



# Genomic DNA from forensic samples

## User manual

NucleoMag<sup>®</sup> DNA Forensic

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# 1 Components

## 1.1 Kit contents

<b>NucleoMag® DNA Forensic</b>		
<b>REF</b>	<b>1 x 96 preps 744660.1</b>	<b>4 x 96 preps 744660.4</b>
NucleoMag® F-Beads	1.4 mL	2 x 2.6 mL
Lysis Buffer FOL	50 mL	250 mL
Binding Buffer FOB	100 mL	300 mL
Wash Buffer FOW1	80 mL	200 mL
Wash Buffer FOW2	25 mL	100 mL
Elution Buffer FOE	13 mL	60 mL
Liquid Proteinase K	2 x 1250 µL	9 mL
Reducing Agent TCEP	14 mg	2 x 14 mg
User manual	1	1

\* For preparation of working solutions and storage, see section 3.

## 1.2 Consumables and equipment to be supplied by user

Product	REF	Pack of
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Magnetic separator</b> NucleoMag® SEP (see section 2.3)</li> </ul>	744900	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Separation plate for magnetic beads separation,</b> Square-well Block (96-well block with 2.1 mL square-wells)</li> </ul>	740481 740481.24	4 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lysis tubes for incubation of samples and lysis,</b> e.g., Rack of Tubes Strips (1 set consists of 1 Rack, 12 Strips with 8 tubes (1.2 mL wells) each, and 12 Cap Strips)</li> </ul>	740477 740477.24	4 sets 24 sets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elution plate for collecting purified nucleic acids,</b> e.g., Elution Plate U-bottom (96-well 0.3 mL microtiterplate with 300 µL u-bottom wells)</li> </ul>	740486.24	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For use of kit on KingFisher® 96 instrument:</b> e.g., KingFisher® 96 Accessory Kit A (Square-well Blocks, Deep-well tip combs, Plates for 4 x 96 NucleoMag® Trace preps using KingFisher® 96 platform)</li> </ul>	744950	1 set

## 1.3 About this user manual

It is strongly recommended that first-time users of the **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** kit read the detailed protocol sections of this user manual. Experienced users, however, may refer to the Protocol-at-a-glance instead. The Protocol-at-a-glance is designed to be used only as a supplemental tool for quick referencing while performing the purification procedure.

All technical literature is available on the internet at [www.mn-net.com](http://www.mn-net.com).

Please contact Technical Service regarding information about changes of the current user manual compared to previous revisions.

## 2 Product description

### 2.1 The basic principle

The **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** procedure is based on reversible adsorption of nucleic acids to paramagnetic beads under appropriate buffer conditions. Lysis is achieved by incubation of samples with Proteinase K at 56 °C (optional: at RT). For the adjustment of binding conditions under which nucleic acids bind to the paramagnetic beads or silica membrane, Buffer FOB and the NucleoMag® F-Beads are added to the lysate. After magnetic separation, the paramagnetic beads are washed three times to remove contaminants and salts using Wash Buffers FOW1 and FOW2. Residual ethanol from previous wash steps is removed by a drying step. Finally, highly purified DNA is eluted with low-salt Elution Buffer (FOE) and can directly be used for downstream applications. The NucleoMag® DNA Forensic kit can be used either manually or automated on standard liquid handling instruments or automated magnetic separators.

