

PreAnalytiX Supplementary Protocol

Purification of genomic DNA from sections of PAXgene[®] Tissue fixed, cryo-embedded (PFCE) tissue placed directly into a microcentrifuge tube

This protocol is for using the PAXgene Tissue DNA Kit to purify genomic DNA from sections of PAXgene Tissue fixed, cryo-embedded (PFCE) tissue placed directly into a microcentrifuge tube.

IMPORTANT: The tissue sample must be fixed and stabilized in PAXgene Tissue Containers (see the *PAXgene Tissue Container Product Circular* for information on tissue fixation and stabilization), washed in a sucrose solution, snap-frozen and cryo-embedded. For details, see the PreAnalytiX[®] Supplementary Protocol *Cryo-embedding tissue specimens fixed and stabilized with the PAXgene Tissue System (PX14)*.

Also read the *PAXgene Tissue DNA Kit Handbook*, paying careful attention to the “Safety Information” and “Important Notes” sections, before beginning this procedure.

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Equipment and reagents

When working with chemicals, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves, and protective goggles. For more information, consult the appropriate material safety data sheets (MSDSs), available from the product supplier.

- Ethanol (96–100%, purity grade p.a.)
- Pipets and pipet tips
- Cryostat*
- Variable-speed microcentrifuge* capable of attaining 1000–8000 x g, and equipped with a rotor for 2 ml microcentrifuge tubes
- Shaker–incubator* capable of incubating at 45–80°C and shaking at ≥400 rpm, not exceeding 1400 rpm (e.g., Eppendorf[®] Thermomixer Compact)[†]
- Vortex mixer*
- Forceps
- 1.5 ml safelock microcentrifuge tubes

* Make sure that instruments have been checked and calibrated according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

[†] This is not a complete list of suppliers and does not include many important vendors of biological supplies.

Starting material

Starting material for genomic DNA purification is 1–3 PFCE tissue sections with a thickness of 8–12 μm and a tissue surface area $\leq 225 \text{ mm}^2$.

Things to do before starting

- Tissue specimens must be fixed and stabilized according to the *PAXgene Tissue Container Product Circular*. Fixed and stabilized tissue must be cryo-embedded according to the Supplementary Protocol *Cryo-embedding of tissue specimens fixed and stabilized with the PAXgene Tissue System*.
- Set the temperature of the shaker–incubator to 56°C.
- Buffer TD1 and Buffer TD2 may form precipitates during storage. If necessary, warm to 56°C until the precipitates have fully dissolved.
- Buffer TD3 and Buffer TD4 are supplied as concentrates. Before using the buffers for the first time, add the amount of ethanol (96–100%, purity grade p.a.) indicated on the bottle to obtain a working solution.

Procedure

1. **Label the lid and the body of a 1.5 ml safelock microcentrifuge tube (not provided). Prepare a lysis mixture in the tube by mixing 180 μl Buffer TD1 with 20 μl Proteinase K. Mix by gently flicking the tube, and centrifuge briefly (1–2 s at 50–1000 x g) to collect residual liquid from the sides of the tube.**
2. **Using a cryostat, make a tissue section of 8–12 μm thickness from the PFCE tissue.**
3. **Transfer the PFCE tissue section into the lysis reagent using pre-cooled forceps and mix by vortexing for 5 s.**
4. **If required, repeat steps 2 and 3 for a maximum of 3 sections.**
5. **Incubate the tissue on a shaker–incubator for 1 h at 56°C and 1400 rpm.**
6. **After incubation, centrifuge briefly (1–2 s at 500–1000 x g) to remove drops from the tube lid.**

Note: If RNA-free genomic DNA is required, add 4 μl RNase A (100 mg/ml), mix by vortexing and incubate for 2 min at room temperature (15–25°C).

7. **Add 200 μl Buffer TD2 and mix by pulse-vortexing for 15 s.**

Note: It is essential that the sample and Buffer TD2 are mixed thoroughly by vortexing or pipetting to yield a homogeneous solution.

8. Continue with the addition of ethanol in step 14 of the protocol “Purification of Genomic DNA from Sections of PAXgene Treated, Paraffin-Embedded Tissue” in the *PAXgene Tissue DNA Kit Handbook* (page 17).

Note: If carrier RNA is required (see “Carrier RNA”, on page 13 of the *PAXgene Tissue DNA Kit Handbook*).

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