

**Collect. Preserve. Discover.**



DNA/RNA Shield™

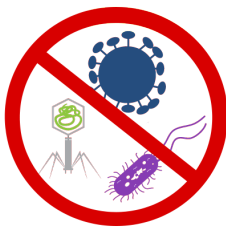
# **DNA/RNA Shield™**

Innovative Sample Collection &  
Preservation for Nucleic Acid Analysis

# Accommodates Any Sample



## Pathogen Inactivation



Inactivates viruses, bacteria, yeast & protists

## Break the Cold Chain Not the bank!

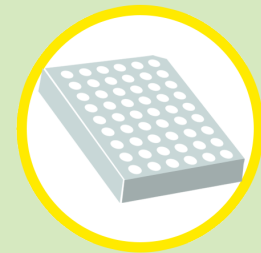


Transport at ambient temperatures

## Streamlined Purification of DNA & RNA



No reagent removal  
Compatible with all purification kits  
(including *Quick-RNA™*, *Quick-DNA™*, etc.)  
Fully automatable



## Ready for all downstream applications



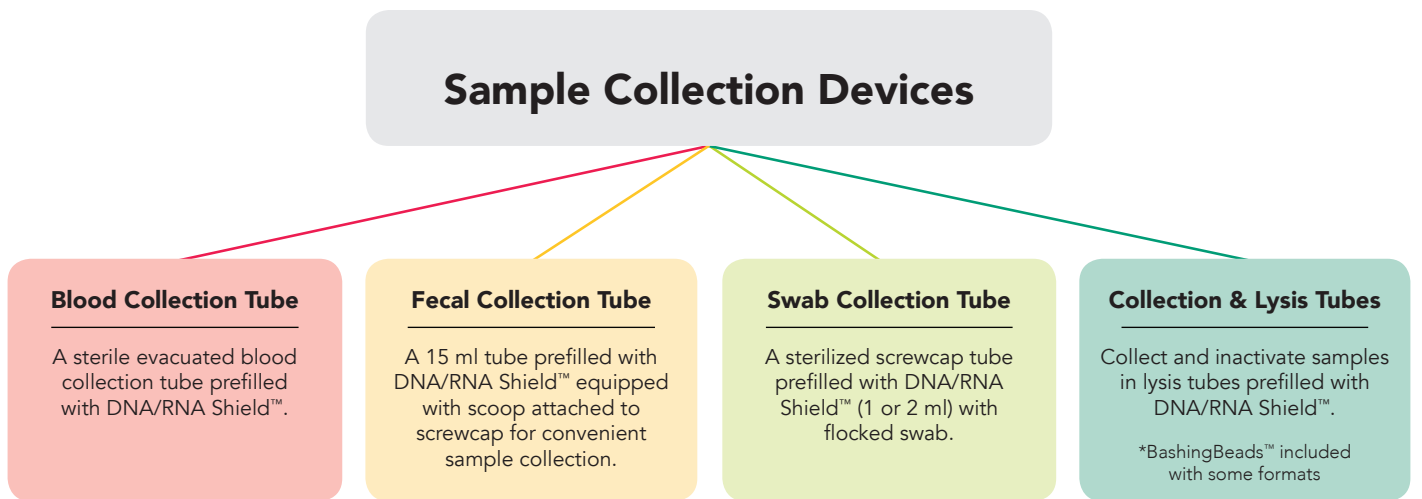
# DNA/RNA Shield™ Overview

Sample collection and preservation stand as the origin of all workflows which use nucleic acids. The methods and technologies used to collect and store samples can profoundly impact analyses and downstream applications of nucleic acids. Compositional changes and bias can occur because of nucleic acid degradation, cellular growth or decay, and the logistics of collection. Current collection and transportation methods require the use of costly cold-chain logistics to prevent or slow down these processes. Without proper storage conditions, the aforementioned can lead to misrepresentation of an analyte's abundance, systematic bias, reduced sensitivity, complete signal loss, poor reproducibility, and an inability to compare results between labs. RNA is especially vulnerable to degradation due to the ubiquity of RNases and the inherent instability of the RNA phosphoester bond. Even DNA is prone to rapid degradation and complete signal loss. For instance, when detecting *H. Pylori* in a stool sample, by real-time PCR, it is necessary to store the samples in a preservative or the DNA rapidly degrades.

