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Serapure Bead production

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ABSTRACT

Production of DNA size separation magnetic beads.

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MATERIALS TEXT

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 Sera-Mag Speed Beads Ge

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Step 3

 PEG 8000 Sigma

Aldrich Catalog #81268

SAFETY WARNINGS

Wear gloves.

BEFORE STARTING

Just make sure all the components have been purchased. It is not a difficult protocol

Serapure bead production

- 1 In a 50 mL conical using sterile stock solutions, prepare TE (10 mM Tris--HCl and 1 mM EDTA);
 - 500 µL 1 M Tris pH8
 - 100 µL 0.5 M EDTA

Fill conical to 50 mL mark with dH2O.

- 2 To a new 50 mL, sterile conical add;
 - 9 g PEG--8000
 - 10 mL 5 M NaCl (or 2.92 g)
 - 500 µL 1 M Tris--HCL
 - 100 µL 0.5 M EDTA
 - 0.250 ul 10% tween-20
 - Fill to ~ 49 mL using sterile dH2O.

Mix conical for about 3--5 minutes until PEG goes into solution (solution, upon sitting, should be clear).

-Fill to ~ 49 mL using sterile dH2O. gently.

- 3 Mix Sera--mag SpeedBeads and transfer 1 mL to a 1.5 mL microtube.

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- 4 Place SpeedBeads on magnet stand until beads are drawn to magnet.
Discard supernatant
- 5 Add 1 mL TE to beads, remove from magnet, mix, return to magnet.
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Discard supernatant
- 7 Add 1 mL TE to beads and remove from magnet. Fully resuspend and set microtube in rack (i.e. not on magnet stand).
- 8 Mix 1 mL SpeedBead + TE solution and transfer to 50 mL conical.
- 9 Fill conical to 50 mL mark with dH2O (if not already there) and gently mix 50 mL conical until brown.
- 10 Wrap in tinfoil (or place in dark container) and store at 4°C.

- 11 Test against AMPure XP using aliquots of ladder (Fermentas GeneRuler). I recommend the 50 bp ladder in place of the ultra-low range ladder.
- 12 Mix 2 μ L GeneRuler with 18 μ L dH₂O.
- 13 Add 20 μ L GeneRuler mixture to a volume of Serapure and/or AMPure (the specific volume depends on whether you are trying to exclude small fragments or not; see the figure on the next page).
 - 13.1 Use 20 μ L of the ladder/water mix and add to these amounts of the Serapure beads and the AMPure beads.
 - 0.9X sample - 18 μ L
 - 1.2X sample - 24 μ L
 - 1.5X sample - 30 μ L
 - 1.8X sample - 36 μ L
 - 2.1X sample - 42 μ L
 - 2.5X sample - 50 μ L
 - 2.7X sample - 54 μ L
- 14 Incubate mixture 5 min. at room temperature.
- 15 Place on magnet stand.
Discard supernatant.
- 16 Add 500 μ L 70% EtOH.
- 17 Incubate on stand for 1 min.
Discard supernatant.
- 18 Add 500 μ L 70% EtOH.
- 19 Incubate on stand for 1 min.
Remove supernatant.
- 20 Place beads on 37°C heat block for 3–4 min. until dry.
- 21 Re-hydrate with 20 μ L dH₂O for 5 minutes.

- 22 Place on magnet stand.
Transfer supernatant to new tube.
- 23 Mix supernatant with 3 μ L loading dye.
Use the same ladder
Electrophorese in 1.5 % agarose for 60 minutes at 100 V (or as you please)