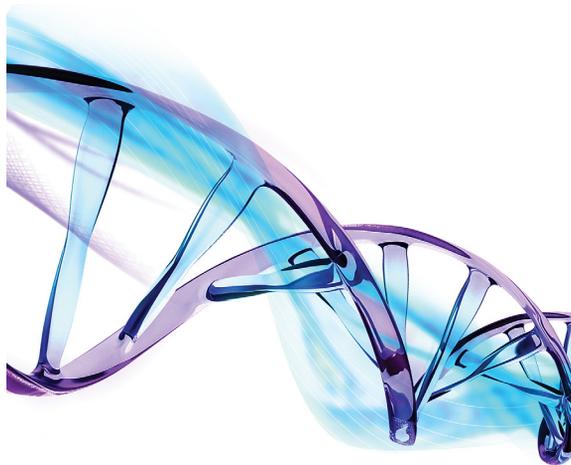


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## Protocol

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## In This Guide...

This protocol describes the use of methylation microarrays for the analysis of Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation (MeDIP).

### 1 Before You Begin

This chapter contains information (such as procedural notes, safety information, required reagents and equipment) that you need to read and understand before you start an experiment.

### 2 Sample Preparation

This chapter describes the standard method to process DNA prior to labeling.

### 3 Sample Labeling

This chapter describes the steps to differentially label the DNA samples with fluorescent-labeled nucleotides.

### 4 Microarray Processing and Feature Extraction

This chapter describes the steps to hybridize, wash and scan Agilent DNA Methylation microarrays and to extract data using the Agilent Feature Extraction Software for use in Agilent Genomics Workbench.

### 5 Reference

This chapter contains reference information related to the amplification, labeling, hybridization and wash kits, and the protocol.

## What's new in 3.0

- Updated document look and feel.
- Instructions on handling the newly redesigned “secure fit” slide boxes in which the microarray slides are shipped. Before opening the box for the first time, see **“Secure Fit” Slide Box Opening Instructions** on page 63.
- Expanded instructions and new images in the **Microarray Processing and Feature Extraction** procedures to help avoid common problems and optimize hybridization of your sample to the microarray.
- Updated web addresses for Agilent materials.
- Updated **Safety Notes**.
- Removed microarray scanning instructions for the Agilent B scanner.

## What's new in 2.3

- Corrected fluorescent labeling step to remove preparation of amplified reference and IP gDNA.
- Updated temperature for denaturing step.
- Updated product labeling statement.

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Make sure that you read and understand the information in this chapter and have the necessary equipment and reagents listed before you start an experiment.

## Procedural Notes

- To prevent contamination of reagents by nucleases, always wear powder-free laboratory gloves, and use dedicated solutions and pipettors with nuclease-free aerosol-resistant tips.
- Maintain a clean work area.
- Do not mix stock solutions and reactions containing gDNA or enzymes on a vortex mixer. Instead, mix the solutions and reactions by gently tapping the tube with your finger.
- Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles of solutions containing gDNA or enzymes.
- When preparing frozen reagent stock solutions for use:
  - 1** Thaw the aliquot as quickly as possible without heating above room temperature.
  - 2** Mix briefly on a vortex mixer, and then spin in a microcentrifuge for 5 to 10 seconds to drive the contents off the walls and lid.
  - 3** Store on ice or in a cold block until use.
- In general, follow Biosafety Level 1 (BL1) safety rules.

## Safety Notes

### CAUTION

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when working in the laboratory.

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### WARNING

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## Agilent Methylation Microarray Kit Contents

Store microarray kit at room temperature. After the microarray foil pouch is opened, store the microarray slides at room temperature (in the dark) under a vacuum desiccator or N<sub>2</sub> purge box. Do not store microarray slides in open air after breaking foil.

### Catalog SurePrint HD Methylation Microarray Kit

- One or two microarrays printed on each 1-inch × 3-inch glass slide
- Available as a 5-slide kit, as indicated in **Table 1**.

Design files can be downloaded from [www.agilent.com/genomics/suredesign](http://www.agilent.com/genomics/suredesign).

See **Table 1** for available designs. For more information on Methylation designs, go to [www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com).

**Table 1** Catalog SurePrint HD Methylation Microarray Kits

Part Number	Description
G4492A	Human CpG Island Microarray 5-slide Kit, 1×244K (HD)
G4811A	Mouse CpG Island Microarray, 2×105K (HD)

### Unrestricted SurePrint HD Methylation Microarrays

- One microarray printed on each 1-inch × 3-inch glass slide
- Number of microarray slides vary per kit and per order

Design files can be downloaded from [www.agilent.com/genomics/suredesign](http://www.agilent.com/genomics/suredesign).

See the tables that follow for available designs.

**Table 2** Unrestricted SurePrint Methylation Microarrays

Part Number	Description
G4495A, AMAIDID 023795	Human DNA Methylation Microarray, 1×244K (HD)

### Custom SurePrint HD and G3 Microarrays

- One, two, or four microarray(s) printed on each 1-inch × 3-inch glass slide
- Number of microarrays varies per kit and per order

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### Required Equipment

See **Table 3** for available formats.

**Table 3 Custom SurePrint HD and G3 Methylation Microarrays**

Part Number	Description
G4819A	Custom SurePrint G3 ChIP-on-chip/DNA Methylation, 1×1M
G4820A	Custom SurePrint G3 ChIP-on-chip/DNA Methylation, 2×400K
G4821A	Custom SurePrint G3 ChIP-on-chip/DNA Methylation, 4×180K
G4496A	Custom ChIP-on-chip/DNA Methylation, 1×244K
G4498A	Custom ChIP-on-chip/DNA Methylation, 2×105K
G4497A	Custom ChIP-on-chip/DNA Methylation, 4×44K

## Required Equipment

**Table 4 Required equipment**

Description	Vendor and part number
200- $\mu$ L Thin-Wall Tube	Agilent p/n 410091 or equivalent
Agilent Microarray Scanner Bundle for 1×244K, 2×105K, or 4×44K, or for 1×1M, 2×400K, or 4×180K	Agilent p/n G4900DA, G2565CA or G2565BA Agilent p/n G4900DA or G2565CA
Hybridization Chamber, stainless	Agilent p/n G2534A
Hybridization gasket slides, 5-pack (20 and 100 packaging sizes are available) for 1-pack microarrays or for 2-pack microarrays or for 4-pack microarrays	Agilent p/n G2534-60003 Agilent p/n G2534-60002 Agilent p/n G2534-60011
Hybridization oven; temperature set at 67°C	Agilent p/n G2545A
Hybridization oven rotator for Agilent Microarray Hybridization Chambers	Agilent p/n G2530-60029
Ozone-barrier slide covers (box of 20) <sup>1</sup>	Agilent p/n G2505-60550
1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube (sustainable at 98°C)	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n AM12400 or equivalent
Magnetic stir plate (×1 or ×3) <sup>2</sup>	Corning p/n 6795-410 or equivalent
Magnetic stir plate with heating element	Corning p/n 6795-420 or equivalent

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### Required Equipment

**Table 4 Required equipment (continued)**

Description	Vendor and part number
Microcentrifuge	Eppendorf p/n 5430 or equivalent
Tube rotator	Labquake p/n 56264-306 or equivalent
DynaMag-2 Magnet	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 12321D
Sterile storage bottle	Nalgene 455-1000 or equivalent
UV-VIS spectrophotometer	NanoDrop 8000 or 2000, or equivalent
P10, P20, P200 and P1000 pipettes	Pipetman P10, P20, P200, P1000 or equivalent
1.5 L glass dish	Pyrex p/n 213-R or equivalent
MaXtract High Density 2-mL tube	Qiagen p/n 129056
Vacuum Concentrator	Thermo Scientific Savant SpeedVac p/n DNA130-115 or equivalent
Magnetic stir bar, 7.9 × 38.1 mm (x2 or x4) <sup>2</sup>	VWR p/n 58948-150 or equivalent
250 mL capacity slide-staining dish, with slide rack (x3 or x5) <sup>2</sup>	Wheaton p/n 900200 or Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 121
Circulating water baths or heat blocks set to 37°C, 65°C, and 95°	
Ice bucket	
Clean forceps	
Powder-free gloves	
Sterile, nuclease-free aerosol barrier pipette tips	
Timer	
Vacuum desiccator or N <sub>2</sub> purge box for slide storage	
Vortex mixer	
Sonicator machine	

<sup>1</sup> Optional. Recommended when processing arrays with a G2565CA scanner in environments in which ozone levels are 5 ppb or higher.

<sup>2</sup> The number varies depending on if wash procedure A or B is selected.

**Table 5 Optional. Recommended when using high-throughput method on 2-pack microarrays.**

Description	Vendor and part number
Tall Chimney PCR plate	Fisher Scientific p/n 14-230-242

## Required Reagents

**Table 6** Required reagents for DNA Methylation sample preparation

Item	Vendor and part number
PBS (Phosphate Buffered Saline)	VWR p/n 97062-818
5-Methylcytidine, Monoclonal Antibody, purified	Eurogentec p/n BI-MECY-1000
Dynabeads Pan Mouse IgG	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 11041
Nuclease-free distilled water	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 10977015
Yeast tRNA	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 15401011
UltraPure 10% SDS	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 15553027
Glycogen	Sigma-Aldrich p/n 10901393001
Ethanol (95% to 100% molecular biology grade)	Sigma-Aldrich p/n E7023-6x500ML
BSA, powder	Sigma-Aldrich p/n A7906
NaCl	Sigma-Aldrich p/n S7653
Triton X-100	Sigma-Aldrich p/n T8787
Phenol-chloroform-isoamyl alcohol	Sigma-Aldrich p/n 77617

**Table 7** Required reagents for enzymatic sample prep and labeling with the SureTag DNA Labeling Kit

Description	Vendor and part number
SureTag DNA Labeling Kit <sup>1</sup>	Agilent p/n 5190-3400
1xTE (pH 8.0), Molecular grade	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n AM9849

<sup>1</sup> Kit content is listed in “Reagent Kit Components” on page 62.

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### Required Hardware and Software

**Table 8** Required reagents for hybridization and wash

Description	Vendor and part number
Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Wash Buffer Kit <i>or</i> Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Wash Buffer 1 <i>and</i> Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Wash Buffer 2	Agilent p/n 5188-5226 Agilent p/n 5188-5221 Agilent p/n 5188-5222
Stabilization and Drying Solution <sup>1</sup>	Agilent p/n 5185-5979
Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Hybridization Kit	Agilent p/n 5188-5220 (25) or p/n 5188-5380 (100)
Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL) • Human Cot-1 DNA <i>or</i> • Mouse Cot-1 DNA	Agilent p/n 5190-3393 Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 18440016
DNase/RNase-free distilled water	Thermo Fisher Scientific p/n 10977015
Milli-Q ultrapure water	Millipore
Acetonitrile <sup>1</sup>	Sigma-Aldrich p/n 271004-1L
Deionized Formamide	Sigma-Aldrich p/n F9037-100ML

<sup>1</sup> Optional components recommended if wash procedure B is selected.

## Required Hardware and Software

- Refer to the Agilent Scanner or Feature Extraction manuals for minimum memory requirements and other specifications. Go to [www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com).

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# Sample Preparation

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The steps in this protocol and the estimated amounts of time required are listed in **Table 1**.