There are a plethora of other factors within collection and storage that can affect downstream use of nucleic acids. Microbial

growth and decay can significantly alter the composition of a sample if the organisms are not inactivated. Compositional changes associated with other collection methodologies, especially if phase separation (e.g. precipitation) is utilized, can also significantly bias downstream analyses.<sup>1</sup> Small nucleic acids (e.g. miRNA) are particularly vulnerable to such biases and/or complete signal loss because of their aberrant behavior when compared to larger nucleic acids. The ease of processing a sample post storage in a preservation solution is critical to cost, throughput, and methodologies that require phase separation and/or reagent removal impose significant and costly challenges for high throughput applications and automation. Another major consideration when choosing a sample stabilization reagent is the logistics and cost of transporting samples potentially containing pathogens.

At Zymo Research, we have made it our goal to standardize sample collection in the clinical/research setting.



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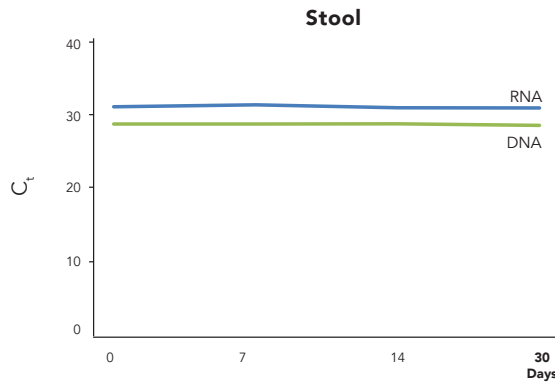
## Nucleic Acid Stabilization at Ambient Temperature for 30 Days

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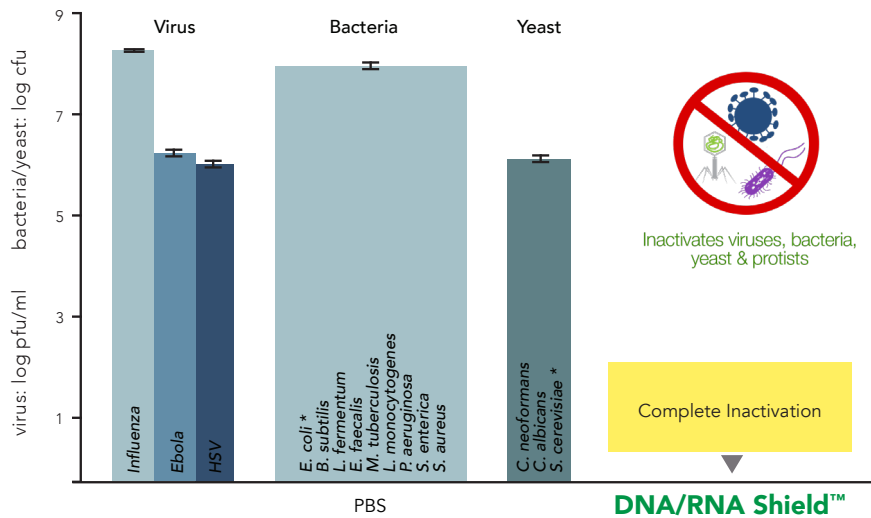


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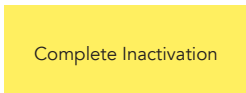


**DNA and RNA in stool is effectively stabilized in DNA/RNA Shield™ at ambient temperature.** Graphs show: spike-in DNA and RNA controls from stool purified at the indicated time points and analyzed by (RT)qPCR.