### 2.2 Kit specifications

- **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** is designed for rapid manual and automated small-scale preparation of highly pure genomic DNA from buccal swabs or other forensic samples, for example, dried blood spots, 'trace and touch'-samples or cigarette filters. The kit is designed for use with NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator plate (see ordering information) or any other magnetic separation system (see section 2.3). Manual time for the preparation of 96 samples is about 120 minutes. The purified DNA can be used directly as template for PCR, or any kind of enzymatic reaction.
- **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** allows easy automation on common liquid handling instruments or automated magnetic separators. The actual processing time depends on the configuration of the instrument and the magnetic separation system used. Typically, 96 samples can be purified in less than 120 minutes using the NucleoMag® SEP on the automation platform.
- The kit provides reagents for the purification of up to 7 µg of pure genomic DNA from suitable samples (typical yields for DNA isolation from buccal swabs: 1–3 µg DNA) Depending on the elution volume used, concentrations of 10–30 ng/µL can be obtained.
- Following lysis of samples with Proteinase K at 56 °C (recommended, optional: Proteinase K treatment can be performed at RT) **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** can be processed completely at room temperature, however, elution at 56 °C will increase the yield by about 15–20 %.
- NucleoMag® F-Beads are highly reactive, superparamagnetic beads. The binding capacity is 0.4 µg of gDNA per 1 µL of NucleoMag® F-Bead suspension; 1 µL of suspension contains 140 µg of beads
- The NucleoMag® DNA Forensic kit comply with all ISO 18385 requirements.
- The ISO 18385 specifies demands for the manufacturing of products used in the collection, storage, and analysis of biological material for forensic DNA purposes. We implemented the ISO 18385 for the production of kits for forensic applications. Therefore we minimized the risk of human DNA contamination in all our products labeled for isolation of nucleic acids from forensic samples. All consumables used in

our forensic product line are treated (post-production) with ethylene oxide (EO), the recommended method to remove amplifiable DNA prior to forensic sampling\*.

## 2.3 Magnetic separation systems

For appropriate handling of the **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** kit, the use of the magnetic separator NucleoMag® SEP is recommended. Separation is carried out in a Square-well Block (see ordering information). The kit can also be used with other common separators.

Magnetic separator	Separation plate or tube
NucleoMag® SEP (MN REF 744900)	Square-well Block (MN REF 740481)
Tecan Te-MagS™	1.5 mL tubes without lid (Sarstedt)

### Static magnetic pins

Separators with static magnetic pins, for example, NucleoMag® SEP or other common magnetic separators are suitable for manual use and for use on liquid handling workstations: This type of separator is recommended in combination with a suitable microplate shaker for optimal resuspension of the beads during the washing and elution steps. Alternatively, beads can be resuspended in the buffer by pipetting up and down several times. For fully-automated use on liquid handling workstations, a gripper tool is required; the plate is transferred to the magnetic separator for separation of the beads and transferred to the shaker module for resuspension of the beads.

### Movable magnetic systems

Separators with moving magnetic pins: Magnetic pins/rods are moved from one side of the well to the other and vice versa. Beads follow this movement and are thus pulled through the buffer during the wash and elution steps. Separation takes place when the system stops.

### Automated separators

Separators with moving magnets: Magnetic beads are transferred into suitable plates or tubes. Beads are resuspended from the rod-covered magnets. Following binding, washing or elution beads are collected again with the rod-covered magnets and transferred to the next plate or tube.

## 2.4 Adjusting the shaker settings

When using a plate shaker for the washing and elution steps, the speed settings have to be adjusted carefully for each specific separation plate and shaker to prevent cross-contamination from well to well. Proceed as follows:

\* Shaw et al., 2008, Comparison of the effects of sterilisation techniques on subsequent DNA profiling. Int J Legal Med 122:29-33.

**Adjusting shaker speed for binding and wash steps:**

- Load 600  $\mu\text{L}$  dyed water to the wells of the separation plate. Place the plate on the shaker and start shaking with a moderate speed setting for 30 seconds. Turn off the shaker and check the plate surface for small droplets of dyed water.
- Increase speed setting, shake for an additional 30 seconds, and check the plate surface for droplets again.
- Continue increasing the speed setting until you observe droplets on top of the separation plate. Reduce speed setting, check again, and use this setting for the washing step.

**Adjusting shaker speed for the elution step:**

- Load 100–200  $\mu\text{L}$  dyed water to the wells of the collection plate and proceed as described above.

