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# DNA Ethanol Precipitation (SOP009.v1.1) V.2

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**Document Summary:** This document, SOP002 - DNA Ethanol Precipitation, describes a method to concentrate or dry DNA using ethanol to reduce the solubility of dissolved DNA causing it to precipitate out of solution. Alternatively, a vacuum concentrator can be used if one is available.

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## Required Reagents

-  Sodium
- [Acetate Sigma Catalog #S2889-250g](#)
-  Ethanol 99.5% ACS
- [Reagent Thermofisher Catalog #AC615090010](#)
- Nuclease-free water

## Required Equipment

- Microcentrifuge
- Sterile Eppendorf tubes
- -20°C Freezer

For hazard information and safety warnings, please refer to the SDS (Safety Data Sheet).

## Quick Overview:

Step 1 – Precipitate DNA


Step 2 – Pellet DNA and dry

Step 3 – Resuspend DNA





### v1.1 revision notes

1. Updated SOP to standard formatting
2. Updated document description

### Precipitate DNA 2h

- 1 Add 1/10 volume of 3 M Na-Acetate  5.2, and 2 to 2.5 volumes of ice-cold 100% ethanol to the DNA sample.

- 2  2h

Mix, and store at  -20 °C for at least  01:00:00 to precipitate the DNA. Typically, DNA will be left at  -20 °C  Overnight before proceeding to part 2.

### Pellet DNA and dry 35m

- 3  20m

Recover the precipitated DNA by centrifugation at full speed in a microcentrifuge for

🕒 00:15:00 - 🕒 00:20:00 to form a pellet.

- 4 Pour off the ethanol and wash the pellet twice with 🌡 Room temperature [M] 70 % (v/v) ethanol .
- 5 Allow the DNA pellet to air-dry.

#### Resuspend DNA

- 6 Re-suspend the DNA in a suitable volume of sterile TE buffer or nuclease-free water.
- 7 Store at 🌡 -20 °C and avoid any unnecessary freeze-thaw cycles.