

Nucleic acid extraction and purification technologies



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Extraction and purification solutions from LGC Biosearch Technologies

Biosearch Technologies is unique in the nucleic acid extraction and purification marketplace, in that we are both a service provider, and a developer of proprietary chemistries and instrumentation. We develop chemistries and instrumentation for customers to use in their own laboratories, and it is these same products which we use in each of our service laboratories. This allows Biosearch Technologies to be highly flexible, and offer individual solutions for each of our customers.

To provide the most efficient and effective extraction or purification method, we offer not only a range of different technologies, but also the capability to develop tailor-made kit systems for all applications and downstream requirements.

Our range of technologies allows delivery of optimised nucleic acid extractions and purifications (e.g. genomic DNA, plasmids, RNA) from an unrivalled array of matrices including:

- Plant material (including leaves, seeds and other plant matrices)
- Livestock samples (including blood, animal tissue, hair follicle, buccal swabs and saliva)
- Human samples (including blood, tissue and forensic samples)
- Bacteria, prokaryotes and other microorganisms.

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DNA/RNA extraction chemistries

QuickExtract

PCR-grade extraction

For DNA screening and genotyping applications, PCR-grade genomic DNA is sufficient, and can be rapidly and efficiently extracted using [QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution](#). In 3-8 minutes, and using only a single-tube protocol, PCR-grade genomic DNA or RNA from almost any sample type can be extracted, without the use of centrifugation, spin columns or any toxic organic solvent. (figure 1). The QuickExtract method allows for the inexpensive processing of one to hundreds of samples simultaneously and is also compatible with robotic automation (figure 1).



Figure 1. Procedure for obtaining PCR-ready DNA using QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution

The [range of QuickExtract Extraction Solutions](#) for additional sample types includes:

- QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution
- QuickExtract FFPE DNA Extraction Solution
- QuickExtract Plant DNA Extraction Solution
- QuickExtract RNA Extraction Solution



QuickExtract Solution has been used to rapidly extract DNA and RNA from samples such as hair follicles, quill-end cells of feathers, cell/tissue cultures, buccal cells, zebrafish organs and scales, and mouse tail snips. The extracted DNA and RNA is suitable for PCR and RT-PCR analyses (figure 2), such as genomic, transgenic, or viral DNA/RNA screening in animals, or for genetic or environmental research and screening in humans, plants and other organisms (e.g. CRISPR genome editing analysis).

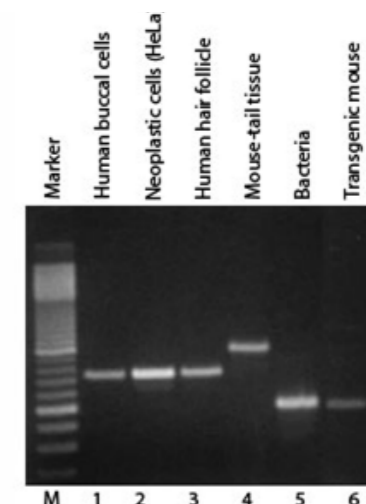


Figure 2. Samples extracted with QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution. PCR was performed using primers to amplify the regions indicated: Lanes 1-3, human β -globin; lane 4, transgenic mouse GAPDH; lane 5, *E. coli* 16S ribosomal RNA gene; lane 6, transgenic SV40 T antigen.

DNA and RNA purification chemistries

sbeadex - next generation sequencing-grade purifications

The requirement to isolate high-quality DNA and RNA in high yields for PCR/RT-PCR, cloning, sequencing/next generation sequencing (NGS) and other applications can be met by Biosearch Technologies' [sbeadex chemistries](#) which is a

technical improvement of our classical [mag™ beads chemistry](#).

All sbeadex kits use surface-modified superparamagnetic particles that bind nucleic acids via a novel, two-step binding mechanism (figure 3). Firstly, the nucleic acids affix to the beads via polar interactions, and secondly, the nucleic acids are bound via an affinity-driven mediator. This second binding step allows the final wash steps to be carried out using water-based wash solutions, eliminating the need of a drying stage, and minimising any contaminating ethanol carryover into the final eluate. The switch between binding mechanisms also allows for greater purity of nucleic acids.

