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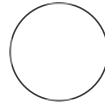
# Quick and dirty sequencing microbial genome extraction v1

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## ABSTRACT

Quick and dirty microbial genome extraction protocol using Edwards buffer.

I've been using this method for in-lab Archaeal evolution study for the last four years or so and it's been working fantastically well, especially for short read sequencing.

Certain microbes (such as *Deinococcus*) can be difficult to process properly using just this protocol - standard caveats and fixes tend to improve the output, such as adding initial lysozyme incubation step in the very beginning, sometimes combined with a freeze-thaw cycle for especially difficult samples (I'll update and upload a separate version of this protocol for difficult microbes in the future).

This particular protocol is aimed at getting as much intact, long-read capable DNA out from a microbe as cheaply as possible, as shown in the included gel picture.

Originally written up for my [lab note](#) at

<https://naturepoker.wordpress.com/2023/02/26/halobacteria-mutant-sequencing-3-years-in/>

Ideation and initial testing performed with Sebastian S. Cocioba at Binomica Labs for ONT *Deinococcus radiophilus* genome sequencing project, using RAD004 rapid sequencing kit.

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF\\_020889625.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF_020889625.1)

## IMAGE ATTRIBUTION

Image taken by author - Halobacterium mutant strain genome extraction

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**Protocol status:** Working

The protocol works and is currently being improved. Different microbes will require optimization.

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- 1 Spin down 1 ml of sample for 1 minute at max speed and decant
- 2 Resuspend vigorously with 100ul Edward's buffer
- 3 Transfer carefully to PCR tube - mixture will be viscous
- 4 Add 2ul of RNase A and mix vigorously, vortex for 10 seconds
- 5 Incubate at 37C for 15 minutes
- 6 Add 2ul of Proteinase K and mix vigorously, vortex for 10 seconds
- 7 Incubate at 55C for 1 hour, and deactivate via incubation at 95C for 10 minutes
- 8 Transfer to 1.5ml eppendorf tube

- 9 Add 10% 3M (pH 5.4) sodium acetate, and 1:1 volume of 100% isopropyl alcohol
- 10 Invert tube 10 times - precipitates should begin to form
- 11 Spin down at max speed for 5 minutes
- 12 Decant the supernatant carefully
- 13 Add 1ml of 70% EtOH and resuspend the pellet
- 14 Spin down at max speed for 5 minutes
- 15 Repeat 70% EtOH resuspension and washing step at least 2 more times
- 16 Decant completely and dry the pellet for 5 minutes - do not let the pellet overdry
- 17 Resuspend in storage buffer of choice or dH<sub>2</sub>O to wanted volume

- 18** Incubate in a 37C shaker for 1 hour - the extract is likely to be not dissolved fully
- 19** Incubate in 4C overnight - depending on yield, the extract will be extremely viscous
- 20** Check extraction quality using both standard gel electrophoresis and UV-Vis method such as Nanodrop.