## 2.5 Handling of beads

**Distribution of beads**

A homogeneous distribution of the magnetic beads to the individual wells of the separation plate is essential for a high well-to-well consistency. Therefore, before distributing the beads, make sure that the beads are completely resuspended. Shake the storage bottle well or place it on a vortexer shortly. Premixing magnetic beads with the binding buffer allows easier homogenous distribution of the beads to the individual wells of the separation plate. During automation, a pre-mix step before aspirating the beads/binding buffer mixture from the reservoir is recommended to keep the beads resuspended.

**Magnetic separation time**

Attraction of the magnetic beads to the magnetic pins depends on the magnetic strength of the magnetic pins, the selected separation plate, distance of the separation plate from the magnetic pins, and the volume to be processed. The individual times for complete attraction of the beads to the magnetic pins should be checked and adjusted on each system. It is recommended using the separation plates or tubes specified by the supplier of the magnetic separator.

**Washing the beads**

Washing the beads can be achieved by shaking or mixing. In contrast to mixing by pipetting up and down, mixing by shaker or magnetic mixing allows simultaneous mixing of all samples. This reduces the time and number of tips needed for the preparation. Resuspension by pipetting up and down, however, is more efficient than mixing by a shaker or magnetic mix.

Method	Resuspension efficiency	Speed	Small elution volume possible	Number of tips needed
Magnetic mix	+	++	+	Low
Shaker	++	++	+++	Low
Pipetting	+++	+*	++	High

+ : acceptable, ++ : good, +++ : excellent



## 2.6 Elution procedures

Purified DNA can be eluted directly with the supplied Elution Buffer FOE. Elution can be carried out in a volume of  $\geq 50 \mu\text{L}$ . It is essential to cover the NucleoMag<sup>®</sup> F-Beads completely with elution buffer during the elution step. The volume of dispensed elution buffer depends on the magnetic separation system (e.g., the position of the pellet inside the separation plate). For efficient elution, the magnetic bead pellet should be resuspended completely in the elution buffer. For some separators, higher elution volumes might be necessary to cover the whole pellet.

Elution is possible at room temperature. Yield can be increased by 15–20 % if elution is performed at 56 °C.

### 3 Storage conditions and preparation of working solutions

*Attention: Buffers FOL, FOB and FOW1 contain chaotropic salt! **Wear gloves and goggles!***

*CAUTION: Buffers FOB and FOW1 contain guanidinium thiocyanate which can form highly reactive compounds when combined with bleach (sodium hypochlorite). DO NOT add bleach or acidic solutions directly to the sample-preparation waste.*

#### Storage conditions:

- All components of the **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** kit should be stored at room temperature (18–25 °C) and are stable for at least one year. Storage at lower temperatures may cause precipitation of salts. If a salt precipitation is observed, incubate the bottle at 30–40 °C for some minutes and mix well until all of the precipitate is redissolved. The performance of the kits is not affected by reversible development of salt precipitates

Before starting the **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** protocol, prepare the following:

- Wash Buffer FOW2:** Add the indicated volume of ethanol (96–100 %) to **Buffer FOW2 Concentrate** before use. Mark the label of the bottle to indicate that ethanol was added. Store Wash Buffer FOW2 at room temperature (18–25 °C) for up to one year
- Reducing Agent TCEP:** Add 1 mL of sterile H<sub>2</sub>O to the TCEP vial and incubate for several minutes at room temperature. Mix the vial to dissolve the TCEP completely. Store dissolved TCEP at -20 °C.

<b>NucleoMag® DNA Forensic</b>		
<b>REF</b>	<b>1x 96 preps 744660.1</b>	<b>4 x 96 preps 744660.4</b>
Wash Buffer FOW2 (Concentrate)	25 mL <i>Add 100 mL ethanol</i>	100 mL <i>Add 400 mL ethanol</i>
Reducing Agent TCEP	1 vial (14 mg) <i>Add 1 mL H<sub>2</sub>O</i>	2 vials (14 mg/vial) <i>Add 1 mL H<sub>2</sub>O to each vial</i>

## 4 Safety instructions





The following components of the **NucleoMag® DNA Forensic** kits contain hazardous contents.