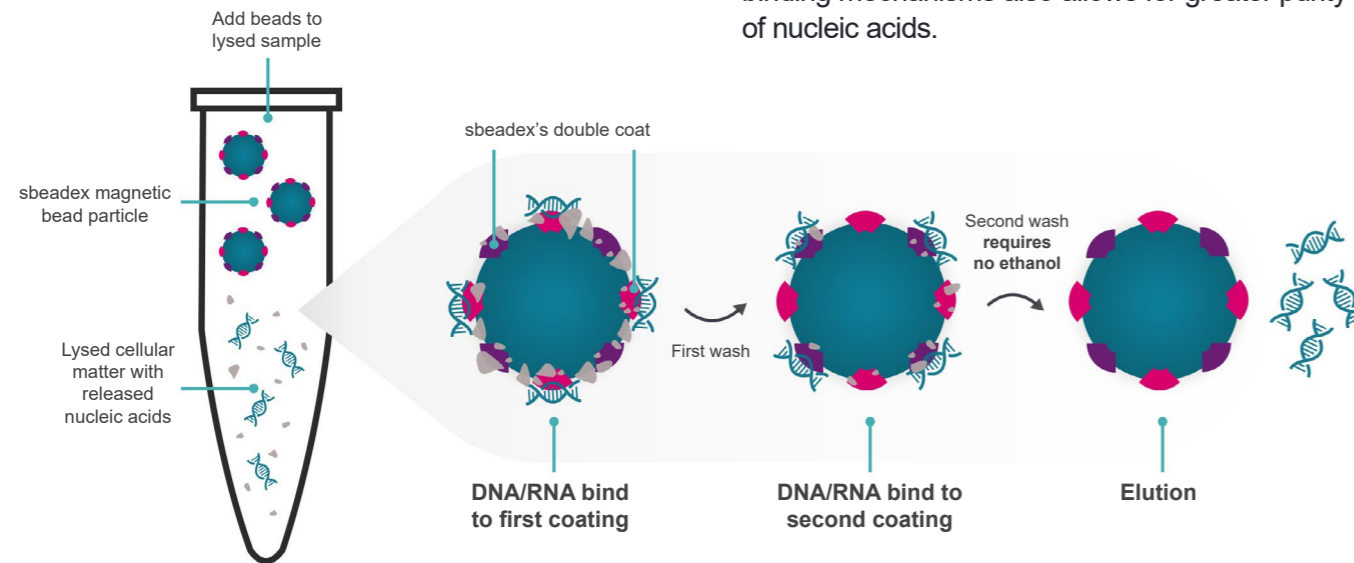


Figure 3. Standard workflow for all sbeadex-based purification chemistry

The advantages of sbeadex include:

- High-quality DNA/RNA: suitable for all genomic applications (including NGS)
- Automation: compatible with Biosearch Technologies' automated oKtopure™ and other open platforms (e.g. KingFisher™ Flex)

- Flexibility: tailor-made lysis conditions and protocols according to customer requirements
- Configuration: flexible batch sizes and kit component volumes
- Higher purity: no organic solvents such as ethanol in final wash buffer
- Salt-free eluates and high OD_{260/230}

sbeadex feature	Specification
Colour	Dark brown
Superparamagnetic bead structure	Proprietary double-coated technology (competitor: single coated)
Size and shape	Irregular shape, 5-10 µm (diameter)
Maximum capacity	>2 µg DNA/mg sbeadex particle
Binding material and technology	2-step binding mechanism: first silica and second DNA adaptor
Purification format	96 or 384 (depending on automation)
Automation compatibility	Applicable with common open liquid handlers (e.g. KingFisher, Tecan, Hamilton, Beckman-Coulter)
Sample material	Include blood, plant, livestock, forensic, cell/tissue, bacterial, viral and fungal samples
Application	PCR, KASP™, BHQ™ Probe chemistry, Sanger, NGS, Microarrays
Storability	12 months

Table 1. Features and specification of sbeadex beads.

sbeadex chemistry can be used for a variety of species, by modifying the lysis conditions. sbeadex protocols can be customised and optimised according to customer requirements.

