







Safety Information for Sample Pre-Treatment and DNA Isolation

Component	Classification and Hazard / Precautionary Statements*(page 2)	
<p><b>Buffer CM</b></p>	<p>Contains guanidine hydrochloride (&gt; 10 %)  <b>Acute toxicity (oral) and irritating (eyes and skin)</b></p> <p>H302-H315-H319;                      P301+P312-P302+P352-P305+P351+P338</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   <b>Warning</b> </div>	
<p><b>β-mercaptoethanol</b></p>	<p>Contains 2-mercaptoethanol (100%, CAS no. 60-24-2): <b>Acute toxicity, irritation (skin), eye damage, skin sensitization, reproductive toxicity, specific target organ toxicity, hazardous to aquatic environment</b></p> <p>H301+H331-H310-H315-H317-H318-H361d-H373-H410; P273-P280-P301+P310-P302+P352+P310-P304+P340+P310-P305+P351+P338</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   <b>Danger</b> </div>	
<p><b>Proteinase K Enzyme K</b></p>	<p>Contains <i>Proteinase K</i> (≥ 1 %):  <b>Respiratory sensitization and skin sensitization</b></p> <p>H317-H334;                      P280-P302+P352-P333+P313-P363</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   <b>Danger</b> </div>	
<p><b>Buffer RP Buffer PKB</b></p>	<p>Contains sodium dodecyl sulfate (&lt; 10 %):  <b>Acute toxicity (oral, inhalation), irritation (skin and eye)</b></p> <p>H302-H315-H319-H332;                      P280-P301+P312-P304+P340+P312-P305+P351+P338</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   <b>Warning</b> </div>	
<p><b>Buffer CS</b></p>	<p>Contains guanidinium thiocyanate (&gt; 10 %):  <b>Acute toxicity (oral, skin), skin sensitization, eye damage and hazardous to aquatic environment (chronic)</b></p> <p>H302-H312-H314-H318-H412-EUH032; P280-P303+P361+P353-P305+P351+P338-P310-P362+P364</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   <b>Danger</b> </div>	
<p><b>Buffer AB Buffer WB</b></p>	<p>Contains 2-propanol ( AB &gt; 40 % and WB ≥ 40 %):  <b>Flammable liquids and irritating (eyes)</b></p> <p>H225-H319-H336;                      P210-P233-P305+P351+P338</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   <b>Danger</b> </div>	

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**Buffer WS**

Contains ethanol (> 50 %)  
**Flammable liquids and irritating (eyes)**

H225-H319;  
 P210-P233-P305+P351+P338

**Danger**

**Important notes:** When working with chemicals, always wear suitable protective lab clothing and work in a Class II biological safety cabinet.

**CAUTION: Never add hypochlorite (bleach) or acidic solutions directly to the sample-preparation waste.**

Buffers *CM* and *CS* contain guanidine salts, which can form highly reactive compounds and toxic gases when combined with hypochlorite or other acidic solutions. For more information, please consult the appropriate material safety data sheets (MSDS) which are available on request.

**Emergency call:** For emergency medical information, please contact the regional poison center in your country.

\* **H225:** Highly flammable liquid and vapour; **H302:** Harmful if swallowed; **H310:** Fatal in contact with skin; **H312:** Harmful in contact with skin. **H314:** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage; **H315:** Causes skin irritation; **H317:** May cause an allergic skin reaction; **H318:** Causes serious eye damage; **H319:** Causes serious eye irritation; **H332:** Harmful if inhaled. **H334:** May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled; **H336:** May cause drowsiness or dizziness; **H361d:** Suspected of damaging the unborn child; **H373:** May cause damage to organs (liver, heart) through prolonged or repeated exposure if swallowed; **H301+H331:** Toxic if swallowed or if inhaled. **H410:** Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects; **H412:** Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects; **EUH032:** Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas;

**P210:** Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.; **P233:** Keep container tightly closed; **P273:** Avoid release to the environment; **P280:** Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection; **P310:** Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor; **P363:** Wash contaminated clothing before reuse; **P301+P310:** IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor; **P301+P312:** IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.; **P302+P352:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water; **P302+P352+P310:** IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor; **P303+P361+P353:** IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water [or shower]; **P304+P340+P310:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor; **P304+P340+P312:** IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/doctor if you feel unwell; **P305+P351+P338:** IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing; **P333+P313:** If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention; **P362+P364:** Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

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- Work under a laminar flow, Class II biological safety cabinet.
- Transport the sample under conditions avoiding contamination to the laboratory for analysis.

