

Detecting and Quantifying Bacteriophage M13 on Human Skin

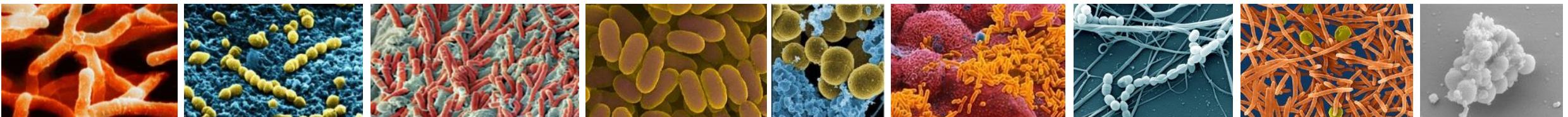
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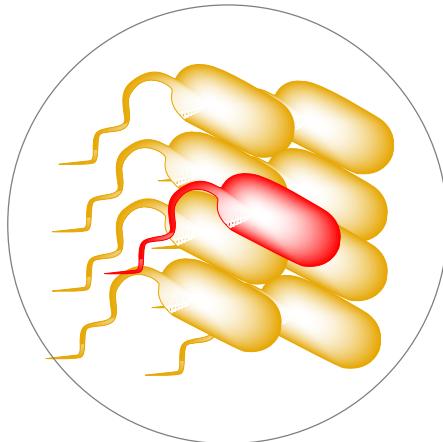
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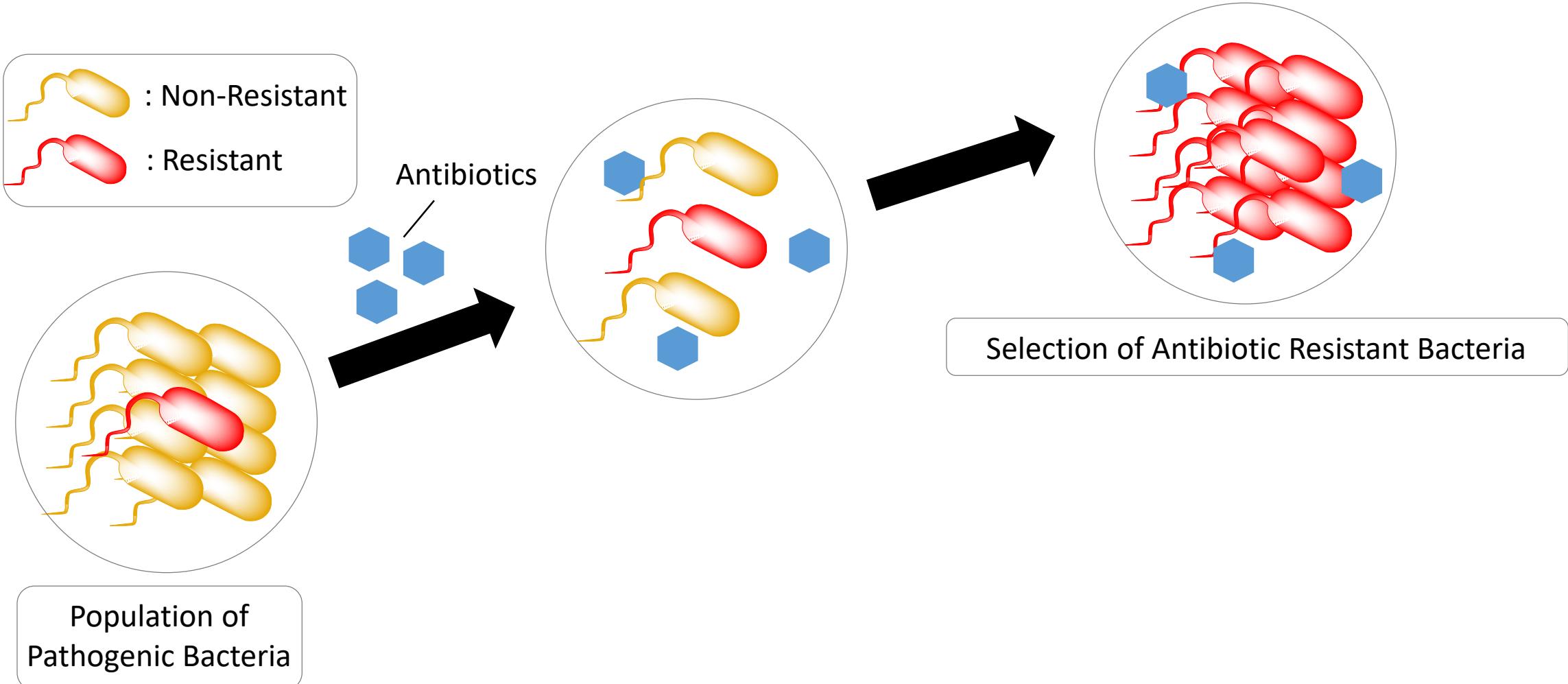


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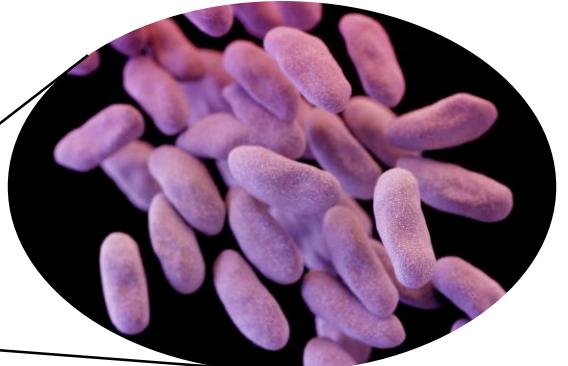
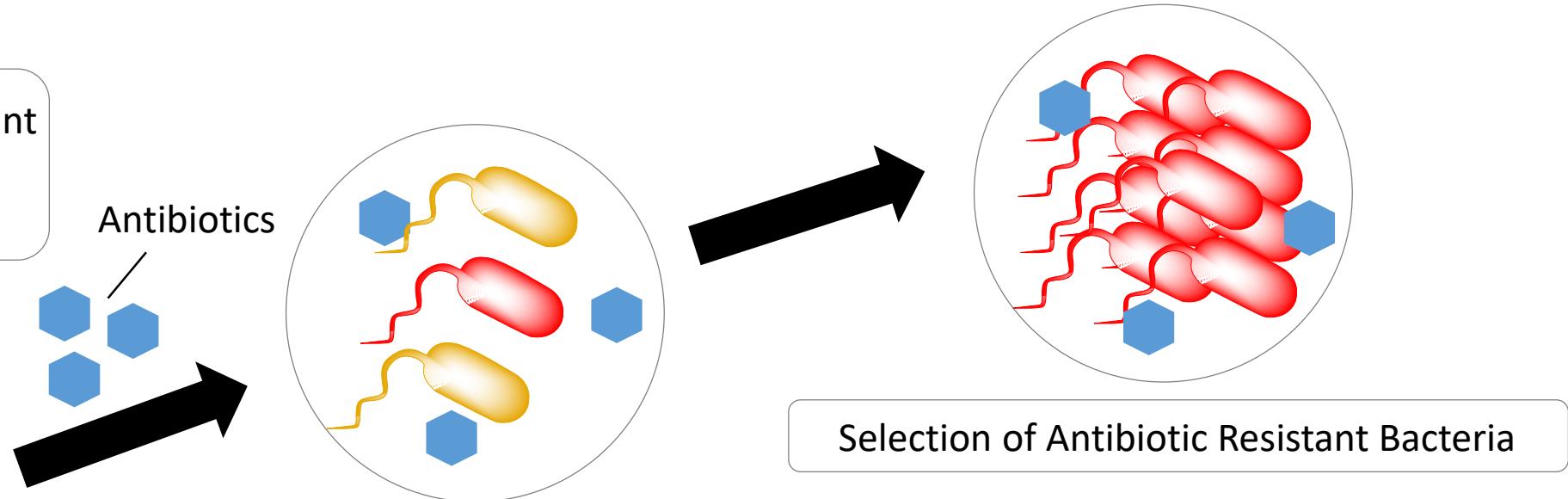
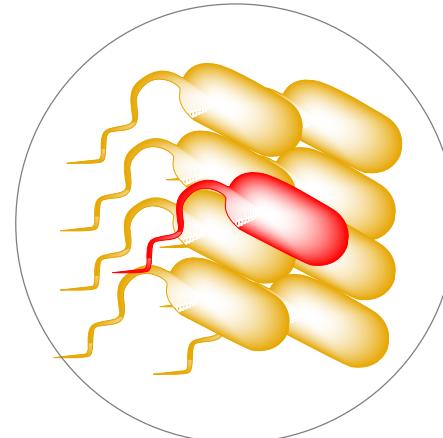


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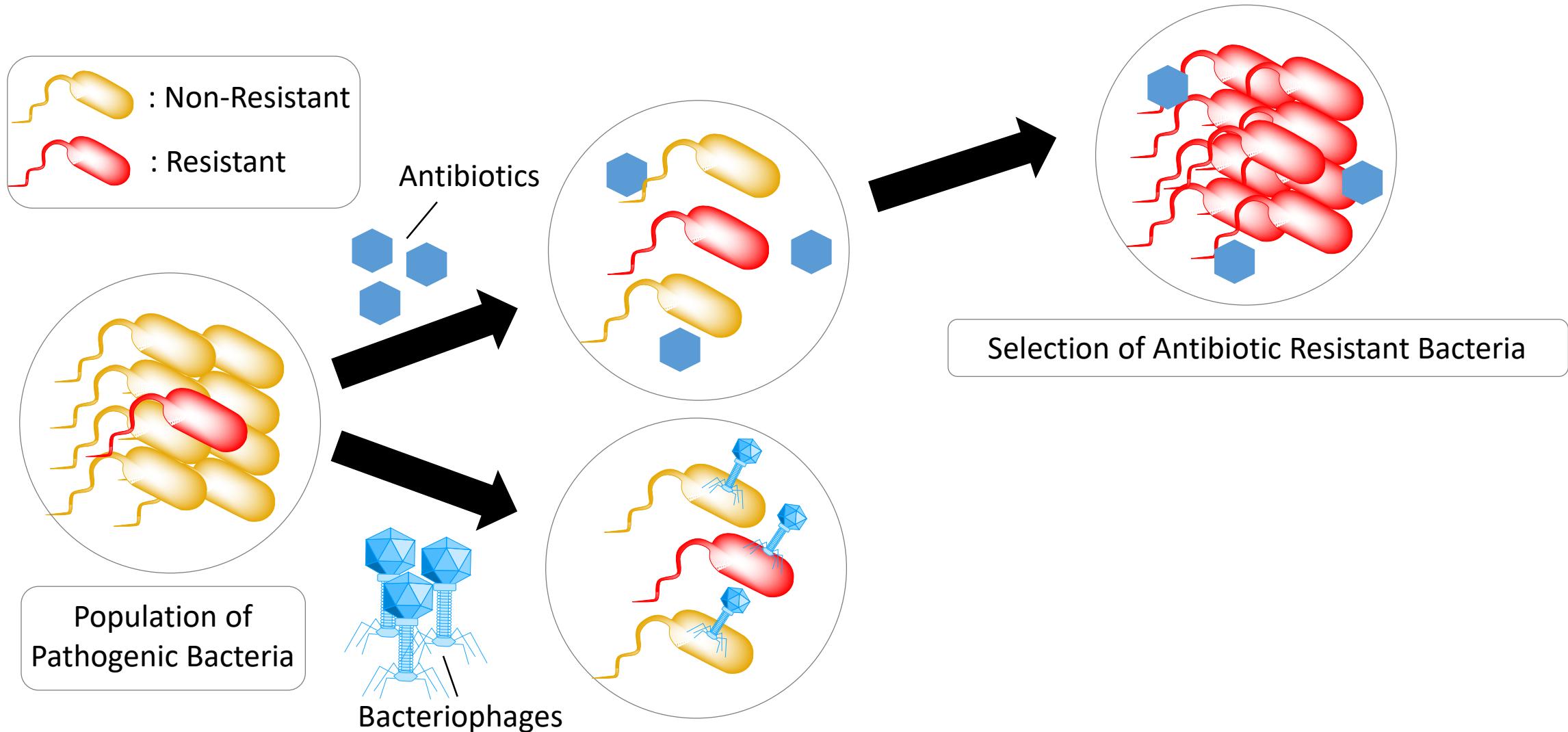
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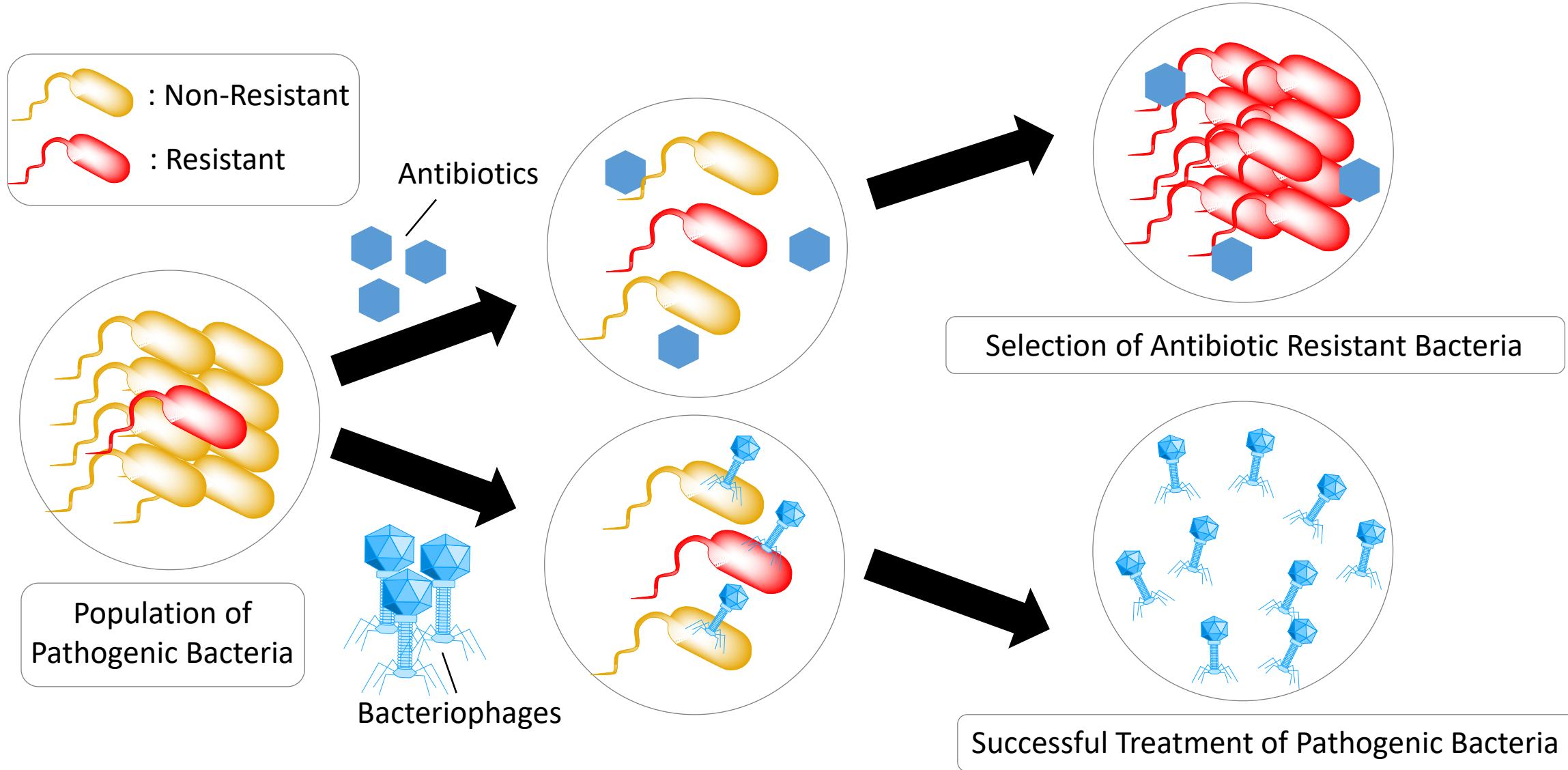
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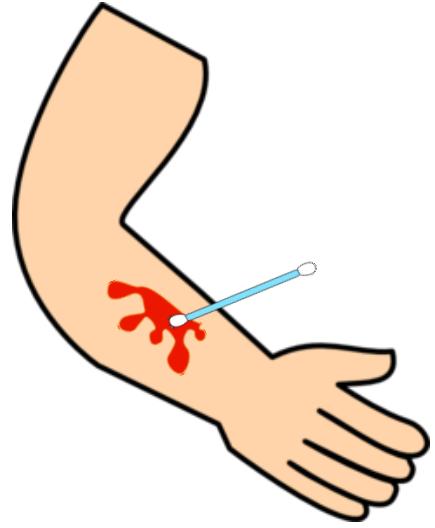
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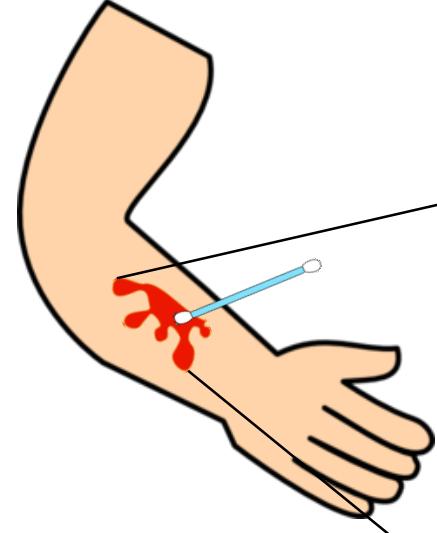