Plant DNA

Plant samples are often challenging due to secondary metabolites, high levels of sugars and polyphenols or robust cell walls. [sbeadex Plant DNA Purification Kit](#) protocols for leaf and/or seed material from a broad range of plant species have been validated and can be automated on all open platforms, including the Biosearch Technologies' oKtopure. sbeadex purification protocols tailored to specific customer needs and optimised for distinct plant species have been successfully established for many plant species, e.g.:

- Grains: rice, barley, corn, wheat, oat, rye, spelt
- Vegetables: tomato, aubergine, cucumber, pea, chicory, lettuce, carrot, pea, asparagus
- Oil-plants: sunflower, soybean, pepper, rapeseed/canola

- Fruits: strawberry, blueberry, apricot, peach
 - Other: cotton, palm trees, sugar beet, potato
- See our website for more information and a list of plant sample materials tested so far.

Kit	Amount of starting material	Sample material	Typical DNA yields
sbeadex Mini Plant DNA Purification Kit	5-10 mg lyophilised or 10-30 mg fresh tissue	Plant leaves and seeds	~2 µg
sbeadex Mini Plant DNA Purification Kit	10-30 mg lyophilised or 40-120 mg fresh tissue	Plant leaves and seeds	~10 µg

Table 2. Scales of available sbeadex plant kits

Livestock DNA

The majority of NGS-based genomic analysis technologies (including those working with livestock samples) typically require high-quality DNA preparations, which are often challenging and labour-intensive to produce. The [sbeadex Livestock DNA Purification Kit](#) is based on one protocol which can be used for all sample types - and the oKtopure can be used for all livestock samples (excluding blood samples).

Sample type	Animal species
Blood*	Bovine
Hair follicle	Chicken
Saliva	Dog
Semen	Fish
Tissue (e.g. ear punch)	Goat
Buccal swab	Horse
FTA cards	Sheep
	Pig

Table 3. Sample types from different species applicable with the sbeadex Livestock DNA Purification Kit.
* Not compatible with the oKtopure



Blood DNA

Blood samples can often vary considerably in quality and this can lead to wide variations in the consistency and yield of extracted DNA. [sbeadex Blood DNA Purification Kit](#) provides high yields of high-molecular weight, double-stranded DNA from different blood preparations including those treated with anticoagulants, including:

- EDTA blood
- Heparin blood
- Citrate blood
- Buffy coat preparations.

Kit application areas	Amount of starting volume	Sample material	Typical DNA yields
sbeadex Blood DNA Purification Kit	200 µL	Whole blood, buffy coat, EDTA/heparin/citrate blood	4-13 µg

Table 4. Scales of available sbeadex blood kits

Pathogen DNA and RNA

The [sbeadex Pathogen Nucleic Acid Purification Kit](#) allows automation-friendly high-throughput, high-quality DNA and RNA purifications from swab (stored in UTM), sputum/saliva, blood, urine, stool, plasma, serum and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). Please find a complete list of pathogens and matrices tested so far on our [website](#).

The advantages of sbeadex Pathogen Nucleic Acid Purification Kit include:

- Qualified protocol for RUO Covid-19 assays (qualified for research use only using [SeraCare's AccuPlex™ reference material](#))
- Compatible with most popular robotic platforms, including the KingFisher and our high-throughput oKtopure instrument
- Fast – both short (<20 min) and standard (20-40 min) protocols available
- High-throughput batch sizes of >5,000 purifications per day
- Water-based wash buffers reduce solvent carryover, resulting in absence of enzyme inhibitors in final eluate
- High-quality nucleic acids for all downstream applications including qPCR, RT-qPCR and NGS.

Kit application areas	Amount of starting volume	Sample material	Typical DNA/RNA yields
sbeadex Pathogen Nucleic Acid Purification Kit	100 µL (200 µL with oKtopure)	Swab, sputum/saliva, blood, urine, stool, plasma, serum, CSF	4-12 µg

Table 5. Scales of available sbeadex blood kits

Further sbeadex nucleic acid purification kits

- [sbeadex Forensic DNA Purification Kit](#)
- [sbeadex Tissue DNA Purification Kit](#)
- [sbeadex Plasmid DNA Purification Kit](#)
- [sbeadex PCR Clean-Up Kit](#)
- [sbeadex SAB Kit](#)

For more information, please see our [webpage](#).

