

## Kit Contents:

	FAGCK001-2 (50 preps)	FAGCK001-3 (200 preps)
FADF Buffer	40 ml	160 ml
Wash Buffer*	15 ml	45 ml
Elution Buffer	5 ml	20 ml
FADF Column	50 pcs	200 pcs
2 ml Collection Tube	50 pcs	200 pcs

\*Add 60 ml / 180 ml ethanol (96-100%) to Wash Buffer when first open.

## Specification:

Sample: up to 300 mg of agarose gel  
up to 100 µl of reaction solution

Recovery: 70% ~ 85% for Gel extraction  
90% ~ 95% for PCR clean-up

Operation time: 20 min  
Elution volume: 40 µl

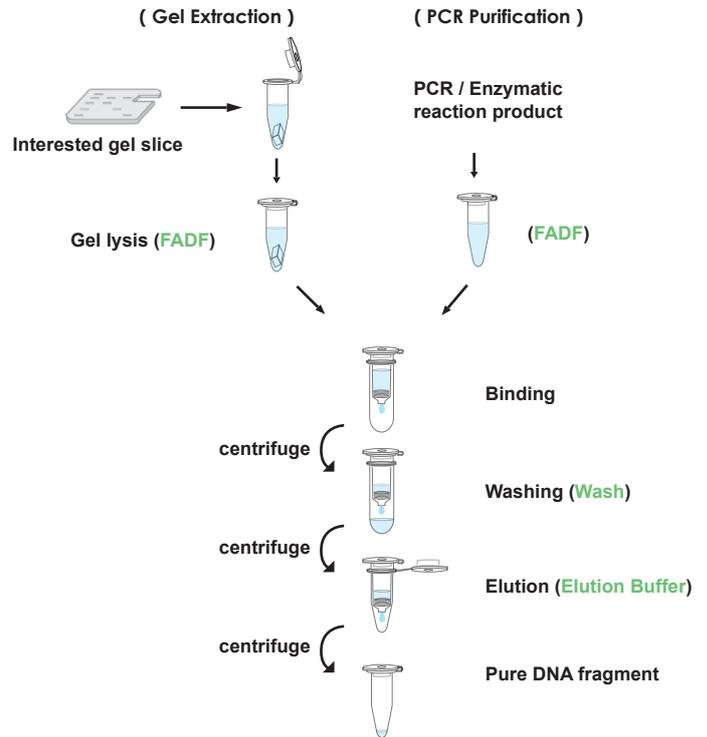
## Important Notes:

1. Buffers provided in this kit contain irritants. Wear gloves and lab coat when handling these buffers.
2. All centrifuge steps are done at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) in a microcentrifuge.

## Gel Extraction Protocol:

HINT: Prepare a 55 °C dry bath or water bath for step 4.

1. Excise the the agarose gel with a clean scalpel.
  - Remove the extra agarose gel to minimize the size of the gel slice.
2. Transfer **up to 300 mg of the gel slice** into a microcentrifuge tube.(not provided).
  - The maximum volume of the gel slice is 300mg.
3. Add **500 µl of FADF Buffer** to the sample and mix by vortexing.
  - For > 2% agarose gels, add 1000 µl of FADF Buffer.
4. Incubate **at 55 °C for 10-15 minutes** and vortex the tube **every 2-3 min** until the gel slice dissolved completely.
  - During incubation, interval vortex can accelerate the gel dissolved.
  - Make sure that the gel slice has been dissolved completely before proceed the next step.
5. Cool down the sample mixture to room temperature. And place a FADF Column in a Collection Tube.
6. Transfer **800 µl of the sample mixture** to FADF Column. **Centrifuge for 30 seconds** then discard the flow-through.
  - If the sample mixture is more than 800 µl, repeat this step for the rest sample mixture.
7. Add **750 µl of Wash Buffer** (ethanol added) to the FADF Column. **Centrifuge for 30 seconds** then discard the flow-through.
  - Make sure that ethanol (96-100 %) has been added into Wash Buffer when first open.
8. **Centrifuge again for an additional 3 minutes** to dry the column.
  - **Important step !** This step will avoid the residual liquid to inhibit subsequent enzymatic reactions.



- Place the FADF Column to a new microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
- Add 40 µl of Elution Buffer or ddH<sub>2</sub>O to the membrane center of the FADF Column. Stand the FADF Column for 2 min.

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

• **Important :** Do not elute the DNA using less than suggested volume (40µl). It will lower the final yield.

- Centrifuge for 2 min to elute the DNA.
- Store the DNA at 4 °C or -20 °C.

## PCR Clean-Up Protocol:

- Transfer up to 100 µl of PCR product (excluding oil) and add 5 volumes of FADF Buffer to a microcentrifuge tube(not provided) then mix by vortexing.

• The maximum volume of PCR product is 100 µl (excluding oil). Do not exceed this limit. If PCR product is more than 100 µl, separate it into multiple tubes.

- Place a FADF column into a Collection Tube.
- Transfer the sample mixture to the FADF Column. Centrifuge for 30 seconds then discard the flow-through.
- Add 750 µl of Wash Buffer (ethanol added) to the FADF Column. Centrifuge for 30 seconds then discard the flow-through.

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

- Centrifuge again for an additional 3 minutes to dry the column.

• **Important step !** This step will avoid the residual liquid to inhibit subsequent enzymatic reactions.

- Place the FADF Column to a new microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
- Add 40 µl of Elution Buffer or ddH<sub>2</sub>O to the membrane center of the FADF Column. Stand the FADF Column for 2 min.

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

• **Important :** Do not elute the DNA using less than suggested volume (40µl). It will lower the final yield.

- Centrifuge for 2 min to elute the DNA.
- Store the DNA at 4 °C or -20 °C.

## Troubleshooting

### The gel slice is hard to dissolve

#### The size of the gel slice is too large

• If the gel slice is more than 300 mg, separate it into multiple tubes.

### Low or none recovery of DNA fragment

#### (For Gel Purification) The column is loaded with too much agarose gel

• The maximum volume of the gel slice is 300 mg per column.

#### (For PCR Clean-Up) Apply more than 100 µl of PCR product

• If PCR product is more than 100 µl, separate it into multiple tubes.

#### Elution of DNA fragment is not efficient

• Make sure the pH of Elution Buffer or ddH<sub>2</sub>O is between 7.0-8.5.  
• Make sure the elution solution has been completely absorbed by the membrane before centrifugation.

#### The size of DNA fragment is larger than 5 Kb

• Preheat the elution solution to 60°C before use.

### Eluted DNA contains non-specific DNA fragment

#### (For Gel Purification) Contaminated scalpel

• Using a clean scalpel.

#### DNA fragment is denatured

• Incubate eluted DNA at 95°C for 2 minutes, then cool down slowly to reanneal denatured DNA.

### Poor performance in the downstream applications

#### Salt residue remains in eluted DNA fragment

• Wash the column twice with Wash Buffer

#### Ethanol residue remains in eluted DNA fragment

• Make sure you have discarded the flow-through after washing with Wash Buffer and centrifuged for an addition 3 minutes.