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Plasmid DNA extraction

ABSTRACT

This protocol is used to extract plasmid DNA from E. coli.

BEFORE STARTING

Prepare DNA Wash Buffer, HBC Buffer, and Solution I .

- Add the vial of RNase A to the bottle of Solution I and store at 2-8°C;
- Dilute DNA Wash Buffer with 100% ethanol 120ml and store at room temperature
- Dilute HBC Buffer with isopropanol and store at room temperature;
- Check Solution II and Solution III for precipitation before use. Redissolve any precipitation by warming to 37°C.

1. Solate a single colony from a freshly streaked selective plate, and inoculate a culture of 5 mL LB medium containing the appropriate selective antibiotic. Incubate for ~12- 16 hours at 37°C with vigorous shaking (~ 300 rpm). (Use a 10-20 mL culture tube or flask with a volume of at least 4 times the volume of the culture.) **It is strongly recommended that an endA negative strain of E. coli be used for routine plasmid isolation. Examples of such strains include DH5a, W25113 and BWΔCD.**

2. Centrifuge at 10,000 x g for 1 minute at room temperature. **10000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00.**

3. Decant or aspirate and discard the culture media.

4. Add 250 µL Solution I/RNase A. Vortex or pipet up and down to mix thoroughly. *Complete resuspension of cell pellet is vital for obtaining good yields.*
RNase A must be added to Solution I before use.

5. Add 250 µL Solution II. Invert and gently rotate the tube several times to obtain a clear lysate. A 2-3 minute incubation may be necessary.

Avoid vigorous mixing as this will shear chromosomal DNA and lower plasmid purity.

Do not allow the lysis reaction to proceed more than 5 minutes.

Store Solution II tightly capped when not in use to avoid acidification from CO₂ in the air.

6. Add 350 µL Solution III. Immediately invert several times until a flocculent white precipitate forms.

It is vital that the solution is mixed thoroughly and immediately after the addition of Solution III to avoid localized precipitation.

7. Centrifuge at maximum speed ($\geq 13,000$ x g) for 10 minutes. A compact white pellet will form. Promptly proceed to the next step.

15000 x g, Room temperature, 00:10:00.

8. Insert a HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.

9. Transfer the cleared supernatant from Step 8 by CAREFULLY aspirating it into the HiBind® DNA Mini Column. Be careful not to disturb the pellet and that no cellular debris is transferred to the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.

10. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute. 15000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00.

11. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.

12. Add 500 µL HBC Buffer HBC Buffer must be diluted with isopropanol before use.

13. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute. 15000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00.

14. Discard the filtrate and reuse collection tube.

15. Add 700 µL DNA Wash Buffer.

16. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute. 15000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00.

17. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.

18. Repeat step 16~18 once.

19. Centrifuge the empty HiBind® DNA Mini Column for 2 minutes at maximum speed to dry the column matrix.

20. Transfer the HiBind® DNA Mini Column to a clean 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.

21. Add 30-100 µL Elution Buffer or sterile deionized water directly to the center of the column membrane.

The efficiency of eluting DNA from the HiBind® DNA Mini Column is dependent on pH. If using sterile deionized water, make sure that the pH is around 8.5.

22. Let sit at room temperature for 1 minute.

23. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.

15000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00.

This represents approximately 70% of bound DNA. An optional second elution will yield any residual DNA, though at a lower concentration.

24. Suck out the solution from the tube and re-add it to the center of the column membrane to give a second centrifuge.

15000 x g, Room temperature, 00:01:00.

25. Test the concentration and purity of DNA using NanoDrop.

26. Store DNA at -20°C.