## Microbial and Viral Inactivation



Inactivates viruses, bacteria, yeast & protists

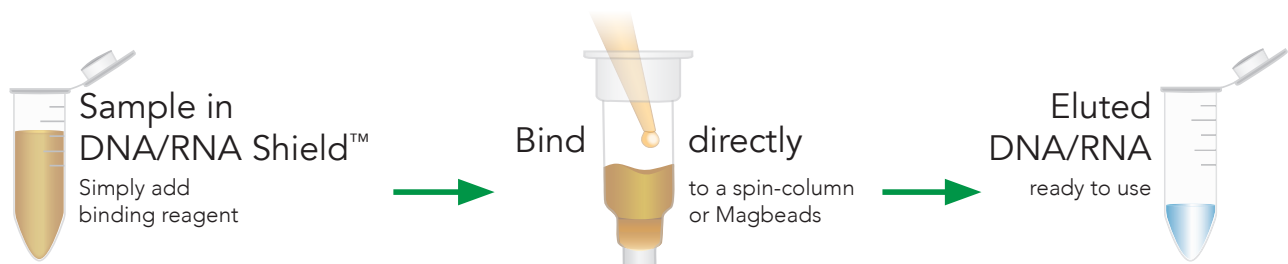


**Viruses, bacteria and yeast are effectively inactivated by DNA/RNA Shield™.** Samples containing the infectious agent (virus, bacteria, yeast) were treated for 5 minutes with DNA/RNA Shield™ or mock (PBS). Titer (PFU) was subsequently determined by plaque assay. Validated by: Influenza A - D. Poole and Prof. A. Mehle, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Ebola (Kikwit) - L. Avena and Dr. A. Griffiths, Department of Virology and Immunology, Texas Biomedical Research Institute; HSV-1/2 - H. Oh, F. Diaz and Prof. D. Knipe, Virology Program, Harvard Medical School; *E. coli*, *L. fermentum*, *B. subtilis*, *S. cerevisiae* – Zymo Research).

\*Disclaimer: This graph only displays results from *E. coli* inactivation. Each microbe was tested independently and were combined into one graph for brevity. Bacterial cultures were grown between  $10^8$  -  $10^9$  cells and yeast cultures were grown between  $10^7$  -  $10^8$  cells.

## Streamlined Purification

No Reagent Removal. Simple, direct purification using Zymo Research Purification Products\*.



\*Also compatible with most other commercial products.



# DNA/RNA Shield™ Blood Collection Tube

## Highlights

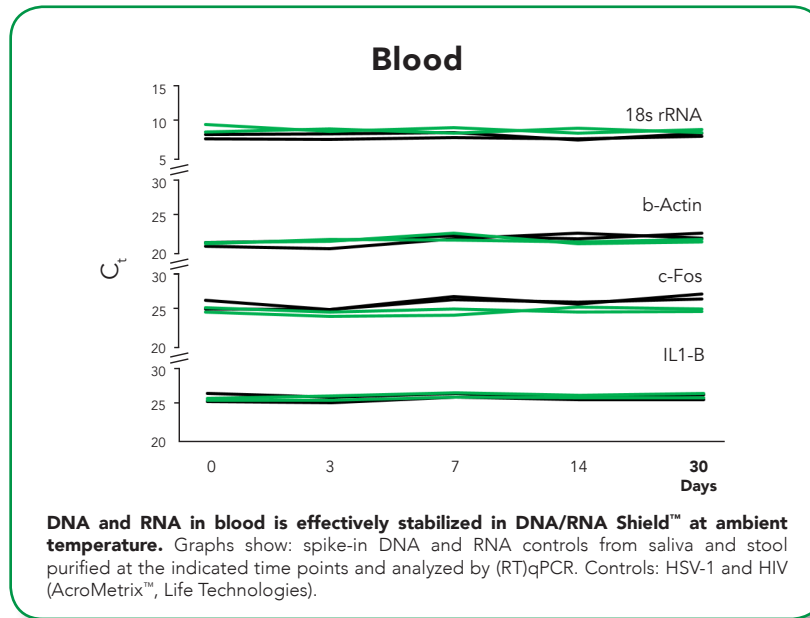
- Nucleic acid preservation (at ambient temperature; cold-free)
- Pathogen inactivation (bacteria, fungus, parasites & viruses)
- Streamlined purification (no reagent removal, universally compatible, automatable)

## Specifications

- A sterile evacuated blood collection tube (10 ml) that is prefilled with 6 ml DNA/RNA Shield™
- The blood draw volume of the tube is 3 ml

## Applications

- Gene expression analysis
- miRNA analysis
- Bloodborne pathogen detection



## Compatible Purification Kits

Purification of	DNA	RNA	Both
Entire DNA/RNA Shield™ Blood Tube (3 mL whole blood)	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Blood Tube Kit		
EDTA, citrate, heparin blood, etc.	Quick-DNA™ Kits	Quick-RNA™ Whole Blood Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Kit

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Product	Cat. No.	Size
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Blood Collection Tube	R1150	50 pack

