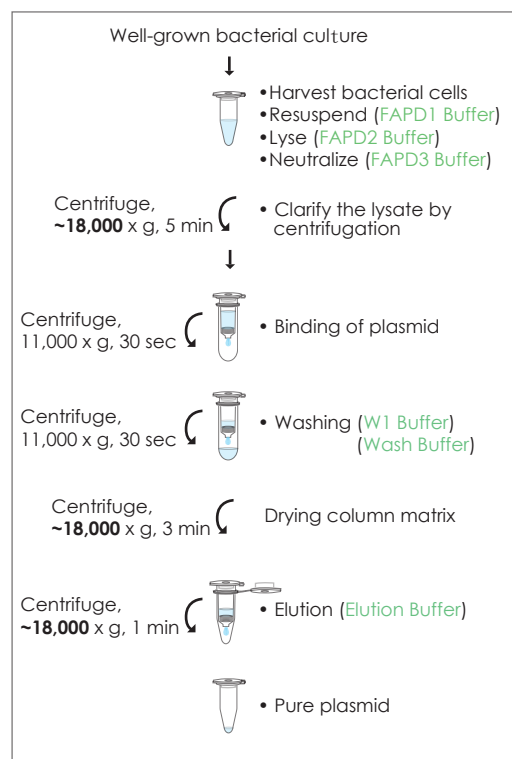


**Kit Contents:**

Cat. No:	FAPDE 004 (4 preps_sample)	FAPDE 100 (100 preps)	FAPDE 300 (300 preps)
FAPD1 Buffer	1.0 ml	25 ml	75 ml
FAPD2 Buffer	1.0 ml	25 ml	75 ml
FAPD3 Buffer	1.5 ml	35 ml	105 ml
W1 Buffer	2.0 ml	45 ml	135 ml
Wash Buffer (concentrate) <sup>a</sup>	1.0 ml	20 ml	50 ml
Elution Buffer	0.5 ml	15 ml	35 ml
FAPD Column	4 pcs	100 pcs	300 pcs
Collection Tube	4 pcs	100 pcs	300 pcs
RNase A	0.1 mg	2.5 mg	7.5 mg
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Preparation of Wash Buffer by adding ethanol (96 ~ 100%)			
Ethanol volume for Wash Buffer <sup>a</sup>	4 ml	80 ml	200 ml

**Specification:**

Principle:	mini spin column (silica matrix)
Sample size:	1 ~ 3 ml
Size of plasmid or construct:	< 15 kb
Operation time:	< 25 minutes
Typical Yield:	20 ~ 30 µg
Binding capacity:	60 µg/ column
Column applicability:	centrifugation and vaccum

**Brief procedure:**

**Important Notes:**

1. Store RNase A at -20 °C upon receipt of kit.
2. Add 0.5 ml of FAPD1 Buffer to a RNase A tube, vortex the tube to mix well. Briefly spin the tube and transfer the total RNase A mixture back to the FAPD1 bottle, mix well by vortexing and store the FAPD1 buffer at 4 °C.
3. If precipitates have formed in FAPD2 Buffer, warm the buffer in 37°C waterbath to dissolve precipitates.
4. Preparation of Wash Buffer by adding 96 ~100% ethanol (not provided) for first use.
5. Centrifugation steps are done by a microcentrifuge capable of the speed at 11,000 ~1,8000 x g.

**General Protocol:**
**Please Read Important Notes Before Starting Following Steps.**

1. Transfer 1~ 3 ml of well-grown bacterial culture to a centrifuge tube (not provided).
2. Centrifuge the tube at 11,000 x g for 1 minute to pellet the cells and discard the supernatant completely.
3. Add 200 µl of FAPD1 Buffer (RNase A added) to the cell pellet and resuspend the cells completely by pipetting.
  - Make sure that RNase A has been added into FAPD1 Buffer when first use.
  - No cell pellet should be visible after resuspension of the cells.
4. Add 200 µl of FAPD2 Buffer and gently invert the tube 5 ~ 10 times. Incubate the sample mixture at room temperature for 2 ~ 5 minutes to lyse the cells.
  - Do not vortex, vortex may shear genomic DNA. If necessary, continue inverting the tube until the lysate become clear.
  - Do not proceed the incubation over 5 minutes.
5. Add 300 µl of FAPD3 Buffer and invert the tube 5 ~ 10 times immediately to neutralize the lysate.
  - Invert immediately after adding FAPD3 Buffer will avoid asymmetric precipitation.
6. Centrifuge at full speed (~18,000 x g) for 5 min to clarify the lysate. During centrifugation, place a FAPD Column in a Collection Tube.
7. Transfer the supernatant carefully to the FAPD Column and centrifuge at 11,000 x g for 30 seconds. Discard the flow-through and place the column back to the Collection Tube.
  - Do not transfer any white pellet into the column.
8. Add 400 µl of W1 Buffer to the FAPD Column and centrifuge at 11,000 x g for 30 seconds. Discard the flow-through and place the column back to the Collection Tube.