***Wear gloves and goggles and follow the safety instructions given in this section.***

### GHS classification

Only harmful features do not need to be labeled with H and P phrases up to 125 mL or 125 g.

*Mindergefährliche Eigenschaften müssen bis 125 mL oder 125 g nicht mit H- und P-Sätzen gekennzeichnet werden.*

Component	Hazard contents	GHS symbol	Hazard phrases	Precaution phrases
<i>Inhalt</i>	<i>Gefahrstoff</i>	<i>GHS-Symbol</i>	<i>H-Sätze</i>	<i>P-Sätze</i>
FOB	2-propanol 50–65 % <i>2-propanol 50–65 %</i>  CAS 67-63-0	  DANGER GEFAHR	225, 319, 336	210, 233, 260, 280
FOW1	ethanol 35–55 % <i>Ethanol 35–55 %</i>  CAS 64-17-5	  WARNING ACHTUNG	226, 413	210, 273
Liquid Proteinase K	Proteinase K, liquid 1–3 % <i>Proteinase K flüssig 1–3 %</i>  CAS 39450-01-6I	  WARNING ACHTUNG	317	261, 280,
Reducing Agent TCEP	TCEP(•HCl) 70–100 % <i>TCEP(•HCl) 70–100 %</i>  CAS 51805-45-9	  WARNING ACHTUNG	315, 319	280

### Hazard phrases

H 225	Highly flammable liquid and vapour. <i>Flüssigkeit und Dampf leicht entzündbar.</i>
H 226	Flammable liquid and vapour. <i>Flüssigkeit und Dampf entzündbar.</i>
H 315	Causes skin irritation. <i>Verursacht Hautreizungen.</i>
H 317	May cause an allergic skin reaction. <i>Kann allergische Hautreaktionen verursachen.</i>
H 319	Causes serious eye irritation. <i>Verursacht schwere Augenreizung.</i>

- H 336 May cause drowsiness or dizziness.  
*Kann Schläfrigkeit und Benommenheit verursachen.*
- H 413 May cause long lasting harmful effects to aquatic life.  
*Kann für Wasserorganismen schädlich sein, mit langfristiger Wirkung.*

### Precaution phrases

- P 210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
*Von Hitze, heißen Oberflächen, Funken, offenen Flammen sowie anderen Zündquellenarten fernhalten. Nicht rauchen.*
- P 233 Keep container tightly closed.  
*Behälter dicht verschlossen halten.*
- P 260 Do not breathe vapours.  
*Dampf nicht einatmen.*
- P 261 Avoid breathing dust / fume / gas / mist / vapours / spray.  
*Einatmen von Staub / Rauch / Gas / Nebel / Dampf / Aerosol vermeiden.*
- P 273 Avoid release to the environment.  
*Freisetzung in die Umwelt vermeiden.*
- P 280 Wear protective gloves / eye protection .  
*Schutzhandschuhe / Augenschutz tragen.*

For further information please see Material Safety Data Sheets ([www.mn-net.com](http://www.mn-net.com)).  
Weiterführende Informationen finden Sie in den Sicherheitsdatenblättern ([www.mn-net.com](http://www.mn-net.com)).



The symbol shown on labels refers to further safety information in this section.  
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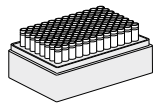
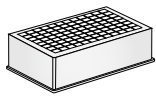

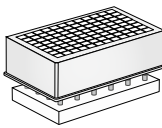
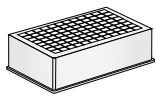

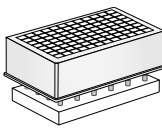
## 5 Protocol for the isolation of genomic DNA from forensic samples



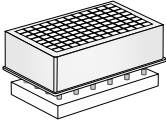


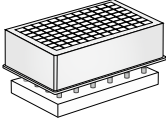
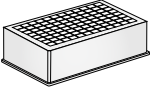


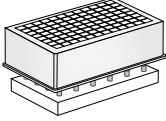
### Protocol-at-a-glance

- For additional equipment and hardware requirements, refer to section 1.2 and 2.3, respectively.
- For detailed information on each step, see page 15 (detailed protocol).