**Table 1** Overview and time requirements.

Step	Time Requirement
Binding of antibody to magnetic beads	0.5 hour, then overnight
DNA sonication	1 hour
Methylated DNA immunoprecipitation	0.5 hour, then overnight
Wash, elution	2 hours
DNA Purification with phenol:chloroform:Isoamyl alcohol	2 hours
Cyanine 3/cyanine 5 labeling of immunoprecipitate and reference material	3 hours
Microarray hybridization	1 hour, then 40 hours
Microarray washing	1 hour

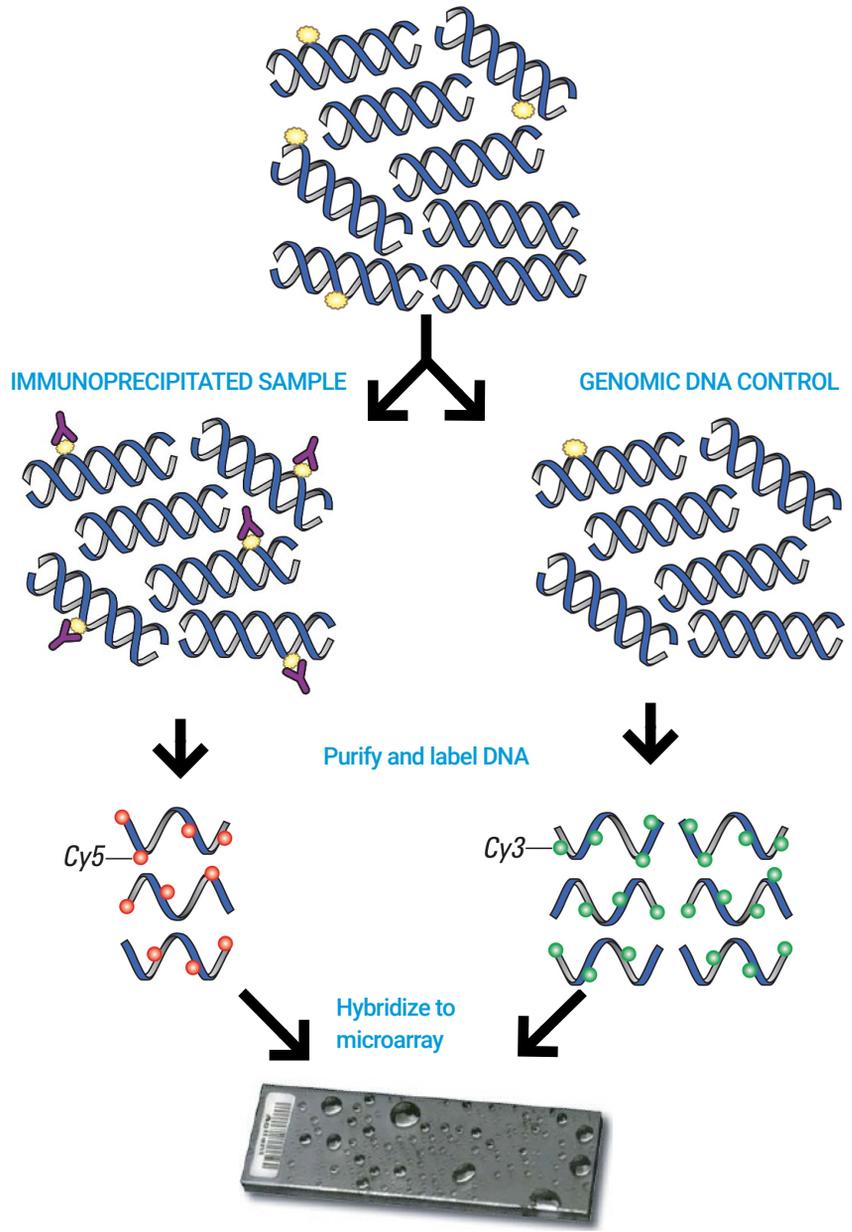


Figure 1. Methylated Genomic DNA overview

## Step 1. Prepare the magnetic beads

The following steps to bind the antibody to the beads are to be done in a cold room or on ice.

- 1 Set up and label one **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube** for each immunoprecipitation.
- 2 Vigorously mix bottle of **Dynabeads Pan Mouse IgG** in a vortex mixer to resuspend. Dynal beads will have settled during storage.
- 3 Immediately add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of **Dynabeads Pan Mouse IgG** to a **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube**.
- 4 Put tubes on a magnetic separation stand, such as a **DynaMag-2 Magnet**.
- 5 Remove the supernatant with a pipette.

### NOTE

Beads can also be processed as a batch in a 15 mL conical tube. Scale the volumes accordingly.

- 6 Add 750  $\mu\text{L}$  of **Block Solution 1** and resuspend gently.

**Table 2** Block Solution 1

Stock	For 100 mL	Final Concentration
PBS	100 mL	1×
BSA, powder	500 mg	0.5% BSA (weight/volume)

- 7 Gently mix the beads in **Block Solution 1** for 5 minutes at 4°C on a **Tube rotator**.
- 8 Remove the supernatant with a pipette and magnetic separation stand.
- 9 Repeat **step 6** to **step 8** for a second wash.
- 10 Spin in a centrifuge at 4°C at 1500  $\times$  g for 3 minutes.
- 11 Resuspend the beads in 230  $\mu\text{L}$  of **Block Solution 2** (**Table 3** on page 18) and add 5  $\mu\text{g}$  of **5-Methylcytidine, Monoclonal Antibody, purified** per immunoprecipitation.

## Sample Preparation

### Step 1. Prepare the magnetic beads

Table 3 Block Solution 2\*

Stock	For 100 mL	Final Concentration
PBS	100 mL	1×
BSA, powder	50 mg	0.05% BSA (weight/volume)

\* You can also make a 1:10 dilution of **Block Solution 1** in **PBS** to create **Block Solution 2**. Prepare Blocking Solution fresh each time.

The first time the antibody is used, divide the unused **5-Methylcytidine, Monoclonal Antibody, purified** into 5 µg aliquots and store at -80°C to limit freeze/thaw cycles.

#### NOTE

Beads for up to 6 immunoprecipitations can be combined into one 1.5 mL tube or 8 in a 2 mL tube.

- 12 Place tubes on a **Tube rotator** at 4°C for a minimum of 6 hours to bind the Antibody to the beads. You can also leave the tubes on the **Tube rotator** overnight.
- 13 The next day quick, spin to collect fluid at the bottom of the tube. Use a magnetic separation stand to collect the beads against the side of tube and remove the supernatant:
  - a Add 750 µL of **Block Solution 2** to the beads.
  - b Remove the tubes from the magnetic stand and gently resuspend beads.
  - c Use a magnetic separation stand to collect the beads against the side of tube and remove the supernatant with a pipette.
  - d Repeat wash two more times.
- 14 Remove the last wash with a 1 mL pipette.
- 15 Resuspend the beads in 50 µL of **Block Solution 2**.

The beads are now ready for the IP step.

#### NOTE

If beads for multiple IPs were processed together, scale the wash volume accordingly and resuspend the washed beads in 50 µL of **Block Solution 2** per IP.

## Step 2. Prepare DNA for Immunoprecipitation

- 1 For each sample, resuspend 5 µg of purified genomic DNA in 250 µL of **PBS**.

Do *not* use lower volumes and compensate with a whole genome amplification (WGA) as this will bias the data.

- 2 Sonicate the suspension with a microtip attached to sonicator. Keep samples in an ice water bath during sonication.

If you use a Branson Digital Sonifier Model 450, set output power to 57%. Sonicate 5 cycles of 5 seconds ON and 10 seconds OFF to decrease foaming.

### NOTE

You may need to optimize sonication conditions. Use the lowest settings that result in sheared DNA that ranges from 200 to 1000 bp in size. Shearing varies greatly depending on quantity, volume, and equipment. Depending on the specific experiment, and using power settings as high as 70%, you can use anywhere from 3 to 8 cycles and variable ratios of time ON and time OFF. You can determine the degree with the use of the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer. See “**QC Metrics**” on page 66.

- 3 Check volumes with a pipette and bring the volume of each of your samples to 250 µL with **PBS**.
- 4 Transfer 50 µL from each sheared sample into a new **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube** to use as the reference sample. (Store the sample at -20°C until use.) With the remaining 200 µL, go to the next step.

## Step 3. Immunoprecipitate the methylated DNA

- 1 Add 50 µL antibody/magnetic bead mixture from “**Step 1. Prepare the magnetic beads**” on page 17 to the **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube** that contains the 200 µL of sheared genomic DNA from “**Step 2. Prepare DNA for Immunoprecipitation**” on page 19.
- 2 Add 250 µL of **2× IP Buffer**.

## Sample Preparation

### Step 4. Wash and elute methylated DNA from beads

**Table 4** 2× IP Buffer

	Final concentration in 2X buffer	Volume
1% Triton X-100 in PBS	0.05%	200 µL
Yeast tRNA	50 µg/ml	8 µL
PBS		3.8 mL
<b>Total</b>		<b>4 mL</b>

- 3 Gently mix tubes overnight on a **Tube rotator** at 4°C.

## Step 4. Wash and elute methylated DNA from beads

Do these steps in a 4°C cold room or on ice.

- 1 Place tubes in a magnetic separation stand to collect the beads. Remove supernatant with a pipette. Keep as many magnetic beads as you can.
- 2 Add 1 mL of **IP Wash Buffer** to each tube.
- 3 Remove tubes from magnetic device and shake or agitate tube gently to resuspend beads.
- 4 Rotate beads for 3 minutes at 4°C.
- 5 Replace tubes in magnetic device to collect beads.
- 6 Remove supernatant. Repeat this wash 2 more times.

**Table 5** IP Wash Buffer

Stock	Volume
PBS	48.75 mL
1% Triton X-100 in PBS	1.25 mL

- 7 Remove any residual **IP Wash Buffer** with a pipette.

## Sample Preparation

### Step 5. Extract immunoprecipitated and reference DNA with phenol-chloroform

#### Elution

- 1 Add 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of **Elution Buffer** and resuspend beads.

Table 6 Elution Buffer

Component	Volume
1 $\times$ TE (pH 8.0)	45 mL
10% SDS	5 mL

- 2 Incubate in water bath at 65°C for 2.5 minutes.
- 3 Remove tubes and quickly mix on a vortex mixer to resuspend beads.
- 4 Return to 65°C water bath and incubate for an additional 2.5 minutes.
- 5 Place tubes on magnetic separation stand.
- 6 Transfer 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of supernatant to a new labeled **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube**.  
The supernatant contains your IP DNA. Do not discard.
- 7 Repeat elution **step 1** through **step 6** with additional 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of **Elution Buffer**. Combine the two elutions into one tube.

### Step 5. Extract immunoprecipitated and reference DNA with phenol-chloroform

- 1 Add 250  $\mu\text{L}$  of elution buffer to each of your reference samples, which you set aside from "**Step 2. Prepare DNA for Immunoprecipitation**" on page 19, for a total volume of 300  $\mu\text{L}$ .
- 2 Add 300  $\mu\text{L}$  of **Phenol-chloroform-isoamyl alcohol** to each immunoprecipitate and reference tube.
- 3 Mix the samples on a vortex mixer for 20 seconds.
- 4 On a centrifuge, spin one **MaXtract High Density 2-mL tube** for each immunoprecipitated and reference DNA sample at 14,000  $\times$  g for 30 seconds at room temperature.
- 5 Transfer all 600  $\mu\text{L}$  of the sample to the **MaXtract High Density 2-mL tube**.
- 6 Spin the sample in a centrifuge at 14,000  $\times$  g for 5 minutes at room temperature.

## Sample Preparation

### Step 5. Extract immunoprecipitated and reference DNA with phenol-chloroform

If any samples remains cloudy, repeat the **Phenol-chloroform-isoamyl alcohol** extraction one more time.

- 7 Transfer the aqueous layer (top) to a new **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube** and dispose the **MaXtract High Density 2-mL tube**.
- 8 To each tube that contains the aqueous layer, add:
  - 16  $\mu\text{L}$  of 5 M **NaCl** (200 mM final concentration)
  - 1.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of 20  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$  **Glycogen**
  - 880  $\mu\text{L}$  **Ethanol**
- 9 Mix on a vortex mixer.
- 10 Cool the mixture for 30 minutes at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- 11 Spin the mixture in a centrifuge at  $20,000 \times g$  for 10 minutes at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  to create DNA pellets.
- 12 Carefully remove the supernatant and retain the pellets.
- 13 Wash the pellets with 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of 70% ice-cold **Ethanol**.
- 14 Spin the mixture in a centrifuge at  $12,000 \times g$  for 3 minutes.
- 15 Discard the supernatant while you retain the pellets.
- 16 Dry the pellets for 10 minutes with a vacuum desiccator, such as a Savant Speed Vac.
- 17 If you want to keep a part of this sample for more analysis, such as quantification, resuspend the DNA in 31  $\mu\text{L}$  of nuclease-free water. Otherwise, resuspend in 26  $\mu\text{L}$  of nuclease-free water.
- 18 Use the Nanodrop spectrophotometer to measure the yield of the IP and reference samples using the reserved 5  $\mu\text{L}$  of the sample.

Yield from a typical tissue ranges from 500 to 700 ng. Hypomethylated or hypermethylated abnormal tissues can produce slightly different yields.

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# Sample Labeling

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The **SureTag DNA Labeling Kit** contains sufficient two-color labeling reaction reagents for 25 microarrays (25 reactions of each color).

It also contains clean-up columns for 25 reactions of each color.

The kit uses random primers and the Exo (-) Klenow fragment to differentially label IP and reference DNA samples with fluorescent-labeled nucleotides. For the Agilent DNA Methylation application, the experimental sample is labeled with one dye while the reference sample is labeled with the other dye. The “polarity” of the sample labeling is a matter of experimental choice. Typically, the reference sample is labeled with Cy3 and the IP is labeled with Cy5.