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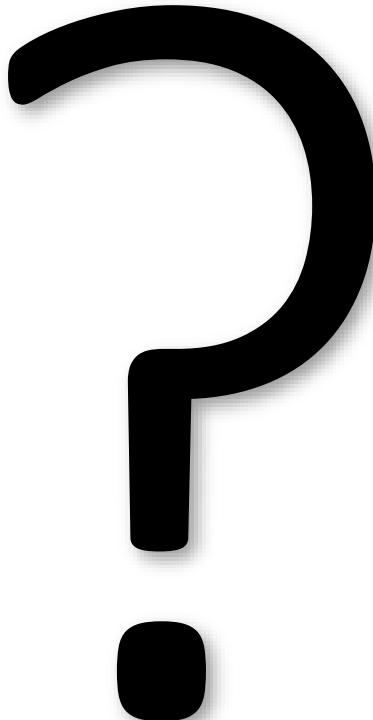
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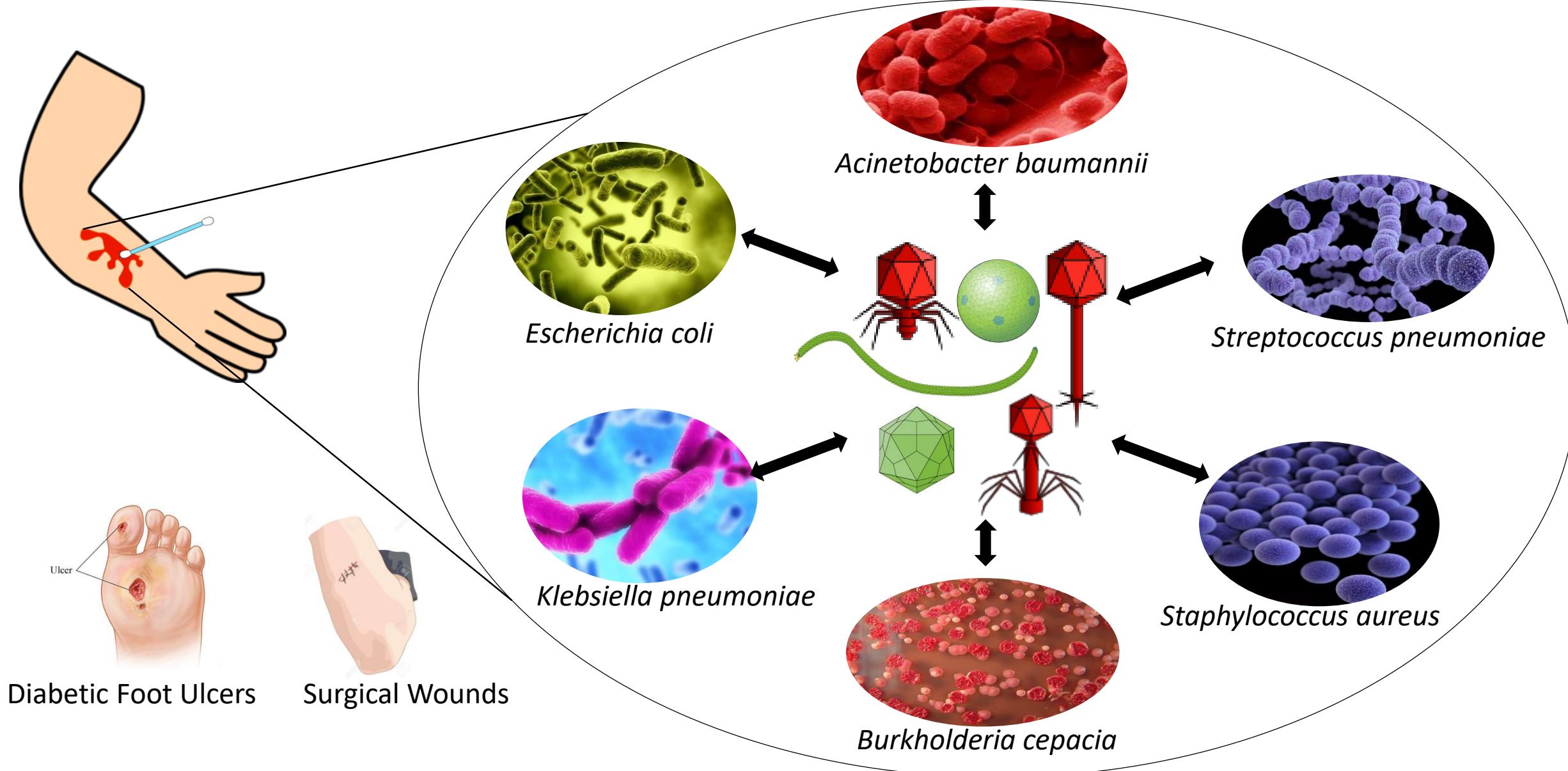
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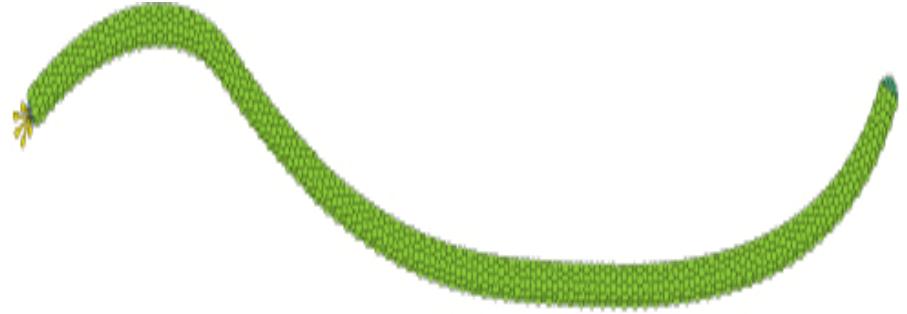
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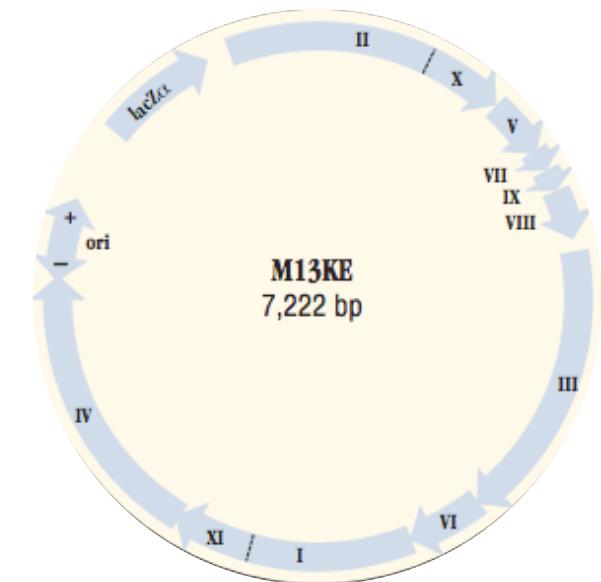
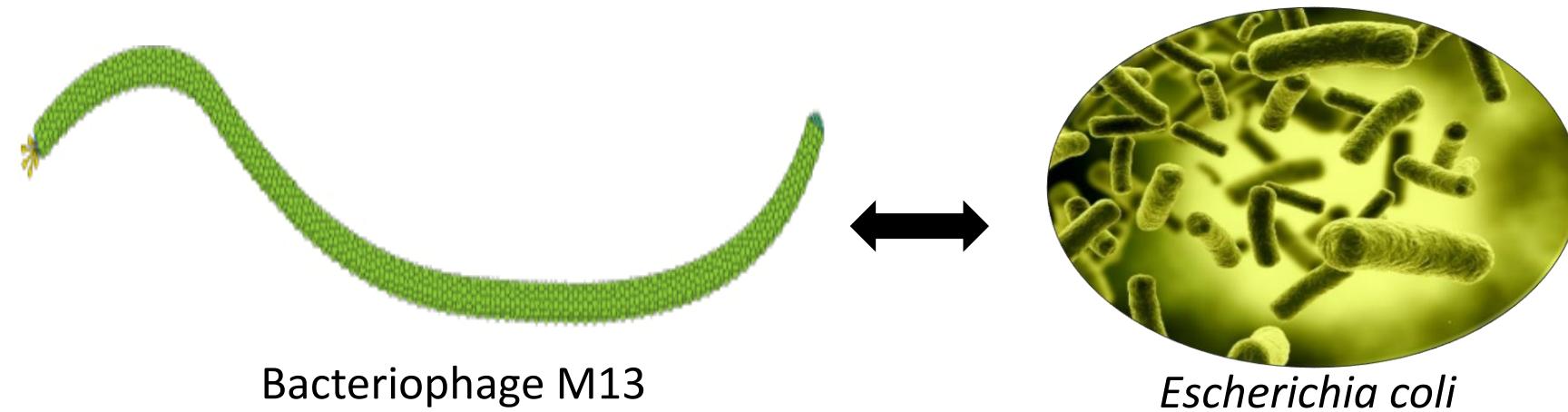


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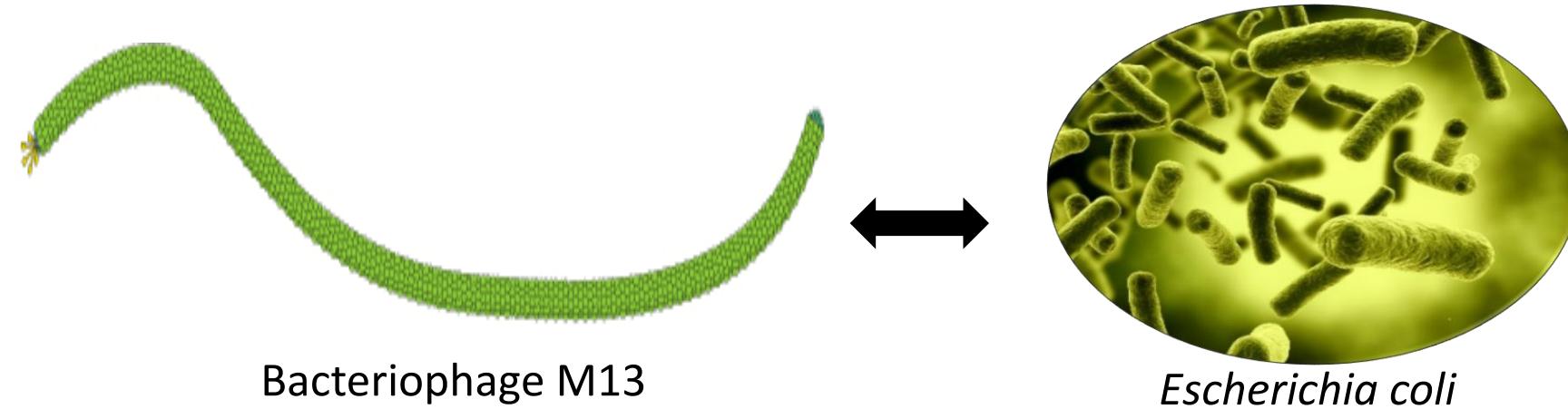