### Before starting the preparation:

- Check if Wash Buffer FOW2 and TCEP were prepared according to section 3.

<b>1 Lyse sample</b>	<p>Add <b>20 µL Liquid Proteinase K</b>, <b>5 µL TCEP solution (14 mg/mL)</b> and <b>450 µL Buffer FOL</b></p> <p>Mix</p> <p>56 °C, 1 h</p>	
<b>2 Bind DNA to NucleoMag® F-Beads</b>	<p><b>400 µL lysate</b></p> <p><b>12 µL NucleoMag® F-Beads</b></p> <p><b>580 µL FOB</b></p>	
	<p><b>Mix by shaking for 10 min at RT</b></p> <p>(Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)</p>	
	<p><b>Remove supernatant after 2 min separation</b></p>	
<b>3 Wash with FOW1</b>	<p>Remove Square-well Block from NucleoMag® SEP</p> <p><b>400 µL FOW1</b></p>	
	<p><b>Resuspend: Shake 1 min at RT</b></p> <p>(Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)</p>	
	<p><b>Remove supernatant after 2 min separation</b></p>	

4	Wash with FOW2	<b>1<sup>st</sup> wash</b>	
		Remove Square-well Block from NucleoMag® SEP	
		<b>400 µL FOW2</b>	
		<b>Resuspend: Shake 1 min at RT</b>	
		(Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)	
		<b>Remove supernatant after 2 min separation</b>	
5	Wash with FOW2	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> wash</b>	
		Remove Square-well Block on NucleoMag® SEP	
		<b>400 µL FOW2</b>	
		<b>Resuspend: Shake 1 min at RT</b>	
		(Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)	
		<b>Remove supernatant after 2 min separation</b>	
6	Dry the magnetic beads	<b>15 min at RT</b>	
7	Elute DNA	<b>Add 25–100 µL FOE</b>	
		(Optional: Elute at 56 °C)	
		<b>Shake 5 min at RT</b>	
		(Optional: Mix by pipetting up and down)	
		<b>Separate 2 min and transfer DNA into elution plate</b>	

## Detailed protocol

This protocol is designed for magnetic separators with static pins (e.g., NucleoMag® SEP) and suitable plate shakers (see section 2.3). It is recommended using a Square-well Block for separation (see section 1.2). Alternatively, isolation of DNA can be performed in reaction tubes with suitable magnetic separators. This protocol is for manual use and serves as a guideline for adapting the kit to robotic instruments.

### Before starting the preparation:

- Check if Wash Buffer FOW2 and TCEP were prepared according to section
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#### Sample collection

Collect the samples with cotton, Dacron, or C.E.P. swabs. Scrape firmly against the inside of each cheek several times and let the swabs air dry.

*The respective individual should not have consumed food or drink within 30 min before collection of the sample.*

Samples should be processed immediately or stored at 4 °C.

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### 1 Lyse samples

Add **20 µL** of Liquid **Proteinase K**, **5 µL TCEP (14 mg/mL)** and **450 µL Lysis Buffer FOL** to a reaction tube containing the sample. **Mix** well by vigorous shaking or by repeated pipetting up and down for 10–15 s. Spin briefly (15 s; 1,500 x g) to collect any sample at the bottom of the tube.

*Note: Buccal swab heads should be submerged into the lysis solution. Therefore, depending on type or size of buccal swab used, the FOL buffer volume has to be increased. Increasing volume of Proteinase K or TCEP is not required.*

*Alternatively, perform lysis with Buffer FOL/Proteinase K/TCEP in a NucleoSpin® Trace Filter Plate (see ordering information). This plate allows convenient separation of lysate from swab material by centrifugation and reduces loss of lysate.*

Incubate at **56 °C** for **60 min** with shaking. For optimal lysis, mix occasionally during incubation. Make sure that the lysis tubes are securely closed. Alternatively, lysis step can be performed in Tube Strips (see ordering information).

