

# DNA Clean-Up Using MagNA Beads

(modified from Rohland and Reich, 2012)

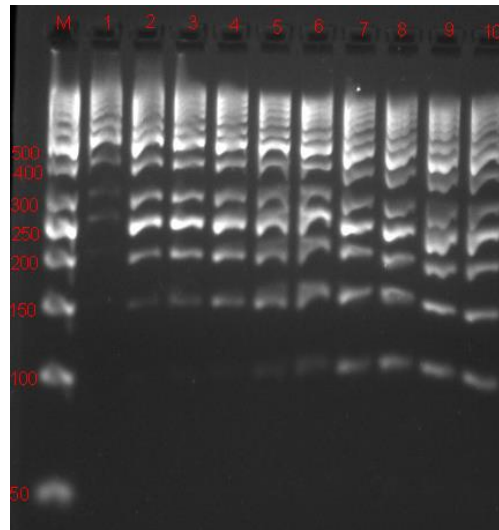


Fig.1. 4% agarose gels showing DNA ladder (GeneRuler 50 bp #SM0373) cleaned up with different amount of MagNA Buffer added (lane descriptions are listed in table 1).

Table 1

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sample( $\mu\text{L}$ )	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
MagNA buffer ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	10	15	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
MagNA buffer/Sample	0.5x	0.75x	0.9x	1.2x	1.5x	1.8x	2.1x	2.4x	2.7x	3.0x

## DNA clean-up procedure

1. First add 30  $\mu\text{L}$  MagNA beads (see next page for preparing MagNA beads mixture) in an empty tube, dry the beads using magnetic plate.
2. Add sheared samples and MagNA buffer to the dried beads (samples: MagNA buffer = 1 : 0.9, e.g., 20 $\mu\text{L}$  sample need add 18 $\mu\text{L}$  MagNA buffer for cleaning off 100bp fragment). Vortex the tubes for several times.
3. Let the tube stand for 5 min at room temperature. Collect the liquid at the bottom of the tube by briefly centrifuging.
4. Place the tube on a 96-well ring magnetic plate, and let it stand for 5 min or more until the beads separated from the solution. Pipette off and discard the supernatant without touching the beads.

5. Leave the tube on the magnetic rack, and wash the beads by adding 186  $\mu$ L of freshly prepared 70% ethanol. Let stand for 1 min and remove the supernatant. \*Keep the tube on the magnetic rack, do not disturb the beads!!!

6. Repeat Step 5 one more time.

7. Remove residual traces of ethanol. Let the beads air-dry for 5 min at room temperature without caps.

8. Add 20  $\mu$ L of nuclease free water or TE buffer to the wells and seal the tube with caps. Remove the tube from the magnetic rack, and resuspend the beads by repeated vortexing or pipetting. Let it stand for 1 min, and then collect the liquid in the bottom of the wells by briefly centrifuging. Occasionally the beads may appear clumpy after vortexing; this does not have a negative effect on DNA recovery.

9. Place the tube back on the magnetic rack, let stand for 1 min, and transfer the supernatant to a new tube. Carryover of small amounts of beads will not inhibit subsequent reactions.

**1. Recipe for 100 ml MagNA beads (18% PEG8000, 2.5 M NaCl)**

Reagent	Amount	Final concentration
5% Sera-Mag Magnetic Speed-beads (FisherSci, cat.#: 09-981-123)	2 mL	0.1%
PEG8000 (cat #: Fisher BP233-1)	18 g	18%
5M NaCl	50 mL	2.5 M
1M Tris-Cl	1 mL	10 nM
0.5M EDTA	200 $\mu$ L	1 mM
add H <sub>2</sub> O to 100 mL		

Note: beads contain sodium azide, wash beads 2x with water or TE before addition.

**2. Recipe for 100 ml MagNA Buffer (18% PEG8000, 2.5 M NaCl)**

Reagent	Amount	Final concentration
PEG8000 (cat #: Fisher BP233-1)	18g	18%
5M NaCl	50mL	2.5M
1M Tris-Cl	1mL	10nM
0.5M EDTA	200 $\mu$ L	1mM
add H <sub>2</sub> O to 100 mL		