## Step 1. Fluorescent Labeling of DNA

### NOTE

Cyanine 3-dUTP and cyanine 5-dUTP are light sensitive and are subject to degradation by multiple freeze thaw cycles. Minimize light exposure throughout the labeling procedure.

### CAUTION

The test/reference sample pairs must be treated identically when they are processed, or else the quality of your data can be adversely affected. The best way to ensure that the sample pairs are exposed to the same temperature during the denaturation step is to use a water bath.

- 1 Equilibrate heat blocks or water baths to 98°C, 37°C and 65°C, or use a thermal cycler.
- 2 Spin the samples in a centrifuge for 1 minute at 6,000 × g to drive the contents off the walls and lid.
- 3 Add **Random Primer**:
  - For 1-pack, 2-pack, and 4-pack microarrays, add 5 µL of **Random Primer** to each reaction tube containing 26 µL of reference or IP DNA to make a total volume of 31 µL. Mix well by pipetting up and down gently.
- 4 Transfer sample tubes to a circulating water bath or heat block at 98°C. Incubate at 98°C for 3 minutes, then move to ice and incubate on ice for 5 minutes.

or

Transfer sample tubes to a thermal cycler. Program the thermal cycler according to **Table 7** and run the program.

**Table 7** DNA denaturation using a thermal cycler

Step	Temperature	Time
Step 1	95 °C	3 minutes
Step 2	4 °C	hold

- 5 Spin the samples in a centrifuge for 1 minute at 6,000 × g to drive the contents off the walls and lid.

## Sample Labeling

### Step 1. Fluorescent Labeling of DNA

#### 6 Prepare **Labeling Master Mix**:

- a Mix the components in **Table 8** on ice in the order indicated to prepare one cyanine-3 and one cyanine-5 **Labeling Master Mix**.

**Table 8** Labeling Master Mix (for 1-pack, 2-pack and 4-pack microarrays)

Component	Per reaction (μL)	× 8 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 24 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 48 rxns (μL) (including excess)
5× Reaction Buffer	10.0	85	250	500
10× dNTPs	5.0	42.5	125	250
Cyanine 3-dUTP or Cyanine 5-dUTP	3.0	25.5	75	150
Exo (-) Klenow	1.0	8.5	25	50
<b>Final volume of Labeling Master Mix</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>161.5</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>950</b>

- b Add 19 μL of **Labeling Master Mix** to each reaction tube containing the reference or IP DNA to make a total volume of 50 μL. Mix well by gently pipetting up and down.

#### 7 Incubate the samples:

- a Transfer sample tubes to a circulating water bath or heat block at 37°C. Incubate at 37°C for 2 hours.
- b Transfer sample tubes to a circulating water bath or heat block at 65°C. Incubate at 65°C for 10 minutes to inactivate the enzyme.
- c Move the sample tubes to ice.

or

Transfer sample tubes to a thermal cycler. Program the thermal cycler according to **Table 9** and run the program.

**Table 9** DNA labeling using a thermal cycler

Step	Temperature	Time
Step 1	37°C	2 hours
Step 2	65°C	10 minutes
Step 3	4°C	hold

Reactions can be stored up to a month at -20°C in the dark.

## Step 2. Purification of Labeled DNA

Labeled DNA is purified using the reaction **Purification Column** provided with the **SureTag DNA Labeling Kit**. The **Purification Column** includes:

- column
- 2-mL collection tube

### NOTE

Keep cyanine-3 and cyanine-5 labeled DNA samples separated throughout this clean-up step.

- 1 Spin the labeled reference or IP DNA samples in a centrifuge for 1 minute at  $6,000 \times g$  to drive the contents off the walls and lid.
- 2 Add 430  $\mu\text{L}$  of **1 $\times$ TE (pH 8.0)** to each reaction tube.
- 3 For each reference or IP DNA sample to be purified, place a **column** into a **2-mL collection tube** and label the **column** appropriately. Load each labeled reference or IP DNA onto a **column**.
- 4 Cover the **column** with a cap and spin for 10 minutes at  $14,000 \times g$  in a microcentrifuge at room temperature. Discard the flow-through and place the **column** back in the **2-mL collection tube**.
- 5 Add 480  $\mu\text{L}$  of **1 $\times$ TE (pH 8.0)** to each **column**. Spin for 10 minutes at  $14,000 \times g$  in a microcentrifuge at room temperature. Discard the flow-through.
- 6 Invert the **column** into a fresh **2-mL collection tube** that has been appropriately labeled. Spin for 1 minute at  $1,000 \times g$  in a microcentrifuge at room temperature to collect purified sample.
- 7 Add **1 $\times$ TE (pH 8.0)**, or use a concentrator to bring the sample volume to that listed in **Table 10**. Do not excessively dry the DNA because the pellets will become difficult to resuspend.
- 8 Mix thoroughly. If the sample has dried or precipitated after concentration, incubate the tube that contains DNA sample on ice for 5 minutes, and then pipette the solution up and down 10 times.
- 9 Take 1.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of each sample to determine yield and specific activity. See **“To determine yield and specific activity”** on page 27. Refer to **Table 11** on page 28 for expected yield of labeled DNA and specific activity after labeling and clean-up.
- 10 In a fresh **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube** or **200- $\mu\text{L}$  Thin-Wall Tube**, combine test and reference sample using the appropriate cyanine-5-labeled

## Sample Labeling

### To determine yield and specific activity

sample and cyanine-3-labeled sample for a total mixture volume listed in **Table 10**. Use the appropriate container listed in **Table 10**.

Labeled DNA can be stored up to one month at -20°C in the dark.

**Table 10** Sample volume and total mixture volumes

Microarray	Cy3 or Cy5 sample volume after purification	Total mixture volume after Nanodrop and combining	Container
1-pack	42 µL	80 µL	1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube
2-pack	22 µL	40 µL	1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube or Tall Chimney PCR plate
4-pack	13.25 µL	22.5 µL	1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge Tube or Tall Chimney PCR plate

## To determine yield and specific activity

Use the NanoDrop 8000 or 2000 UV-VIS Spectrophotometer to measure yield and specific activity.

- 1 From the main menu, select **MicroArray Measurement**, then from the Sample Type menu, select **DNA-50**.
- 2 Use 1.5 µL of **1×TE (pH 8.0)** to blank the instrument.
- 3 Use 1.5 µL of purified labeled DNA for quantitation. Measure the absorbance at A<sub>260nm</sub> (DNA), A<sub>550nm</sub> (cyanine 3), and A<sub>650nm</sub> (cyanine 5).
- 4 Calculate the Specific Activity of the labeled DNA:

$$\text{Specific Activity}^* = \frac{\text{pmol per } \mu\text{L of dye}}{\mu\text{g per } \mu\text{L DNA}}$$

\*pmol dyes per µg DNA

The Specific Activity is Degree of Labeling divided by 0.034.

- 5 Record the DNA concentration (ng/µL) for each sample. Calculate the yield as

$$\text{Yield } (\mu\text{g}) = \frac{\text{DNA Concentration (ng/}\mu\text{L)} \times \text{Sample Volume } (\mu\text{L})}{1000 \text{ ng/}\mu\text{g}}$$

### Sample Labeling

To determine yield and specific activity

Refer to **Table 11** for expected yield of labeled DNA and specific activity after labeling and purification.

**Table 11** Expected Yield and Specific Activity after Labeling and Purification

Yield ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Specific activity of cyanine 3 labeled sample ( $\text{pmol}/\mu\text{g}$ )	Specific activity of cyanine 5 labeled sample ( $\text{pmol}/\mu\text{g}$ )
> 2.5	18 to 25	7 to 20

The cyanine 3 and cyanine 5 yield after labeling should be the same.



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# Microarray Processing and Feature Extraction

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Microarray processing consists of hybridization, washing, and scanning.

Feature Extraction is the process by which data is extracted from the scanned microarray image (.tif) and translated into log ratios, allowing researchers to measure DNA copy number changes in their experiments in conjunction with Agilent Genomic Workbench Software.

## Microarray Hybridization

Before you begin, make sure you read and understand **“Secure Fit” Slide Box Opening Instructions** on page 63 and **“Microarray Handling Tips**” on page 65.

To practice hybridization, prepare a 1:1 **2× HI-RPM Hybridization Buffer** and water mix and use a microscope slide or used microarray slide, and a gasket slide. You can use the same slide to practice wash and placement of slide in the slide holder.

### Step 1. Prepare the 10× Blocking Agent

- 1 Add 1,350 µL of **DNase/RNase-free distilled water** to the vial containing lyophilized **10× aCGH Blocking Agent** (included in the **Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Hybridization Kit**).
- 2 Leave at room temperature for 60 minutes and mix on a vortex mixer to reconstitute sample before use or storage.

**NOTE**

Reconstituted 10× Blocking Agent is stable for 120 days when stored at -20°C and can be frozen and thawed up to three times.

### Step 2. Prepare labeled DNA for hybridization

- 1 Equilibrate water baths or heat blocks to 95°C and 37°C or use a thermal cycler.
- 2 Mix the components according to the microarray format to prepare the Hybridization Master Mix. Refer to **Table 12** through **Table 14**.

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### Step 2. Prepare labeled DNA for hybridization

**Table 12 Hybridization Master Mix for 1-pack microarray**

Component	Volume (μL) per hybridization	× 8 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 24 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 48 rxns (μL) (including excess)
Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL)*	50	425	1,250	2,500
10× aCGH Blocking Agent†	52	442	1,300	2,600
2× HI-RPM Hybridization Buffer†	260	2,210	6,500	13,000
Deionized Formamide	78	663	1,950	3,900
Final Volume of Hybridization Master Mix	440	3,740	11,000	22,000

\* Use Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL) from the appropriate species.

† Included in the Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Hybridization Kit

**Table 13 Hybridization Master Mix for 2-pack microarray**

Component	Volume (μL) per hybridization	× 8 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 24 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 48 rxns (μL) (including excess)
Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL)*	25	212.5	625	1,250
10× aCGH Blocking Agent†	26	221	650	1,300
2× HI-RPM Hybridization Buffer†	130	1,105	3,250	6,500
Deionized Formamide	39	331.5	975	1,950
Final Volume of Hybridization Master Mix	220	1,870	5,500	11,000

\* Use Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL) from the appropriate species.

† Included in the Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Hybridization Kit

## Microarray Processing and Feature Extraction

### Step 2. Prepare labeled DNA for hybridization

**Table 14** Hybridization Master Mix for 4-pack microarray

Component	Volume (μL) per hybridization	× 8 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 24 rxns (μL) (including excess)	× 48 rxns (μL) (including excess)
Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL)*	5	42.5	125	250
10× aCGH Blocking Agent†	11	93.5	275	550
2× HI-RPM Hybridization Buffer†	55	467.5	1,375	2,750
Deionized Formamide	16.5	140.25	412.25	824.5
Final Volume of Hybridization Master Mix	87.5	743.75	2187.25	4374.5

\* Use **Cot-1 DNA (1.0 mg/mL)** from the appropriate species.

† Included in the **Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Hybridization Kit**

- 3 Add the appropriate volume of the Hybridization Master Mix to the **1.5-mL RNase-free Microfuge TubeTall Chimney PCR plate** well that contains the labeled reference or IP DNA to make the total volume listed in **Table 15**.

**Table 15** Volume of Hybridization Master Mix per hybridization

Microarray format	Volume of Hybridization Master Mix	Total volume
1-pack	440 μL	520 μL
2-pack	220 μL	260 μL
4-pack	87.5 μL	110 μL

- 4 Mix the sample by pipetting up and down, then quickly spin in a centrifuge to drive contents to the bottom of the reaction tube.
- 5 Transfer sample tubes to a circulating water bath or heat block at 95°C. Incubate at 95°C for 3 minutes, then immediately transfer sample tubes to a circulating water bath or heat block at 37°C. Incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes.

or

Transfer sample tubes to a thermal cycler. Program the thermal cycler according to the following table and run the program:

Table 16 Thermal cycler program

Step	Temperature	Time
Step 1	95°C	3 minutes exactly
Step 2	37°C	30 minutes

- 6 Remove sample tubes from the water bath, heat block, or thermal cycler. Spin 1 minute at 6000 × g in a centrifuge to collect the sample at the bottom of the tube.

The samples are ready to be hybridized.

**CAUTION**

**The samples must be hybridized immediately. If not, keep the temperature of hybridization sample mixtures as close to 37°C as possible on a heat block, thermal cycler or in an oven.**

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## Step 3. Prepare the hybridization assembly

Refer to the *Agilent Microarray Hybridization Chamber User Guide* (publication G2534-90004) for in-depth instructions on how to load samples, assemble and disassemble chambers, as well as other helpful tips. This user guide can be downloaded from the Agilent Web site at [www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com).

