



## Procedure:

### Critical Steps:

- Don't forget to label all tubes, including QIAprep® column and flow through tube!

### NOTE:

- Qiagen describes how to make their buffers online, if a reagent runs out, sometimes you can make your own!

- Grow cells overnight (at least 12 h) in appropriate media and appropriate antibiotics**
- Pour culture into a labeled 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube**
- Centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 1 min, discard supernatant (dump out liquid)**
- Repeat steps 2-3 until all of the culture has been spun down, or up to 8 mL**
  - Choose mL of culture based on copy number of plasmid and/or end use of plasmid
- Resuspend pellet in 250 µL of P1 Buffer (a.k.a. Resuspension buffer)**
  - Stored at 4 °C, make sure that RNase has been added as indicated on bottle
- Add 250 µL of P2 Buffer (a.k.a. Lysis buffer)**
  - Your mixture will turn blue if pH indicator was added
- Mix by inverting four to six times**
- Add 350 µL of N3 Buffer (a.k.a. Neutralizing buffer) and immediately! mix by inverting four to six times**
  - If indicator was added, mixture should turn clear again, if it doesn't pH needs correction before continuing
- Centrifuge for 10 minutes at 13,000 rpm**
- Transfer supernatant to a QIAprep® column**
- Centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 1 min**
- Discard flow through (liquid in bottom chamber) and add 500 µL of PB buffer (a.k.a. Binding buffer)**
- Centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 1 min**
- Discard flow through (liquid in bottom chamber) and add 750 µL of PE buffer (a.k.a. Wash buffer)**
  - Make sure that ethanol has been added as indicated on bottle
- Centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 1 min**
- Discard flow through and centrifuge the column at 13,000 rpm for 1 min again**

- This second centrifuge step is critical to remove excess PE buffer
- Transfer column out of flow through tube to a labeled 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube**
- Add 30-50  $\mu$ L of EB Buffer (a.k.a. Elution buffer) directly to the center of the column**
  - When plasmid >10 kb, improve yield by pre-warming EB Buffer to 70 °C
- Let the column sit for at least a minute, up to 30 minutes**
  - When adding 30  $\mu$ L of EB, let it sit for at least 2 minutes
- Centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 1 min**
- OPTIONAL: repeat the elution step into a fresh tube**
  - A second elution will recover less DNA than the first, but may still be a usable amount
- Discard column, plasmid is now in Eppendorf tube**
- Quantify the amount of plasmid with a Nanodrop (See: How to use Nanodrop)**