**9. Add 700 µl of Wash Buffer to the FAPD Column and centrifuge at 11,000 x g for 30 seconds. Discard the flow-through and place the column back to the Collection Tube.**

- Make sure that ethanol (96-100 %) has been added into Wash Buffer when first use.

**10. Centrifuge at full speed (~ 18,000 x g) for an additional 3 minutes to dry the FAPD Column.**

- **Important step !** The residual liquid should be removed thoroughly on this step.

**11. Place the FAPD Column to a new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube (not provided).**

**12. Add 50 µl ~ 100 µl of Elution Buffer or ddH<sub>2</sub>O to the membrane center of the FAPD Column. Stand the column for 1 minute.**

- **Important step !** For effective elution, make sure that the elution solution is dispensed on the membrane center and is absorbed completely.

• **Note !** Do not Elute the DNA using less than suggested volume (50ul). It will lower the final yield.

**13. Centrifuge at full speed (~ 18,000 x g) for 1 minute to elute plasmid DNA and store the DNA at -20 °C.**

## Troubleshooting

### Low yield

Bacterial cells were not lysed completely

- Too many bacterial cells were used (OD<sub>600</sub> > 10). Separate the bacterial culture into multiple tubes.
- After FAPD3 Buffer addition, break up the precipitate by inverting to ensure higher yield.

Overgrown of bacterial cells

- Incubation time should not longer than 16 hours.

Bacterial cells were insufficient

- Ensure that bacterial cells have grown to an expected amount (OD<sub>600</sub> > 1) after incubation under suitable shaking modes.

Incorrect DNA elution step

- Ensure that Elution Buffer was added and absorbed to the center of the FAPD Column matrix.

Incomplete DNA Elution

- If size of DNA fragments is larger than 10 kb, use preheated Elution Buffer (60~70°C) on slution step to improve the elution efficiency.

Incorrect preparation of Wash Buffer

- Ensure that the correct volume of ethanol (96 ~ 100 %) was added to and Wash Buffer prior to use.

### Eluted DNA does not perform well

Residual ethanol contamination

- After Wash Step, dry the FAPD Column with an additional centrifugation at top speed (~18,000 x g) for 5 minutes or incubation at 60°C for 5 minutes.

### Genomic DNA Contaminates

Lysate prepared improperly.

- Gently invert the tube after adding the FAPD2 Buffer. And the incubation time should not longer than 5 minutes.
- Do Not use overgrown bacterial culture.

### RNA Contaminates Plasmid DNA

Insufficiency of RNase A activity in FAPD1 Buffer because of long-term storage

- Prior to using FAPD1 Buffer, ensure that RNase A was added. If RNase A added FAPD1 Buffer is out of date, add additional RNase A into FAPD1 Buffer to a concentration of 50 µg/ ml then store 4°C.
- Too many bacterial cells were used, reduce sample volume.

### Smearing or degrading of Plasmid DNA

Nuclease contamination

- If used host cells have high nuclease activity (e.g., *enA*<sup>+</sup> strains), perform the following optional Wash Step to remove residuary nuclease.
  - a. After DNA Binding Step, add 400 µl of W1 Buffer into the FAPD Column and incubate for 2 minutes at room temperature.
  - b. Centrifuge at full speed (~18,000 xg) for 30 seconds.
  - c. Proceed to step 9.

### Plasmid DNA is not adequate for enzymatic digestions

Eluted plasmid DNA contains residual ethanol

- Make sure you have discarded the flow-through after washing with Wash Buffer (Step 9) and centrifuged for an addition 3 minutes (Step 10).

### Denatured Plasmid DNA migrate faster than supercoiled form during electrophoresis

Incubation in FAPD2 Buffer too long

- Do not incubate the sample longer than 5 minute in FAPD2 Buffer