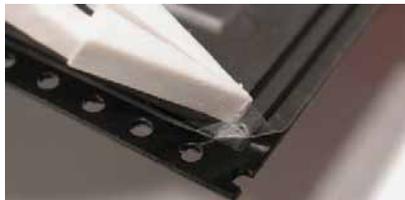
Before you begin, make sure you read and understand **“Secure Fit” Slide Box Opening Instructions** on page 63 and **“Microarray Handling Tips**” on page 65.

### Remove gasket slide from its packaging

#### NOTE

- Do not remove gasket slide from protective sleeve until ready for use.
- Do not slice or cut open the gasket slide protective packaging.
- Handle only the edges of the gasket slide.
- Prior to use, inspect gasket slides for visible gaps or cuts through the gaskets or any debris within the hybridization areas as these are indications of instability. Do not use gasket slides that have these features.

- 1 With tweezers, carefully lift up the corner of the clear plastic covering and slowly pull back the protective film.



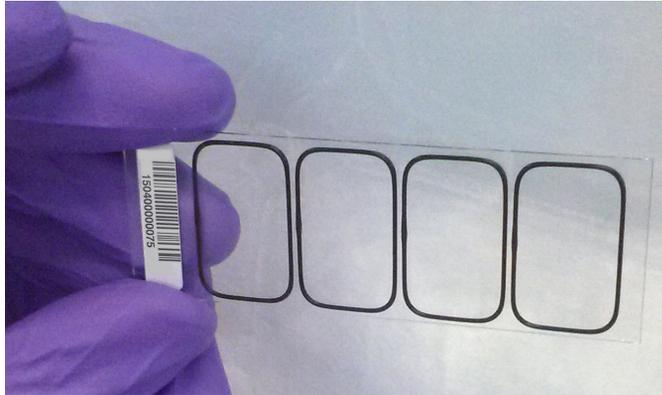
**Figure 2.** Removal of clear plastic covering

- 1 With clean, powder-free gloved fingers, remove the gasket slide from its package. Handle the slide only on its edges.

To avoid any potential contamination from surrounding surface materials, immediately insert the gasket slide in the chamber base using the instructions below.

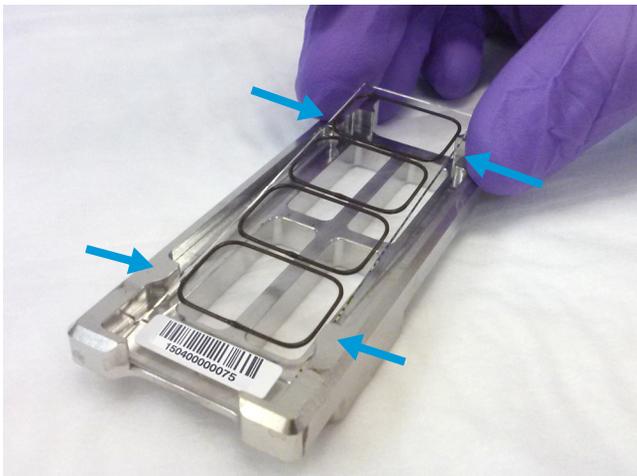
**Insert the gasket slide into the chamber base**

- 1 Hold the gasket slide so that the barcode label is facing towards you. This side of the slide is the gasket side.



**Figure 3.** Gasket slide, gasket side

- 1 Locate the four chamber base guideposts and rectangular barcode guide in the chamber base.
- 2 Position the gasket slide between the 4 chamber base guide posts (see **Figure 4**) with the barcode label resting over the base's rectangular barcode guide.



**Figure 4.** Chamber base, guide posts denoted with arrows

- 3 Gently place the gasket slide into the chamber base.

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### Step 3. Prepare the hybridization assembly

- 4 Make sure the gasket slide rests flush against the chamber base. Re-adjust to a flush position against the chamber base if needed.



**Slide and gasket are flush**

**Figure 5.** Correct positioning of gasket slide in chamber base

### Load the sample

- 1 Slowly dispense the appropriate volume of hybridization sample mixture onto the gasket well in a “drag and dispense” manner (described below). For multi-pack microarray formats (2-pack or 4-pack microarray), load all gasket wells before you add the microarray slide.
  - 490  $\mu\text{L}$  (for 1-pack microarray)
  - 245  $\mu\text{L}$  (for 2-pack microarray)
  - 100  $\mu\text{L}$  (for 4-pack microarray)

The “drag and dispense” method helps to distribute the sample evenly across the surface of the well and avoids spillover of sample over the gasket edge. Start with the pipette tip near the top edge of the well. *Do not directly touch the gasket or the glass with the pipette tip.* Then, dispense the mixture while you move your pipette tip to the opposite end of the well so that the sample is distributed across the well space. Avoid creating large air bubbles as you dispense the mixture as they could lead to spillover.



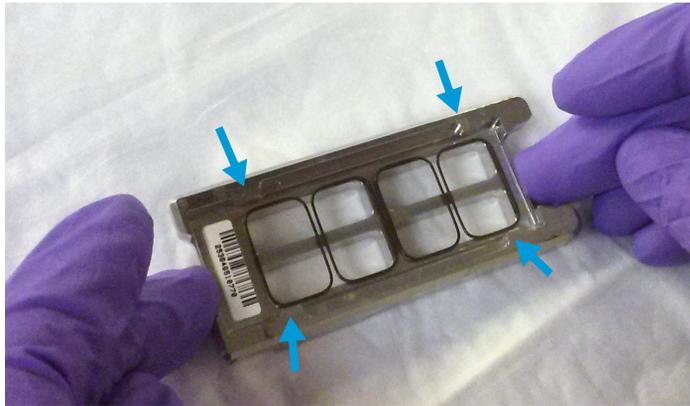
**Figure 6.** Drag and dispense method – Start dispensing when the pipette tip is near the top of the well. Finish dispensing when the pipette tip is near the bottom of the well.

**CAUTION**

Keep the temperature of hybridization sample mixtures as close to 37°C as possible. To do this, process them in small batches and/or put them on a heat block, thermal cycler or in an oven.

**Add the microarray slide**

- 1 Remove a microarray slide from the slide storage box between your thumb and index finger, *numeric barcode side facing up and Agilent label facing down*.
- 2 Use the four chamber base guideposts and rectangular end of the base to position the microarray slide as you lower it to within 3 mm (1/8") above the gasket slide, making sure the microarray slide is not tilted with respect to the gasket slide. Barcode ends of both the gasket slide and the microarray slide must line up at the corners of the chamber base. Once positioned, gently rest the microarray slide on the lower gasket slide. Refer to **Figure 7** for proper technique on holding the microarray slide with both hands.



**Figure 7.** Chamber base with gasket and microarray slide applied, guide posts denoted with arrows

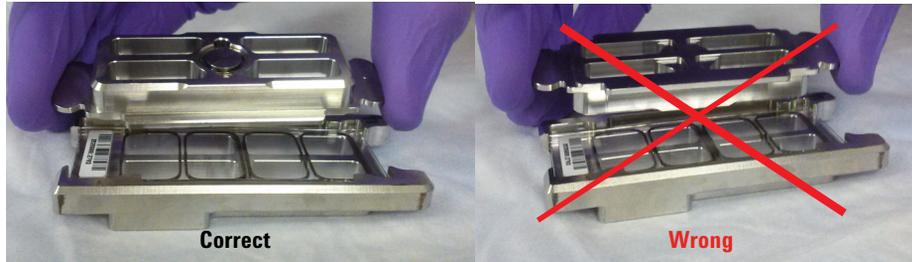
**CAUTION**

Do not drop the microarray slide onto the gasket slide as this increases the chances of sample mixing between gasket wells.

Once placed, do not attempt to move the chamber and sandwiched slides as this can cause leakage of the hybridization solution.

**Assemble the chamber**

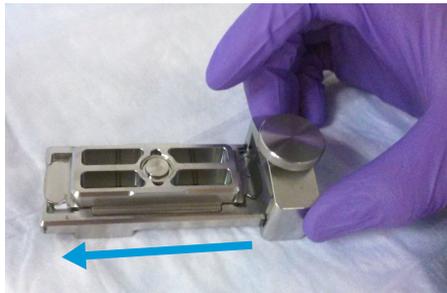
- 1 Place the chamber cover, correct side facing up, onto the chamber base which contains the “sandwiched” slides.



**Figure 8.** Chamber cover in correct (left) and incorrect (right) orientations

- 2 From the rounded corner of the chamber base, slip the clamp onto the chamber base and cover until it stops firmly in place, resting at the center of the two pieces.

Keep the chamber assembly flat on the lab bench to avoid spilling the hybridization solution.



**Figure 9.** Slipping the clamp onto the chamber base

- 3 Firmly tighten the thumbscrew fully.  
The slides will not be harmed by hand-tightening.

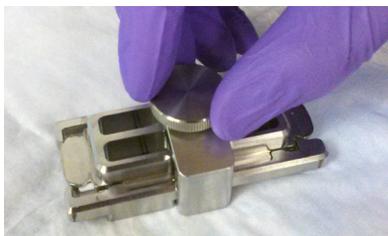


Figure 10. Tightening of the thumbscrew on the clamp

**CAUTION**

If you do not completely tighten the thumbscrew, hybridization solution can leak out during hybridization.

Do not use tools to tighten the thumbscrew. The use of pliers or other tools can damage the parts and will void the warranty.

- 4 Rotate the final assembled chamber in a *vertical orientation*, clockwise, 2 to 3 times to wet the gaskets (see **Figure 11**).

Rotation helps ensure that the hybridization solution will coat the entire surface of the microarray during the incubation process.

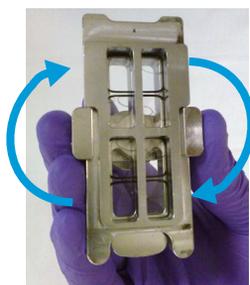
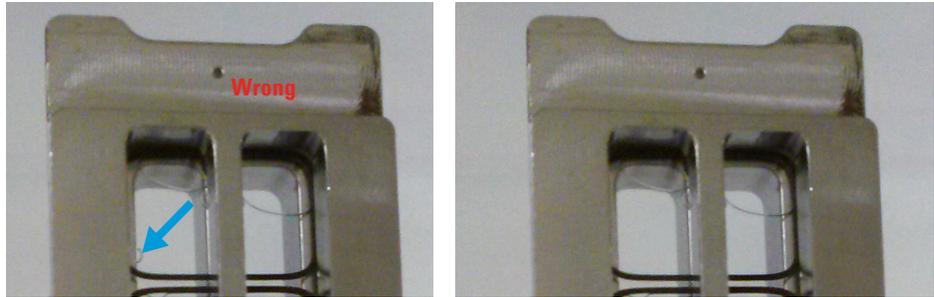


Figure 11. Rotation of the final assembled chamber

- 5 Inspect for good bubble formation.
  - Hold the chamber vertically and inspect for stray or small bubbles that do not move as you rotate the chamber.
  - Use the "large mixing bubble" to dislodge small stray or stationary bubbles.
  - If the small stray or stationary bubbles persist, gently tap the assembled chamber on a firm surface. Rotate the chamber on its sides as you tap. Inspect again and repeat if needed until the small stray or stationary bubbles dissipate.



**Figure 12.** The slide on the left shows a stray, stationary bubble (denoted with arrow), which must be removed before hybridization. The slide on the right shows only large mixing bubbles, which move freely around the chamber when rotated. Bubbles are acceptable, as long as they move freely when you rotate the chamber.

## Step 4. Hybridize

- 1 Load the assembled chamber into the oven rotator rack, starting from the center of the rack (position 3 or 4 when counting from left to right). Refer to the figure below for correct and incorrect orientations.



**Figure 13.** Assembled chambers in correct (left) and incorrect (middle and right) orientations

- 2 Close the door and set the rotator speed to 20 rpm.
- 3 Hybridize at 67°C for:
  - 24 hours (4-pack microarrays)
  - 40 hours (1-pack and 2-pack microarrays)

### CAUTION

If you are not loading all the available positions on the hybridization rotator rack, be sure to *balance* the loaded hybridization chambers on the rack similar to a centrifuge to prevent unnecessary strain on the oven motor.

**CAUTION**

You must calibrate the hybridization oven regularly for accuracy of the collected data. Refer to *Agilent G2545A Hybridization Calibration Procedure* (publication G2545-90002) for more information.

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**NOTE**

The **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** that is used in the microarray wash procedure needs to be warmed overnight. While you are waiting for the microarray slides to hybridize, do the steps in “**Step 1. Prewarm Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2 (overnight)**” on page 43.