# DNA/RNA Shield™ Fecal Collection Tube

## Highlights

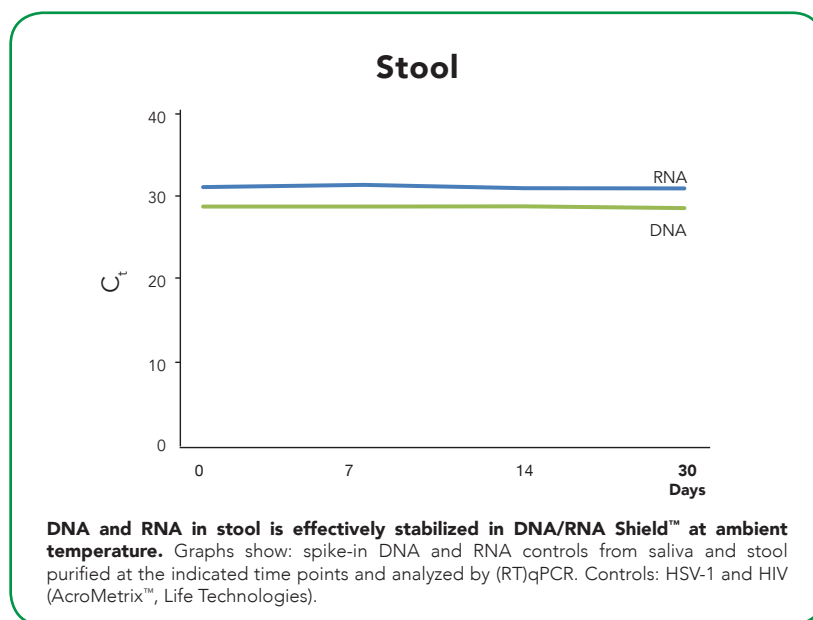
- Nucleic acid preservation (at ambient temperature; cold-free)
- Pathogen inactivation (bacteria, fungus, parasites & viruses)
- Streamlined purification (no reagent removal, universally compatible, automatable)

## Specifications

- A 15 ml tube prefilled with 9 ml of DNA/RNA Shield™
- The tube is equipped with a scoop attached to its screwcap for convenient sample collection
- The tube can collect up to 1 g or 1 ml of fecal specimen

## Applications

- Microbiomic analysis
- Gene expression analysis
- miRNA analysis
- Pathogen detection



## Compatible Purification Kits

Purification of	DNA	RNA	Both
Microbiomic samples (including feces, soil, water, etc.)	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® RNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA/RNA Kit
Fecal Samples	Quick-DNA™ Plus Kit	Quick-RNA™ Plus Kit	—
Viral Samples	Quick-DNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-RNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Viral Kit

Product	Cat. No.	Size
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Fecal Collection Tube	R1101	10 pack

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# DNA/RNA Shield™ Lysis Tubes

## Highlights

- Nucleic acid preservation (at ambient temperature; cold-free)
- Pathogen inactivation (bacteria, fungus, parasites & viruses)
- Streamlined purification (no reagent removal, universally compatible, automatable)

## Specifications

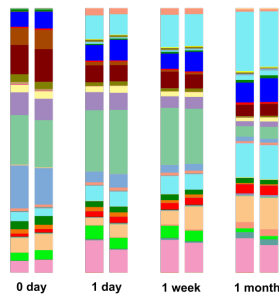
- A 2 ml tube prefilled with 1 ml of DNA/RNA Shield™
- Contains ultra-high density BashingBeads™ for homogenization

## Applications

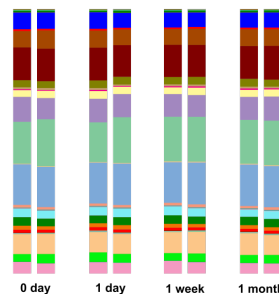
- Microbiomic analysis
- Gene expression analysis
- miRNA analysis
- Pathogen detection



Without DNA/RNA Shield™ - Composition Changes



With DNA/RNA Shield™ - Accurate Composition



## Microbial Composition of Stool is Unchanged After One Month at Ambient Temperature with DNA/RNA Shield™

Stool samples suspended in DNA/RNA Shield™ and stored at room temperature were compared to stool without preservative for one month. They were sampled at the indicated time points and processed with ZymoBIOMICS® DNA Mini Kit. The extracted DNA was then subjected to microbial composition profiling via 16S rRNA gene targeted sequencing. Samples stored with DNA/RNA Shield™ had a constant microbial composition while the samples stored without shifted dramatically.

