Bacterial Genomic DNA Isolation 96-Well Kit

Norgen’s Bacterial Genomic DNA 96-Well Kit provides a rapid method for the high-throughput isolation of genomic DNA from $2 \times 10^9$ viable bacterial cells (between 0.5 and 1.0 mL of culture). Purification is based on 96-well column chromatography as the separation matrix. Norgen’s 96-well plate binds DNA under optimized salt concentrations and releases the bound DNA under low salt and slightly alkali conditions. The purified genomic DNA is fully digestible with all restriction enzymes tested, and is completely compatible with downstream applications including real-time PCR and Southern Blot analysis.

Norgen’s Bacterial Genomic DNA Isolation 96-Well Kit allows for the isolation of genomic DNA from both Gram-negative and Gram-positive cultures, including Escherichia coli and Bacillus cereus. The genomic DNA is preferentially purified from other cellular proteinaceous components. Typical yields of genomic DNA will vary depending on the cell density of the bacterial culture and the bacterial species. Preparation time for a single 96-well plate is less than 90 minutes, and each kit contains sufficient materials for 192 preparations.

Kit Components

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* Yield will vary depending on the type of sample processed
Advantages

- Fast and easy processing using either a vacuum manifold or centrifugation
- Isolate high quality genomic DNA
- Isolate genomic DNA from various inputs including both Gram-negative and Gram-positive cultures, including *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus cereus*
- Recovered genomic DNA is compatible with various downstream applications

Storage Conditions and Product Stability

The Proteinase K should be stored at -20°C upon arrival and after reconstitution. All other solutions should be kept tightly sealed and stored at room temperature. These reagents should remain stable for at least 1 year in their unopened containers.

Precautions and Disclaimers

This kit is designed for research purposes only. It is not intended for human or diagnostic use.

Ensure that a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves and protective goggles are worn when working with chemicals. For more information, please consult the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs). These are available as convenient PDF files online at www.norgenbiotek.com.

The Binding Solution contains guanidine hydrochloride, and should be handled with care. Guanidine hydrochloride forms highly reactive compounds when combined with bleach, thus care must be taken to properly dispose of any of this solution.

Customer-Supplied Reagents and Equipment

You must have the following in order to use the Bacterial Genomic DNA Isolation 96-Well Kit:

- 96 - 100% ethanol
- Collection/Waste Tray for vacuum manifold. Two 96-Well Collection Plates are provided with the kit.
- 55°C water bath or incubator.
- 37°C water bath or incubator (for Gram-positive strains only)
- RNase A (optional)
- Lysozyme (for Gram-positive strains only)
- For **Vacuum Format**:
  - Vacuum manifold with vacuum pump capable of generating a minimum pressure of -650 mbar or -25 in. Hg (such as Whatman UniVac 3 Vacuum to Collect Manifold)
  - Sealing tape or pads
- For **Centrifuge Format**:
  - Centrifuge with rotor for 96-well plate assembly, such as AllSpin Js-5.3 Rotor for Avanti® J-26xp centrifuge, Beckman Coulter or similar rotor that can hold the stack of the 96-well Filter Plate and the Collection Plate and that can reach the minimum speed of 4000 rpm (~4000xg)
Flow Chart

Procedure for Purifying Bacterial Genomic DNA using Norgen’s Bacterial Genomic DNA Isolation 96-Well Kit

Transfer bacterial culture to a microcentrifuge tube

SPIN

Resuspend cell pellet in Resuspension Solution. Add Lysis Solution and Proteinase K (For Gram Positive Bacteria: add Lysozyme)

Incubate for 30 minutes at 55°C (For Gram Positive Bacteria incubate for 2 hours at 37°C). Add Binding Solution and ethanol

Bind

Wash twice with Wash Solution. Dry plate

Elute DNA with Elution Buffer

Pure Bacterial Genomic DNA
Procedure

For Vacuum Manifold: All vacuum steps are performed at room temperature. The correct pressure can be calculated using the conversions:

\[ 1 \text{ mbar} = 100 \text{ Pa} = 0.0394 \text{ in. Hg} = 0.75 \text{ mm Hg} = 0.0145 \text{ psi} \]

For Centrifugation: All centrifugation steps are performed at room temperature. The correct rpm can be calculated using the formula:

\[
RPM = \sqrt{\frac{RCF}{(1.118 \times 10^{-5}) (r)}}
\]

where \( RCF = \) required gravitational acceleration (relative centrifugal force in units of g); \( r = \) radius of the rotor in cm; and \( RPM = \) the number of revolutions per minute required to achieve the necessary g-force.