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## Microarray Wash

### NOTE

The microarray wash procedure must be done in environments where ozone levels are 5 ppb or less. For Scanner C and Scanner B, if ozone levels are between 5 to 10 ppb in your laboratory, use the Agilent Ozone Barrier Slide Cover. SureScan microarray scanner uses a slide holder with a built-in ozone barrier. If ozone levels exceed 10 ppb, use the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** together with the ozone barrier.

You can also use Carbon Loaded Non-woven Filters to remove ozone from the air. These filters can be installed in either your HVAC system, or as part of small Ozone Controlled Enclosures. These free-standing enclosures can be installed either on a lab bench or as a walk-in room within your lab. These products are available through filter suppliers.

Before you begin, determine which wash procedure to use:

**Table 17** Wash procedure to follow

Ozone level in your lab	Wash Procedure	Ozone-Barrier Slide Cover
< 5 ppb	"Wash Procedure A (without Stabilization and Drying Solution)" on page 45	No
> 5 ppb < 10 ppb	"Wash Procedure A (without Stabilization and Drying Solution)" on page 45	Yes
> 10 ppb	"Wash Procedure B (with Stabilization and Drying Solution)" on page 49	Yes

### CAUTION

**Do not use detergent to wash the staining dishes as some detergents may leave fluorescent residue on the dishes. If you do, you must ensure that all traces are removed by thoroughly rinsing with Milli-Q ultrapure water.**

- Always use clean equipment when conducting the wash procedures.
- Use only dishes that are designated and dedicated for use in Agilent Methylation experiments.

## Step 1. Prewarm Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2 (overnight)

The temperature of **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** must be at 37°C for optimal performance.

- 1 Add the volume of buffer required to a **Sterile storage bottle** and warm overnight in an incubator or circulating water bath set to 37°C.
- 2 Put a slide-staining dish with a lid, a **1.5 L glass dish**, and one to two liters of **Milli-Q ultrapure water** in an incubator or water bath set at 37°C to warm overnight.

## Step 2. Wash with Milli-Q ultrapure water

Rinse slide-staining dishes, slide racks and stir bars thoroughly with high-quality **Milli-Q ultrapure water** before use and in between washing groups.

- 1 Run copious amounts of **Milli-Q ultrapure water** through the slide-staining dishes, slide racks and stir bars.
- 2 Empty out the water collected in the dishes at least five times.
- 3 Repeat **step 1** and **step 2** until all traces of contaminating material are removed.

## Step 3. Clean with Acetonitrile (Wash Procedure B Only)

**Acetonitrile** wash removes any remaining residue of **Stabilization and Drying Solution** from slide-staining dishes, slide racks and stir bars that were used in previous experiments with "**Wash Procedure B (with Stabilization and Drying Solution)**" on page 49.

**WARNING**

Do **Acetonitrile** washes in a vented fume hood. **Acetonitrile** is highly flammable and toxic.

- 1 Add the slide rack and stir bar to the slide-staining dish, and transfer to a magnetic stir plate.
- 2 Fill the slide-staining dish with 100% **Acetonitrile**.
- 3 Turn on the magnetic stir plate and adjust the speed to a setting of 4 (medium speed).
- 4 Wash for 5 minutes at room temperature.
- 5 Discard the **Acetonitrile** as is appropriate for your site.
- 6 Repeat **step 1** through **step 5**.
- 7 Air dry everything in the vented fume hood.
- 8 Continue with the **Milli-Q ultrapure water** wash as previously instructed.

## Step 4. Prewarm Stabilization and Drying Solution (Wash Procedure B Only)

The **Stabilization and Drying Solution** contains an ozone scavenging compound dissolved in **Acetonitrile**. The compound in solution is present in saturating amounts and may precipitate from the solution under normal storage conditions. If the solution shows visible precipitation, warming of the solution will be necessary to redissolve the compound. Washing slides using **Stabilization and Drying Solution** showing visible precipitation will have profound adverse effects on microarray performance.

**WARNING**

The **Stabilization and Drying Solution** is a flammable liquid. Warming the solution will increase the generation of ignitable vapors. Use gloves and eye/face protection in every step of the warming procedures.

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**WARNING**

Do not use a hot plate, oven, an open flame or a microwave. Do not increase temperature rapidly. Warm and mix the material away from ignition sources.

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**WARNING**

Failure to follow the outlined process will increase the potential for fire, explosion, and possible personal injury.

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- 1 Put a clean magnetic stir bar into the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** bottle and recap.
- 2 Partially fill a plastic bucket with hot water at approximately 40°C to 45°C (for example from a hot water tap).
- 3 Put the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** bottle into the hot water in the plastic bucket.
- 4 Put the plastic bucket on a magnetic stirrer (*not a hot-plate*) and stir.
- 5 The hot water cools to room temperature. If the precipitate has not all dissolved replenish the cold water with hot water.
- 6 Repeat **step 5** until the solution is clear.
- 7 After the precipitate is completely dissolved, allow the solution to equilibrate to room temperature prior to use.

**CAUTION**

Do not filter the **Stabilization and Drying Solution**, or the concentration of the ozone scavenger may vary.

## Step 5. Wash microarrays

### Wash Procedure A (*without Stabilization and Drying Solution*)

Always use fresh **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** and **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** for each wash group (up to five slides).

**Table 18** lists the wash conditions for the Wash Procedure A without **Stabilization and Drying Solution**.

Table 18 Wash conditions

	Dish	Wash buffer	Temperature	Time
Disassembly	#1	<b>Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1</b>	Room temperature	
1st wash	#2	<b>Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1</b>	Room temperature	5 minutes
2nd wash	#3	<b>Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2</b>	37°C	1 minute

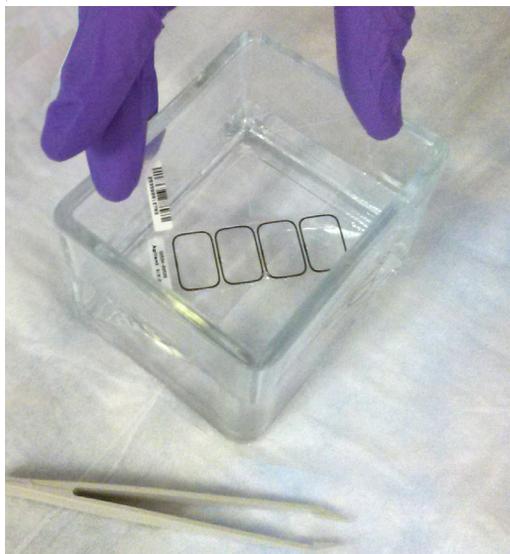
- 1 Completely fill slide-staining dish #1 with **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** at room temperature.
- 2 Prepare dish #2:
  - a Put a slide rack into slide-staining dish #2.
  - b Add a magnetic stir bar. Fill slide-staining dish #2 with enough **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** at room temperature to cover the slide rack.
  - c Put this dish on a magnetic stir plate.
- 3 Prepare dish #3:
  - a Put the prewarmed **1.5 L glass dish** on a magnetic stir plate with heating element.
  - b Put the slide-staining dish #3 into the **1.5 L glass dish**.
  - c Fill the **1.5 L glass dish** with pre-warmed **Milli-Q ultrapure water**.
  - d Fill the slide-staining dish #3 approximately three-fourths full with **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** (warmed to 37°C).
  - e Add a magnetic stir bar.
  - f Turn on the heating element and maintain temperature of **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** at 37°C. Monitor with a thermometer.
- 4 Remove one hybridization chamber from the incubator and resume rotation of the others. Record whether bubbles formed during hybridization and if all bubbles are rotating freely.
- 5 Prepare the hybridization chamber disassembly.
  - a Put the hybridization chamber assembly on a flat surface and loosen the thumbscrew, turning counter-clockwise.



Figure 14. Loosening of the thumbscrew

- b Slide off the clamp assembly and remove the chamber cover.





**Figure 16.** Removal of the microarray slide from the staining dish

- 7 Repeat **step 4** through **step 6** for up to four additional slides in the group. A maximum of five disassembly procedures yielding five microarray slides is advised at one time in order to facilitate uniform washing.
- 8 When all slides in the group are put into the slide rack in slide-staining dish #2, stir at 350 rpm for 5 minutes. Adjust the setting to get good but not vigorous mixing.
- 9 Wash the slides in **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2**:
  - a Transfer slide rack to slide-staining dish #3, which contains **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** at 37°C:
    - a Activate the magnetic stirrer.
    - b Wash microarray slides for at least 1 minute and no more than 2 minutes. Adjust the setting to get thorough mixing without disturbing the microarray slides.
- 10 Slowly remove the slide rack trying to minimize droplets on the slides. It should take 5 to 10 seconds to remove the slide rack.
- 11 Discard used **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** and **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2**.
- 12 Repeat **step 1** through **step 11** for the next group of five slides using fresh **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** and **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** warmed to 37°C.

**13** Scan slides immediately to minimize the impact of environmental oxidants on signal intensities. If necessary, store slides in orange slide boxes in a N<sub>2</sub> purge box, in the dark.

### Wash Procedure B (with Stabilization and Drying Solution)

Cyanine reagents are susceptible to degradation by ozone. Use this wash procedure if the ozone level exceeds 10 ppb in your laboratory.

Always use fresh **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** and **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** for each wash group (up to five slides).

The **Acetonitrile** (dish #4) and **Stabilization and Drying Solution** (dish #5) below may be reused for washing up to 4 batches of 5 slides (total 20 slides) in one experiment. Do not pour the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** back in the bottle.

## WARNING

The **Stabilization and Drying Solution** must be set-up in a fume hood. Put the **Wash Buffer 1** and **Wash Buffer 2** set-up areas close to, or preferably in, the same fume hood. Use gloves and eye/face protection in every step of the washing procedure.

**Table 19** lists the wash conditions for the Wash Procedure B with **Stabilization and Drying Solution**.

**Table 19** Wash conditions

	Dish	Wash Buffer	Temperature	Time
Disassembly	#1	<b>Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1</b>	Room temperature	
1st wash	#2	<b>Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1</b>	Room temperature	5 minutes
2nd wash	#3	<b>Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2</b>	37°C	1 minute
Acetonitrile wash	#4	<b>Acetonitrile</b>	Room temperature	10 seconds
3rd wash	#5	<b>Stabilization and Drying Solution</b>	Room temperature	30 seconds

- 1 In the fume hood, fill slide-staining dish #4 approximately three-fourths full with **Acetonitrile**. Add a magnetic stir bar and put this dish on a magnetic stir plate.
- 2 In the fume hood, fill slide-staining dish #5 approximately three-fourths full with **Stabilization and Drying Solution**. Add a magnetic stir bar and put this dish on a magnetic stir plate.
- 3 Do **step 1** through **step 9** in “**Wash Procedure A (without Stabilization and Drying Solution)**” on page 45.
- 4 Remove the slide rack from **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** and tilt the rack slightly to minimize wash buffer carry-over. Quickly transfer the slide rack to slide-staining dish #4 containing **Acetonitrile**, and stir at 350 rpm for 10 seconds.
- 5 Transfer slide rack to slide-staining dish #5 filled with **Stabilization and Drying Solution**, and stir at 350 rpm for 30 seconds.
- 6 Slowly remove the slide rack trying to minimize droplets on the slides. It should take 5 to 10 seconds to remove the slide rack.
- 7 Discard used **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** and **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2**.

**NOTE**

The **Acetonitrile** and the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** may be reused for washing of up to four batches of five slides (that is, total 20 microarray slides) in one experiment. Pour the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** to a different marked bottle, and protect from light with other flammables. After each use, rinse the slide rack and the slide-staining dish that were in contact with the **Stabilization and Drying Solution** with **Acetonitrile** followed by a rinse in **Milli-Q ultrapure water**.

- 8 Repeat **step 1** through **step 7** for the next group of five slides using fresh **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1** and **Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2** prewarmed to 37°C.
- 9 Dispose of **Acetonitrile** and **Stabilization and Drying Solution** as flammable solvents.

## Step 6. Put slides in a slide holder

Scan slides immediately to minimize impact of environmental oxidants on signal intensities. If necessary, store slides in the original slide boxes in a N<sub>2</sub> purge box, in the dark.

### For SureScan microarray scanner

- 1 Before you insert the slide into a slide holder, inspect the slide holder for any dust or fingerprints. If found, remove the dust or fingerprints with compressed air or a soft, dust-free cloth. If the slide holder is scratched, worn, or damaged, has a lid that does not close tightly, or has a hinge that does not move freely, discard the slide holder and select a different one.
- 2 Place the slide holder on a flat surface, with the clear cover facing up, and the tab on the right. This helps to ensure that you have the slide aligned properly when you insert it into the slide holder.
- 3 Gently push in and pull up on the tabbed end of the clear plastic cover to open the slide holder.

