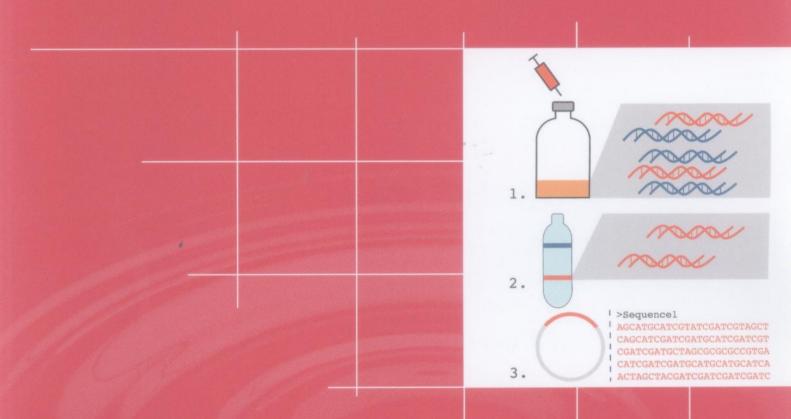


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The DNA stable-isotope probing (DNA-SIP) method begins by incubating environmental samples with an isotopically labelled growth substrate (1). Subsequently, heavy DNA can be recovered by density gradient ultracentrifugation (2). Metagenomic analysis of labelled DNA enables targeted access to genomes from uncultivated microorganisms that are responsible for assimilating substrates of interest (3).

(See Sara Coyotzi, Jennifer Pratscher, J Colin Murrell, Josh D Neufeld, pages 1-8, this issue)