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## Introduction

Molecular in vitro diagnostics, including molecular pathology, has enabled significant progress in medicine. Further progress is expected with new technologies analysing nucleic acids, proteins, and metabolites in human tissues and body fluids. However, the profiles and/or integrity of these molecules can change drastically during specimen collection, transport, storage and processing, thus making the outcome from diagnostics or research unreliable or even impossible because the subsequent examination assay will not determine the situation in the patient but an artificial molecular pattern generated during the pre-examination process. Studies have been undertaken to determine the influencing factors for the DNA examination from formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue. These studies demonstrated that a standardization of the entire process from specimen collection to the DNA examination is needed. This document draws upon such work to codify and standardize the steps for FFPE tissue with regard to DNA examination in what is referred to as the pre-examination phase.

DNA integrity in tissues can change before, during and after formalin fixation, processing and storage. Chemical modifications introduced into DNA during tissue fixation might lead to fragmentation and sequence alterations, changes in the methylation status or even structural changes which can lead to, for instance, spurious copy number changes in array-CGH profiles. These modifications of the DNA molecules can impact the validity and reliability of the examination test results. Therefore, it is essential to take special measures to minimize the described DNA changes and modifications for subsequent examination.

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