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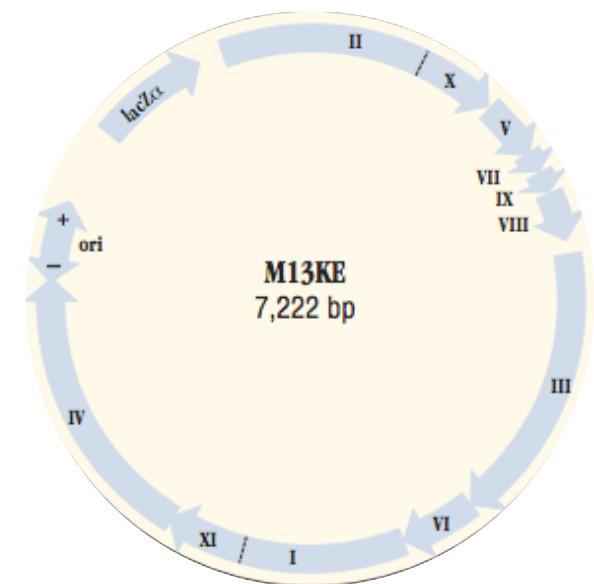
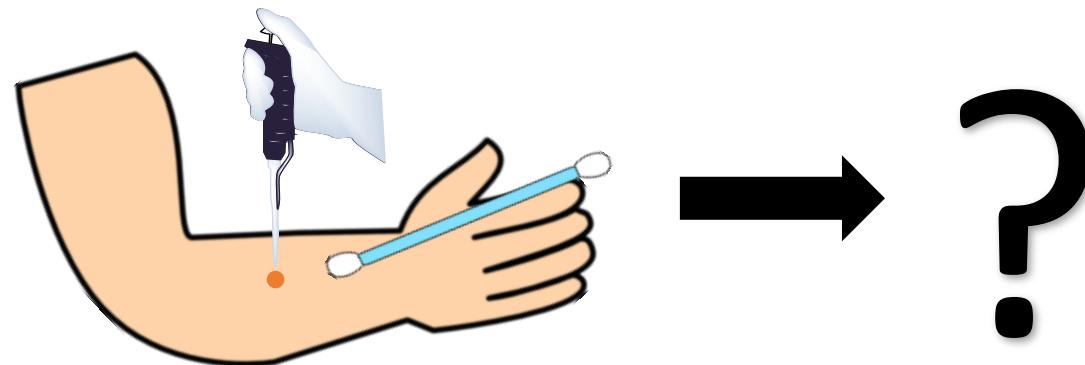
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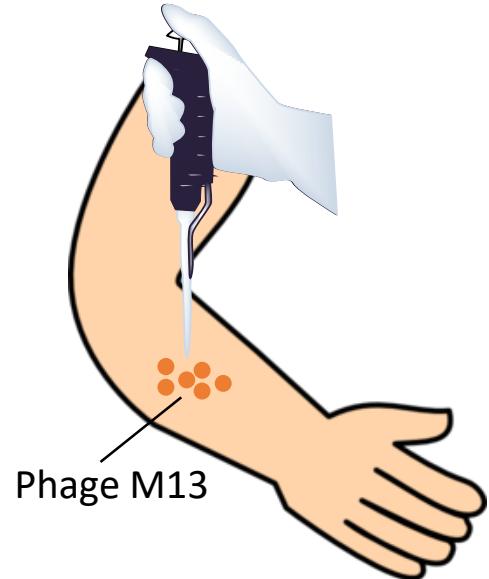
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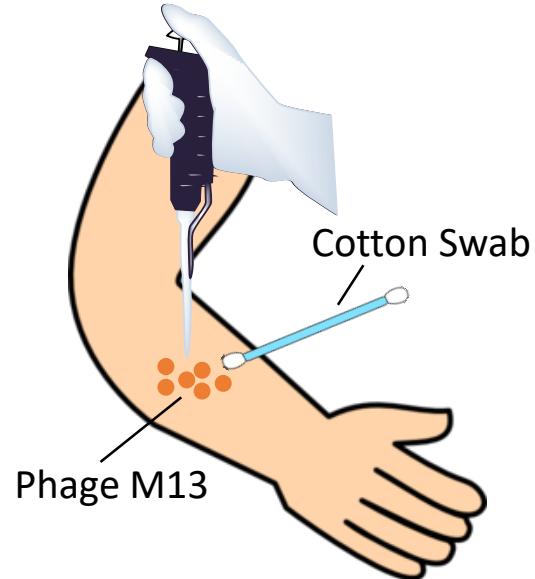
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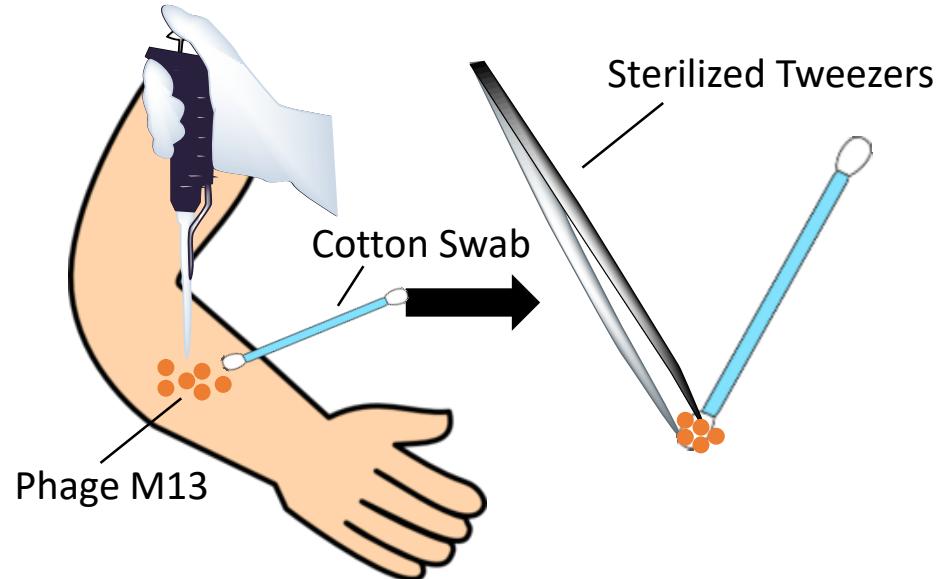
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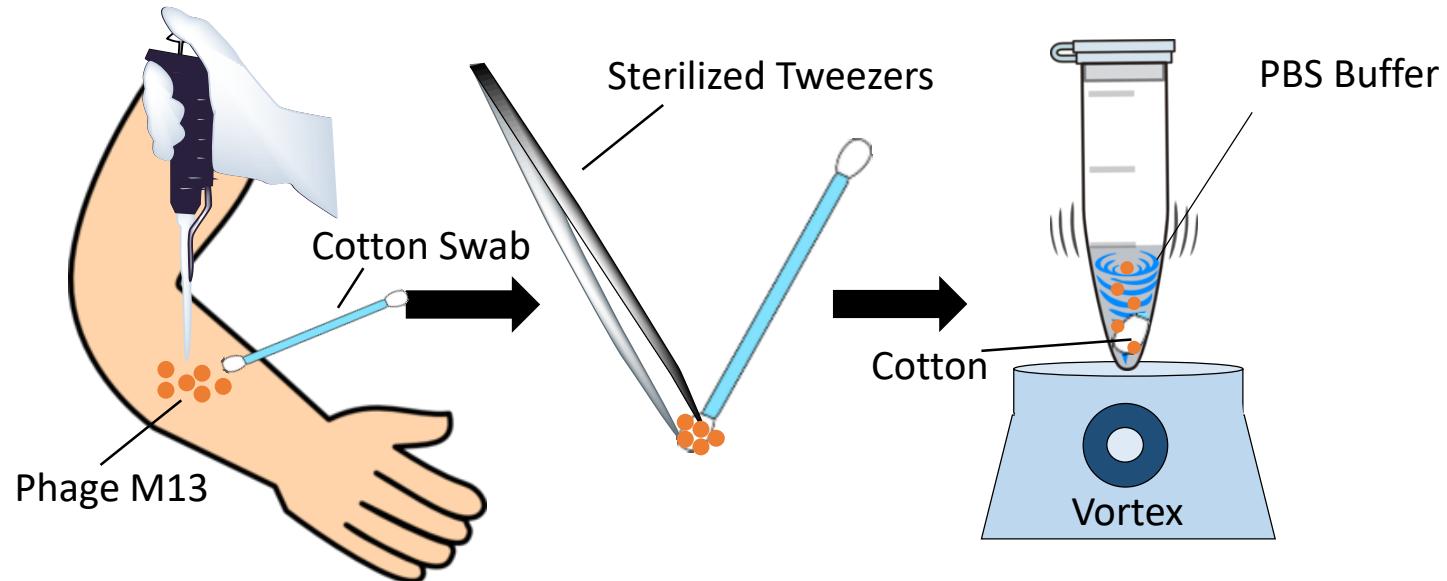
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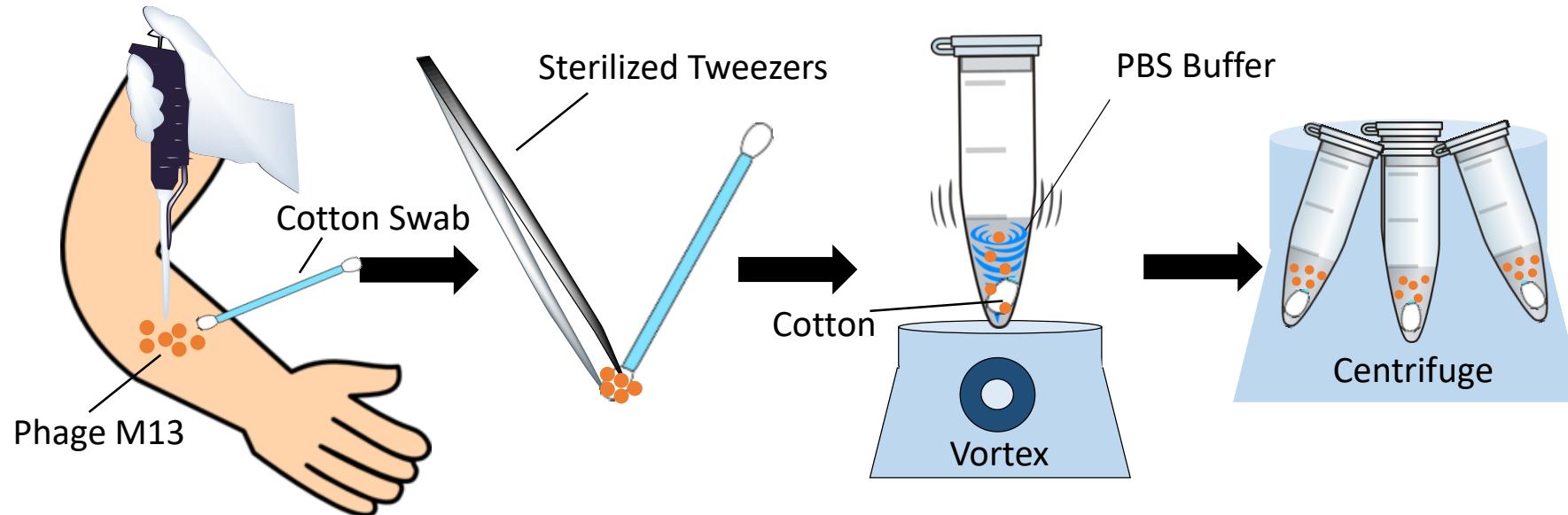
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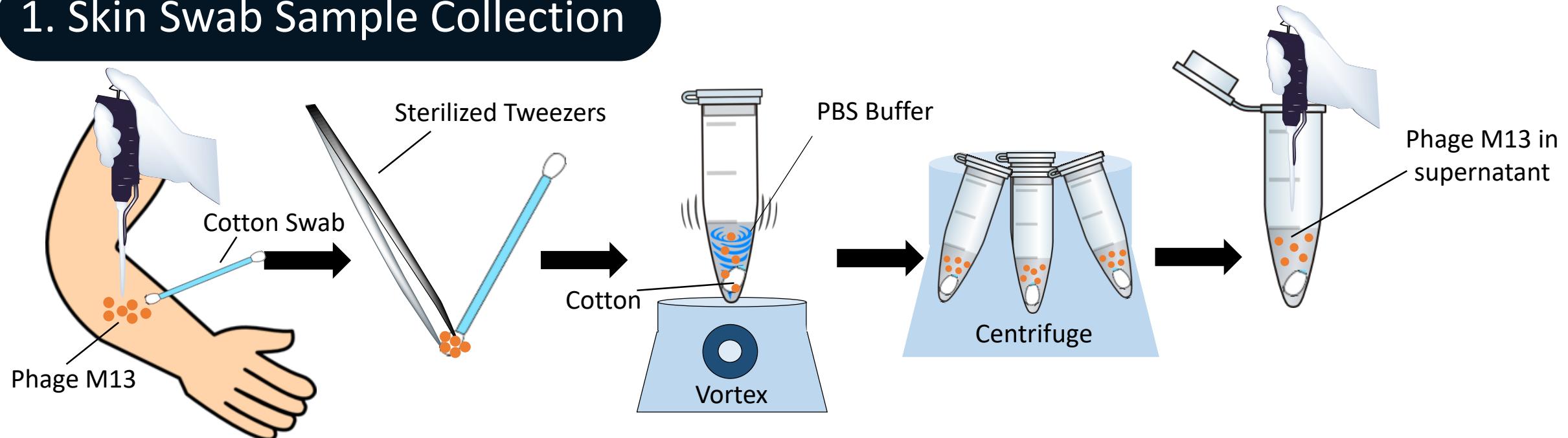
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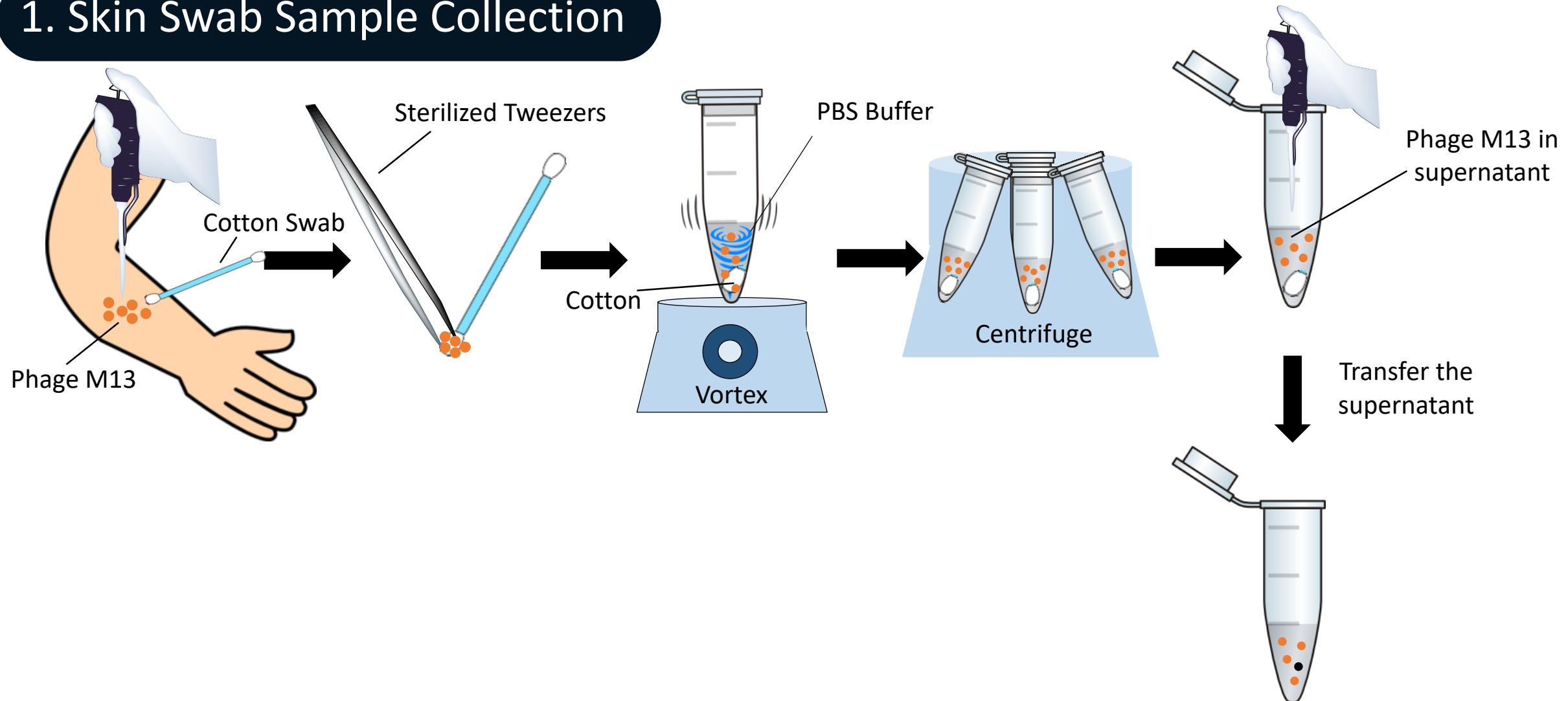
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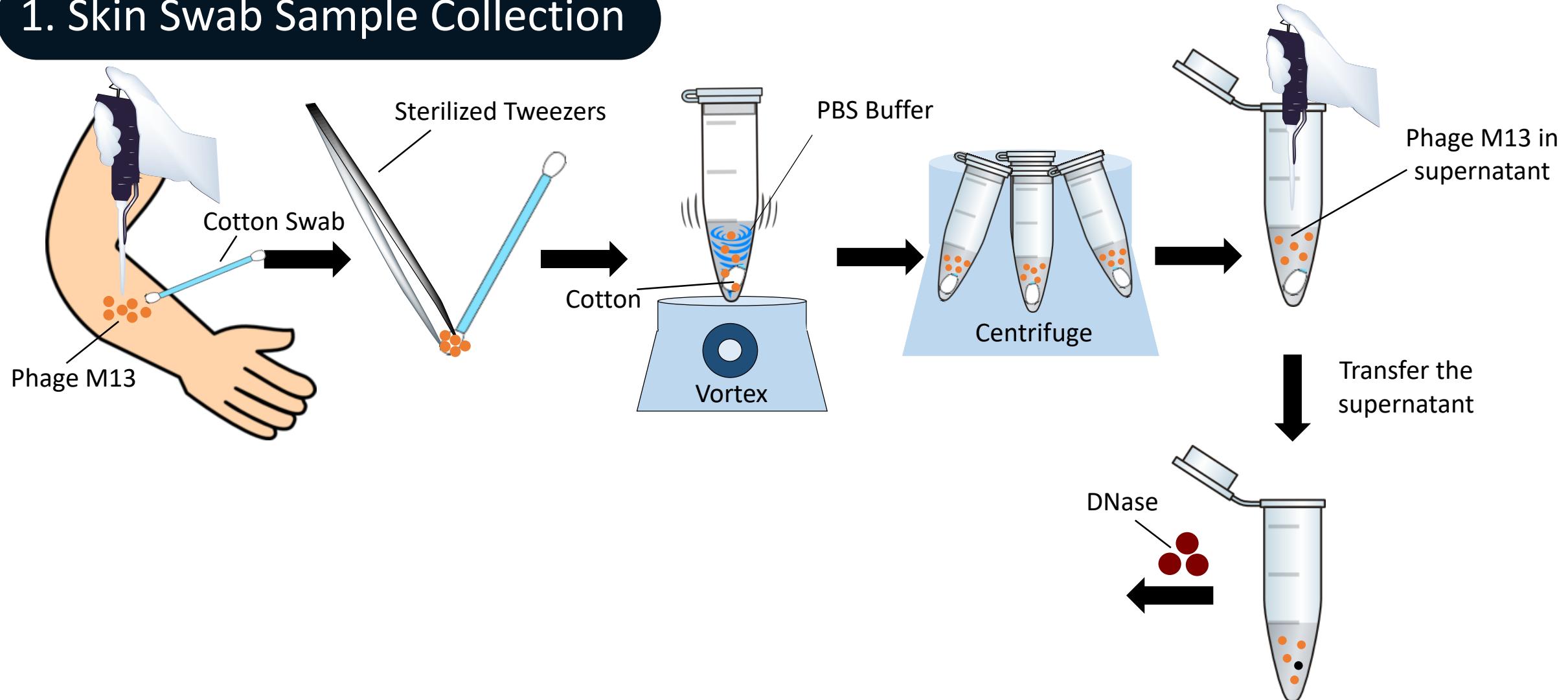
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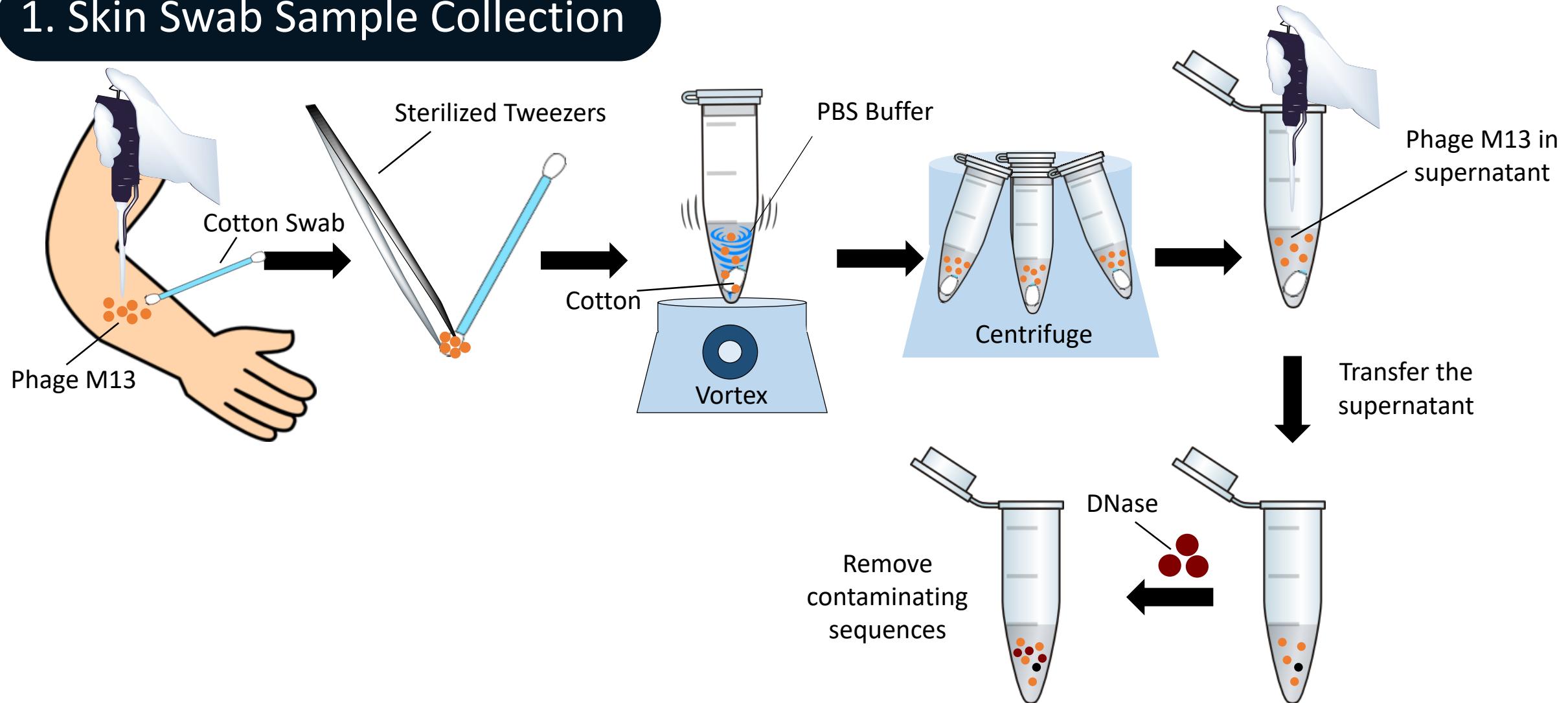
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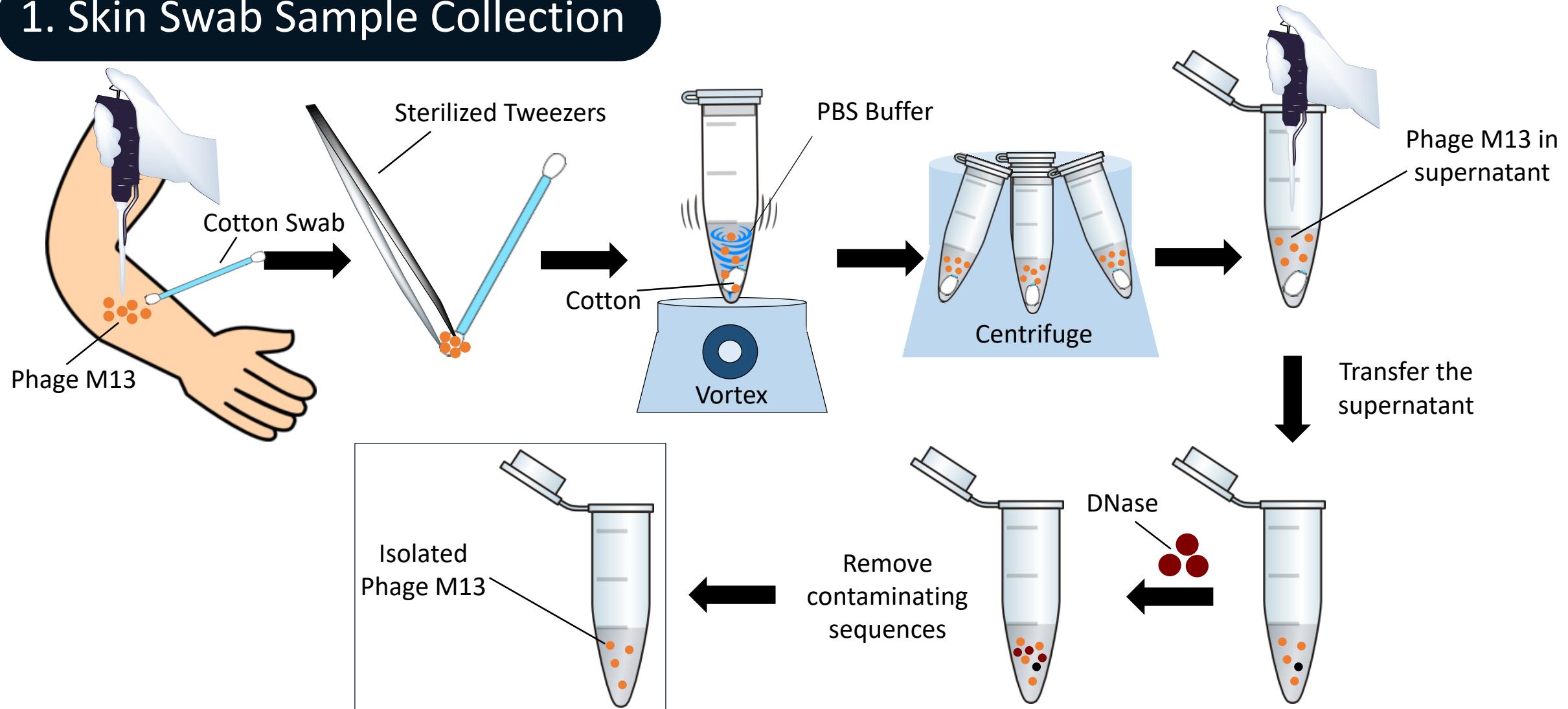
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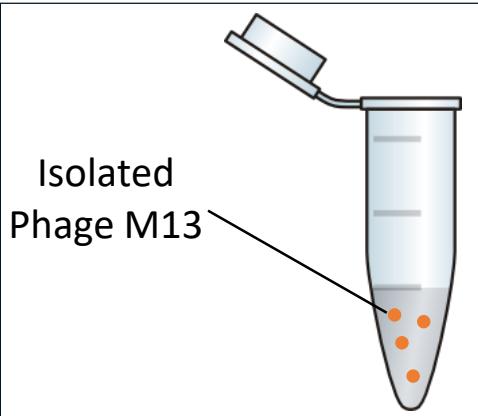
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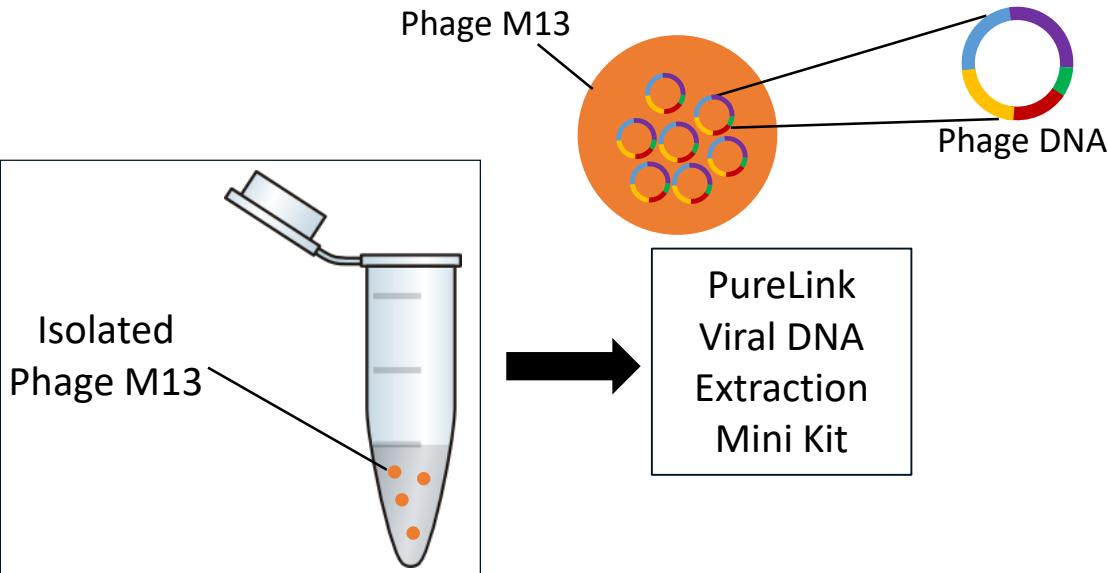
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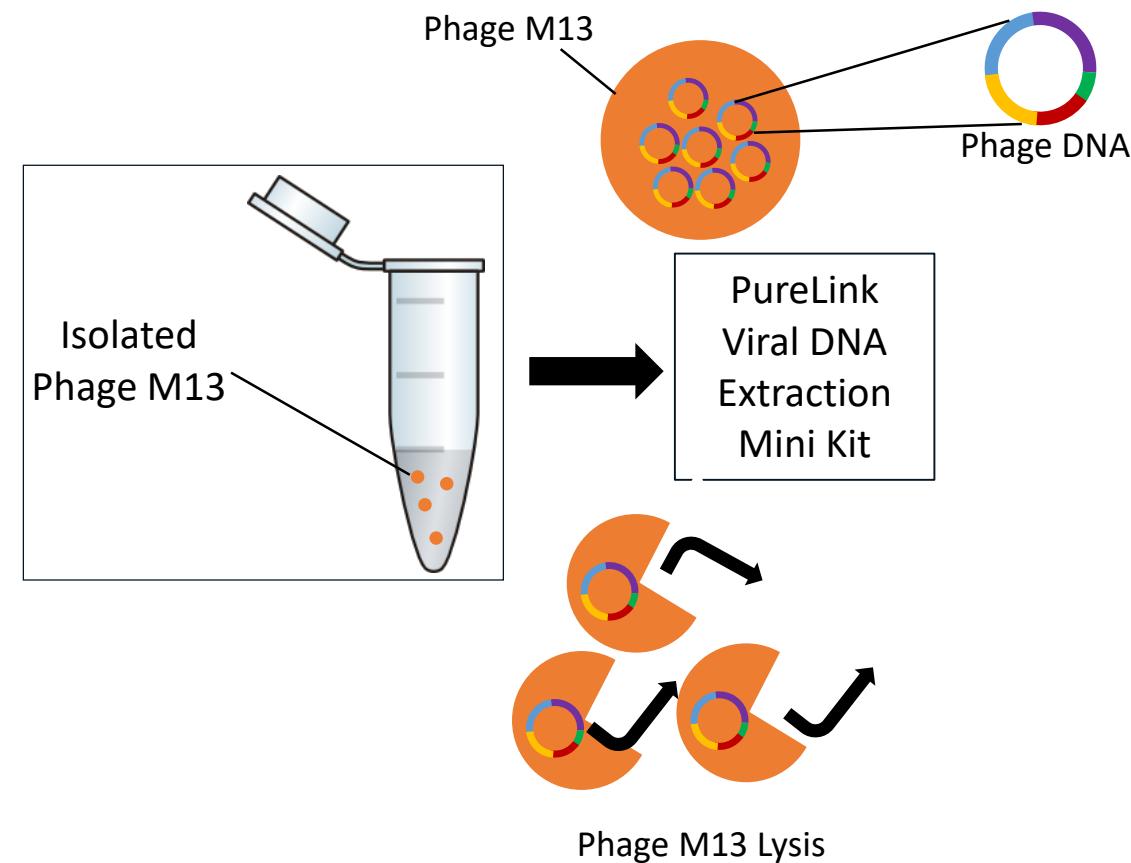
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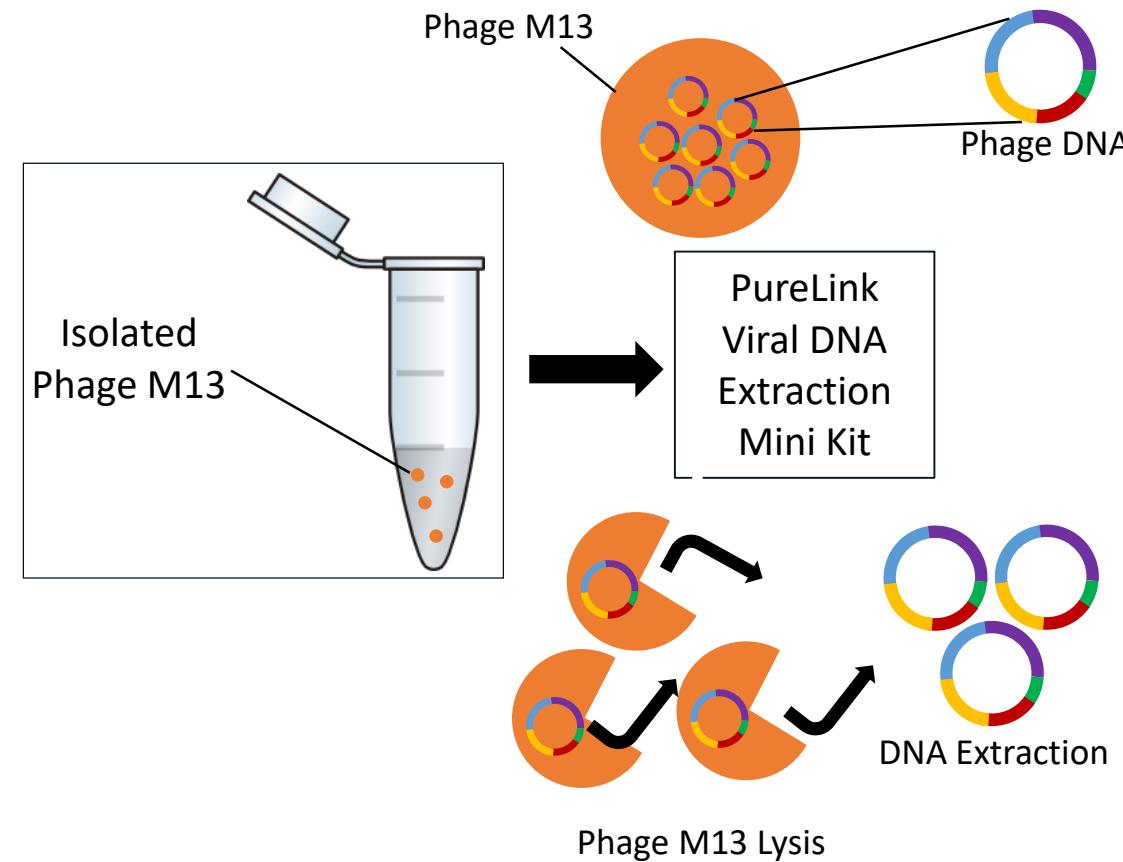
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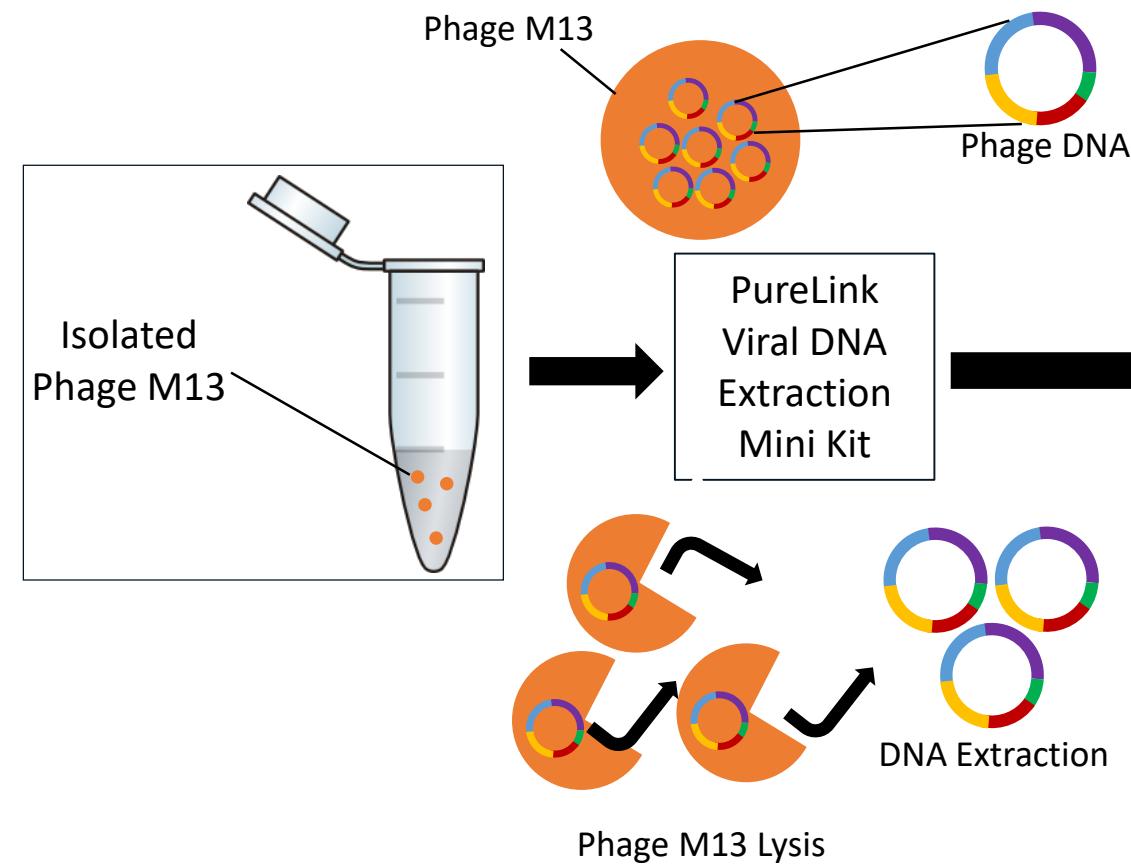
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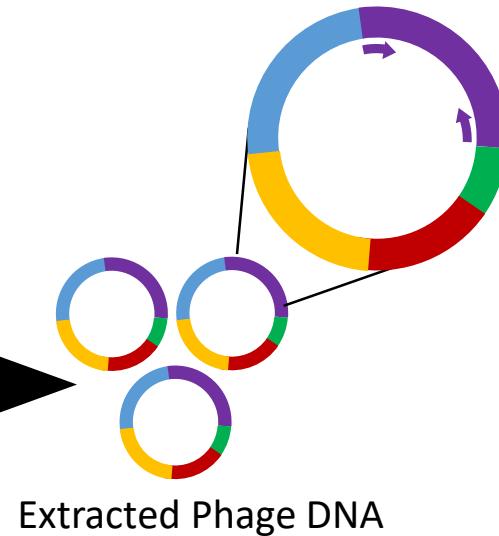