## Compatible Purification Kits

Purification of	DNA	RNA	Both
Biological Fluids, Cells, soft tissue, easy to lyse samples	Quick-DNA™ Plus Kit	Quick-RNA™ Plus Kits	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Kit
Microbiomic samples (including feces, soil, water, etc.)	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® RNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA/RNA Kit
Viral Samples	Quick-DNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-RNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Viral Kit
Fecal/Soil Samples	Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit	Quick-RNA™ Plus Kit	–

Product	Cat. No.	Size
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Lysis Tube (Microbe)	R1103	50 tubes
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Lysis Tube (Microbe) with Swab	R1104	50 tubes/50 swabs
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Lysis Tube (Tissue)	R1105	50 tubes

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# DNA/RNA Shield™ Swab & Collection Tube

## Highlights

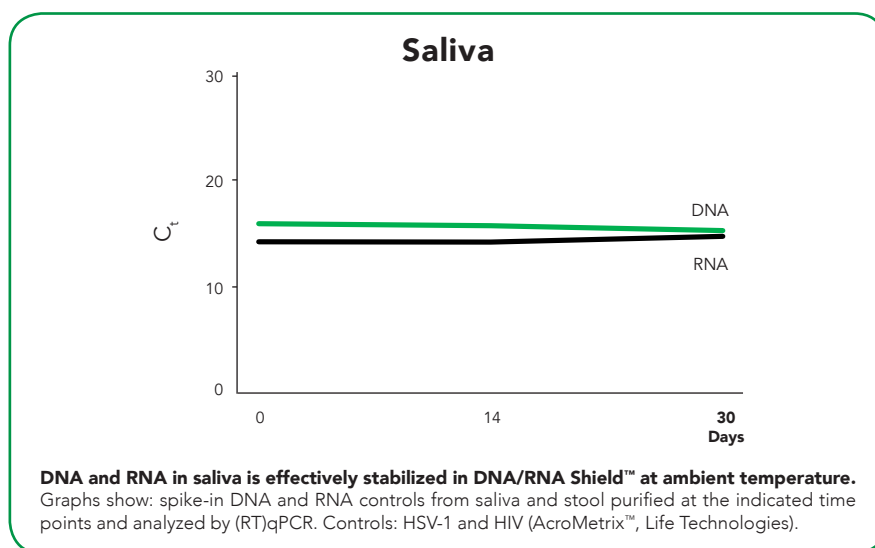
- Nucleic acid preservation (at ambient temperature; cold-free)
- Pathogen inactivation (bacteria, fungus, parasites & viruses)
- Streamlined purification (no reagent removal, universally compatible, automatable)

## Specifications

- Contains a sterile nylon swab with short (80 mm) breakpoint
- Prefilled with DNA/RNA Shield™ (1 or 2 ml) and sterilized
- Ideal for the general collection of swab samples (i.e., nose, mouth, throat)

## Applications

- Mouth, nose, and throat sample collection
- Environmental sample collection
- Pathogen inactivation and detection



## Compatible Purification Kits

Purification of	DNA	RNA	Both
Biological Fluids, Cells, soft tissue, easy to lyse samples	Quick-DNA™ Plus Kit	Quick-RNA™ Plus Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Kit
Microbiomic samples (including feces, soil, water, etc.)	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® RNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA/RNA Kit
Viral Samples	Quick-DNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-RNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Viral Kit
Fecal/Soil Samples	Quick-DNA™ Fecal/Soil Microbe Kit	Quick-RNA™ Plus Kit	–

Product	Cat. No.	Size
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Collection Tube	R1102	50 pack (1 ml fill)
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Swab & Collection Tube	R1106	10 pack (1 ml fill)
	R1107	50 pack (1 ml fill)
	R1108	10 pack (2 ml fill)
	R1109	50 pack (2 ml fill)

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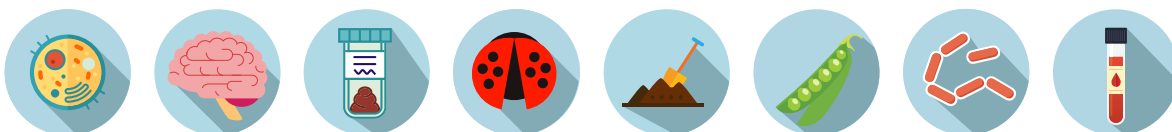
# DNA/RNA Shield™ Reagent