Total nucleic acid purification chemistries

MasterPure

Some applications require flexibility of isolating high-molecular weight genomic DNA, total cellular RNA or total nucleic acid from the same sample. The [MasterPure Complete DNA and RNA Purification Kit](#) allows for isolation of NGS-grade DNA, RNA or total nucleic acid in 30-60 minutes using a single kit, and is suitable for many different sample types.

Applications for the MasterPure kit include:

- Library preparation for next generation sequencing of genomic DNA and RNA
- DNA methylation studies (e.g. with use with the Illumina® Infinium® HumanMethylation BeadChips) Genomic DNA and cDNA cloning

- PCR, qPCR, RT-PCR and qRT-PCR
- Microarray analysis (including CGH and gene expression profiling)

The kit uses a scalable salt-precipitation protocol which eliminates the need for hazardous chemicals (no need for phenol, chloroform or guanidine). Depending on the amount of nucleic acid required and size of the sample, different MasterPure variants are available, including:

- [MasterPure Complete DNA and RNA Purification Kit](#) (basic kit version)
- [MasterPure DNA Purification Kit for Blood](#)
- [MasterPure Gram Positive DNA Purification Kit](#)
- [MasterPure Yeast DNA or RNA Purification Kits](#).

Large volume DNA purifications

Biobanking and other human research markets require large volume purification technologies which provide high quality DNA. Biosearch

Technologies offers two cost-effective, easy and rapid methods for the purification of DNA from large volume samples (table 6).

Features	Kleargene™ XL	mag PLUS XL
Technology	Detergent-driven cell lysis, followed by guanidine-based purification with DNA binding to silica particles. Contaminants are removed using organic solvent-based wash steps, followed by elution.	DNA cell-components are enriched, and residual proteins are digested away. The DNA is subsequently precipitated, washed, dried, and then resuspended
Automation	Manual purifications only	Manual purifications only
Applications	NGS-grade	NGS-grade
Starting volume	Scalable: up to 10 mL	Scalable: up to 10 mL
Sample types	Whole blood, saliva (including Oragene collection tubes), tissue	Whole blood, saliva (including Oragene collection tubes), tissue
Typical DNA yields	10-800 µg	10-800 µg

Table 6. Key features of large volume DNA purification chemistries.

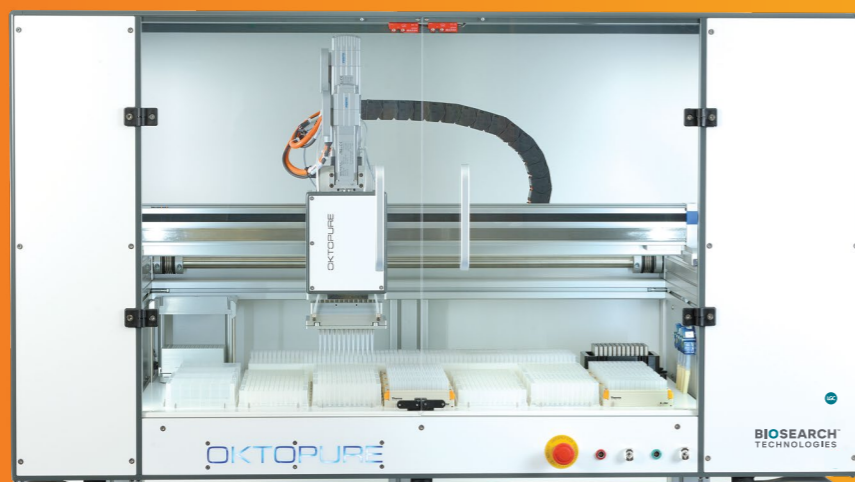


Automation

One example for the need of high-throughput molecular biology-based technologies is for plant and livestock breeders to accelerate their breeding programmes. Throughput, DNA quality, downstream application requirements, required labour and running costs are the main drivers and deciding factors when selecting high-throughput automation platforms. Biosearch Technologies can offer the [oKtopure](#) to meet these requirements, which allows for standardised, (semi) automated, high-throughput DNA purifications (table 6).