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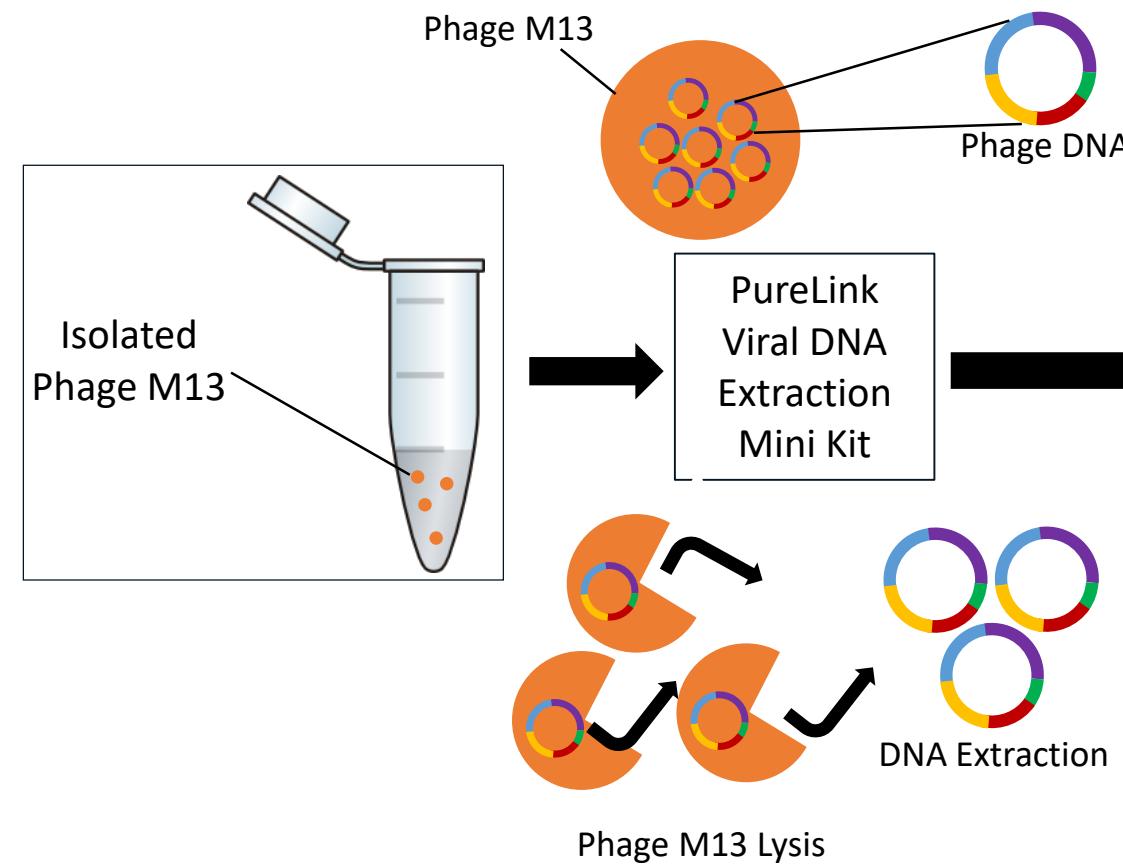


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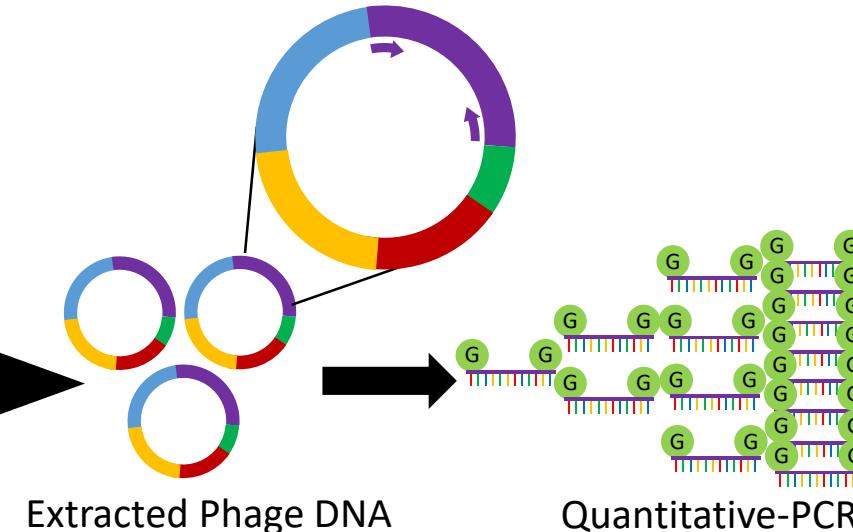


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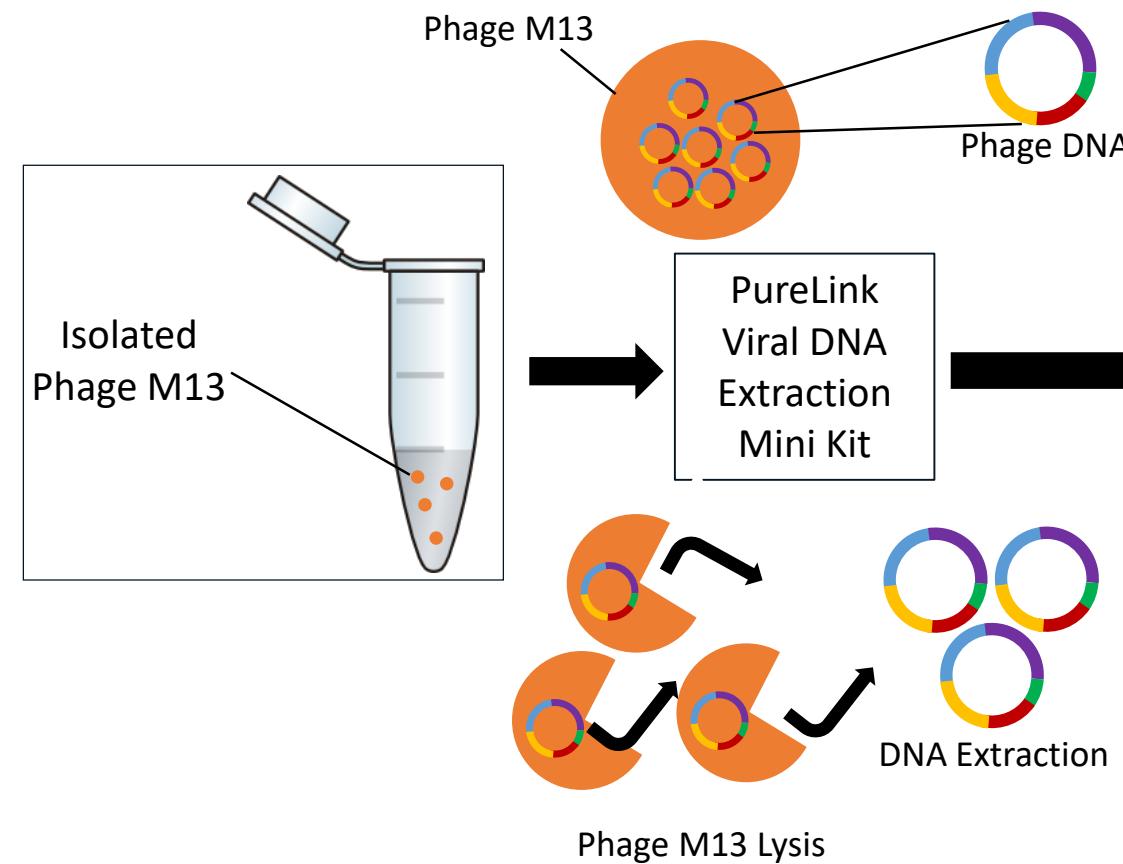


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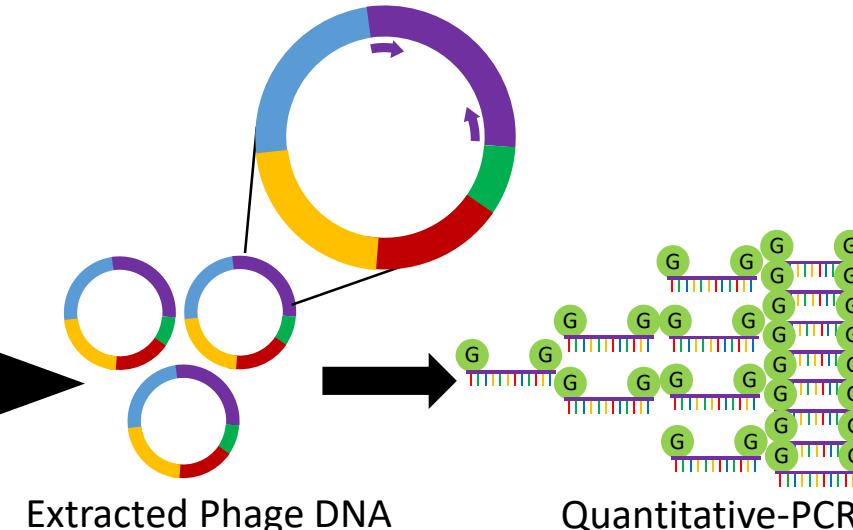


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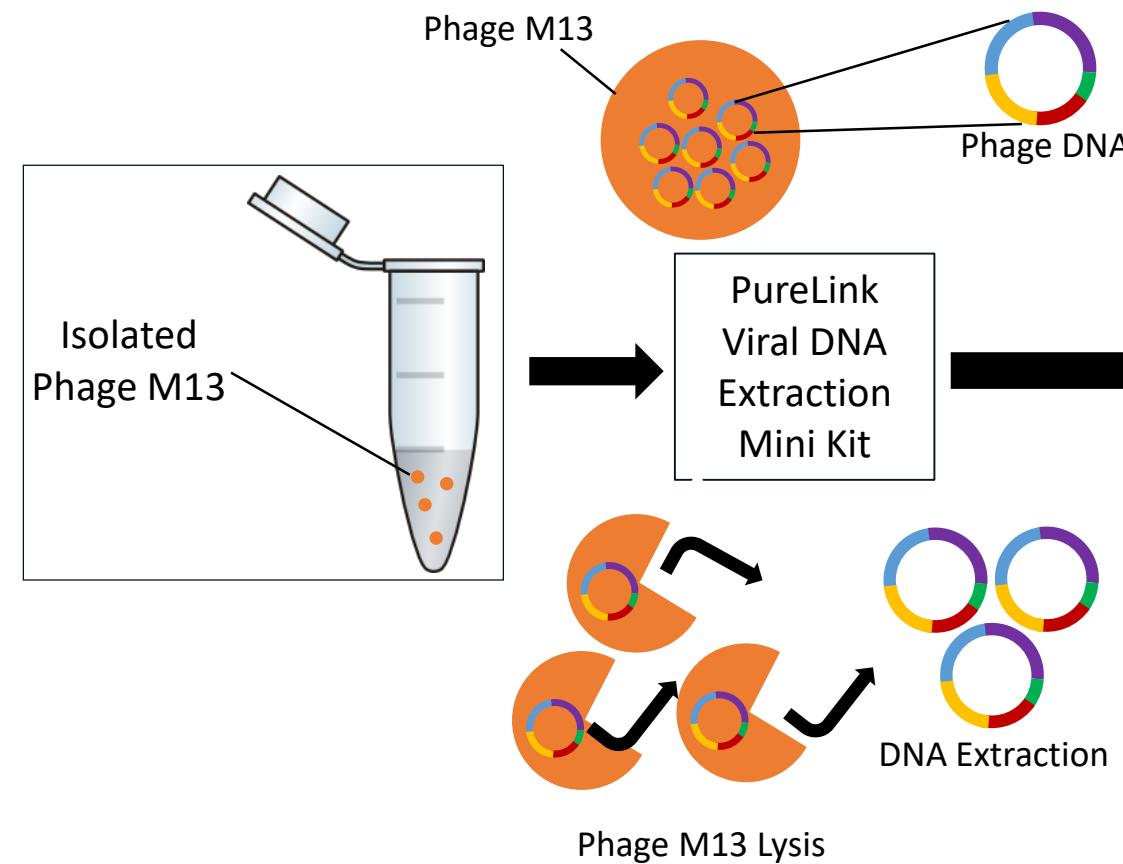
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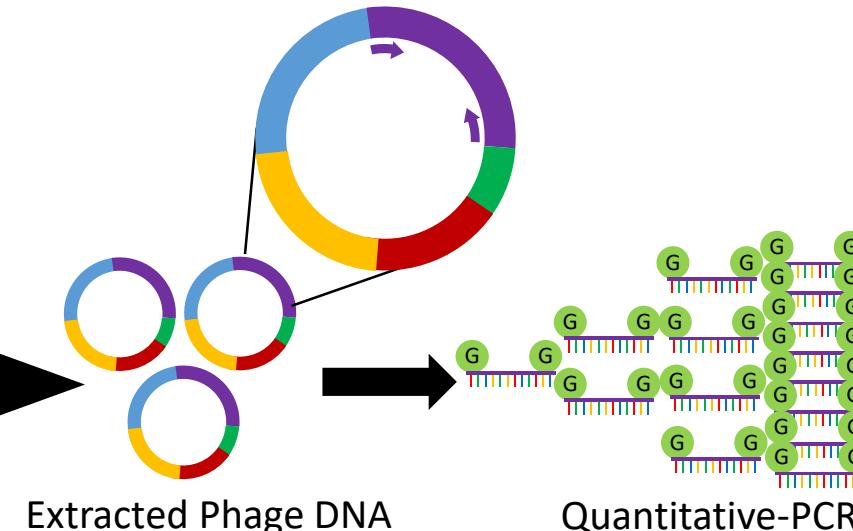
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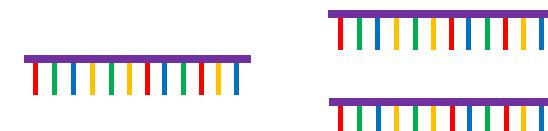
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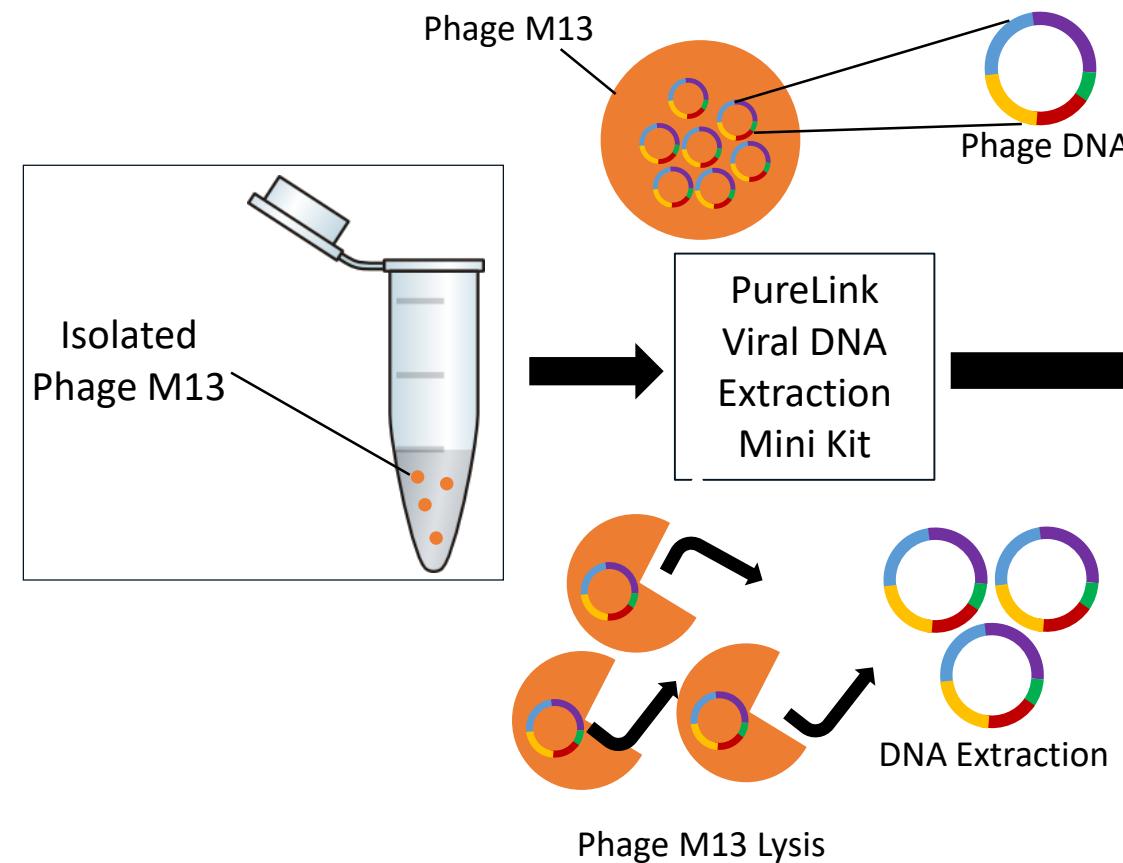
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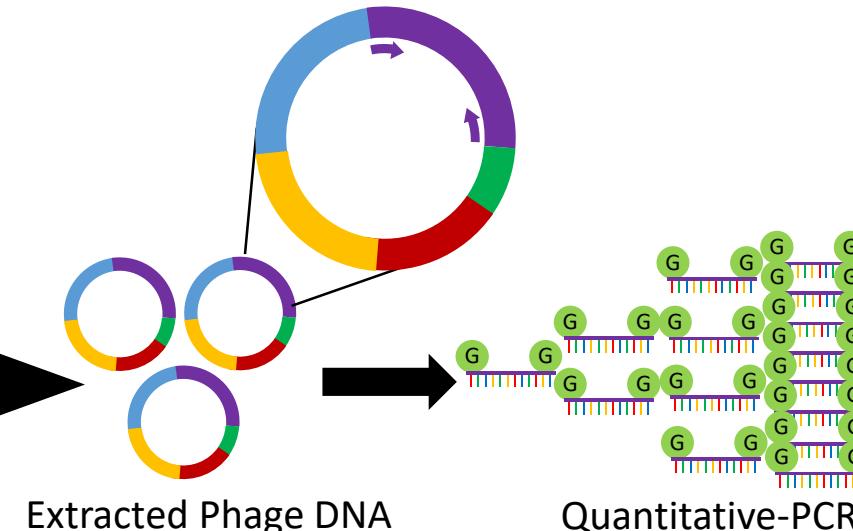
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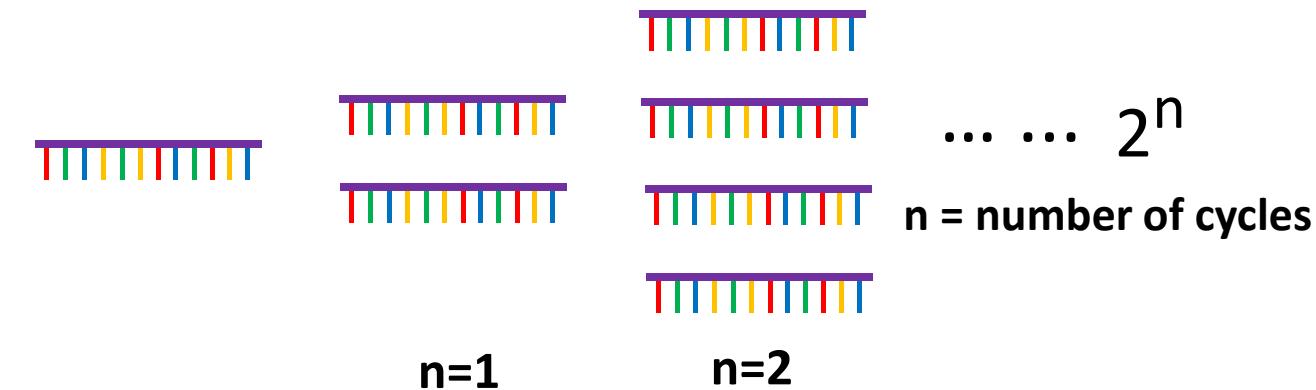
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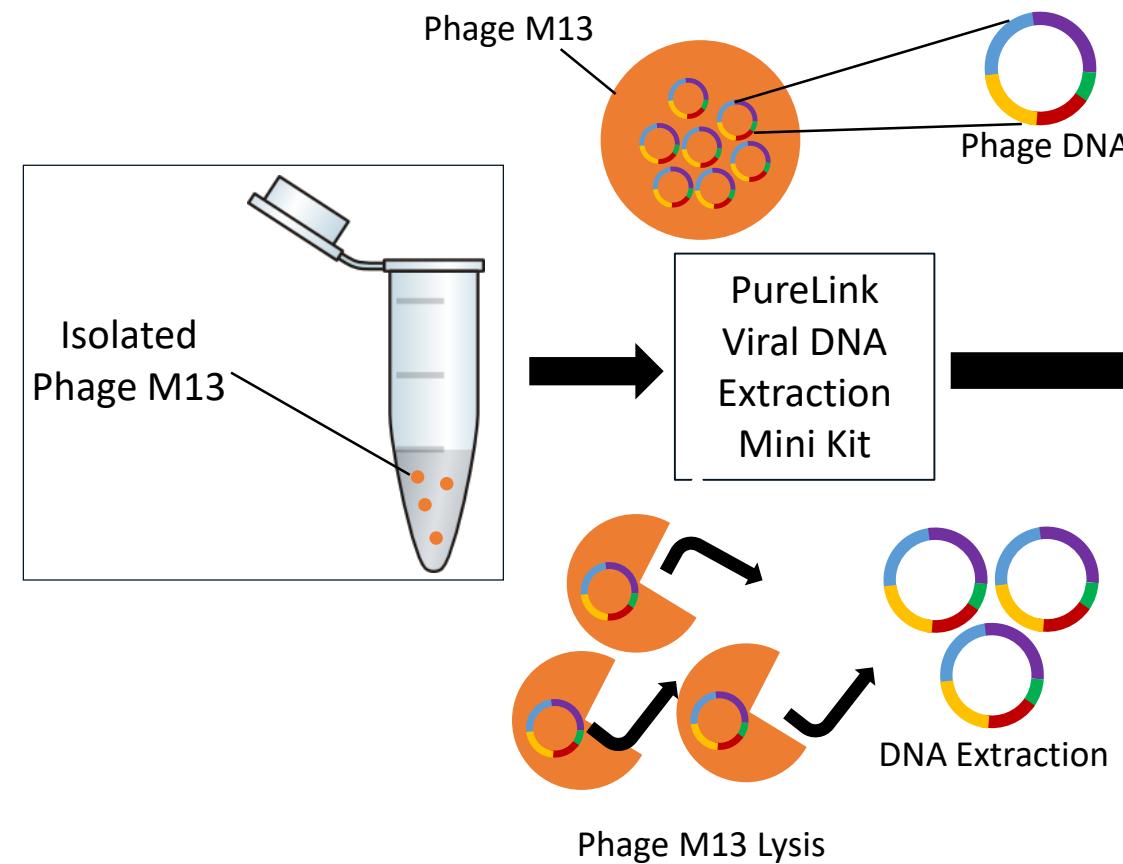


