

MINI-PREP DNA

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“Mini-prep” DNA is a term often used to describe the purity of the DNA more than the quantity.
A more precise name would be “alkaline lysis” miniprep DNA.
(higher quality DNA is “CsCl banded” or “Column purified”)

Types of MP DNA

- | | <u>Purity</u> |
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| - MP DNA: Alkaline Lysis prep followed by EtOH ppt | -> moderate |
| - Clean MP Alkaline Lysis followed by Phenol Chloroform and EtOH ppt. | -> good |
| - Qiagen MP Alkaline lysis followed by various types of Qiagen columns. | -> Sequencing grade |

NOTES: Always start the growth of DNA from a single colony of a freshly streaked plate.
Grow a 1-5 ml Overnight culture to start, (overnight is a relative term: 8-16hrs)
If you are making more DNA, seed a larger flask with this overnight stock.
Don't try growing 200+ mls from a single colony.

Alkaline Lysis:

A modification of the Ish-Horowitz Protocol, but the volumes of Solns I,II and III are identical.
Solutions are the same as for the Qiagen protocols:

- P1** (Solution I) -Stock 6.06 g **Tris base**
3.72 g **Na₂ EDTA.2H₂O**
in 800 mls H₂O, then adjust the pH to 8.0 with HCl, qs to 1000 w/ H₂O
-before use, **add 100 ug/ml RNase A**
- P2** (Solution II) -dissolve 4.0 g **NaOH pellets** in 475 mls, H₂O
-Add 25 mls 20% **SDS**
- P3** (Solution III) -dissolve 294.5g **Potassium Acetate** in 500 mls H₂O (not more!!!!)
- then adjust the pH to 5.5 with Glacial Acetic Acid (approx. 110 mls)
- Adjust volume to 1 liter with H₂O

METHOD: -For 1-5 ml cultures use 250 ul of P1/P2/P3
-For larger cultures use 4 mls of each per 100-200 mls of LB used

1. Spin down bacteria and discard the media
2. **Add 250 ul P1**
3. Mix until all bacteria are resuspended
4. **Add 250 ul P2**
5. Mix gently and let stand 2-4 min (NOT longer than 5 min)
6. **Add 250 ul P3** (or 350ul N3 if QIAprep)
7. Mix gently
8. Place in micro fuge and spin 12000 rpm for 5 min.
9. **Transfer supernatant** to a fresh tube
10. **Add 700 ul Propanol**, Mix gently
11. Centrifuge 15 min at 12000 rpm
12. Remove supernatant and dry slightly
13. **Add 750 ul 70% EtOH**, Spin again
14. Remove supernatant and dry DNA pellet thoroughly
15. Resuspend in **50-100 ul TE** (use 5 ul for test digests)

“Clean” MP DNA

- 9b. To the transferred supernatant, Add 700 ul Phenol/CH₃Cl₄ (1:0.8)
- 9c. Mix vigorously, and Centrifuge 12000 rpm for 5 min
- 9d. Transfer supernatant to fresh tube and continue with step 10 above.