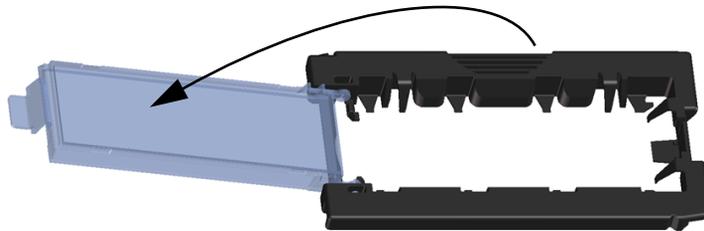
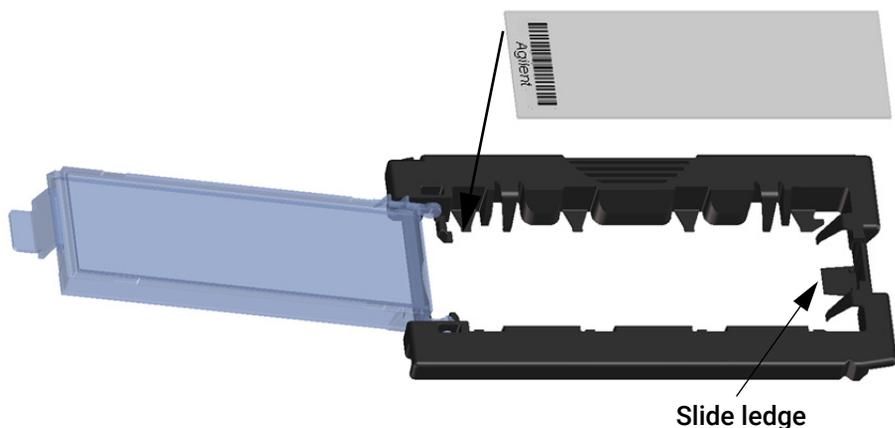


Figure 17. Opening the slide holder

- 4 Insert the slide into the holder.
  - a Hold the slide at the barcode end and position the slide over the open slide holder. Make sure that the active microarray surface faces up with the barcode on the left, as shown in **Figure 18**.
  - b Carefully place the end of the slide without the barcode label onto the slide ledge. See **Figure 18**.

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### Step 6. Put slides in a slide holder



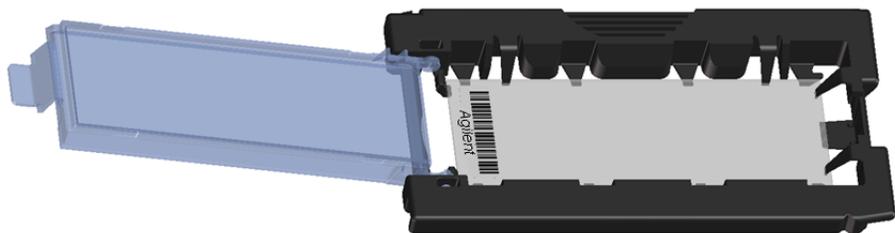
**Figure 18.** Inserting slide into the slide holder

- c Gently lower the slide into the slide holder. See **Figure 19**.
- d Close the plastic slide cover, pushing on the tab end until you hear it “click.” This moves the slide into position in the holder.

### CAUTION

An improperly inserted slide can damage the scanner.

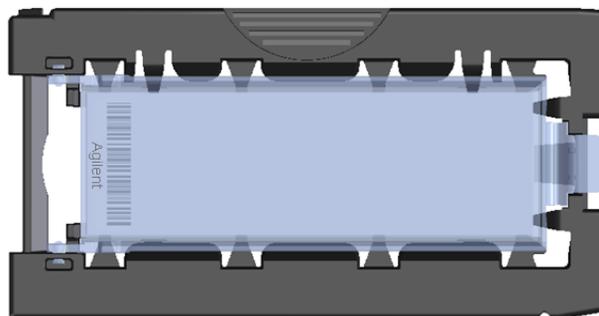
- e Gently push in and pull up on the tabbed end of the clear plastic cover to open it again and verify that the slide is correctly positioned.
- f Close the plastic slide cover, gently pushing on the tab end until you hear it “click”. See **Figure 20**. Make sure that the slide holder is completely closed.



**Figure 19.** Slide inserted in slide holder – cover open

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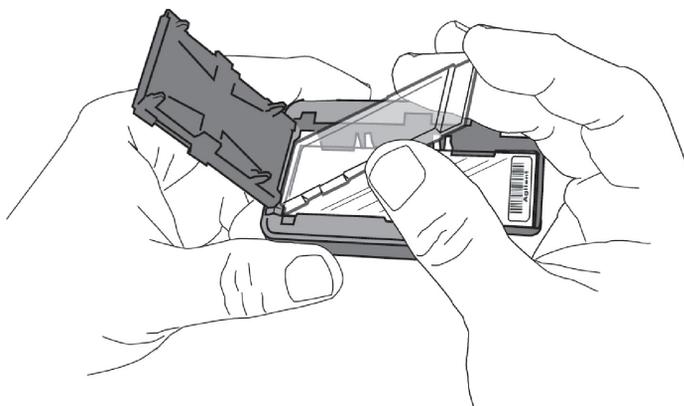
### Step 6. Put slides in a slide holder



**Figure 20.** Slide inserted in slide holder – cover closed

### For Agilent Scanner C

- In environments in which the ozone level exceeds 5 ppb, immediately put the slides with active microarray surface (“Agilent”-labeled barcode) facing up in a slide holder. Make sure that the slide is not caught up on any corner. Put an ozone-barrier slide cover on top of the array as shown in **Figure 21**. Refer to the *Agilent Ozone-Barrier Slide Cover User Guide* (publication G2505-90550), included with the slide cover, for more information.



**Figure 21.** Inserting the ozone-barrier slide cover

- In environments in which the ozone level is below 5 ppb, put the slides with Agilent barcode facing up in a slide holder.

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### Step 1. Scan the microarray slides

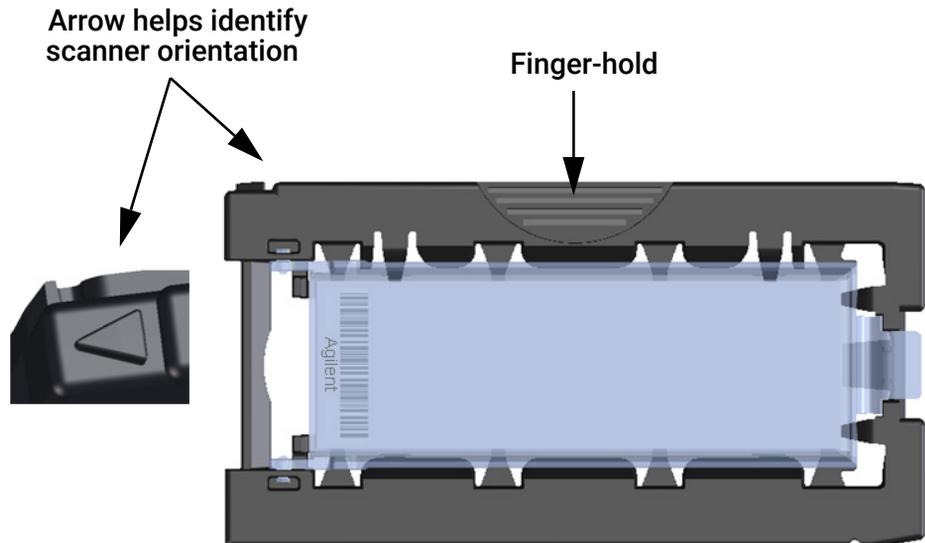
A SureScan or Agilent C microarray scanner is required for G3 microarrays.

Agilent provides support for Agilent microarrays scanned on select non-Agilent scanners. Please see “Feature Extraction Compatibility Matrix for Non Agilent scanners” for scanner compatibility and settings ([www.agilent.com/cs/library/usermanuals/Public/G1662-90043\\_ScannerCompatibilityMatrix.pdf](http://www.agilent.com/cs/library/usermanuals/Public/G1662-90043_ScannerCompatibilityMatrix.pdf)).

*However, Agilent can guarantee the quality of data only if the data comes from Agilent microarrays scanned on Agilent scanners.*

#### Agilent SureScan Microarray Scanner

- 1 Put assembled slide holders into the scanner cassette. Refer to **Figure 22** and **Figure 23**.



**Figure 22.** Slide holder helps you to insert slides correctly

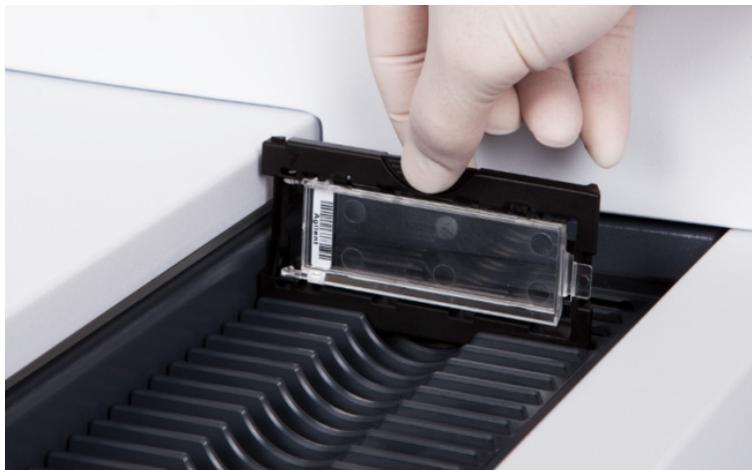


Figure 23. Inserting slide holder into cassette

- 2 Select Protocol **AgilentG3\_CGH** for G3 microarrays. Select Protocol **AgilentHD\_CGH** for HD microarrays.
- 3 Verify that the Scanner status in the main window says **Scanner Ready**.
- 4 Click **Start Scan**.

### Agilent C Scanner Settings

- 1 Put assembled slide holders with or without the ozone-barrier slide cover into scanner carousel.
- 2 Select **Start Slot *m* End Slot *n*** where the letter *m* represents the Start slot where the first slide is located and the letter *n* represents the End slot where the last slide is located.
- 3 Select Profile **AgilentG3\_CGH** for G3 microarrays. Select Profile **AgilentHD\_CGH** for HD microarrays.
- 4 Verify scan settings. See **Table 20**.

Table 20 C Scanner Scan Settings

	For HD Microarray Formats	For G3 Microarray Formats
Dye channel	R+G ( <i>red and green</i> )	R+G ( <i>red and green</i> )
Scan region	Agilent HD (61 x 21.6 mm)	Agilent HD (61 x 21.6 mm)
Scan resolution	5 $\mu$ m	3 $\mu$ m
Tiff file dynamic range	16 bit	16 bit
Red PMT gain	100%	100%
Green PMT gain	100%	100%
XDR	<No XDR>	<No XDR>

- 5 Check that Output Path Browse is set for desired location.
- 6 Verify that the Scanner status in the main window says **Scanner Ready**.
- 7 Click **Scan Slot *m-n*** on the Scan Control main window where the letter *m* represents the Start slot where the first slide is located and the letter *n* represents the End slot where the last slide is located.

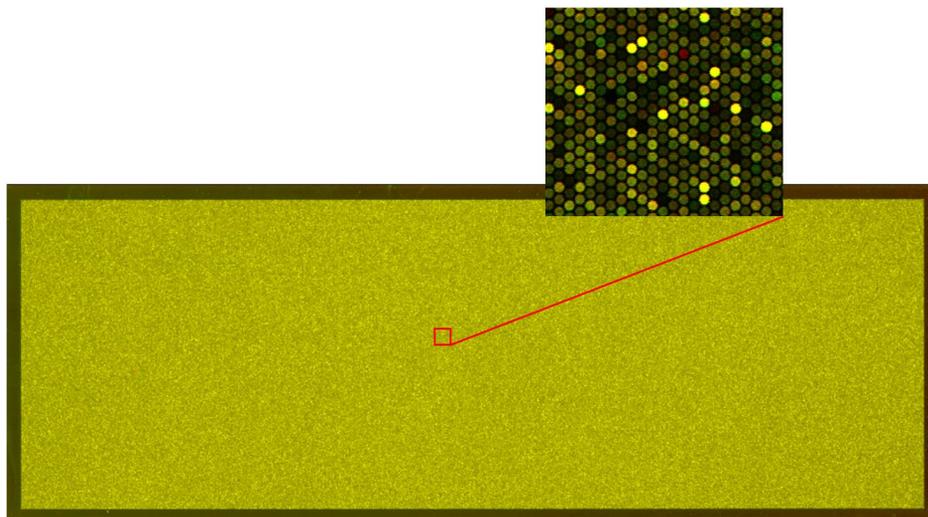
## Step 2. Extract data using the Feature Extraction program

The Feature Extraction software v10.5 or higher supports extraction of microarray TIFF images (.tif) of Agilent Methylation microarrays scanned on the Agilent SureScan or C Scanner.