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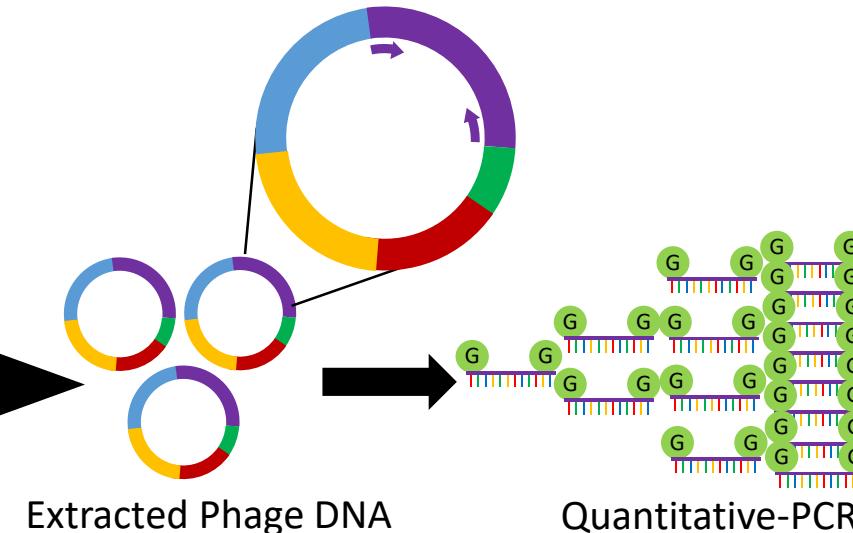


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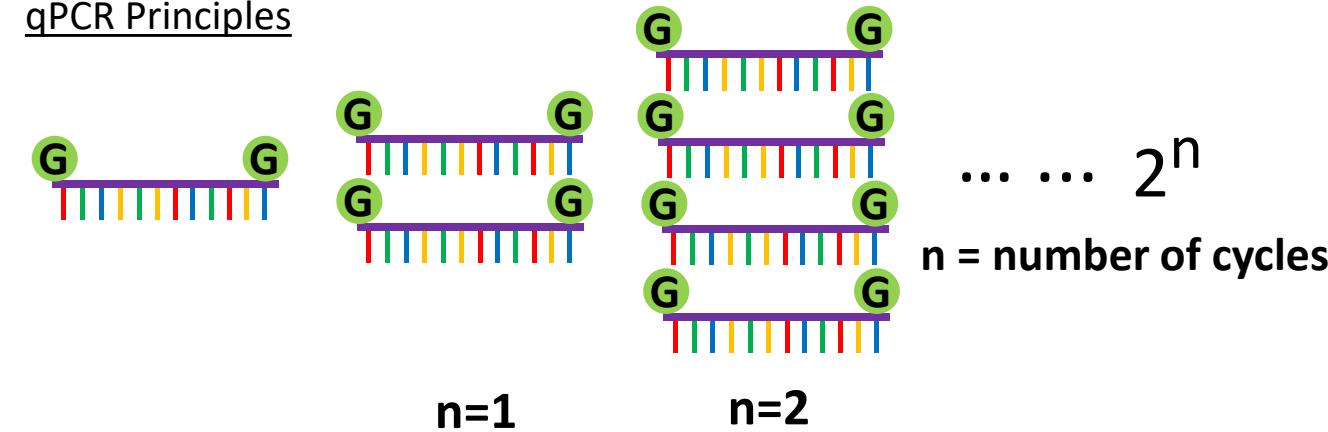
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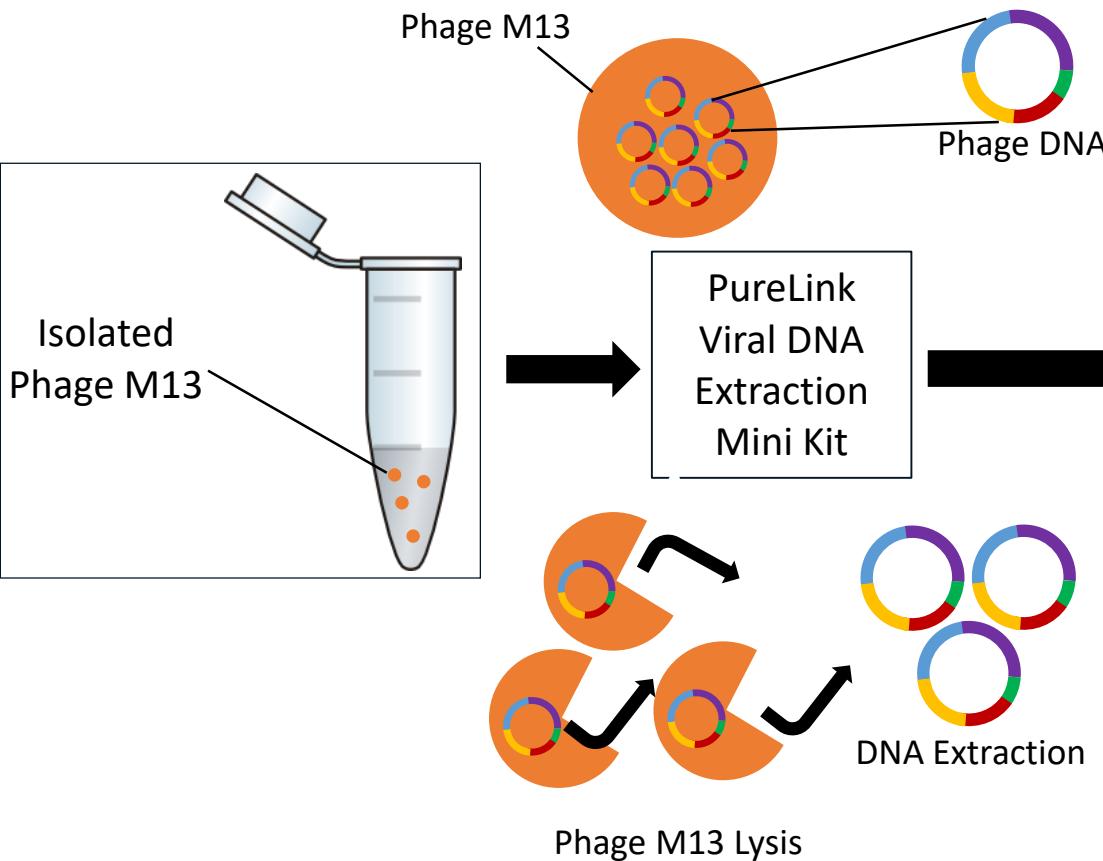


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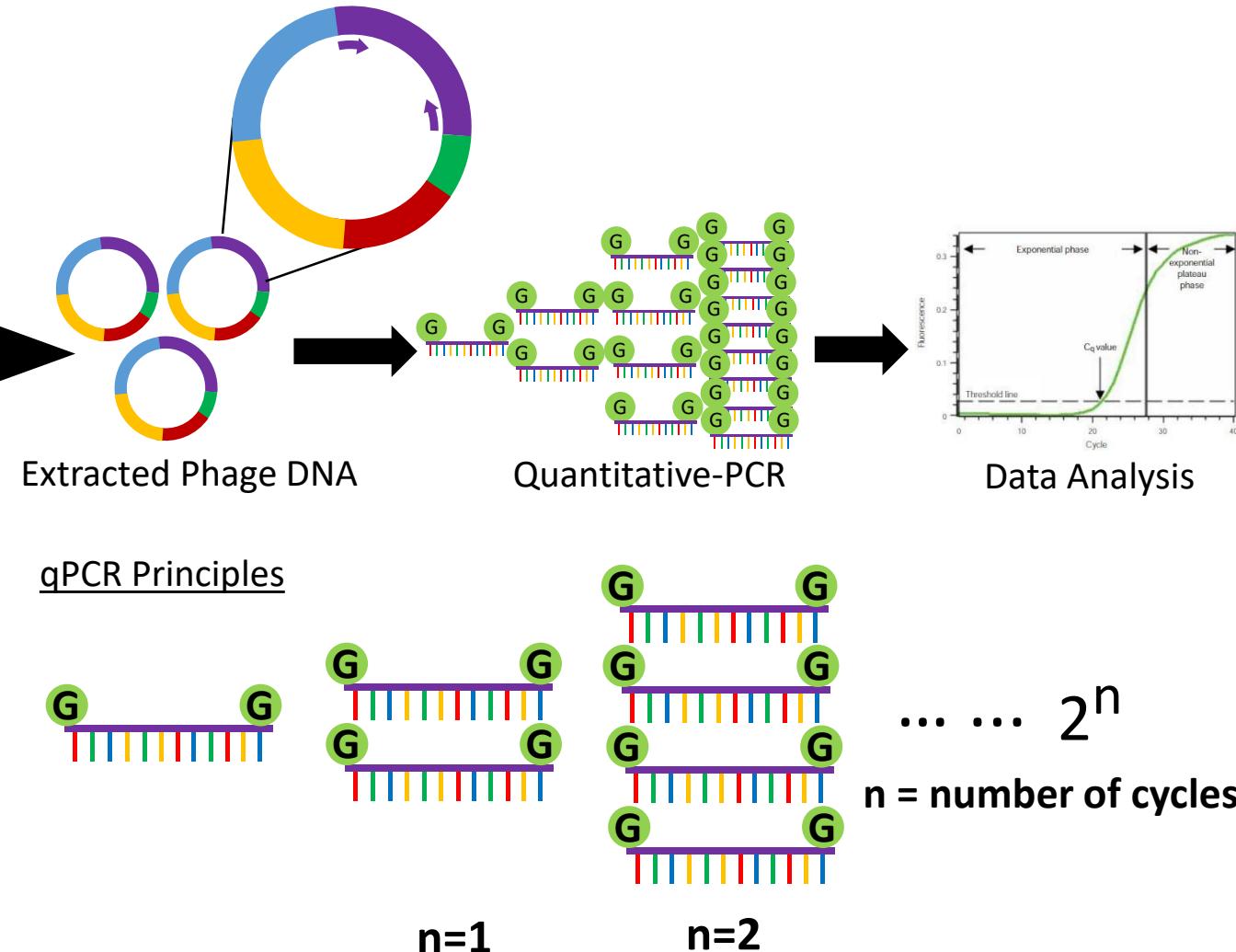


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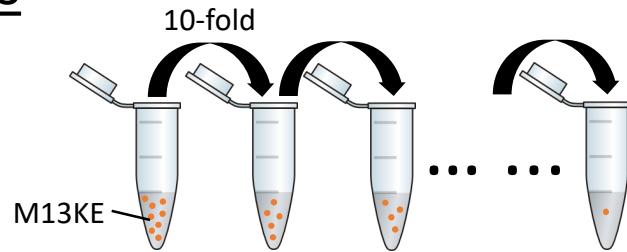


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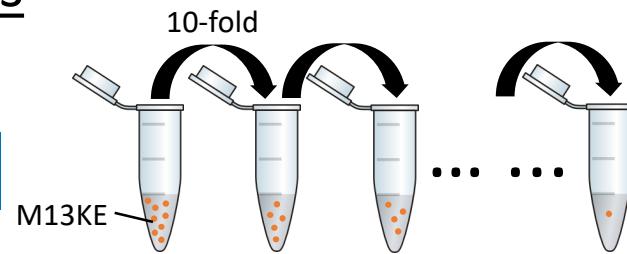
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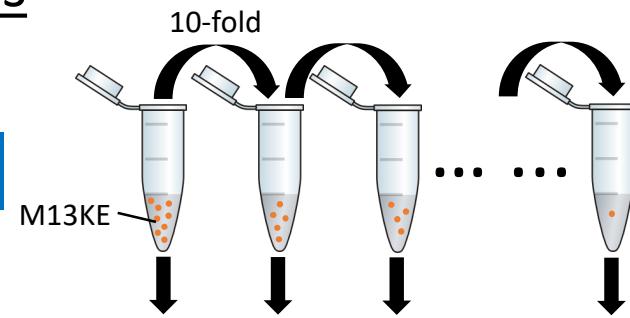
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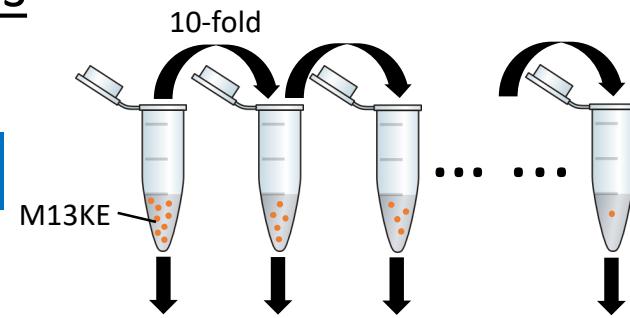
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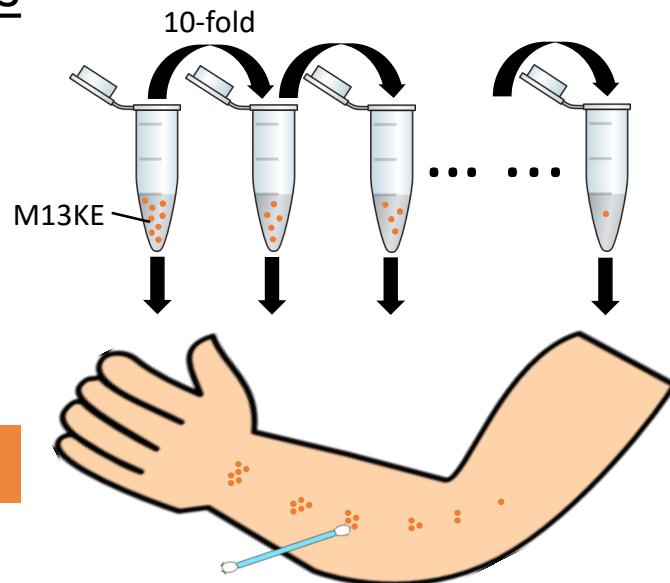


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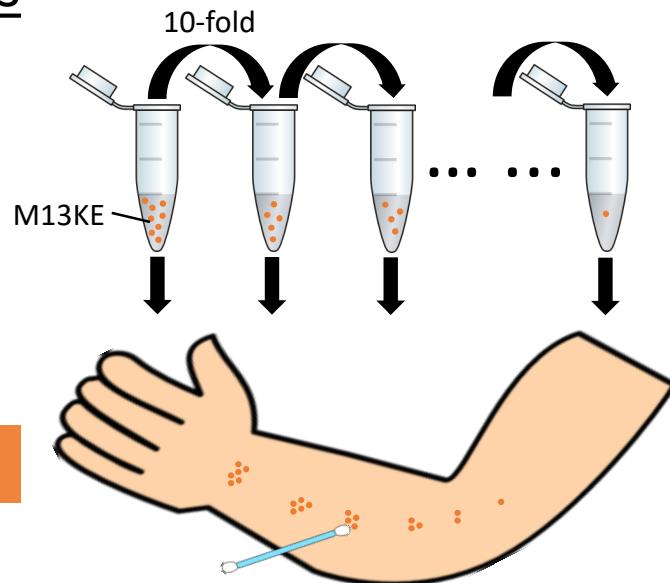


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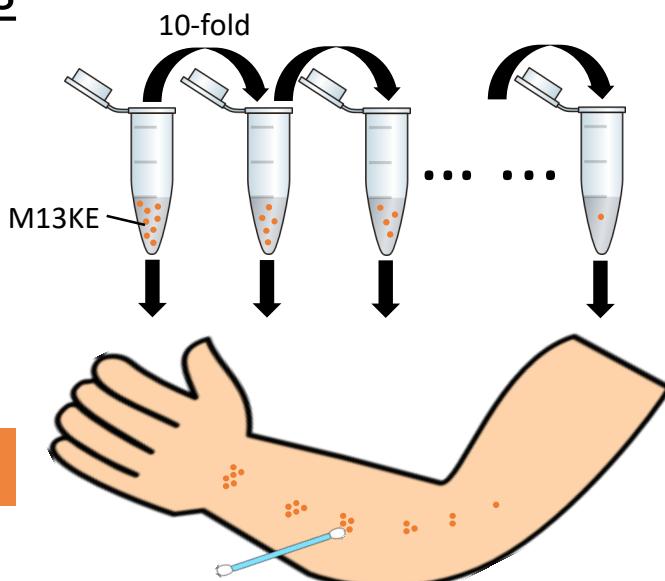


