Edvotek Technical Tip # 2

What to do if you tear your gel?

Slower Method – best result

- 1. Remove gel from casting tray and put back into the bottle used to melt the agarose.
- 2. Remelt the agarose as usual in a microwave or on a hotplate.
- 3. Pour gel as usual in casting tray with comb and Gel Caps on ends of tray.

Faster Method – immediate for an emergency!

- 1. Keep gel in casting tray.
- 2. Slide gel along about 5 to 10mm so you have a clear area of gel in line with gel tray comb notches (in side of tray).
- 3. Use comb to punch new wells by pressing straight down into gel.
- 4. These new wells will work but you will get less DNA in them so the bands may appear fainter. However, a good tip if you are in an urgent hurry!

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