The Feature Extraction software v9.5 supports extraction of microarray TIFF images (.tif) of Agilent Methylation microarrays scanned on the Agilent B Scanner.

Feature Extraction version 10.7 or higher can automatically download Grid Templates, protocols and QC metrics (QCMT) from SureDesign if configured appropriately. See **“Automatic Download from SureDesign”** on page 60 for configuration.

**Figure 24** shows an example of an Agilent SurePrint G3 1x1M microarray image opened in the Feature Extraction software.



**Figure 24.** Agilent SurePrint G3 1x1M microarray shown in red and green channels, full and zoomed view

- 1 Open the Agilent Feature Extraction program.
- 2 Add the images (.tif) to be extracted to the Feature Extraction Project.
  - a Click **Add New Extraction Set(s)** icon on the toolbar or right-click the **Project Explorer** and select **Add Extraction...**  
 You can also drag the image (.tif) from the desktop to the Feature Extraction project pane.
  - b Browse to the location of the .tif files, select the .tif file(s) and click **Open**. To select multiple files, use the Shift or Ctrl key when selecting.

The Feature Extraction program automatically assigns a default grid template and protocol for each extraction set, if the following conditions are met:

- As of v10.5, the Feature Extraction program automatically associates the protocol for a given microarray based on the application specified in the design file and the number of channels present in the image. If you need to use a protocol other than the Agilent default protocol, specify it in the Grid Template properties.
- For auto assignment of the ChIP Feature Extraction protocol, the default ChIP protocol must be specified in the Feature Extraction Grid Template properties.

To access the Feature Extraction Grid Template properties, double-click on the grid template in the Grid Template Browser.

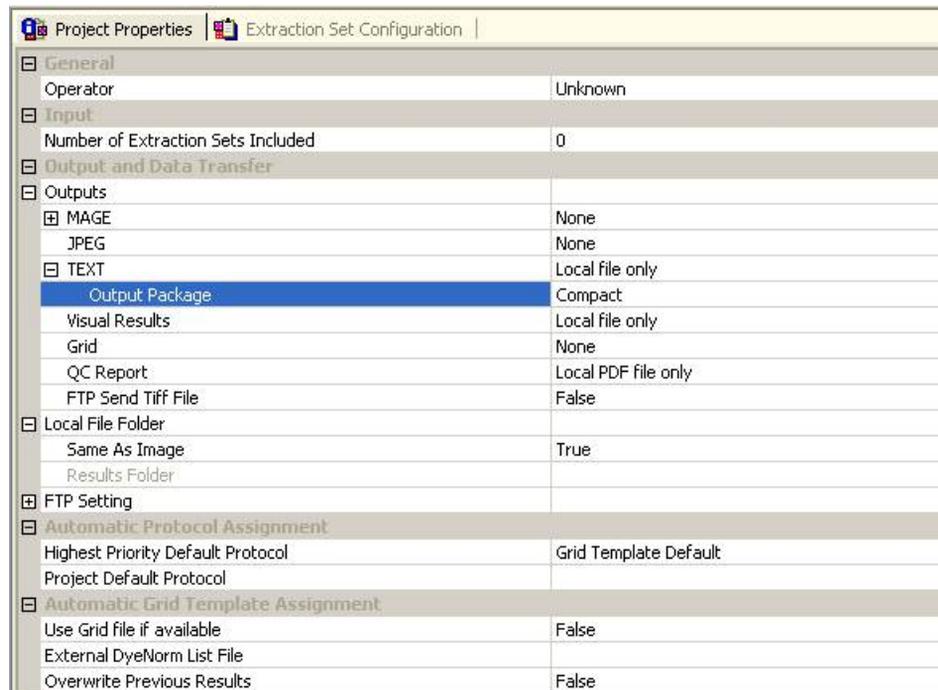
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### Step 2. Extract data using the Feature Extraction program

- 3 Set Feature Extraction Project Properties.
  - a Select the Project Properties tab.
  - b In the General section, enter your name in the Operator field.
  - c In all other sections, verify that at least the following default settings as shown in **Figure 25** below are selected.
  - d For Feature Extraction 9.5, in the **Other** section, select **CGH\_QCMT\_Feb08**.

For Feature Extraction 10.5 or higher, the metric sets are part of the protocol, and there is no need to set them.

QC metrics updates are available automatically from SureDesign if configured appropriately. See **“Automatic Download from SureDesign”** on page 60 for configuration.



**Figure 25.** Default settings in Feature Extraction 10.5

- 4 Check the Extraction Set Configuration.
  - a Select the Extraction Set Configuration tab.
  - b Verify that the correct grid template is assigned to each extraction set in the Grid Name column. To assign a different grid template to an extraction set, select one from the pull down menu.

If a grid template is not available to select from the pull down menu, you must add it to the Grid Template Browser. To add, right-click inside the Grid Template Browser, select **Add**. Look for the design file (.xml) and click **Open** to load grid template into the Feature Extraction database.

To update to the latest grid templates via Online Update, right-click **Grid Template Browser** and select **Online Update**. You can also download the latest grid templates from Agilent Web site at [www.agilent.com/genomics/SureDesign](http://www.agilent.com/genomics/SureDesign). After downloading, add the grid template to the Grid Template Browser.

- c Verify that the most recent protocol is assigned to each extraction set in the Protocol Name column.

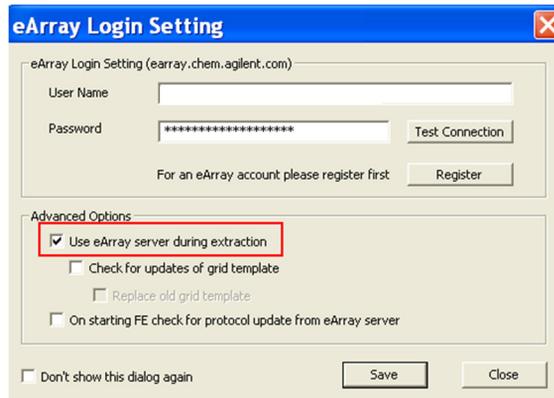
If a protocol is not available to select from the pull down menu, you must import it to the Feature Extraction Protocol Browser. To import, right-click the **Feature Extraction Protocol Browser**, select **Import**. Browse for the Feature Extraction protocol (.xml) and click **Open** to load the protocol into the Feature Extraction database. Visit Agilent Web site at [www.genomics.agilent.com/article.jsp?pagelid=2058](http://www.genomics.agilent.com/article.jsp?pagelid=2058) to download the latest protocols.

Protocols are also available automatically from SureDesign if configured appropriately. See **"Automatic Download from SureDesign"** on page 60 for configuration.

- 5 Save the Feature Extraction Project (.fep) by selecting **File > Save As** and browse for desired location.
- 6 Verify that the icons for the image files in the Feature Extraction Project Window no longer have a red X through them. A red X through the icon indicates that an extraction protocol was not selected or that the Grid Template is not in the database. If needed, reselect the extraction protocol for that image file.
- 7 Select **Project > Start Extracting**.
- 8 After the extraction is completed successfully, view the QC report for each extraction set by double-clicking the QC Report link in the Summary Report tab. Determine whether the grid has been properly placed by inspecting Spot Finding of the Four Corners of the Array.

### Automatic Download from SureDesign

Feature Extraction version 10.7 or higher can automatically download Grid Templates, protocols and QC metrics (QCM or QCMT). To set this up, in the eArray Login Setting dialog box, under **Advanced Options**, click **Use eArray server during extraction**. See **Figure 26**.



**Figure 26.** eArray Login Setting. You can mark the other two check boxes under Advanced Options if you want to get update of grid templates already in the database or to get protocol updates. See the Feature Extraction user guide for more information.



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This chapter contains reference information that pertains to this protocol.

## Reagent Kit Components

The contents of the reagent kits used in this protocol are listed here.

### SureTag DNA Labeling Kit

10× Restriction Enzyme Buffer\*  
BSA\*  
Alu I\*  
Rsa I\*  
Purification Column  
Nuclease-Free Water  
Exo (-) Klenow  
5× Reaction Buffer  
Cyanine 5-dUTP  
Cyanine 3-dUTP  
10× dNTPs  
Random Primer

### Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Hybridization Kit

2× HI-RPM Hybridization Buffer  
10× aCGH Blocking Agent

### Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-chip Wash Buffer Kit

Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 1  
Agilent Oligo aCGH/ChIP-on-Chip Wash Buffer 2

\* Not used in this protocol.

## "Secure Fit" Slide Box Opening Instructions

Agilent now ships all microarray slides in a newly designed "secure fit" slide box. The instructions below describe how to remove the slide box from the shipping pouch, how to open the slide box, and how to properly remove a microarray slide.

- 1 Use scissors to cut below the seal and remove box from its foil pouch.

After breaking foil on microarray pouch, store microarray slides in the slide box at room temperature (in the dark) under a vacuum desiccator or nitrogen purge box.

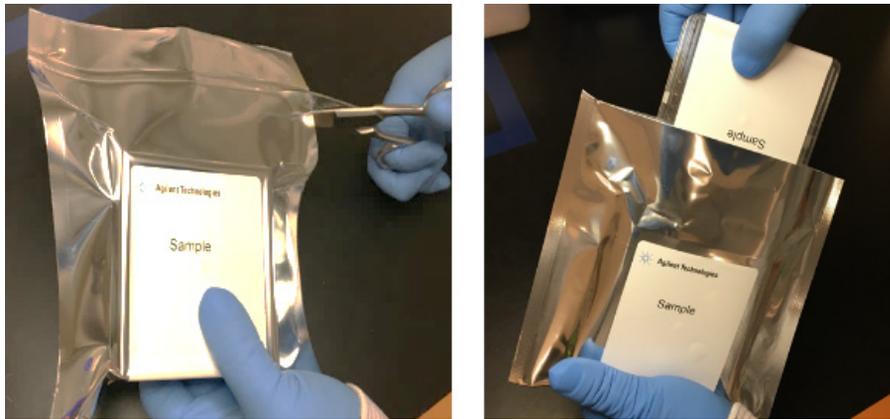


Figure 27. Opening foil pouch (left) and removing the slide box (right)

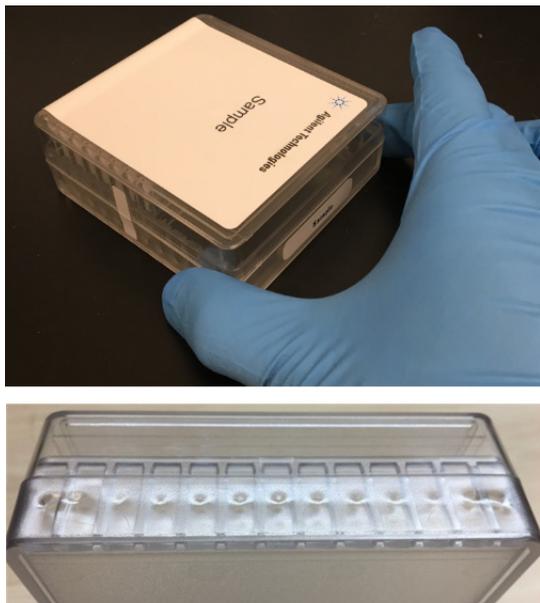
- 2 Place the slide box on a flat surface. While stabilizing the box from the top with one hand, use a sharp edge to cut the sealing tape on both sides of the box before opening.



Figure 28. Cutting the sealing tape

**Reference****“Secure Fit” Slide Box Opening Instructions**

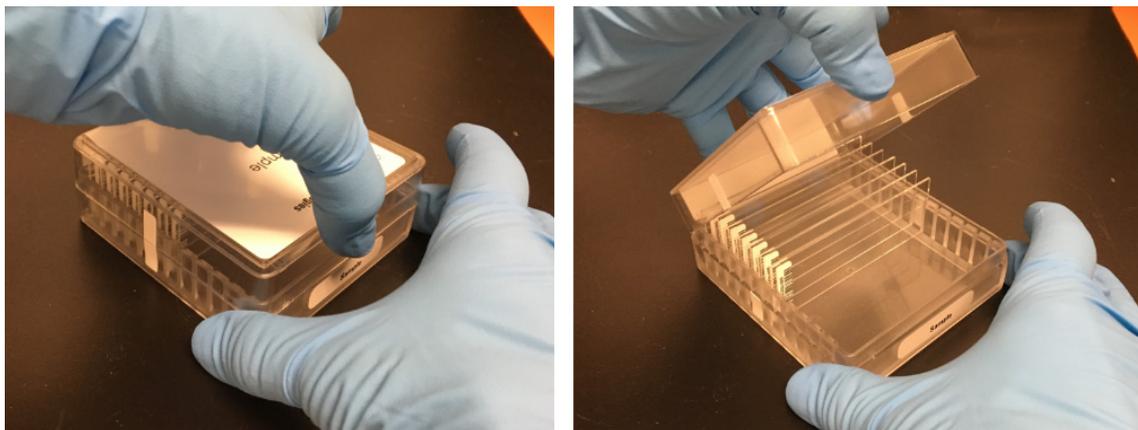
- 3 With one hand, firmly hold the base of the box on the sides with the indentations (or dimples) for added grip.