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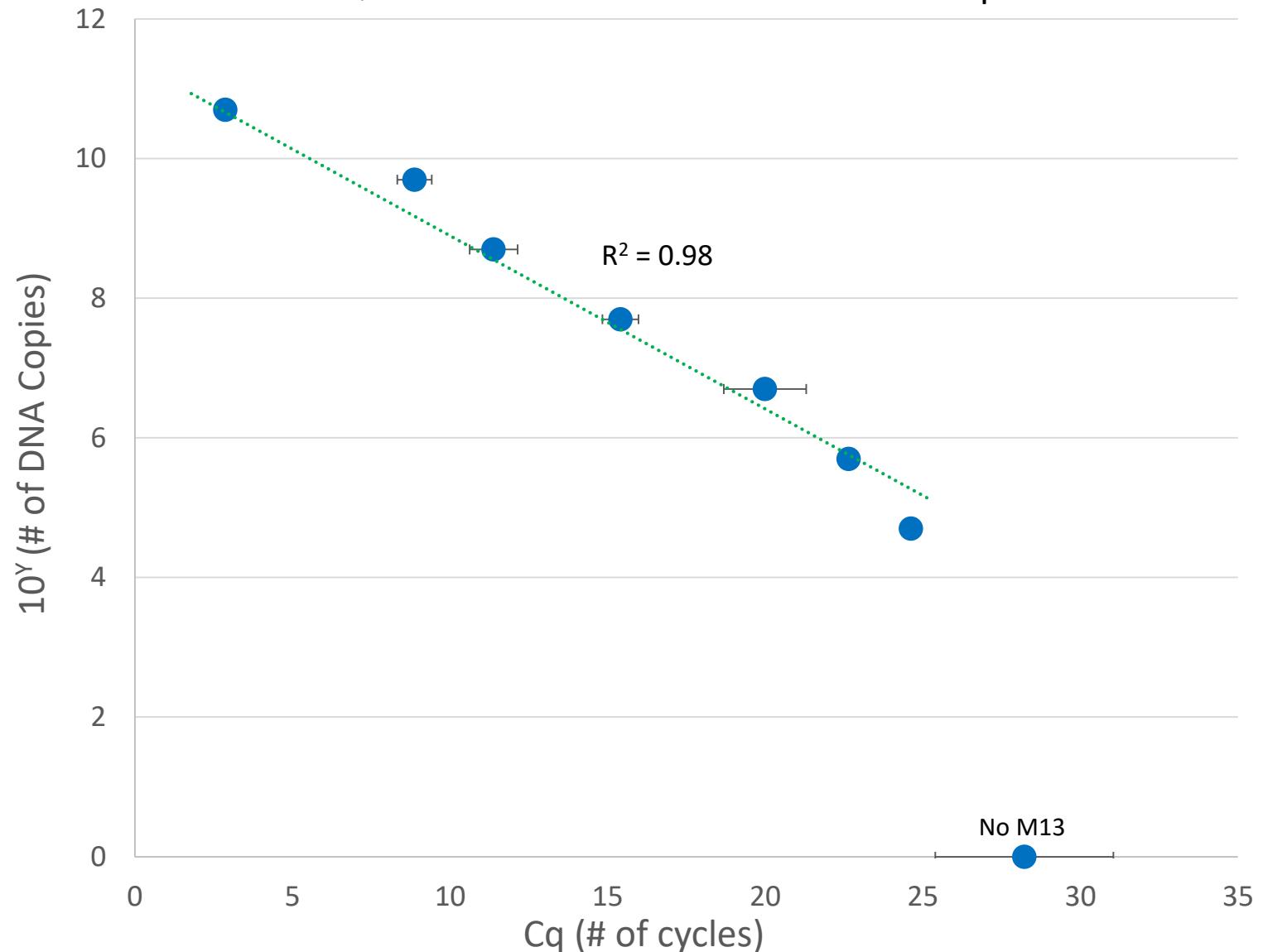
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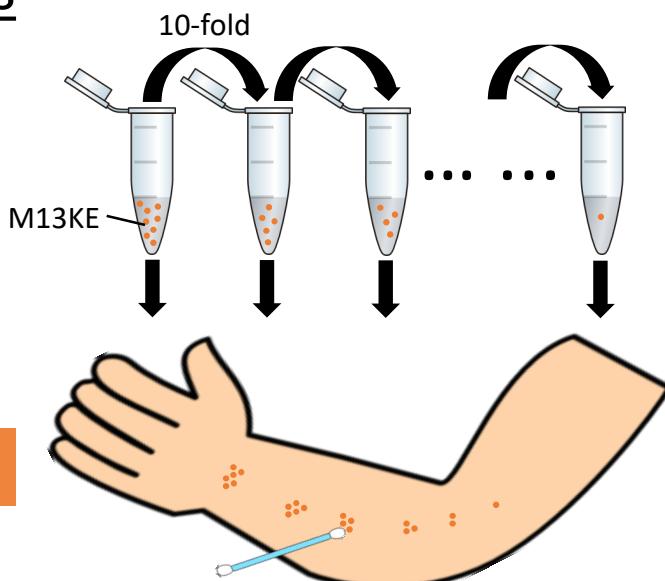
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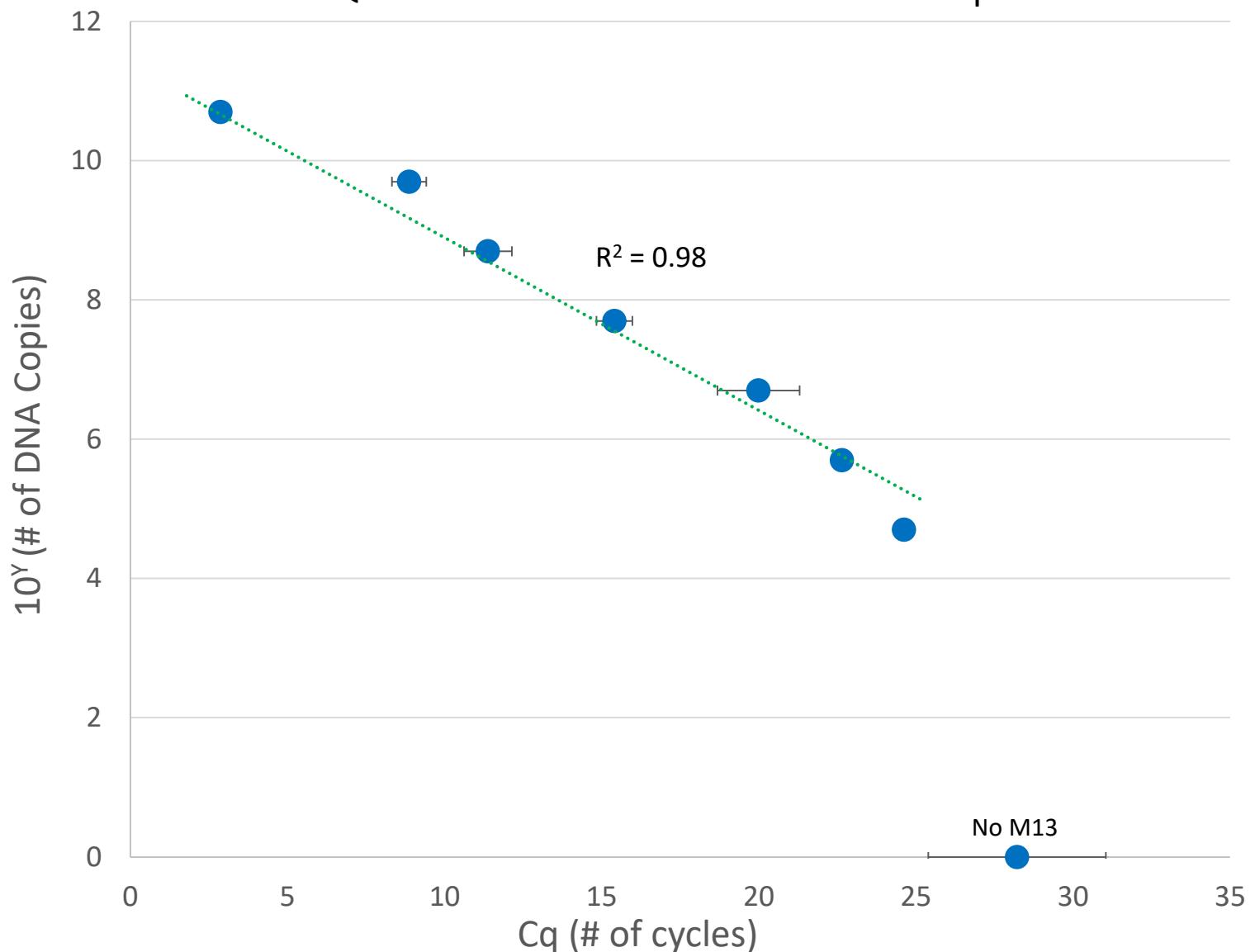
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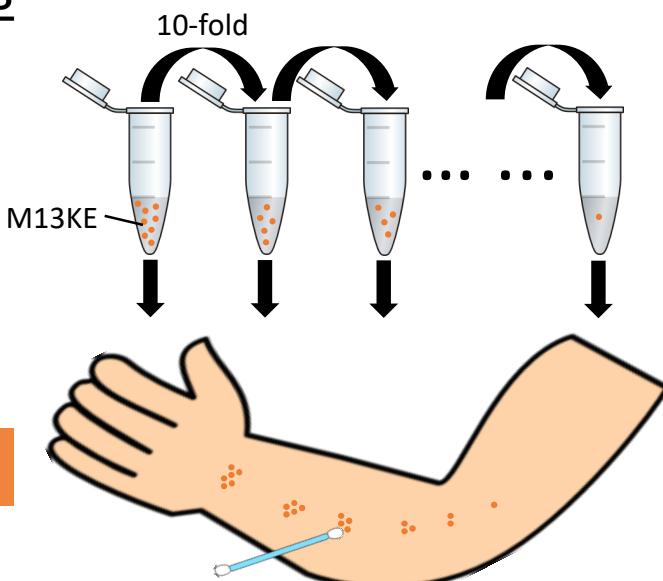
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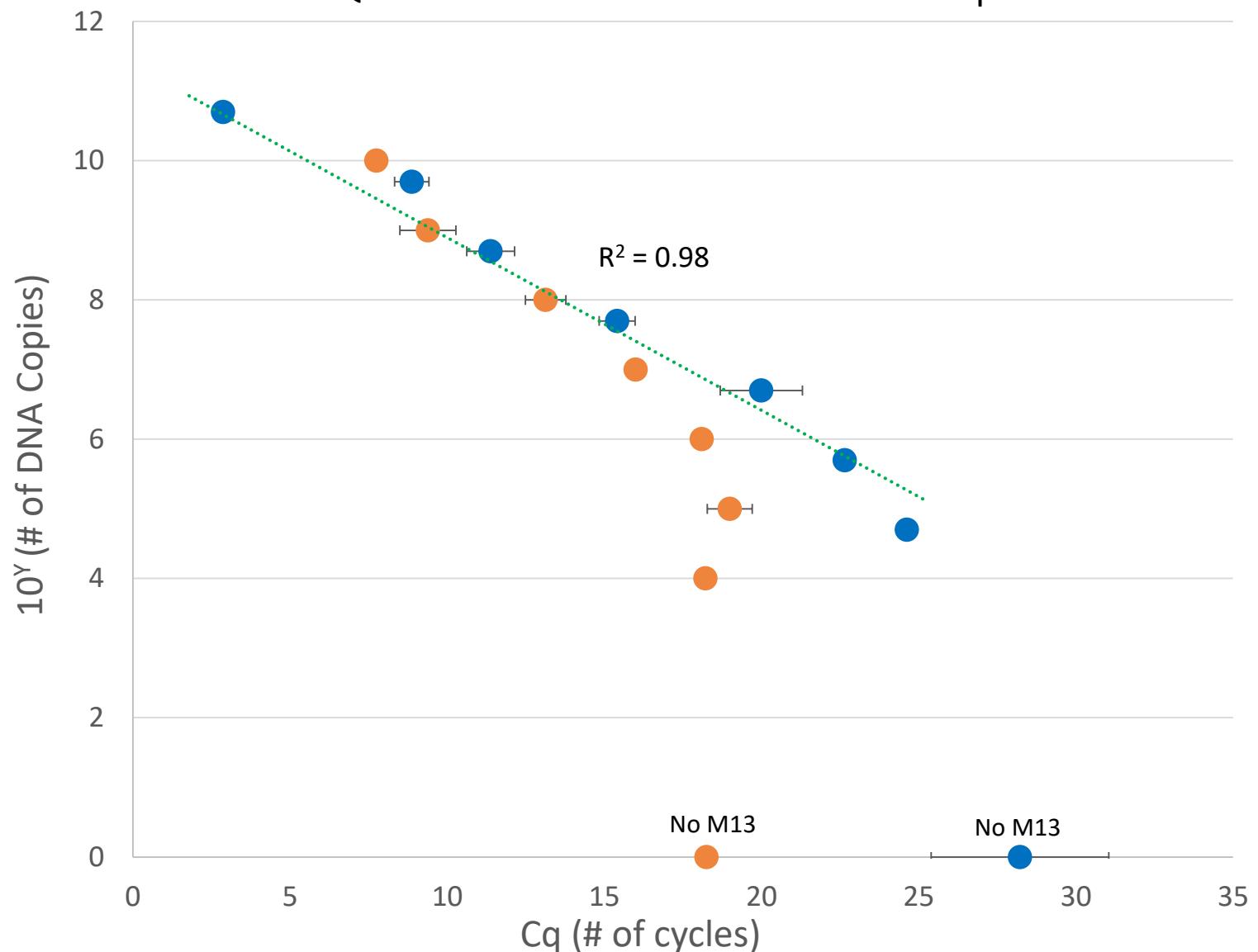
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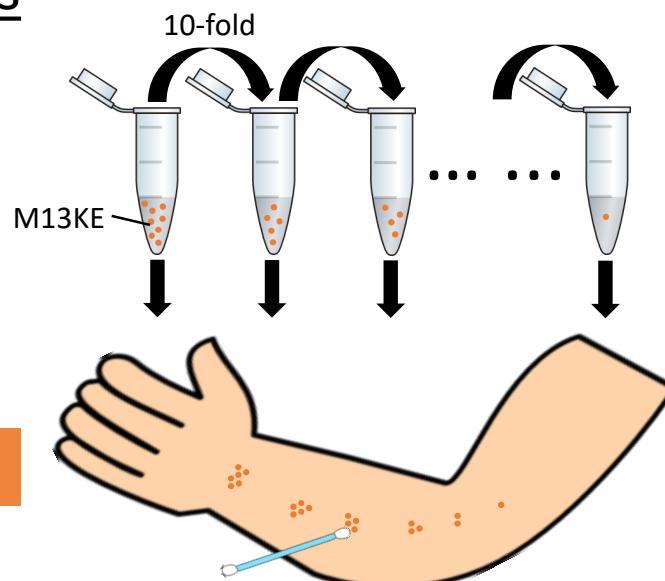
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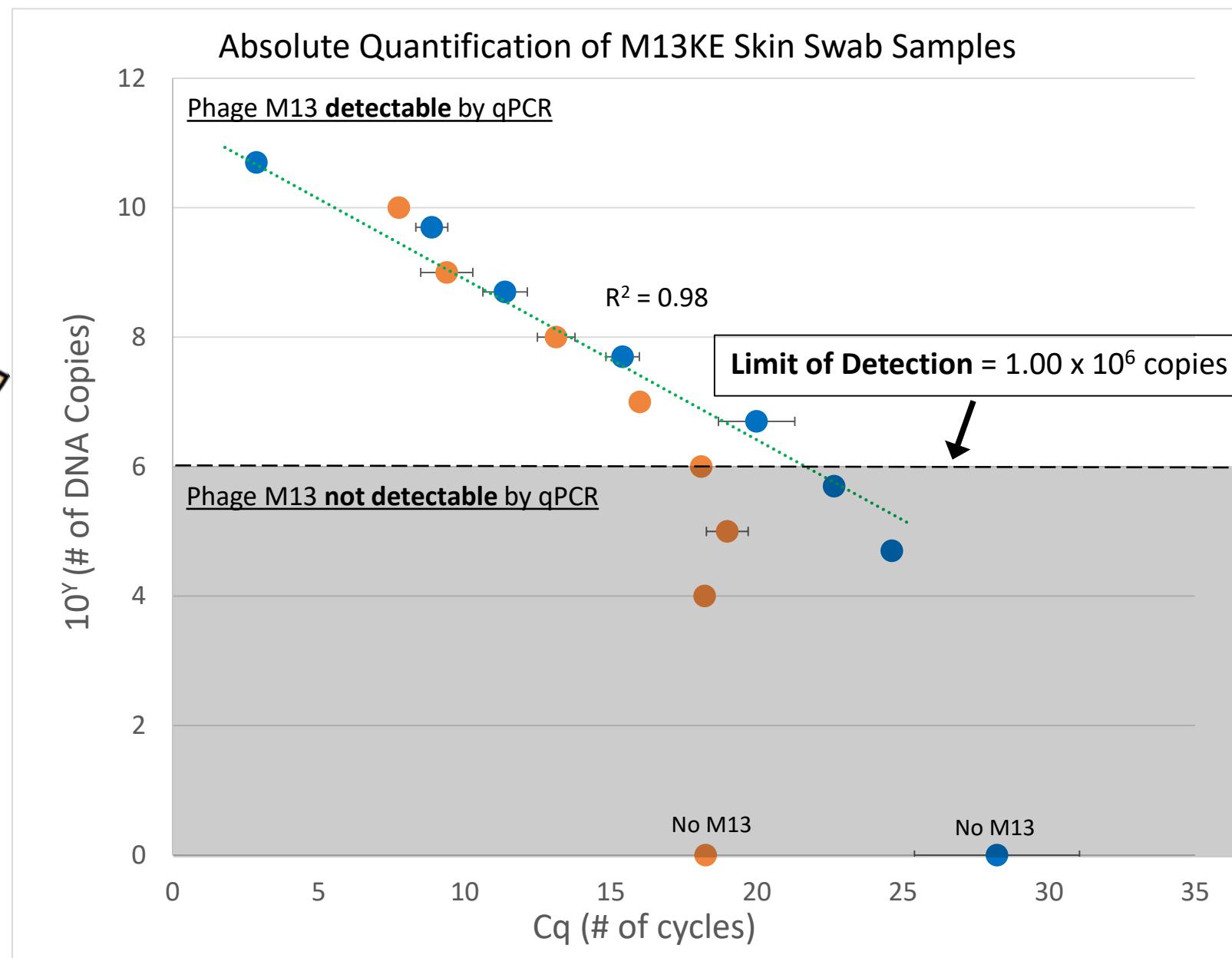
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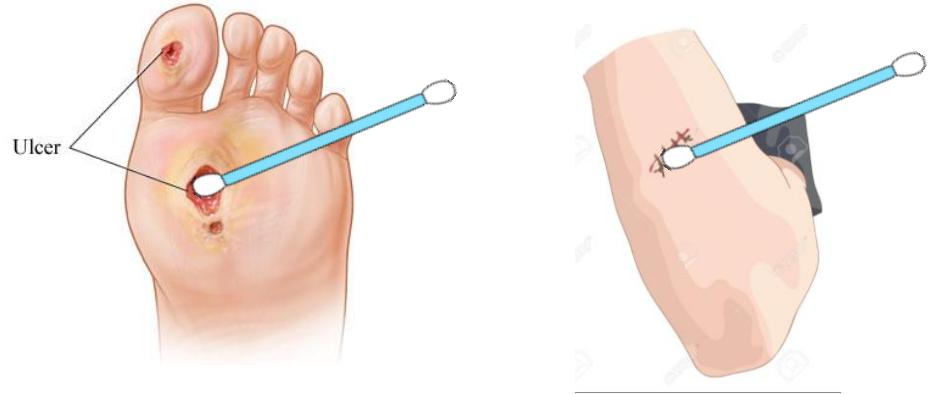
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- Contaminating sequences on human skin



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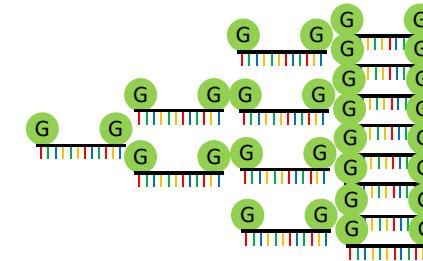
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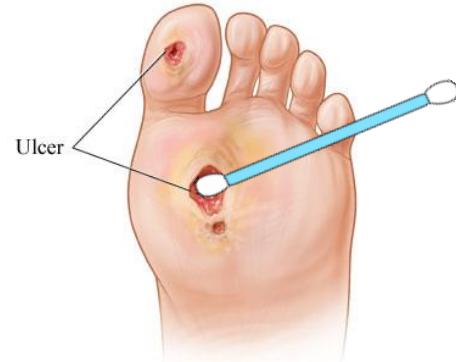
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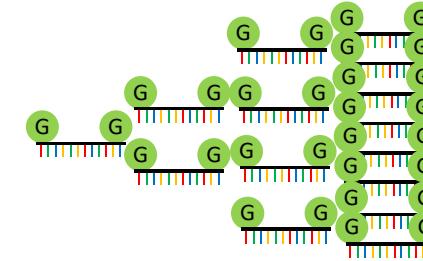
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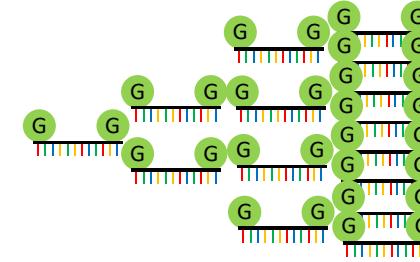
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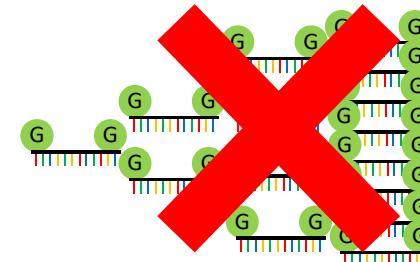
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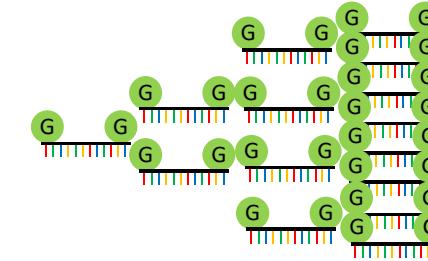
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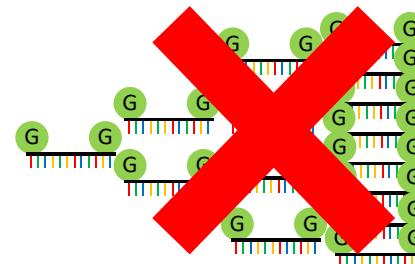
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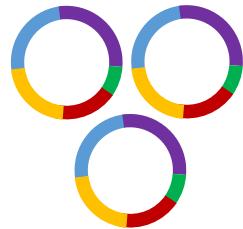
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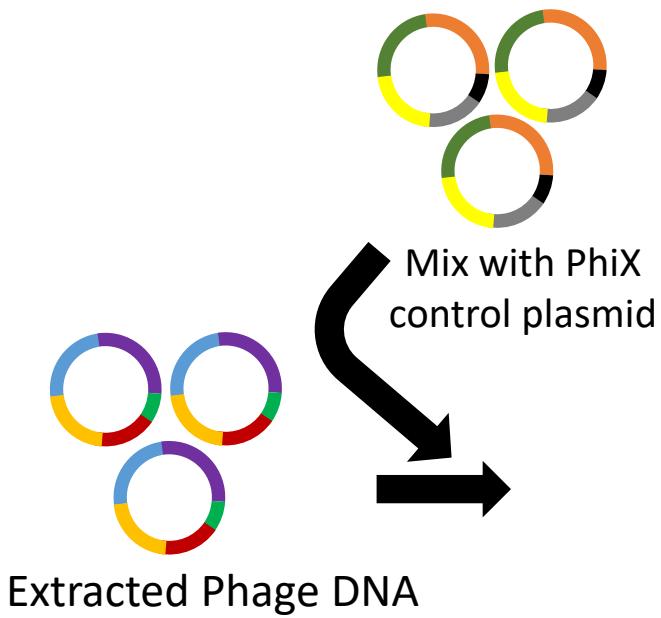


