

ISOLATION OF TOTAL DNA FROM MAMMALIAN CELLS  
(DNA-fragmentation assay)

**Materials:**

0.5 M EDTA 8.0  
1 M Tris 8.0  
4 M NaCl  
10% Triton X-100  
2 mg/ml Proteinase K (PK)  
isopropanol  
RNase A (10mg/ml stock)  
Lysis buffer: 20 mM EDTA  
                  10 mM Tris 8.0  
                  200 mM NaCl  
                  0.2% Triton X-100  
                  100  $\mu$ g/ml PK

**Procedure:**

1. Resuspend cells in 0.5 ml lysis buffer.
2. Incubate 1.5h in 37°C incubator.
3. Centrifuge 14,000rpm/RT/5 min.
4. Transfer supernatant into new tube.
5. Add equal volume of isopropanol and 25  $\mu$ l 4M NaCl (100 mM final concentration).
6. Incubate tubes overnight at -20°C.
7. Centrifuge 14,000rpm/RT/20-25 min.
8. Dissolve DNA pellet in 30-50  $\mu$ l ddH<sub>2</sub>O, add 1-2  $\mu$ l RNase A.
9. Incubate 1h/37°C.
10. Measure concentration of DNA and run 0.7  $\mu$ g DNA/lane on 1% agarose gel.

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