

Quick Start

GenElute™-E Single Spin Cell Culture DNA Kit

For single-step purification of genomic DNA from cultured cells

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Quick-Start Protocol

(See Standard Protocol for detailed instructions)

Lysis

- Transfer up to 1×10^6 cultured cells.
- Centrifuge 1 minute at $2,000 \times g$ to pellet cells. Discard supernatant.
- Add 55 μL Cell Lysis Buffer **LB**.
- Add 25 μL SmartLyse™ C Protease Mix **P**.
- Pulse-vortex to resuspend the pelleted cells.
- Incubate 10 minutes at 60°C , maximum agitation.
- Add 25 μL Clearing Solution C **CS** and 1 μL RNase A Cell **R**.
- Vortex vigorously with four pulses of 10 seconds each.
- Incubate for 2 minutes at room temperature.
- Centrifuge 2 minutes at maximum speed.

Column preparation (during 60°C incubation)

- Vortex Spin Column and place in a 2 mL tube.
- Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Loosen screw cap of Spin Column.
Optional: Punch a hole in the cap with the Cap Puncher.
- Snap off bottom closure. Place Spin Column back into 2 mL tube.
- Centrifuge 1 minute at $1,000 \times g$ to collect column buffer.
- Place column in a 1.5 mL tube.

Purification of DNA

- Transfer lysate supernatant (maximum 100 μL).
- Centrifuge 1 minute at $1,000 \times g$ to collect DNA.
- Collected DNA is ready to use.

Intended Use

For single-step purification of genomic DNA from cultured cells. This protocol has been developed for up to 1×10^6 human or animal cells.

Storage and Stability

Store SmartLyse™ C Protease **P** and RNase A Cell **R** at $2-8^\circ\text{C}$. The remaining components should be stored at room temperature. Use the kit within 12 months of receipt.

Materials and Equipment Needed

Kit Contents

- Cell Lysis Buffer **LB**
- SmartLyse™ C Protease **P**
- Clearing Solution C **CS**
- RNase A Cell **R**
- 1x Tris Buffer **T**
- Spin Columns **S**

Not Supplied with Kit

- Microcentrifuge with rotor for 1.5 mL and 2 mL reaction tubes.

Important: Set centrifuge to relative centrifugal force, rcf ($\times g$). If needed, calculate equivalent rpm by the formula:

$$\text{rpm} = 1,000 \times \sqrt{(g/(1.12 \times r))},$$

where r = radius of rotor in mm
and g is the required g -force.

- Thermal shaker with agitation, capable of heating to 60°C and 80°C .

Alternative: Heating Block or heat chamber.

- Vortex device.
- Pipets for 10 μL and 200 μL scales, corresponding pipet tips.

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- One reaction tube (1.5 mL) per sample for the lysis step.
- One reusable reaction tube (2 mL) per sample for column preparation.
- One reaction tube (1.5 mL) per sample for collection of the purified DNA.

Preparation before starting

- Heat the thermal shaker or heating block/chamber to 60 °C.
- Set the microcentrifuge to 2,000 x g (cell pelleting) or 1,000 x g (column preparation).

Standard Protocol

Lysis

1. Harvest cells (up to 1×10^6 cells) by centrifugation at 2,000 x g for 1 minute in a 1.5 mL reaction tube and remove supernatant carefully. Discard supernatant.

Important: Make sure that the cell pellet is retained during this step.

2. For each sample, add 55 μ L Cell Lysis Buffer **LB** and 25 μ L SmartLyse™ C Protease Mix **P**. If working with more than two samples, prepare a Lysis Master Mix with 10% excess volume for the number of samples (see table).

Lysis Master Mix

Number of samples	1	6 (+10%)	12 (+10%)
Cell Lysis Buffer LB	55 μ L	363 μ L	726 μ L
SmartLyse™ C Protease P	25 μ L	165 μ L	330 μ L
Final Volume	80 μ L	528 μ L	1,056 μ L

Add 80 μ L of the Lysis Master Mix to a 2 mL reaction tube.

3. Pulse-vortex to resuspend cell pellet.
4. Place the reaction tube(s) in the thermal shaker and incubate at 60 °C for 10 minutes with maximum agitation.

If using Heating Block or heat chamber, vortex halfway through incubation time to re-suspend, and return to incubation.

5. After having performed lysis, add 10 μ L Clearing Solution C **CS** and 1 μ L RNase **R** to the sample. Vortex vigorously with four pulses of 10 seconds each. The sample becomes cloudy.
6. Incubate for 2 minutes at room temperature.
7. Centrifuge for 2 minutes at maximum speed.

Column Preparation

8. Vortex the Spin Column briefly and place into a 2 mL reaction tube. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes.
9. Loosen the screw cap of the Spin Column and snap off bottom closure of the column. The screw cap must stay loosened half a turn to avoid generation of a vacuum. Place the Spin Column back into the 2 mL reaction tube.
10. Centrifuge for 1 minute at 1,000 x g. Discard the 2 mL reaction tube containing the column buffer.
11. Place the prepared Spin Column into a new 1.5 mL reaction tube for collection of the purified DNA and place back into the rack.

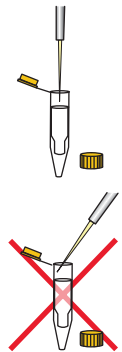
Purification of DNA

12. Transfer a maximum of 100 μ L of lysis supernatant containing the DNA into the prepared Spin Column as illustrated:

Open cap and pipet the sample slowly (5 sec) onto the center of the resin bed of the prepared Spin Column. Close screw cap and loosen again half a turn.

Important: Do not re-close the screw cap of the Spin Column completely.

Note: During loading of lysate, do not touch the resin bed with your pipette tip. Residual sample particles may be loaded and will not interfere with purification.



13. Centrifuge for 1 minute at 1,000 x g. The purified DNA flows through the column into the 1.5 mL storage tube. Discard the Spin Column.

The collected DNA can be used immediately or kept at 2-8 °C or for long-term storage at -20 °C. For spectrophotometric analysis, use the 1x Tris Buffer **T** supplied with the kit.

Cap Puncher Protocol

Lysis

1. Perform Standard Protocol steps 1-7.

Column Preparation

8. Vortex the GenElute™-E Spin Column briefly and place into a 2 mL reaction tube. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes.
9. Use of the Cap Puncher: Punch a hole into the column cap and lift the column together with the Cap Puncher out of the 2 mL collection tube. Snap off bottom closure of the column and detach the Cap Puncher by twisting clockwise while pulling out. Place the punched Spin Column back into the 2 mL reaction tube.
10. Centrifuge for 1 minute at 1,000 x g. Discard the 2 mL reaction tube containing the column buffer.
11. Place the prepared GenElute™-E Spin Column into a new 1.5 mL reaction tube for collection of the purified DNA and place back into the rack.

Purification of DNA

12. Transfer a maximum of 100 µL of lysis supernatant containing the DNA into the prepared Spin Column as illustrated:

- Insert pipet tip vertically through the hole in the column cap.
- Pipet the sample slowly (5 sec) into the column.

Note: Residual cellular debris may be loaded and will not interfere with purification.

13. Centrifuge for 1 minute at 1,000 x g. The purified DNA flows through the column into the 1.5 mL storage tube. Discard the Spin Column.

The collected DNA can be used immediately or kept at 2-8 °C or for long-term storage at -20 °C. For spectrophotometric analysis, use the 1x Tris Buffer (Ⓢ) supplied with the kit.



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