, sequencing, Western Blot, ELISA, or IHC)

- 1 Working on ice, aspirate cell culture media and gently wash each well with 10 volumes of cold (2-8 °C) PBS (Table 1). Be careful not to disrupt the basement membrane matrix containing organoids.
- 2 Aspirate the PBS, and add 10 volumes of cold (2-8 °C) Cultrex™ Organoid Harvesting Solution to each well (Table 1).

A	B	C
Plate Type	Volume of membrane Matrix	Volumen of PBS and organoids harvesting solution
96-well plate	5µl	50µl
48-well plate	25µl	250µl
24-well plate	50µl	500µl

- 3 Incubate the plate at 2-8 °C on a cold pack into a Polystyrene box for 60 minutes with moderate shaking. This incubation is complete when the basement membrane matrix dome is no longer visible at the bottom of the well and the organoids are seen floating at the bottom of the well. Note: Dislodging the dome with a cell scraper or pipet may accelerate this process.
- 4 Once the matrix depolymerizes, transfer the contents of the well into a tube on ice. Single wells may be transferred to a microtube while multiple domes may necessitate a 15 mL or 50 mL conical tube. Centrifuge the tube at 500 x g for 5 minutes at 2-8 °C in a swinging bucket rotor to pellet the organoids. Aspirate the supernatant.
- 5 Wash organoids with 10 volumes of cold (2-8 °C) PBS, and repeat centrifugation at 500 x g for 5 minutes at 2-8 °C in a swinging bucket rotor to pellet the organoids. Aspirate the PBS.
- 6 Isolated organoids may be:
  - a. Resuspended in basement membrane matrix for further organoid culture.
  - b. Resuspended in freezing medium for cryopreservation.
  - c. Processed for biochemical analysis (such as RT-PCR, MS-PCR, sequencing, Western Blot, ELISA, or IHC)