Key features	oKtopure
Grade of automation	Fully automated
Throughput	Up to 5,000 samples/day
Format	96-well
Applications	Nucleic acid isolation from plant samples (e.g. leaf, seed), livestock samples (e.g. ear punch, tissue), samples of pathogenic microorganisms (e.g. SARS-CoV2, influenza) etc.
DNA quality	Very high (NGS-grade)
Downstream applications	All genomics-based applications, including NGS
Replicator functions	96-well
Dimensions (cm)	170 x 68.5 x 65
Laboratory requirements	Air pressure
Consumables	Tip wash option

Table 7. Key features of oKtopure automated platform, compatible with the sbeadex chemistry



Purification services*

We at Biosearch Technologies have developed purification for both DNA and RNA protocols from a wide range of starting materials and volumes which enable the delivery of services for most applications or custom solutions utilising our unique range of in-house technologies.

DNA purification services

We have developed highly-optimised [DNA purification service](#) protocols, starting from a wide variety of sample types, including:

- Plant (roots, leaves, seeds etc.)
- Blood (human, animal, FTA cards, buffy coat)
- Tissue (hair, saliva, liver, skin etc.)
- Tissue/cell culture
- Forensic samples
- Bacterial cell pellets (plasmid preparation).

Feature	Customer benefit
Flexible high-throughput laboratories utilising our oKtopure systems.	Applicable for any project size and sample type.
High quality nucleic acid with optimal yield from column-based methods and superior purity of nucleic acid using magnetic bead-based methods.	Efficient purification of high quality DNA with the highest quantity of DNA possible.
18+ years of experience in DNA extraction and genotyping.	Trustworthy, robust, reproducible and reliable data.
Standard and rapid sample turnaround time options.	Turnaround times ranging from 2-8 weeks depending on the project needs
Convenient services like sample management, sample storage, quantification and normalisation, genotyping and more.	Additional customisable services to suit your needs.

Table 8. Key features of Biosearch Technologies purification services

RNA purification services

Our [RNA purification service](#) laboratories in Germany can purify high-quality RNA for specialised downstream processing applications. Typical sample types include:

- Blood and tissue
- RNAlater® preserved tissue
- Plant (including leaves and seeds)
- Samples collected in PAXgene® blood tubes.

* Service availability varies by geography, please enquire for details.

Overview

	QuickExtract	Kleargene	sbeadex	mag	MasterPure
Key features	3-8 minute quick and easy extraction technology for PCR-grade DNA	Highest throughput purification by 96 and 384 spin plate format	Magnetic beads with flexible protocols and no chaotropic salts/alcohol in final wash buffer	Enable efficient and high quality purification of small and large DNA fragments from different samples	DNA and RNA purification from same workflow
Mechanism of action	Chemically based release of nucleic acids and inactivation of PCR inhibitors	Silica particles (Kleargene XL kits) or glass fibre solid support inserted into a microtiter plate (spin plates)	Surface-modified superparamagnetic particles	Modified superparamagnetic particles	Salt-precipitation based chemistry
Products	QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution QuickExtract FFPE DNA Extraction Solution QuickExtract Plant DNA Extraction Solution QuickExtract RNA Extraction Solution	Kleargene plant spin plate (96 & 384-well) Kleargene tissue spin plate (96-well) Kleargene XL DNA Purification Kit	sbeadex Plant DNA Purification Kit sbeadex Livestock DNA Purification Kit sbeadex Blood DNA Purification Kit sbeadex Tissue DNA Purification Kit sbeadex Forensic DNA Purification Kit sbeadex Plasmid DNA Purification Kit sbeadex Pathogen Nucleic Acid Purification Kit sbeadex PCR clean-up Kit sbeadex SAB Kit	mag mini kit mag midi kit mag maxi kit mag maxi PLUS kit mag plant kit mag forensic kit mag nanogram kit PLUS XL manual kit	MasterPure Complete DNA and RNA Purification Kit MasterPure DNA Purification Kit for Blood MasterPure Gram Positive DNA Purification Kit MasterPure Yeast RNA Purification Kit MasterPure Yeast DNA Purification Kit
Automation potential	Fully-automated (heating required)	Fully-automated (centrifugation required)	Fully automated (excluding lysis)	Fully automated (excluding lysis)	Fully-automated (centrifugation required)
Corresponding instrumentation	Liquid handler	Liquid handler	oKtopure and all open platform liquid/magnetic handlers	Liquid/magnetic handler	Liquid handler
Scalability	96-well format	96- or 384-well format	96-well format	96-well format	96-well format
Options for customisation	Adaption of volume	Adaption of buffer composition	Adaption to any sample material (lysis)	Adaption of volume and to any sample material (lysis)	Adaption of volume

