

*PREPARATION OF NUCLEAR EXTRACTS & S100 SUPERNATANT FRACTIONS FOR IN VITRO  
TRANSCRIPTIONS, FOOTPRINTING, ENZYME ASSAYS etc.*

All buffers, autoclave then add HEPES or filter sterilize

Nuclei extract buffers: *Dignam et al., Nuc. Acid Res. 11, 1475-1489*

A:

|                            |        |     |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|
| 10 mM HEPES (pH7.9 at 4°C) | 1 ml   | 1 M |
| 1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>   | 150 µl | 1 M |
| 10 mM KCl                  | 500 µl | 2 M |
| [Add fresh 0.5mM DTT]      |        |     |
| TVf=100mls                 |        |     |

B:

|                          |        |     |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|
| 0.3 M HEPES 7.9          | 30 mls | 1 M |
| 1.4 M KCL                | 70 mls | 2 M |
| 0.03 M MgCl <sub>2</sub> | 3 mls  | 1 M |
| TVf = 100 mls            |        |     |

C:

|                          |           |       |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 20 mM HEPES 7.9          | 2 mls     | 1M    |
| 25% v/v glycerol         | 50 mls    | 50%   |
| 0.42 M NaCl              | 10.5 mls. | 4M    |
| 1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> | 150 µl    | 1M    |
| 0.2 mM EDTA              | 40 µl     | 0.5 M |

[Add PMSF to 0.5mM fresh]

[0.5 mM DTT fresh]

TVf = 100mls

D:

|                            |        |       |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|
| 20 mM HEPES 7.9            | 2 mls  | 1 M   |
| 20% v/v glycerol           | 40 mls | 50%   |
| 0.1 M KCL                  | 5 mls  | 2 M   |
| 0.2 mM EDTA                | 40 µl  | 0.5 M |
| 1.5mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>    | 150µl  | 1M    |
| 0.5mM ATP (optional)       | 0.5 ml | 0.1M  |
| [0.5 mM DTT]               |        |       |
| [Add PMSF to 0.5 mM fresh] |        |       |

TVf = 100 mls

Stocks: 100x DTT = 50 mM or 200x = 100 mM = 15.4 mg/1 ml

100x PMSF = 50 mM 200x = 100 mM = 77 mg/ml

1M HEPES 7.9 = 23.8 g/100mls= 0.01 M = .238 g/100mls

4 M KCL = 29.82 g/100mls

50% glycerol need 100mls

1 M MgCl<sub>2</sub>= 20.33 g/100mls

0.1M ATP 60mg/0.8mL; adjust with NaOH to pH 7.0

PBS

## FOR *HELA* CELLS

TEN MAXI PLATES--2-2.5 x 10<sup>8</sup> HELA cells

Pellet            2.5mls  
Buffer:A -        20 mls  
C -                1 ml  
D -                200 mls  
B -                1 ml

1. Wash cells w/PBS, ice cold.
2. Scrape in 5 mls PBS/Plate.
3. Pellet at 2000 RPM 10' clinical centrifuge.
4. Resuspend in 5 x vol. Buffer A, 4°C, ice 10' (12 mls).
5. Pellet at 2000 RPM 10', 4°C.
6. Resuspend in 2 x vol. Buffer A (5mls.)
7. Homogenize 20 strokes with dounce homogenizer.
8. Check lysis on microscope, should be complete, if not do more, keep on cold though.
9. Pellet at 2000 RPM 10', 4°C.

From this point, treat the pellet and supernatant separately; one can create either nuclear or supernatant extracts.

A: Pellet, Pellet = nuclei= nuclear extracts

1. Transfer to ultracentrifuge tubes.
2. Pellet at 25,000g 4°C = 17,000 RPM.
3. Resuspend in 0.6 mls buffer C.
4. Homogenize, V<sub>f</sub> 1.2-1.5 ml.
5. Stir w/magnet 30' at 4°C.
6. Pellet at 25,000g, 30'.
7. Dialysis this supernatant (1ml) against buffer D. for 5 hours
8. Pellet at 25,000g, 20'
9. Supernatant = nuclear extract, freeze -70C, expect 6-8 mgs/ml; aliquot for best results.

B.

Supernatant = cytoplasmic extract

1. Add to Super 0.11 vol. buffer B (e.g., 6 mls + 0.66 ml buffer B)
2. Spin 100,000 g, 1 hr. at 4°C.
3. Dialysis of Supernatant (4-5 mls) against buffer D (200 mls) for 5-8 hours. Use ATP for proteosome and other energy dependent systems if used directly or add later for best activity.
4. This is **S100** fraction, aliquot and freeze at -70C, use this for enzyme assays etc.