Following the lysis incubation, spin down to collect any sample from the lysis

tube lids and transfer each lysate to the wells of a Square-well Block. When using buccal swabs, remove buccal swab and squeeze out to obtain **400 µL lysate**.

When using the NucleoSpin® Trace Filter Plate, centrifuge the NucleoSpin® Trace Filter Plate stacked onto a 96 well Square-well Block for 5 min at 5,600 x g to draw the lysate out of the swab material.

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## 2 Bind DNA to NucleoMag® F-Beads

To each lysate of 400 µL from the previous step, add **12 µL of NucleoMag® F-Beads** and **580 µL of Binding Buffer FOB**. Mix by pipetting up and down 6 times and **shake for 5 min at room temperature**. Alternatively, when processing the kit without a shaker, pipette up and down 10 times and incubate for 5 min at room temperature.

*Note: NucleoMag® F-Beads and Buffer FOB can be premixed. Per well to be processed, mix 12 µL of NucleoMag® F-Beads with 580 µL Buffer MB2. Vortex briefly. Depending on the dead volume of the reservoir, additional amounts of bead suspension and binding buffer are required.*

*Be sure to resuspend the NucleoMag® F-Beads before removing them from the storage bottle. Vortex storage bottle briefly until a homogenous suspension has formed.*

Separate the magnetic beads against the side of the wells by placing the Square-well Block on the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 min until all the beads have been attracted to the magnets. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

*Note: Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant. The magnetic pellet might be not visible in this step. Remove supernatant from the opposite side of the well.*

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## 3 Wash with FOW1

Remove the Square-well Block from the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator.

Add **400 µL Buffer FOW1** to each well and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely (1–3 min). Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down.

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Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 min until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

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## 4 Wash with FOW2

1<sup>st</sup> wash

Remove the Square-well Block from the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator.

Add **400 µL Buffer FOW2** to each well and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely (**1–3 min**). Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down.

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator. Wait at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

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## 5 Wash with FOW2

2<sup>nd</sup> wash

Remove the Square-well Block from the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator.

Add **400 µL Buffer FOW2** to each well and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely (1–3 min). Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down.

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator. Wait at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

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## 6 Dry NucleoMag® F-Beads

Air dry the beads for 10–15 min at room temperature.

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## 7 Elute DNA

Remove the Square-well Block from the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator.

Add desired volume of **Buffer FOE (25–100 µL)** to each well of the Square-well Block and resuspend the beads by shaking **5–10 min** at **room temperature**. Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down and incubate for **5–10 min at room temperature or 56 °C**.

Separate the magnetic beads by placing the Square-well Block on the NucleoMag® SEP magnetic separator. Wait at least **2 min** until all the beads have been attracted to the magnets. Transfer the supernatant containing the purified genomic DNA to either elution plates or tube stripes (see ordering informations)

*Note: Yield can be increased by 15–20 % by using pre-heated elution buffer (56 °C) or by incubating the bead/elution buffer suspension at 56 °C for 10 min.*