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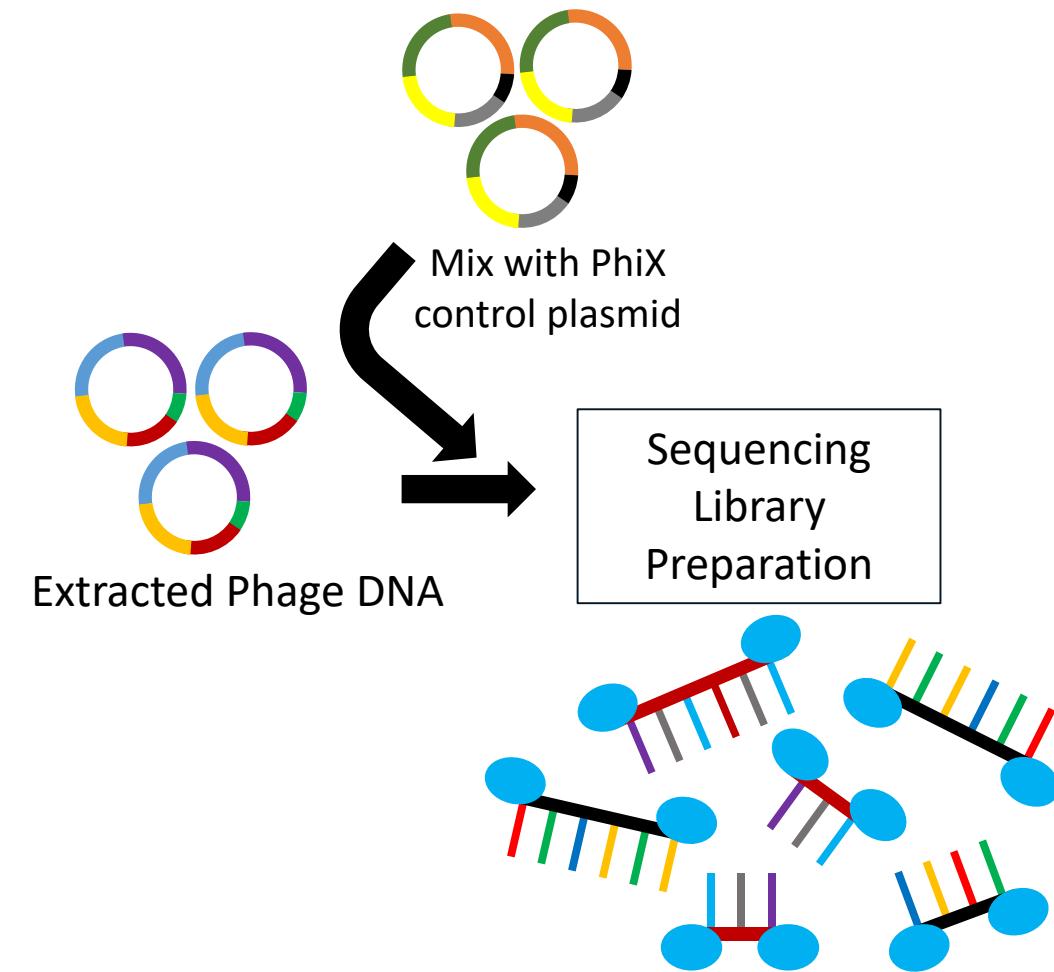


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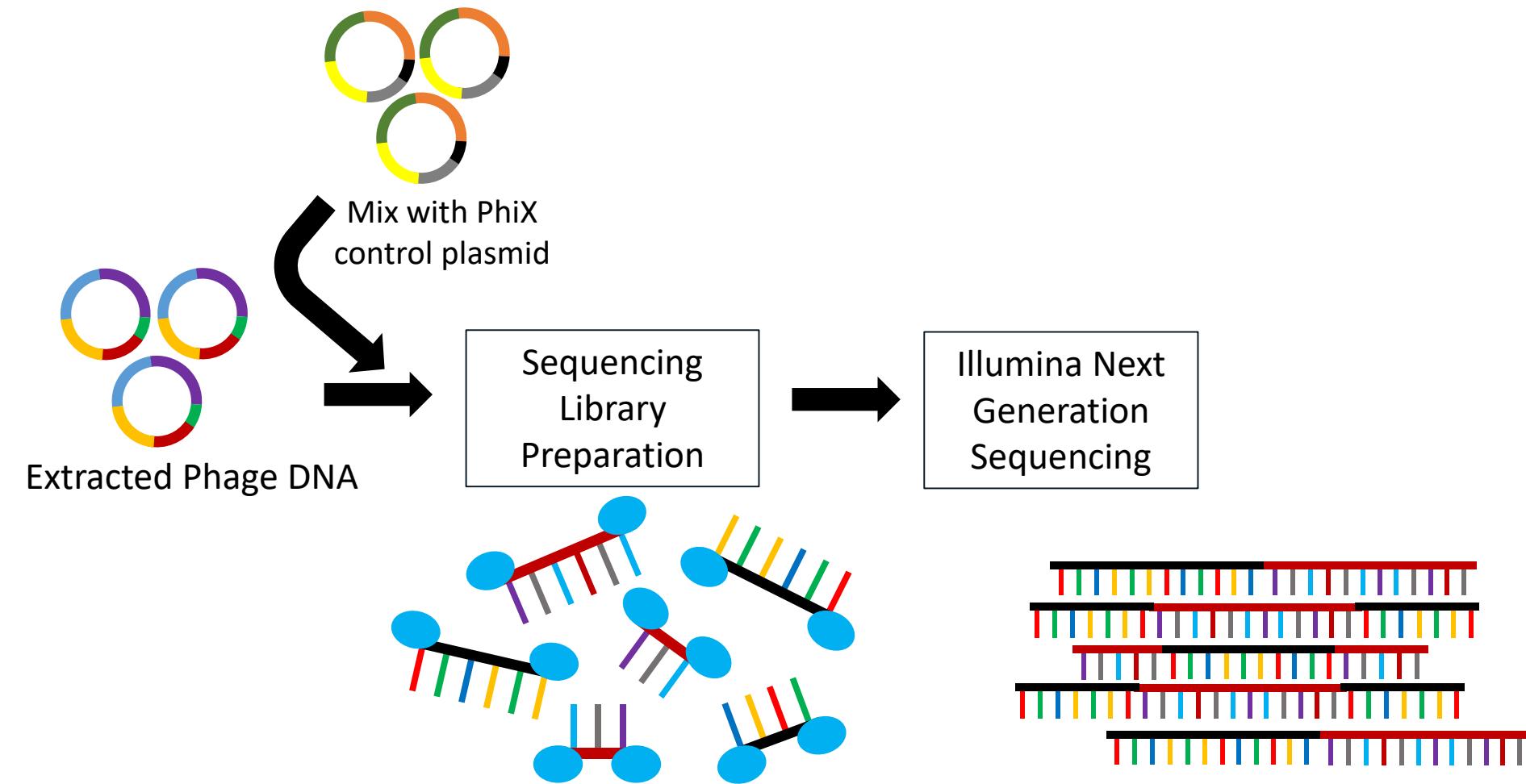
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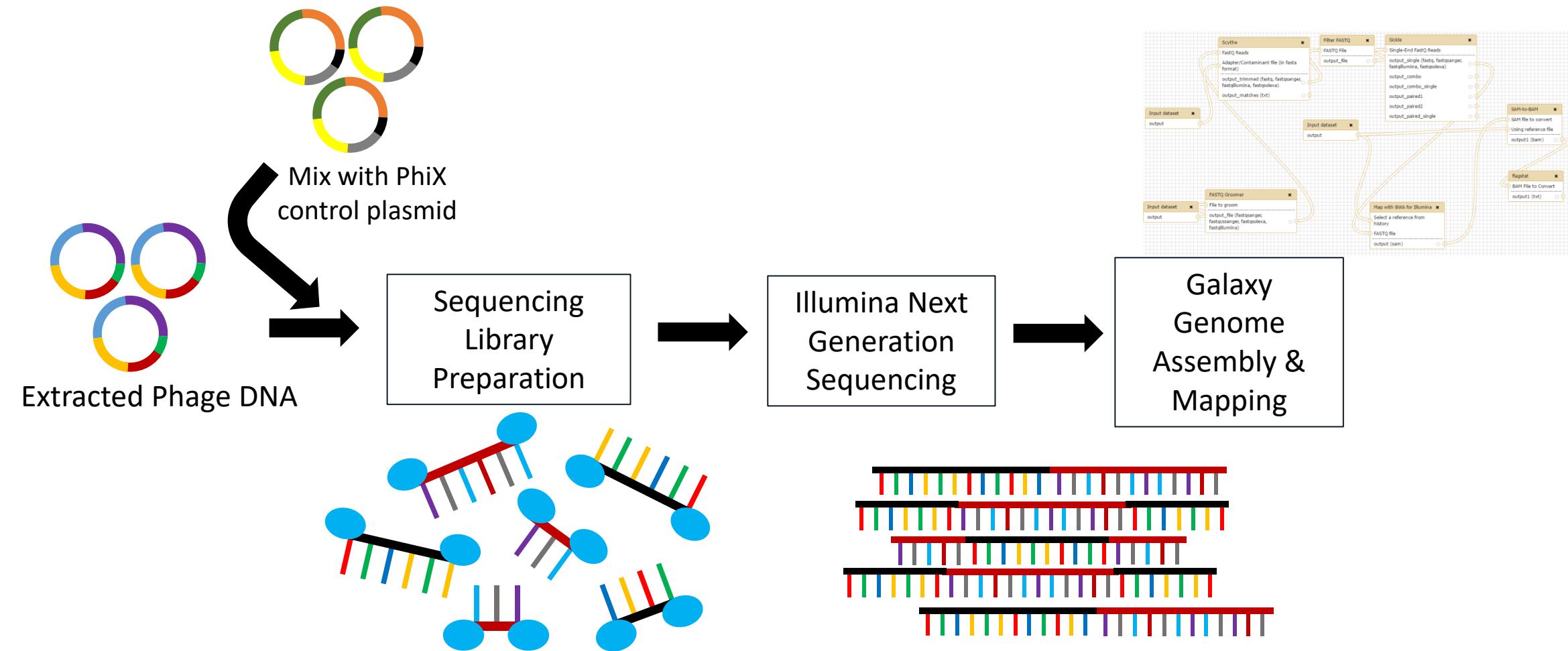
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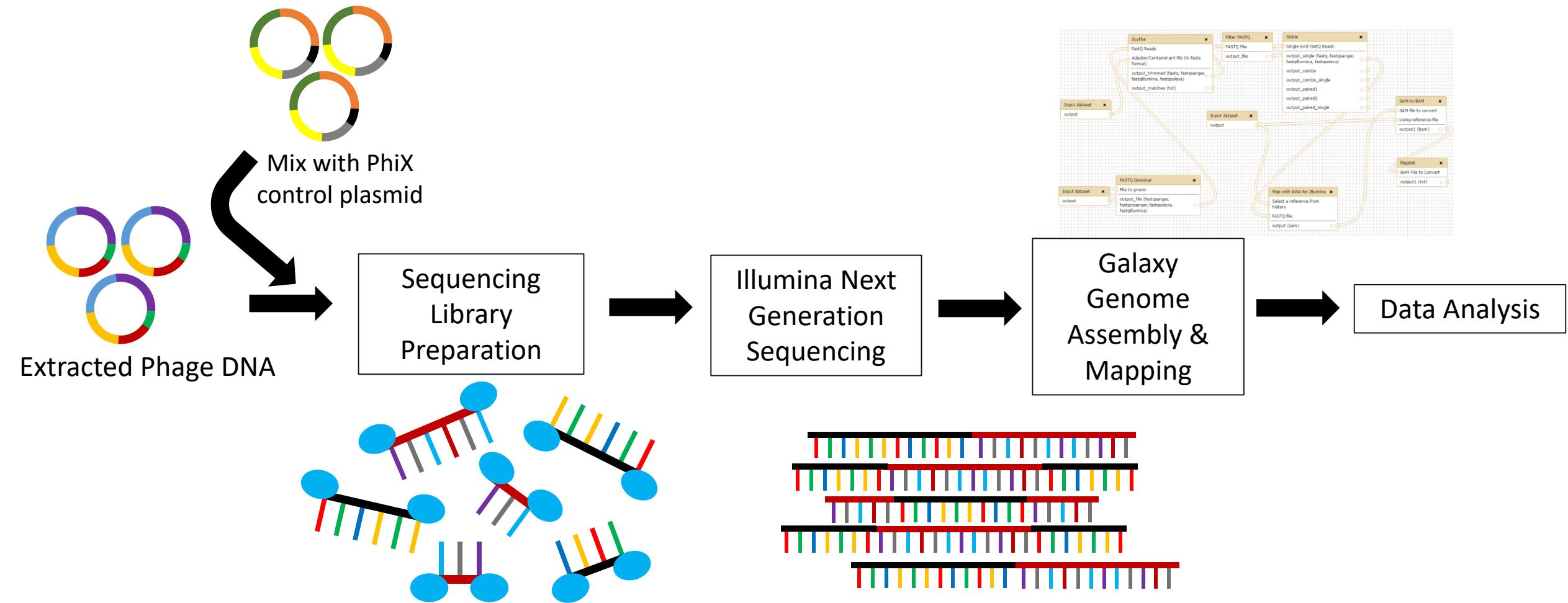
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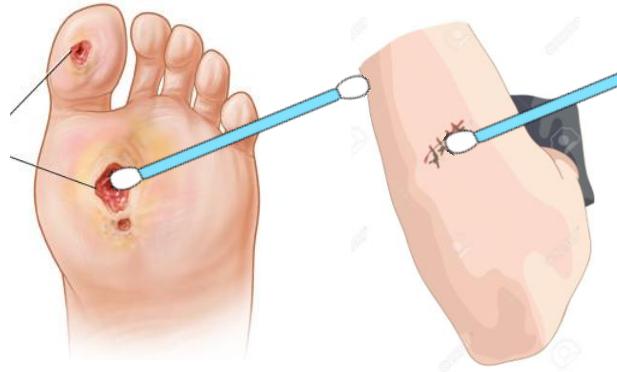
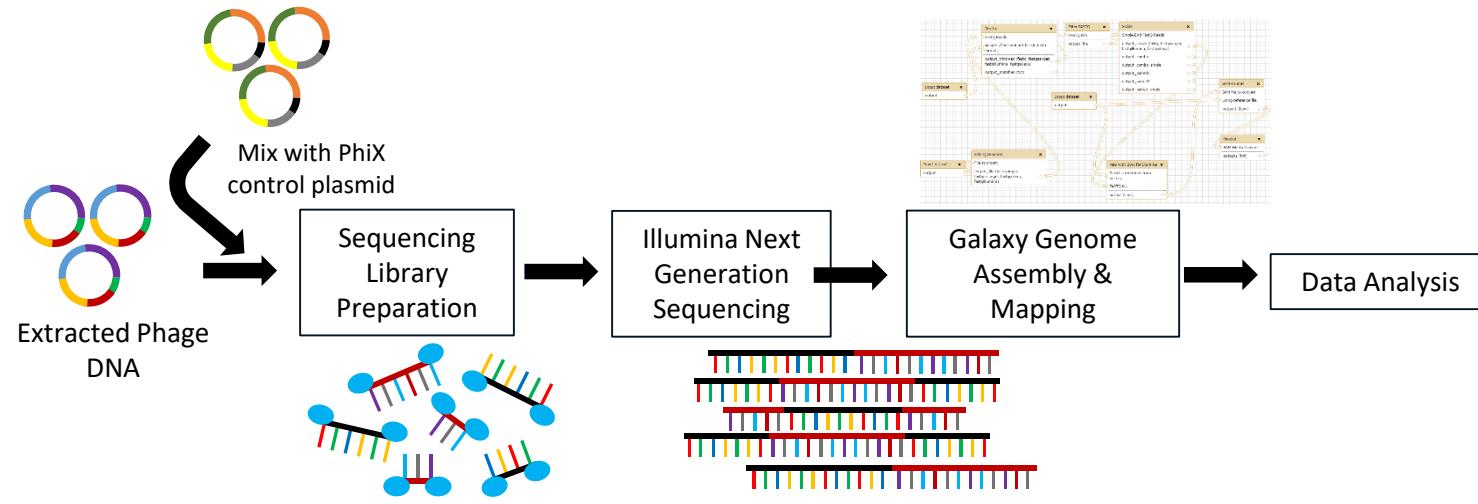
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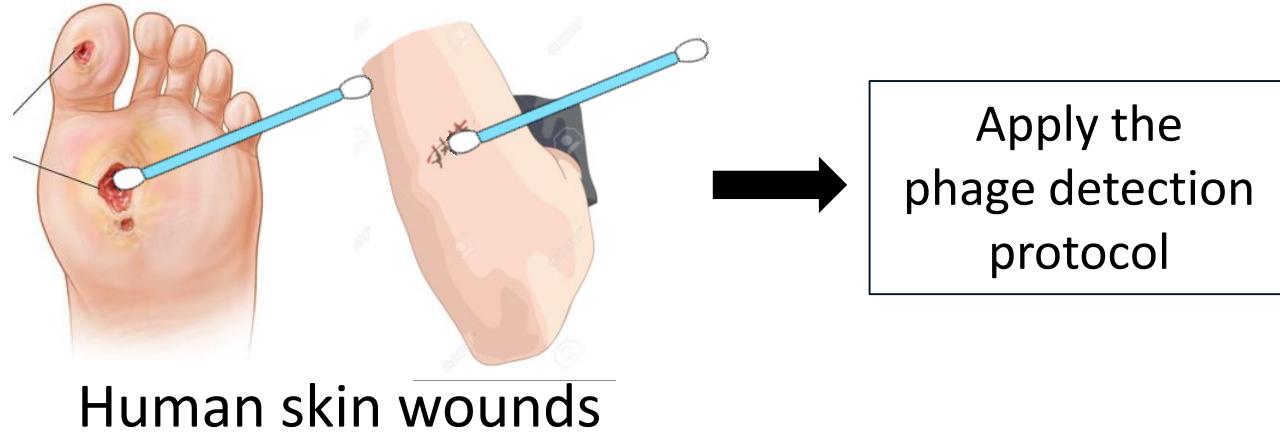
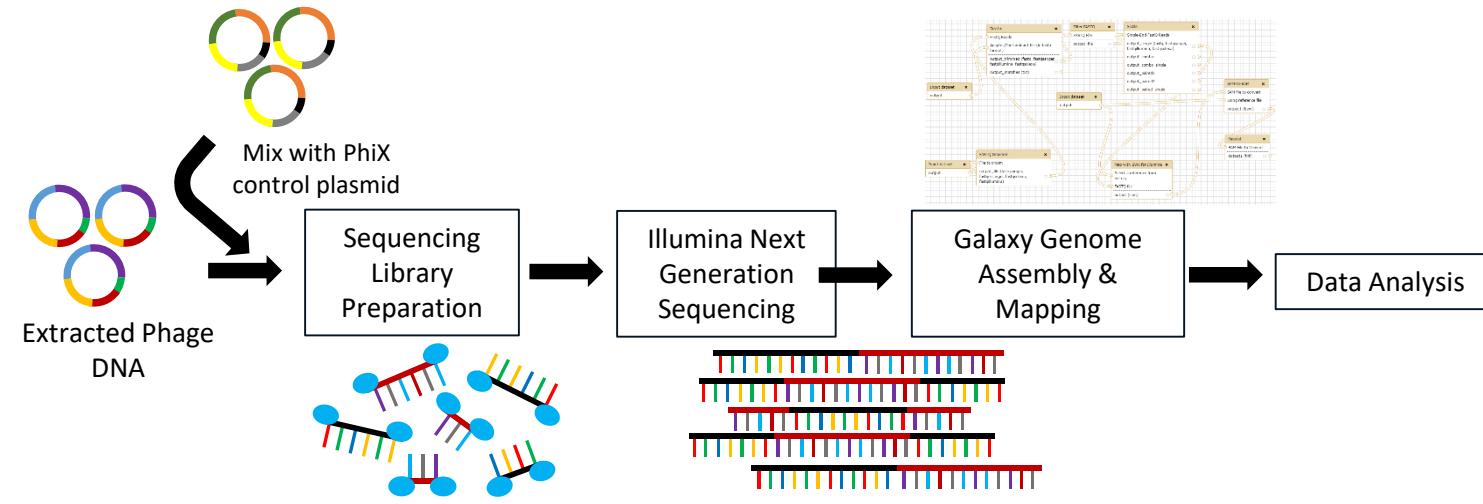