## Fluid Sample Preparation

### Kit 1 DNA Isolation Unit: Buffers and Consumables (packages B and E)

- For the preparation of blood samples use only K-EDTA or citrate-stabilised whole blood.
- Place a *Sample tube* (ST; Kit 1, package B) in a rack and mark.
- Pipette 1 ml of the stabilised blood into the *Sample tube* (ST).
- In case of less sample volume available, pipette the fluid into the *Sample tube* (ST) and fill up to 1 ml with buffer *SU* (Kit 1, package E) (use the measure line of the tube).

Continue with the instructions of the scheme SepsiTest™-UMD / DNA Isolation (page 5).



## Swab Sample Preparation

### Kit 1 DNA Isolation Unit: Buffers and Consumables (packages B and E)

- Place a *Sample tube* (ST; Kit 1, package B) in a rack and mark.
- Pipette 1 ml of buffer *SU* (Kit 1, package E) into the *Sample tube* (ST)
- **Or:** If available in the swab vial, pipette 1 ml fluid into a *Sample tube* (ST) instead of buffer *SU*. In case of less sample volume available, fill up to 1 ml by pipetting buffer *SU* (use the measure line of the tube).
- Wash the swab by swirling in the fluid of the *Sample tube* (ST) and pressing to the tube wall several times. Discard the swab.

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- Work under a laminar flow, Class II biological safety cabinet.
- Transport the sample under conditions avoiding contamination to the laboratory for analysis.

## Tissue Sample Preparation

**Kit 1 DNA Isolation Unit: Buffers and Consumables (packages B and D)**  
**Kit 2 DNA Isolation Unit: Enzymes and Reagents (-15 to -25°C)**

- Transport the specimen under conditions avoiding contamination to the laboratory for analysis.
- Per specimen, place a *Sample tube (ST)*, Kit 1, package B) in a rack and mark. Pipette 180 µl of buffer *PKB* (Kit 1, package D) into the *Sample tube (ST)*.
- Transfer the specimen to a sterile support (e.g., Petri dish). Cut the specimen (~0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5 cm) into small pieces by using a sterile scalpel.
- Transfer the cut specimen to the *Sample tube (ST)* filled with buffer *PKB*  
**Add 20 µl of Enzyme K (Kit 2), vortex for 15 s**  
**Incubate** at 56°C, 10 min, 1,000 rpm (thermomixer).
- Fill up to 1 ml with the transport solution, if available, or with buffer *TSB* (use the measure line of the tube).



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**Kit 1 DNA Isolation Unit: Buffers and Consumables (+18 to +25°C)**

**Kit 2 DNA Isolation Unit: Enzymes and Reagents (-15 to -25°C)**

Unpack buffer vials (Kit 1, package A) and *Control DNA* (in Kit 2, bags), briefly centrifuge and place in a rack in the following order:

**CM – DB1 – RS – RL – Control DNA – RP – CS – AB – WB – WS – ES**

Continued from SepsiTest™-UMD / Sample Pre-Treatment (pages 1 to 2).

Per sample:

1. Add **250 µl buffer CM**, vortex for 15 s.  
Let stand at room temperature (+18 to +25°C) for 5 min.
2. Briefly centrifuge.  
Add **250 µl buffer DB1**.  
Add **10 µl MolDNase B** (Kit 2), vortex for 15 s.  
Incubate at room temperature (+18 to +25°C) for 15 min.
3. Centrifuge at  $\geq 12,000xg$ , 10 min.  
Remove supernatant by pipetting and discard.
4. Resuspend pellet in **1 ml buffer RS** by pipetting.
5. Centrifuge at  $\geq 12,000xg$ , 5 min.  
Remove supernatant by pipetting.  
(Optional: freeze pellet at -15 to -25°C for storage).
6. Resuspend pellet in **80 µl buffer RL** briefly centrifuge tube.  
Add **20 µl BugLysis** (Kit 2).  
Add **1.4 µl  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol** (Kit 2), vortex for 15 s.  
**Take care not to inhale.**  
Incubate at 37°C, 30 min, 1,000 rpm (thermomixer).
7. Note: Preparation of this step **not** in the *ST* tube.  
Add **10 µl Control DNA** (in Kit 2, bags) into a vial **buffer RP**, vortex for 15 s and briefly centrifuge. Continue to *ST* tube.
8. Briefly centrifuge. Add **150 µl buffer RP incl. Control DNA**,  
Add **20 µl Proteinase K** (Kit 2), vortex for 15s. Incubate at 56°C, 10 min, 1,000 rpm (thermomixer). **Continue on page 6**

Depletion of Human DNA

Lysis of Pathogens

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During 10 min incubation:

### Kit 1 DNA Isolation Unit: Package C (Consumables)

Unpack *Spin columns (SC)*, 2 ml *Collection tubes (CT)* and 1.5 ml *Elution tubes (ET)*, label; heat **buffer ES** (100 µl each sample) vial to **70°C** (thermomixer).

