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# Automated DNA template preparation and quantitation methods

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## DNA template preparation for CFE



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The following automated methods for DNA template preparation and quantitation were developed for improving reproducibility in cell-free expression and are described in detail elsewhere.

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These methods were developed using the Hamilton STAR automated liquid handler with the Monitored Multi-Flow Positive Pressure Evaporative Extraction ([MPE]<sup>2</sup>) module. For questions about methods or implementation, contact Jane Romantseva ([eugenia.romantseva@nist.gov](mailto:eugenia.romantseva@nist.gov)).

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1. Load deck with tips for DNA template preparation methods

 **0\_LoadDeckwithTips.hsl**

 **0\_LoadDeckwithTips.med**

 **0\_LoadDeckwithTips.stp**

 **0\_LoadDeckwithTips.sub**

2. Aliquot cell culture into tubes and wells

 **Aliquot pEFR40019 culture.hsl**

 **Aliquot pEFR40019 culture.med**

 **Aliquot pEFR40019 culture.stp**

 **Aliquot pEFR40019 culture.sub**

3. Resuspend cell culture for DNA preparation with two kits

 **Resuspend pEFR40019 culture.prepare for 2 kit DNA extraction.hsl**

 **Resuspend pEFR40019 culture.prepare for 2 kit DNA extraction.med**

 **Resuspend pEFR40019 culture.prepare for 2 kit DNA extraction.stp**

 **Resuspend pEFR40019 culture.prepare for 2 kit DNA extraction.sub**

4. DNA extraction using QIAGEN QIAprep 96Turbo kit with MPE2

 **DNA Extraction.QIAGEN QIAprep 96 Turbo.with MPE2.hsl**

 **DNA Extraction.QIAGEN QIAprep 96 Turbo.with MPE2.med**

 **DNA Extraction.QIAGEN QIAprep 96 Turbo.with MPE2.stp**

 **DNA Extraction.QIAGEN QIAprep 96 Turbo.with MPE2.sub**

5. DNA extraction using Omega Biotek Mag-Bind Ultra-Pure kit with MPE2

 **DNA Extraction.OmegaBiotek Mag-Bind Ultra-Pure.with MPE2.Version2med.hsl**

 **DNA Extraction.OmegaBiotek Mag-Bind Ultra-Pure.with MPE2.Version2med.med**

 **DNA Extraction.OmegaBiotek Mag-Bind Ultra-Pure.with MPE2.Version2med.stp**

 **DNA Extraction.OmegaBiotek Mag-Bind Ultra-Pure.with MPE2.Version2med.sub**

6. DNA Purification using Invitrogen PURELink Pro96 kit with MPE2

 **DNA Purification.InvitrogenPURELink Pro96.with MPE2.hsl**

 **DNA Purification.InvitrogenPURELink Pro96.with MPE2.med**

 **DNA Purification.InvitrogenPURELink Pro96.with MPE2.stp**

 **DNA Purification.InvitrogenPURELink Pro96.with MPE2.sub**

7. Load deck with tips for DNA quantitation methods

 **00\_LoadQuantDeckwithTips.hsl**

 **00\_LoadQuantDeckwithTips.med**

 **00\_LoadQuantDeckwithTips.stp**

 **00\_LoadQuantDeckwithTips.sub**

8. Aliquot QuantIT Master Mix for DNA quantitation using fluorometry and QuantIT BroadRange kit

 **DNA Quantitation.Aliquot QuantIT Master Mix.dsDNA Broad Range Assay.hsl**

 **DNA Quantitation.Aliquot QuantIT Master Mix.dsDNA Broad Range Assay.med**

 **DNA Quantitation.Aliquot QuantIT Master Mix.dsDNA Broad Range Assay.stp**

 **DNA Quantitation.Aliquot QuantIT Master Mix.dsDNA Broad Range Assay.sub**

9. Prepare DNA samples for DNA quantitation using fluorometry and QuantIT BroadRange kit

 **DNA Quantitation.Prep Quant Plates.hsl**

 **DNA Quantitation.Prep Quant Plates.med**

 **DNA Quantitation.Prep Quant Plates.stp**

 **DNA Quantitation.Prep Quant Plates.sub**