Notes prior to use:

- Ensure that all solutions are at room temperature prior to use, and that no precipitates have formed. If necessary, warm the solutions and mix well until the solutions become clear again.
- Lysate preparation is different for Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria. For Gram-negative bacteria, please follow the procedure outlined in Section 1A. For Gram-positive bacteria, please follow the procedure outlined in Section 1B.
- The isolation of Bacterial Genomic DNA can be performed using either a vacuum manifold or centrifugation. For purification using vacuum, please follow the procedure outlined in Section 2A. For purification using centrifugation, please follow the procedure outlined in Section 2B.
- The volumes stated in each procedure for lysate preparation are the volumes required to prepare samples for each well of the 96-well plate.
- Prepare a working concentration of Wash Solution by adding 81 mL of 96-100% ethanol (provided by user) to the supplied bottle containing concentrated Wash Solution. This will give a final volume of 115 mL. The label on the bottle has a box that can be checked to indicate that ethanol has been added.
- Reconstitute the Proteinase K in 2.5 mL of molecular biology grade water, aliquot in 120 \( \mu \)L fractions (or larger fractions) and store the unused portions at -20°C until needed.
- The input bacterial cell amount should not exceed \( 2 \times 10^9 \) cfu's. Depending on culture growth, this is equivalent to 0.5 -1.0 mL of an overnight culture. It is not recommended to exceed 1 mL of culture for this procedure.
- Preheat a water bath or heating block to 55°C (37°C for Gram-positive strains).
- For Gram-positive bacteria, prepare a 400 mg/mL stock solution (approximately \( 1.7 \times 10^7 \) units/mL) of lysozyme (provided by user) as per supplier’s instructions.
- For the optional RNase treatment step, RNase (provided by user) of a minimum concentration of 10 KUnitz per 20 \( \mu \)L should be used.

1. Lysate Preparation

1A. Lysate Preparation (Gram-Negative Bacteria)
   a. Transfer up to 1 mL of bacterial culture to a microcentrifuge tube and centrifuge at 14,000 x g (~14,000 RPM) for 30 seconds to pellet the cells. Pour off the supernatant carefully so as not to disturb or dislodge the cell pellet.
   b. Add 250 \( \mu \)L of Resuspension Solution to the cell pellet. Resuspend the cells by gentle vortexing.
**Optional RNase A treatment:** If RNA-free genomic DNA is required, add the equivalent of 10 KUnitz of RNase A (not to exceed 20 μL) to the cell suspension. Mix well and continue with step 1c.

c. Add 250 μL of the **Lysis Solution** and 12 μL of **Proteinase K** to the cell suspension. Mix well by gentle vortexing and incubate at 55°C for 30 minutes.

**Note:** Incubation times may fluctuate between 15 and 45 minutes depending on the amount and type of bacterial strain being lysed. Lysis is considered complete when a relatively clear lysate is obtained. Slight cloudiness in the lysate may persist for certain strains, which will not affect the genomic DNA recovery.

d. Add 500 μL of **Binding Solution** to the lysate and mix well with gentle vortexing. Ensure that a homogeneous mixture is obtained.

e. Add 500 μL of 96-100% ethanol (provided by user) and mix well with gentle vortexing.

f. Proceed to Step 2: Binding to Plate.

**1B. Lysate Preparation (Gram-Positive Bacteria)**

a. Transfer up to 1 mL of bacterial culture to a microcentrifuge tube and centrifuge at 14,000 x g (~14,000 RPM) for 30 seconds to pellet the cells. Pour off the supernatant carefully so as not to disturb or dislodge the cell pellet.

b. Add 250 μL of **Resuspension Solution** to the cell pellet. Resuspend the cells by gentle vortexing.

c. Add 12 μL of previously prepared lysozyme stock solution and mix well.

**Optional RNase A treatment:** If RNA-free genomic DNA is required, add the equivalent of 10 KUnitz of RNase A (not to exceed 20 μL) to the cell suspension. Mix well and continue with step 1d.

d. Add 250 μL of the **Lysis Solution** and 12 μL of **Proteinase K** to the cell suspension. Mix well by gentle vortexing and incubate at 37°C for 2 hours.