9. Briefly centrifuge.  
Add **250 µl buffer CS**, vortex for 15 s.
10. Briefly centrifuge.  
Add **250 µl buffer AB**, vortex for 15 s.
11. Briefly centrifuge to clear lid.  
Pipette lysate into a *Spin column*.  
**Tissue:** Pipette the liquid phase in the column.  
**Avoid transfer of any unresolved particles!**  
Centrifuge:  $\geq 12,000 \times g$ , 30 to 60 s.
12. Remove column and place in a new 2.0 ml *Collection tube*.  
Add **400 µl buffer WB**.  
Centrifuge:  $\geq 12,000 \times g$ , 30 to 60 s.
13. Remove column and place in a new 2.0 ml *Collection tube*.  
Add **400 µl WS**.  
Centrifuge:  $\geq 12,000 \times g$ , 3 min.
14. Carefully remove column and place in a 1.5 ml *Elution tube*.
15. Add **100 µl ES** heated to 70°C.  
Incubate at room temperature (+18 to +25°C) for 1 min.  
Centrifuge:  $\geq 12,000 \times g$ , 1 min.  
Discard column, close lid of *Elution tube*.
16. Store eluted DNA (1.5 ml *Elution tube*) at +4 to +12°C or for longer storage at -15 to -25°C.


 Lysis of  
Pathogens


 DNA Purification


 DNA Elution

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## Symbols and explanation of the PCR working places:

### DNA-free

Work under a PCR UV workstation. Use components of **Kit 3**.  
For the preparation of mastermixes *MA Bac*, *MA Yeasts* and *MA Control*.

### DNA

Work under a UV laminar flow hood (Class II), where samples are prepared. Use components of **Kit 4B**.

For the preparation of:

- Sample loading into the assays
- Handling of positive PCR controls *P1* and *P2*;  
Preparation of *P2* (998 µl DNA dilution buffer + 2 µl *P1*)

Places where Handlings are performed

Thaw the following vials at room temperature (+18 to +25°C):

### Kit 3:

- *H<sub>2</sub>O*
- 2.5x *MA Bac*
- 2.5x *MA Yeasts*
- 2.5x *MA Control*
- *DS*; keep dark

### Kit 4B:

- *DNA Standard P1*
- *DNA dilution buffer* (for *P1*)

Vortex thawed PCR reagent vials for a few seconds to mix and briefly centrifuge to clear the lid.

PCR Assaying

### *MA Bac*

- 1 reaction per sample
- 2 reactions for the positive controls (*P1*, *P2*)
- 1 reaction for negative control (*NC Bac*)

### *MA Yeasts*

- 1 reaction per sample
- 2 reactions for the positive controls (*P1*, *P2*)
- 1 reaction for negative control (*NC Yeasts*)

### *MA Control*

- 1 reaction per sample
- 1 reaction for negative control (*NC IEC*)

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**Note:** Keep all PCR tubes filled with **PCR-ready mastermixes** and the **MolTaq 16S/18S** chilled in the cooling racks (-15 to -25°C ). Do not interrupt the cooling. **Cooling** of the PCR tubes **is important** to minimize the generation of primer dimers.

- **Pipette the following components of the mastermix assays (MA Bac, MA Yeasts and MA Control, Kit 3) into each MT tube (Kit 1).** Preparation see **Tab. 1**.

**Tab. 1:** Preparation of PCR-ready mastermixes (Kit 3). Volumes in µl.

reactions	MA Bac, MA Yeasts or MA Control	H <sub>2</sub> O	DS	MolTaq 16S/18S
1	10.0	7.5	2.5	0.8
2	20.0	15.0	5.0	1.6
3	30.0	22.5	7.5	2.4
4	40.0	30.0	10.0	3.2
5	50.0	37.5	12.5	4.0
6	60.0	45.0	15.0	4.8
7	70.0	52.5	17.5	5.6
8	80.0	60.0	20.0	6.4
9	90.0	67.5	22.5	7.2
10	100.0	75.0	25.0	8.0

- Vortex PCR-ready mastermixes and centrifuge briefly.
- Pipette into the chilled (-15 to -25°C) PCR tubes per reaction:  
**20 µl** of PCR-ready mastermix **MA Bac, MA Yeasts** or **MA Control**.

Add **5 µl** H<sub>2</sub>O as negative control.

Add **5 µl** sample eluate and, *P1* and *P2*, respectively.

- **Start the PCR programme of Eppendorf Mastercycler** (manual chapter “PCR Detection”, part “2C) PCR Thermocycling”)

See chapter “Addendum”, part “Real-Time PCR Thermocycling and Detection by Melting Curve Analysis” of the manual for other cyclers.

DNA-free

DNA

Preparation of Mastermixes  
MA Bac, MA Yeasts or MA Control

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