**Figure 29.** Gripping the base at the indentations (top) and close-up of the indentations (bottom)

- 4 Using your free hand, grasp the lid and gently lift it away from the base as if it is hinged. Set the lid aside.

Depending on your preference, you can reverse the hand positions so that the left hand holds the base while the right hand grasps the lid.



**Figure 30.** Grasping the lid (left) and lifting the lid from the base (right)

## Microarray Handling Tips

Each microarray is printed on the side of the glass slide containing the “Agilent”-labeled barcode. This side is called the “active” side. The numeric barcode is on the inactive side of the slide.

### CAUTION

**You must familiarize yourself with the assembly and disassembly instructions for use with the Agilent Microarray Hybridization Chamber (G2534A) and gasket slides. Practice slide kits are available.**

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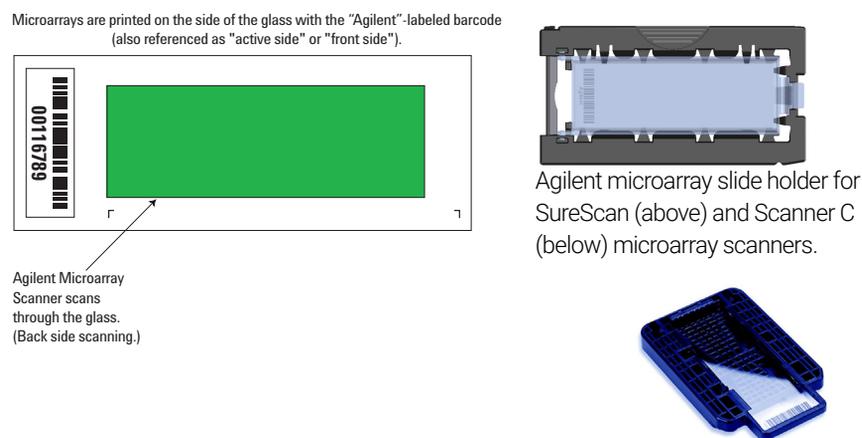
In this “processing and hybridization” procedure, the hybridization mixture is applied directly to the gasket slide, and not to the active side of the oligo microarray. Instead, the active side of the oligo microarray is placed on top of the gasket slide to form a “sandwich slide” pair.

To avoid damaging the microarray, always handle glass slides carefully by their edges. Wear powder-free gloves. Never touch the surfaces of the slides. If you do, you may cause irreparable damage to the microarray.

Never allow the microarray surface to dry out during the hybridization process and washing steps.

## Agilent Microarray Layout and Orientation

### Agilent oligo microarray (1 microarray/slide format) as imaged on the Agilent microarray scanner



**Figure 31.** Agilent microarray slide and slide holder

Agilent oligo microarrays formats and the resulting "microarray design files" are based on how the Agilent microarray scanner images 1-inch x 3-inch glass slides. Agilent designed its microarray scanner to scan through the glass slide (back side scanning). The glass slide is securely placed in an Agilent microarray slide holder with the "Agilent" labeled barcode facing the opening of the slide holder (on SureScan Microarray Scanner) or facing the inside of the slide holder (Scanner C or Scanner B). In this orientation, the "active side" containing the microarrays is protected from potential damage by fingerprints and other elements. Once securely placed, the numeric barcode, non-active side of the slide, is visible from the outside of the slide holder.

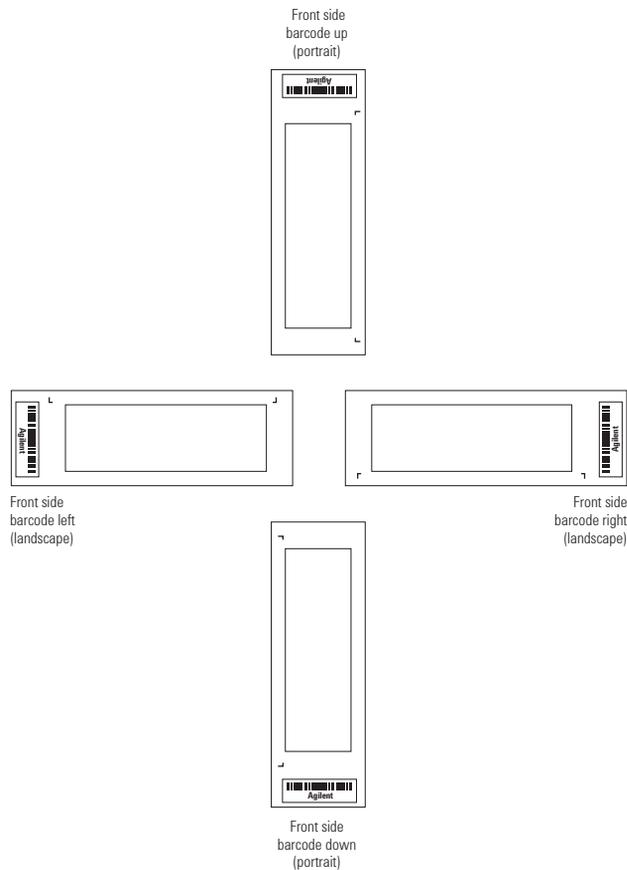
**Figure 31** depicts how the Agilent microarray scanner reads the microarrays and how this relates to the "microarray design files" that Agilent generates during the manufacturing process of its *in situ*-synthesized oligonucleotide microarrays. Thus, if you have a scanner that reads microarrays from the "front side" of the glass slide, the collection of microarray data points will be different in relation to the "microarray design files". Therefore, please take a moment to become familiar with the microarray layouts for each of the Agilent oligo microarrays and the layout information as it pertains to scanning using a "front side" scanner.

### Non-Agilent Front Side Microarray Scanners

When scanning Agilent oligo microarray slides, the user must determine:

- If the scanner images the microarrays by reading them on the “front side” of the glass slide (“Agilent”-labeled barcode side of the slide) and
- If the microarray image produced by the non-Agilent scanner is oriented in a “portrait” or “landscape” mode, and “Agilent”-labeled barcode is on the left-side, right-side, up or down, as viewed as an image in the imaging software (see **Figure 32**).

This changes the feature numbering and location as it relates to the “microarray design files”.



**Figure 32.** Microarray slide orientation

## Array/Sample tracking on microarray slides

Use the forms below to make notes to track your samples on microarray slides.

### Arrays

	Array 1_1	Array 1_2
<b>B A R C O D E</b>	<b>Sample:</b>	<b>Sample:</b>
<b>Barcode Number</b> _____		

Figure 33. 2-pack microarray slides

### Arrays

	Array 1_1	Array 1_2	Array 1_3	Array 1_4
<b>B A R C O D E</b>	<b>Sample:</b>	<b>Sample:</b>	<b>Sample:</b>	<b>Sample:</b>
<b>Barcode Number</b> _____				

Figure 34. 4-pack microarray slides

## Notes and Considerations

Methylated DNA IP lets investigators capture DNA sequences and study their relative methylation levels across an entire genome. The protocol requires an antibody to 5-methyl cytosine that will immunoprecipitate methylated DNA from a DNA sample.

The Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation protocol consists of five general steps:

- DNA shearing
- Methylated DNA immunoprecipitation
- DNA labeling
- Microarray hybridization and washing
- Microarray scanning and storage

This reference summarizes the goals and steps for this protocol. Other considerations outside of this protocol include initial probe and microarray design and the design and implementation of robust quantitative metrics that validate success at multiple steps of the protocol.

### 1. Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

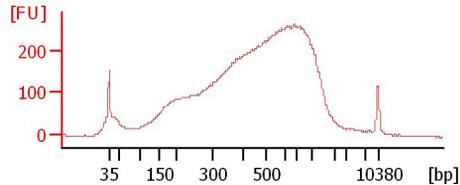
**Goal** Use selective antibody bound to magnetic beads to specifically capture the Methylated DNA.

- SOP**
- 1 Mix antibody bound to magnetic beads (Dyna) with DNA sample.
  - 2 Place at 4°C overnight on a rotating platform.
  - 3 Isolate the beads containing the antibody bound to the methylated DNA.
  - 4 Wash 2 times with buffer to remove non-specific contaminants.
  - 5 After the wash, heat the complexes for a few minutes with detergent to elute the methylated DNA from the antibody and beads.

- Key variables**
- Beads, type, and quantity
  - Time
  - Temperature
  - Immunoprecipitation buffer, volume, and composition
  - Wash buffer composition
  - Number of washes

**QC Metrics** After the DNA is isolated (step 2), you can run the Bioanalyzer or gel equivalent to assess fragment size after shearing. Use 1  $\mu\text{L}$  for the Bioanalyzer, or 5  $\mu\text{L}$  on a 1.5% agarose gel.

**Notes** Magnetic beads coated with protein G are routinely used due to their ease-of-use and ability to bind a variety of antibodies. Other coatings (e.g. protein A) and bead types (e.g. agarose) are available but have not been validated by Agilent.



**Figure 35.** Human liver DNA (Biochain p/n D1234149) was sonicated following the procedure outlined in “**Step 2. Prepare DNA for Immunoprecipitation**” on page 19. 1  $\mu\text{L}$  (~20 ng) of sheared DNA was analyzed using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer in conjunction with the DNA High Sensitivity Kit (p/n 5067-4626). The expected size distribution is between 200 and 1000 bp.

## 2. DNA isolation

**Goal** Purify DNA from associated proteins and RNA and protein contaminants.

**SOP** 1 Purify the DNA via organic extraction and ethanol precipitation.

**Key variables**

- Temperature
- Time
- SDS concentration

**QC Metrics** None

## 3. DNA labeling

**Goal** Incorporate fluorescent-tagged nucleotides into the IP and reference DNA for hybridization.

**SOP**

- 1 Use the Agilent SureTag DNA Labeling Kit.
- 2 Do 1 Labeling reaction for each sample. Approximately 1  $\mu\text{g}$  input per reaction for the reference channel cyanine 3, and all IP DNA for the cyanine 5.
- 3 Anneal random primers to the DNA.
- 4 Extend primers using high concentration exo- Klenow enzyme and fluorescent-labeled nucleotides.
- 5 Purify labeled DNA using the Amicon 30 kDa columns.

- Key variables**
- Reaction size
  - Reagent quantity (input DNA material, Cy dye, enzyme) per reaction

**QC Metrics** Nanodrop measurement of total DNA yield (expect >2.5 µg per reaction);  
Nanodrop measurement of pmol/µL dye (expect >2 pmol/µL with Cy5-dUTP and >3 pmol/µL with Cy3-dUTP).

#### 4. Microarray hybridization and washing

**Goal** Hybridize material to and wash excess/nonspecific material from Agilent 60-mer oligo arrays to yield low background and high signal (“flat” background with high peaks)

- SOP**
- 1 Hybridize for 40 hours at 67°C in hybridization oven rotating at 20 rpm. Hybridization buffer contains a proprietary wetting agent (that keeps bubbles moving freely), approximately 5 µg labeled DNA per channel (10 µg total) and competitor nucleic acids.
  - 2 Wash slides in a series of two buffers with an optional 3rd wash that contains ozone-scavenging reagents to help prevent premature dye degradation.

- Key variables**
- Hybridization duration
  - Quantity of labeled material
  - Temperature
  - Type and quality of detergent
  - Type and quantity of nucleic acid competitors

**Notes** These conditions are identical to those developed for Agilent aCGH hybridizations. Refer to the Bioreagent Wash/Dry Solution application note for more information. The wash conditions are specific for Agilent's CHIP-on-chip application.

#### 5. Microarray scanning and storage

**Goal** Extract data from microarray; store microarray for possible future analysis

- SOP**
- 1 Use default settings on Agilent scanner.
  - 2 Store used slides in N<sub>2</sub> box.

## In This Book

This guide contains information to run the Agilent Microarray Analysis of Methylated DNA Immunoprecipitation protocol.

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