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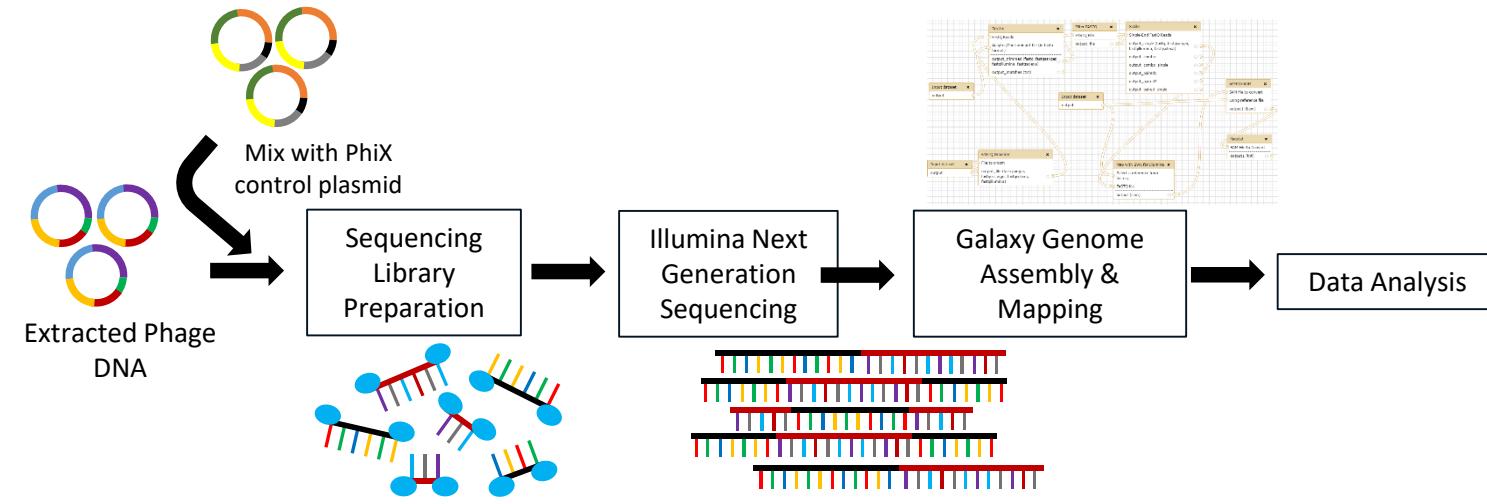


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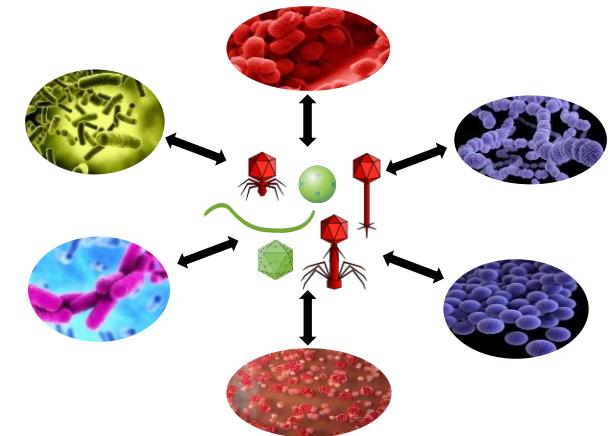
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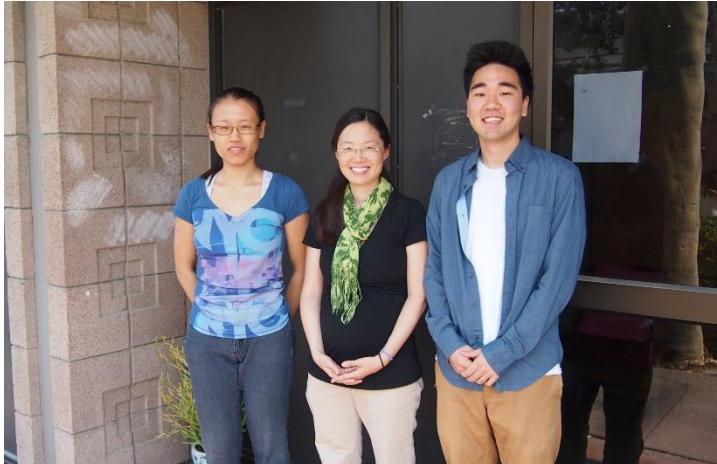
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Apply the
phage detection
protocol →
Analyze the
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data in the
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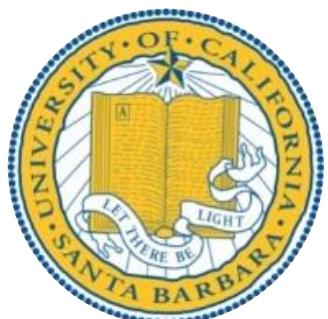
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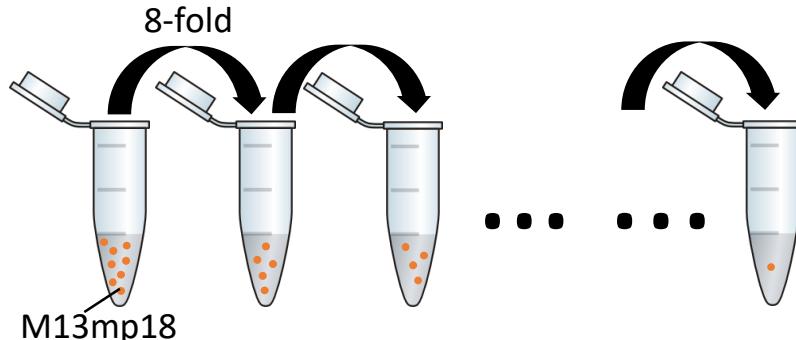
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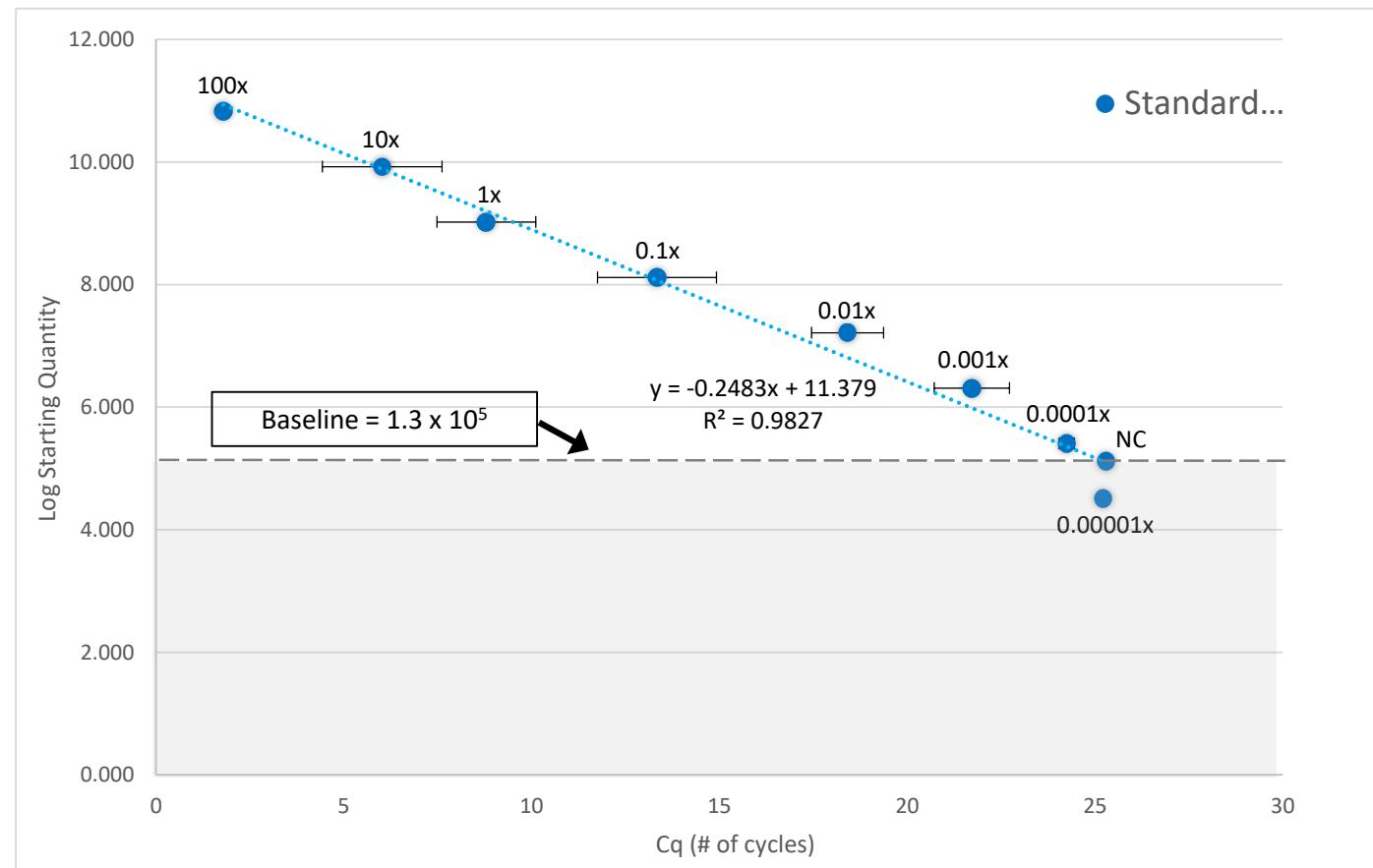
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Quantifying phage M13 DNA by qPCR – Standard Curve

Serial dilution of M13mp18



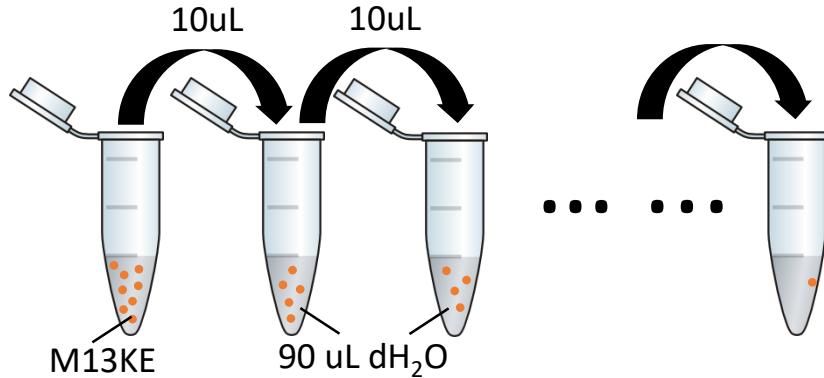
Sample	Expected		Observed		Standard Error
	Total # of DNA	Total # of DNA	Mean Cq	Standard Error	
100x	6.7×10^{10}	6.7×10^{10}	1.79	0	
10x	8.4×10^9	8.4×10^9	6.02	1.59	
1x	1.0×10^9	1.0×10^9	8.80	1.32	
0.1x	1.3×10^8	1.3×10^8	13.33	1.59	
0.01x	1.6×10^7	1.6×10^7	18.41	0.96	
0.001x	2.0×10^6	2.0×10^6	21.72	1.00	
0.0001x	2.6×10^5	2.6×10^5	24.25	0.20	
0.00001x	3.2×10^4	3.2×10^4	25.22	0.05	
Negative Control (dH ₂ O)	0	1.3×10^5	25.29	0.155	



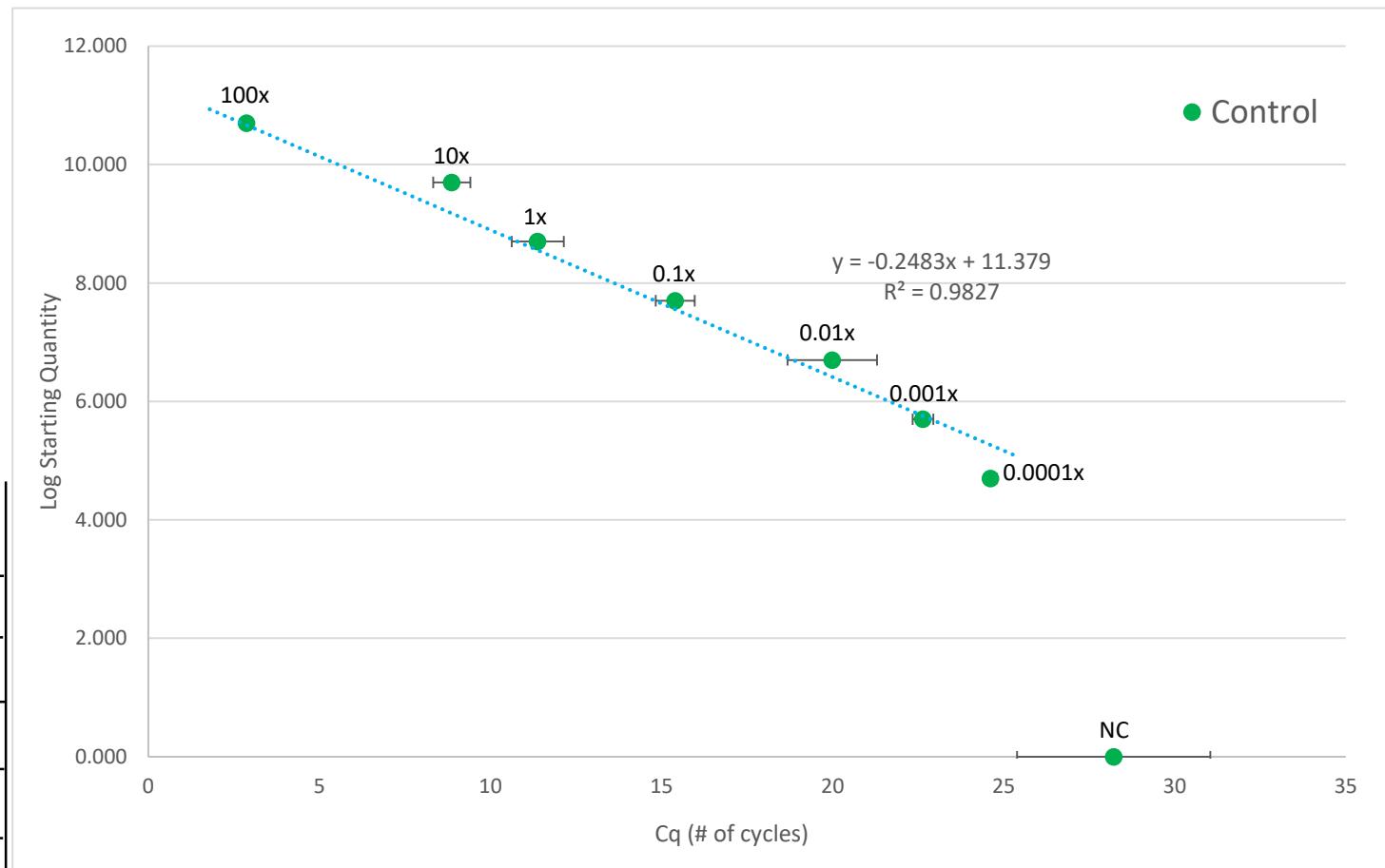
- Baseline of detection = 1.3×10^5 copies/uL
 - Linear equation, $R^2 = 0.98271$
- This standard curve was used in the absolute quantification of our samples.

Quantifying phage M13 DNA by qPCR – Control Samples

10-fold serial dilution of M13KE



Sample	Expected		Observed		Standard Error
	Total # of DNA	Total # of DNA	Mean Cq		
100x	5.0×10^{10}	4.63×10^{10}	2.87	0	
10x	5.0×10^9	1.50×10^9	8.87	0.54	
1x	5.0×10^8	3.57×10^8	11.38	0.76	
0.1x	5.0×10^7	3.58×10^7	15.41	0.57	
0.01x	5.0×10^6	2.60×10^6	19.99	1.31	
0.001x	5.0×10^5	5.70×10^5	22.65	0.30	
0.0001x	5.0×10^4	1.84×10^5	24.62	0.17	
Negative Control (PBS)	0	2.36×10^4	28.22	2.82	

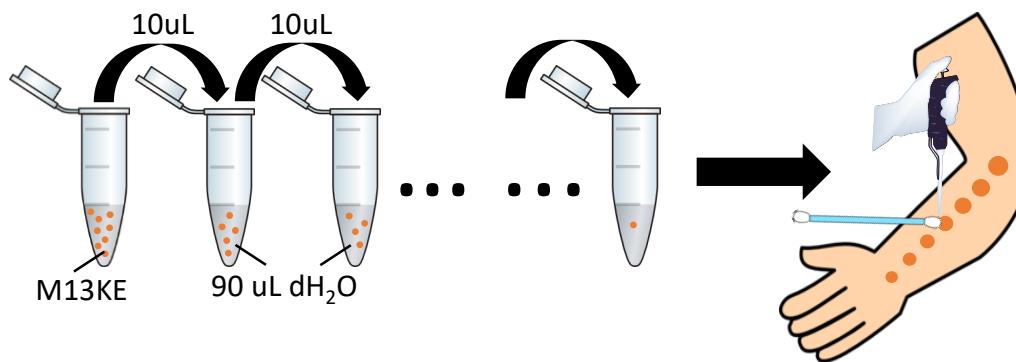


- Baseline of detection for M13KE = 2.36×10^4 copies

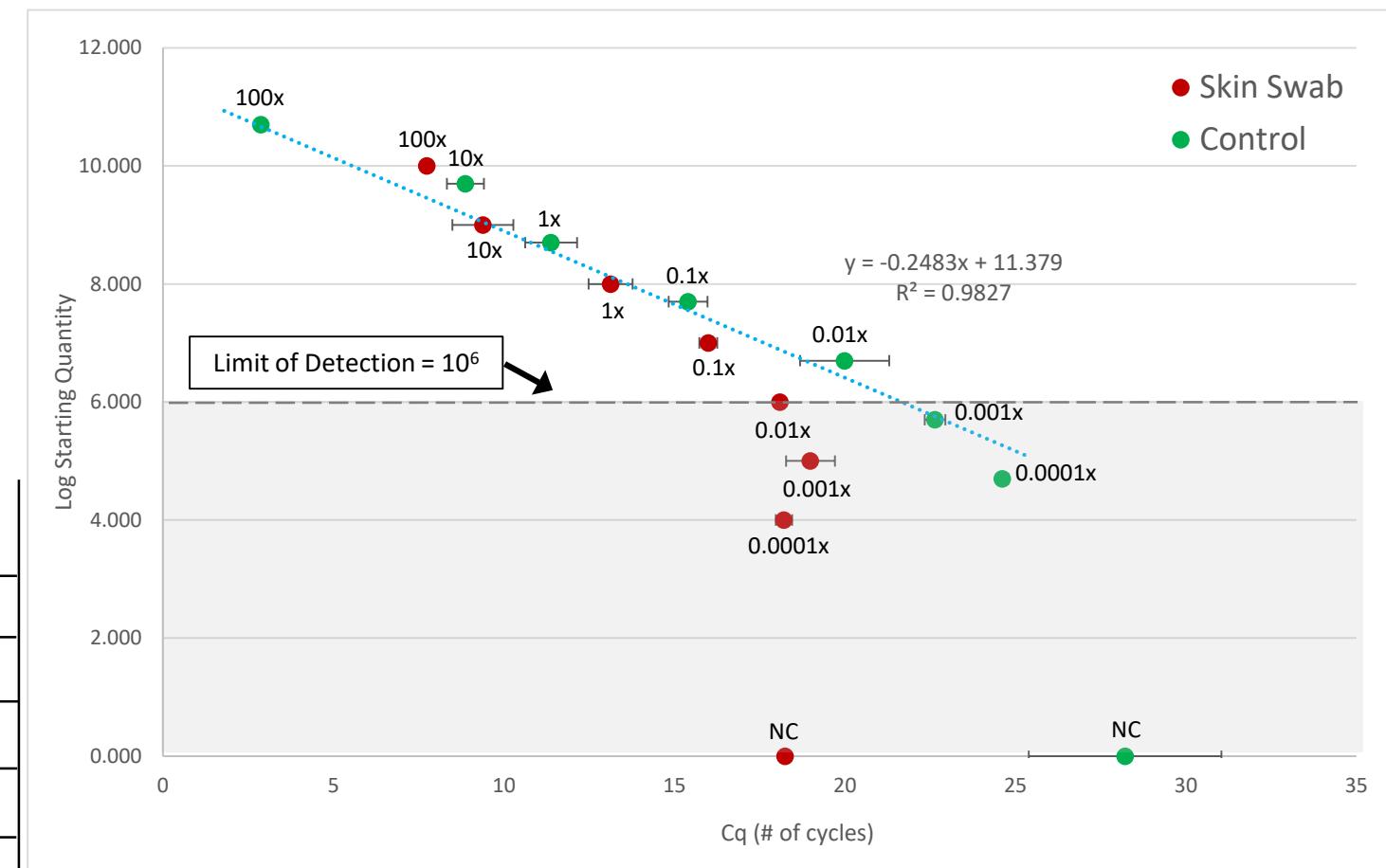
Control samples were compared to skin swab samples

Quantifying phage M13 DNA by qPCR – Swab Samples

10-fold serial dilution of M13KE



Sample	Expected Total # of DNA	Observed		Standard Error
		Total # of DNA	Mean Cq	
100x	1.0×10^{10}	2.86×10^{10}	7.75	0
10x	1.0×10^9	1.12×10^9	9.38	0.89
1x	1.0×10^8	1.31×10^8	13.13	0.65
0.1x	1.0×10^7	2.56×10^7	15.99	0.26
0.01x	1.0×10^6	7.68×10^6	18.09	0.13
0.001x	1.0×10^5	4.61×10^6	18.99	0.71
0.0001x	1.0×10^4	7.20×10^6	18.21	0.24
Negative Control (PBS)	0	7.04×10^6	18.24	0.13



- Limit of detection for human skin swab = 1.0×10^6 copies
- Contaminating sequences on human skin