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## 6 Appendix

### 6.1 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause and suggestions
Poor DNA yield	<i>Incomplete sample lysis</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample was not thoroughly homogenized and mixed with Lysis buffer, Proteinase K and TCEP. The mixture has to be shaken continuously. Alternatively, prolong incubation time with Proteinase K.</li> </ul>
	<i>Reagents not prepared properly</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare Buffer FOW2 and TCEP according to the instructions (section 3).</li> </ul>
	<i>Insufficient Elution buffer volume</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beads pellet must be covered completely with elution buffer.</li> </ul>
	<i>Insufficient performance of elution buffer during elution step</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove residual buffers during the separation steps completely. Remaining buffers decrease efficiency of following wash steps and elution step.</li> </ul>
	<i>Beads dried out</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not let the beads dry as this might result in lower elution efficiencies.</li> </ul>
<i>Aspiration of attracted bead pellet</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant, especially when the magnetic pellet is not visible in the lysate.</li> </ul>	
<i>Aspiration and loss of beads</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time for magnetic separation was too short or aspiration speed was too high.</li> </ul>	
Low purity / Low sensitivity	<i>Insufficient washing procedure</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use only the appropriate combinations of separator and plate, for example, Square-well Block in combination with NucleoMag® SEP.</li> <li>Make sure that beads are resuspended completely during the washing procedure. If shaking is not sufficient to resuspend the beads completely mix by repeated pipetting up and down.</li> </ul>

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible cause and suggestions</b>
Suboptimal performance of DNA in downstream applications	<p><i>Carry-over of ethanol from wash buffers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be sure to remove all of the ethanolic wash solution, as residual ethanol interferes with downstream applications.</li> </ul> <p><i>Ethanol evaporation from wash buffers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close buffer bottles tightly, avoid ethanol evaporation from buffer bottles as well as from buffer filled in reservoirs. Do not reuse buffers from buffer reservoirs.</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Time for magnetic separation too short</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase separation time to allow the beads to be completely attracted to the magnetic pins before aspirating any liquid from the well.</li> </ul> <p><i>Aspiration speed too high (elution step)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High aspiration speed during the elution step may cause bead carry-over. Reduce aspiration speed for elution step.</li> </ul>
Carry-over of beads	
Cross contamination	<p><i>Contamination of the rims</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not moisten the rims of the Square-well Block when transferring the lysate. If the rim of the wells is contaminated, seal the Square-well Block with Self-adhering PE Foil (see ordering information) before starting the shaker.</li> </ul>

## 6.2 Ordering information

<b>Product</b>	<b>REF</b>	<b>Pack of</b>
NucleoMag® DNA Forensic	744660.1	1 x 96 preps
	744660.4	4 x 96 preps
NucleoSpin® DNA Forensic	740840.10	1 x 10 preps
	740840.50	1 x 50 preps
	740840.250	1 x 250 preps
NucleoSpin® Forensic Filters (Bulk)	740988.50B	50 x 96 pieces
	740988.250B	250 x 96 pieces
	740988.1000B	1000 x 96 pieces
NucleoSpin® Trace Filter Plate	740677	20
NucleoMag® SEP	744900	1
Square-well Blocks	740481	4
	740481.24	24
Square-well Blocks, ethylene oxide treated	740481EO	4

<b>Product</b>	<b>REF</b>	<b>Pack of</b>
Self-adhering PE Foil	740676	50 sheets
Rack of Tube Strips (set consists of 1 Rack, 12 Tube Strips with 8 tubes each, and 12 Cap Strips)	740477 740477.24	4 sets 24 sets
Cap Strips	740638	30 strips
KingFisher® 96 Accessory Kit A (set consists of Square-well Blocks, Deep-well tip combs, Elution Plates; for 4 x 96 NucleoMag® Trace preps using KingFisher® 96 platform)	744950	1 set

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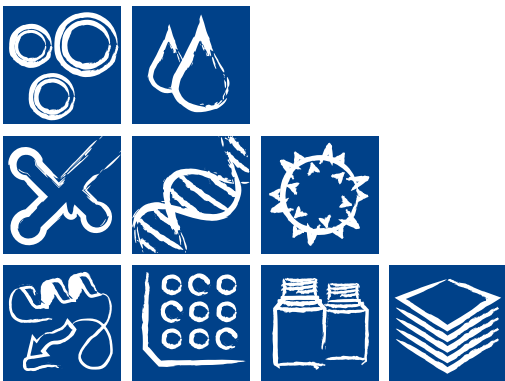
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