**Note:** Incubation times may fluctuate between 0.5 and 2 hours depending on the bacterial strain being lysed. Lysis is considered complete when a relatively clear lysate is obtained. Slight cloudiness in the lysate may persist for certain strains, which will not affect the genomic DNA recovery.

e. Add 500 μL of **Binding Solution** to the lysate and mix well with gentle vortexing. Ensure that a homogeneous mixture is obtained.

f. Add 500 μL of 96-100% ethanol (provided by user) and mix well with gentle vortexing.

g. Proceed to Step 2: Binding to Plate.

**2. Genomic DNA Isolation**

**Note:** The purification of Genomic DNA from the lysate prepared in Section 1 could be performed using either a vacuum manifold or centrifugation. For purification using vacuum, please follow the procedure outlined in 2A. For purification using centrifugation, please follow the procedure outlined in 2B.
A. Genomic DNA isolation Using Vacuum Manifold

1. Binding DNA to 96-Well Filter Plate
   a. Assemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the vacuum manifold according to manufacturer’s recommendations.
   b. Apply 750 µL of the lysate into each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Tape the plate or any unused wells using sealing tape or pads (provided by the user) according to the vacuum manifold manufacturer’s recommendations. Apply vacuum for 2 minutes.
   c. Turn off vacuum and ventilate the manifold. Discard the flowthrough. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the vacuum manifold.
      
      **Note:** Ensure that all of the lysate from each well has passed through into the collection/waste tray. If the entire lysate volume has not passed, apply vacuum for an additional 2 minutes.

   d. Apply the rest of the lysate into each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Tape the plate or any unused wells using sealing tape or pads (provided by the user) according to the vacuum manifold manufacturer’s recommendations. Apply vacuum for 2 minutes.
   e. Turn off vacuum and ventilate the manifold. Discard the flowthrough. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the vacuum manifold.

2. DNA Wash
   a. Apply 500 µL of the Wash Solution to each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Tape the plate or any unused wells using sealing tape or pads (provided by the user) according to the vacuum manifold manufacturer’s recommendations. Apply vacuum for 2 minutes.
      
      **Note:** Ensure the entire wash solution has passed through into the collection/waste tray by inspecting the 96-Well Filter Plate. If the entire wash volume has not passed, apply vacuum for an additional 2 minutes.

   b. Turn off vacuum and ventilate the manifold. Discard the flowthrough.
   c. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the vacuum manifold.
   d. Apply another 500 µL of the Wash Solution to each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Tape the plate or any unused wells and apply vacuum for 2 minutes.
   e. Turn off vacuum and ventilate the manifold. Discard the flowthrough Pat the bottom of the 96-Well Plate gently to remove any residual wash buffer. Reassemble the 96-Well Plate and the vacuum manifold.
   f. Apply vacuum for an additional 5 minutes in order to completely dry the plate.
   g. Turn off vacuum and ventilate the manifold. Ensure that the bottom of the plate is dry, and blot any excess moisture onto a paper towel if necessary.

3. DNA Elution
   a. Replace the collection/waste tray in the vacuum manifold with the provided Elution Plate. Complete the vacuum manifold assembly with the 96-Well Filter Plate.
   b. Add 200 µL of Elution Buffer to each well of the plate.
   c. Apply vacuum for 3 minutes.
      
      **Optional:** The yield can be improved by an additional 20-30% by pipetting the elution back onto the plate and repeating Step 3c.

4. Storage of DNA
   Use the provided adhesive tape to seal the Elution Plate. The purified DNA samples may be stored at −20°C for a few days. It is recommended that samples be placed at −70°C for long term storage.
B. Genomic DNA Purification Using Centrifugation

Note: To purify genomic DNA using a vacuum manifold please follow Section A above.

1. Binding DNA to 96-Well Filter Plate
   a. Place the 96-Well Filter Plate on top of the Collection Plate.
      
      Note: The user should ensure that the assembled 96-Well Filter Plate and the Collection Plate stack fits into the rotor without interfering with the centrifugation process.
   
   b. Apply 750 µL of the lysate into each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Centrifuge the assembly at maximum speed or 4,000 x g (~4,000 RPM) for 3 minutes.
   
   c. Discard the flowthrough. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the Collection Plate.
      