Table 9. Overview of extraction and purification chemistries from Biosearch Technologies

Order information

Purification – superparamagnetic beads – sbeadex*		
Part number	Preparations	Description
NAP41601	96	sbeadex Mini Plant DNA Purification Kit
NAP41602	96	sbeadex Maxi Plant DNA Purification Kit
NAP41405	96	sbeadex Tissue DNA Purification Kit
NAP44401	96	sbeadex Blood DNA Purification Kit
NAP40-024-01	96	sbeadex Pathogen Nucleic Acid Purification Kit
NAP44701	96	sbeadex Livestock DNA Purification Kit
NAP41301	96	sbeadex Plasmid DNA Purification Kit
NAP41501	96	sbeadex Forensic DNA Purification Kit
NAP41701	96	sbeadex PCR Clean-Up Kit
NAP41151	10 mL	Debris capture beads
NAP45001	5 mL	sbeadex SAB kit (sequencing application beads)
Purification – superparamagnetic beads – mag*		
Part number	Preparations	Description
NAP40401	96	mag mini DNA purification kit
NAP40402	96	mag midi DNA purification kit
NAP40403	10	mag maxi DNA purification kit
NAP40404	10	mag maxi PLUS DNA purification kit
NAP40601	96	mag plant DNA purification kit
NAP40501	96	mag forensic DNA purification kit
NAP40701	96	mag nanogram DNA purification kit
NAP40810	10	PLUS XL manual DNA purification kit
Total nucleic acid purification chemistries - MasterPure		
Part number	Preparations	Description
MC89010	10	MasterPure Complete DNA & RNA Purification Kit
MC85200	200	
MPY80200	200	MasterPure Yeast DNA Purification Kit
MPY03100	100	MasterPure Yeast RNA Purification Kit
MGP04100	100	MasterPure Gram Positive DNA Purification Kit
MB711400	For 400 mL blood	MasterPure DNA Purification Kit for Blood Version II

* Other sizes (e.g. 960 preparations or bulk amounts) as well as customised versions are also available. Please see our [website](#) for more information.

Spin columns and plates – Kleargene		
Part number	Preparations	Description
KBS-1012-015	8	Kleargene TF Blood XL DNA Extraction Kit
KBS-1012-016	32	
KBS-1012-221	1 × 96	Kleargene TF, Spin Plate Plant Kit
KBS-1012-222	4 × 96 (384)	
KBS-1012-224	1 × 384	
KBS-1012-225	4 × 384 (1536)	Kleargene TF, Spin Plate Tissue Kit
KBS-1012-410	1 × 96	
KBS-1012-422	4x96 (384)	

Other sizes (e.g. bulk amounts such as 16 or 64 plates kits) are also available. Please see our [website](#) for more information.

DNA/RNA extraction - QuickExtract		
Part number	Volume	Description
QE0905T	5 mL	QuickExtract DNA Extraction solution
QE09050	50 mL	
QEP70750	50 mL	QuickExtract Plant DNA Extraction solution
QER090150	50 mL	QuickExtract RNA Extraction solution
QEF81050	50 mL	QuickExtract FFPE DNA Extraction solution

Other sizes (e.g. bulk amounts) and customised versions (e.g. a lyo-compatible version) are also available. Please see our [website](#) for more information.

Automation – oKtopure	
Part number	Description
KBS-0009-001	oKtopure high-throughput DNA extraction robot
KBS-0009-002	oKtowash™, concentrated wash buffer (500 mL)
KBS-0009-003	oKtopure offline tip wash option
KBS-0009-004	oKtopure mix plates (Thermo 1.2 mL deep well plate)
KBS-0009-005	Wash buffer bulk reservoirs (pack of 4)
KBS-0009-999	Extended on-site fully inclusive service contract
KBS-0010-003	oKtopure tips
KBS-6212-027	Magnetic plate

Please find more information on our [oKtopure automation](#).



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