      Note: Ensure that all of the lysate from each well has passed through into the Collection Plate. If the entire lysate volume has not passed, centrifuge for an additional 2 minutes.
   
   d. Apply the rest of the lysate into each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Centrifuge the assembly at maximum speed or 4,000 x g (~4,000 RPM) for 3 minutes.
   
   e. Discard the flowthrough. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the Collection Plate.

2. DNA Wash
   a. Apply 500 µL of the Wash Solution to each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate. Centrifuge the assembly at maximum speed or 4,000 x g (~4,000 RPM) for 2 minutes.
      
      Note: Ensure the entire wash solution has passed through into the Collection Plate by inspecting the 96-Well Filter Plate. If the entire wash volume has not passed, centrifuge for an additional 2 minutes.
   
   b. Discard the flowthrough. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the Collection Plate.
   
   c. Apply another 500 µL of the Wash Solution to each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate.
   
   d. Centrifuge the assembly at maximum speed or 4,000 x g (~4,000 RPM) for 2 minutes.
   
   e. Pat the bottom of the 96-Well Filter Plate dry. Reassemble the 96-Well Filter Plate and the Collection Plate. Centrifuge the assembly at maximum speed or 4,000 x g (~4,000 RPM) for 15 minutes in order to completely dry the plate. Ensure that the bottom of the plate is dry, and blot any excess moisture onto a paper towel if necessary.

3. DNA Elution
   a. Stack the 96-Well Filter Plate on top of the Elution Plate.
   
   b. Add 200 µL of Elution Buffer to each well of the 96-Well Filter Plate.
   
   c. Centrifuge the assembly at maximum speed or 4,000 x g (~4,000 RPM) for 3 minutes.
      
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## Troubleshooting Guide

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<td>The sample is too large</td>
<td>Too many cells were applied to the well. Ensure that the amount of cells used is less than $2 \times 10^9$ viable cells, and that no more than 1 mL of culture is applied to the well. Clogging can be alleviated by increasing the g-force and/or centrifuging for a longer period of time until the lysate passes through the well.</td>
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<td>Centrifuge temperature too low</td>
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<td>Ensure that the centrifuge remains at room temperature throughout the procedure. Temperatures below 15°C may cause precipitates to form that can cause the wells to clog.</td>
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<td>The lysate is very gelatinous prior to loading onto the wells</td>
<td>The lysate/binding solution mixture is not homogeneous</td>
<td>To ensure a homogeneous solution, vortex for 10-15 seconds before applying the lysate to the well.</td>
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<td>The sample is too large</td>
<td>Too many cells are in the lysate preparation. Ensure that the amount of cells used is less than $2 \times 10^9$ viable cells, and that no more than 1 mL of culture is applied to the well.</td>
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<td>The yield of genomic DNA is low</td>
<td>The sample is old/overgrown</td>
<td>The culture may have been overgrown, allowing lysis of older cells to occur more readily. This will lead to premature degradation of the genomic DNA. It may be necessary to use bacterial cultures before they reach maximum density.</td>
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<td>Incomplete lysis of cells</td>
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<td>Extend the incubation time of Proteinase K digestion or reduce the amount of bacterial cells used for lysis. Increase the lysozyme incubation time for Gram-positive strains.</td>
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<td>The genomic DNA is sheared</td>
<td>The genomic DNA was handled improperly</td>
<td>Pipetting steps should be handled as gently as possible. Reduce vortexing times during mixing steps (no more than 10-15 seconds).</td>
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<td>The cells are old</td>
<td>Older cultures contain prematurely lysed cells which release endonucleases and can degrade DNA. Fresh cultures are recommended.</td>
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<td>DNA does not perform well in downstream applications.</td>
<td>DNA was not washed two times with the provided Wash Solution</td>
<td>Ensure the plate was washed two times with the Wash Solution. An additional wash with the Wash Solution can improve DNA performance in downstream applications, however it may reduce DNA yield.</td>
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<td>Ethanol carryover</td>
<td>Ensure that the plate dry step under the Wash procedure is performed, in order to remove traces of ethanol prior to elution. Ethanol is known to interfere with many downstream applications.</td>
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