## Highlights

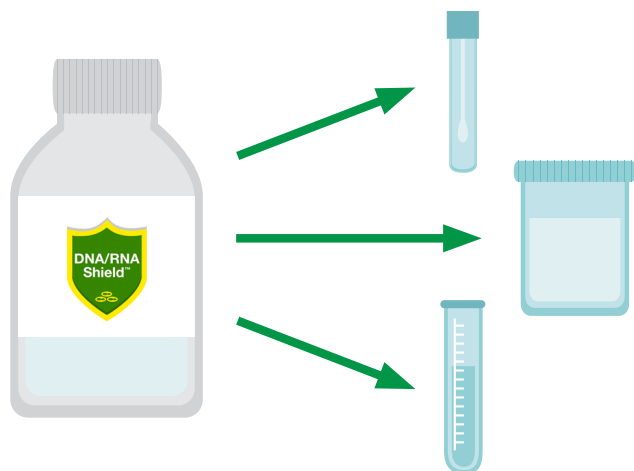
- Nucleic acid preservation (at ambient temperature; cold-free)
- Pathogen inactivation (bacteria, fungus, parasites & viruses)
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## Compatible Purification Kits

Purification of	DNA	RNA	Both
Biological Fluids, Cells, soft tissue, easy to lyse samples	Quick-DNA™ Plus Kit	Quick-RNA™ Plus Kits	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Kit
Microbiomic samples (including feces, soil, water, etc.)	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® RNA Kit	ZymoBIOMICS® DNA/RNA Kit
Viral Samples	Quick-DNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-RNA™ Viral Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Viral Kit
Blood Samples	Quick-DNA™ Plus Kit	Quick-RNA™ Whole Blood Kit	Quick-DNA/RNA™ Plus Kit

Product	Cat. No.	Size
DNA/RNA Shield™ Reagent	R1100-50	50 ml
	R1100-250	250 ml
DNA/RNA Shield™ Reagent (2X concentrate)	R1200-25	25 ml
	R1200-125	125 ml

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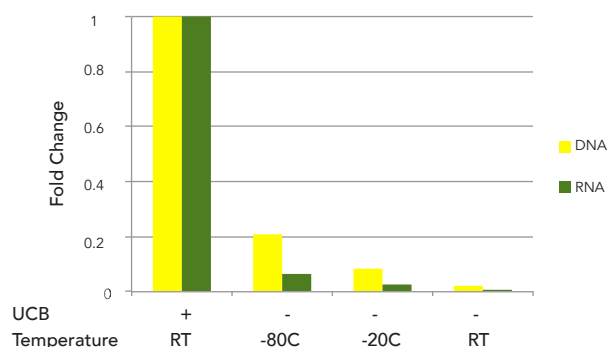
# Urine Conditioning Buffer™ (UCB™)

## Highlights

- Effectively preserves DNA and RNA in urine at ambient temperatures.
- Facilitates pelleting of both cellular and cell-free nucleic acids from large volume urine samples.
- Inhibits microbial growth during long-term (cold-free) storage of urine samples.

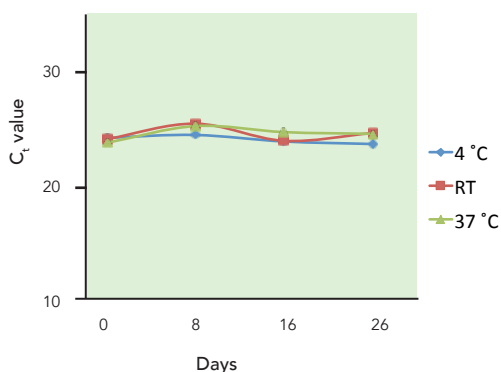


## Compatible with Quick-DNA™ Urine Kits



### Superior Preservation

**UCB™ provides superior preservation vs. conventional methods. Urine (with or without UCB™) was preserved using different storage conditions:** Room Temperature (RT), -20° C, and -80° C. HeLa cells were spiked in to urine before starting the RNA experiment. After two weeks of storage, total DNA (yellow) and total RNA (green) were purified using the Quick-DNA™ Urine Kit and a custom RNA extraction protocol by Zymo Research, respectively. Corresponding fold change of preserved nucleic acids was obtained from qPCR analysis. Experiment was performed in technical duplicates.



### Reliable at Any Temperature

**UCB™ preserves DNA in urine stored at different temperatures. Urine added with UCB™ was stored at different temperatures** (4°C, Room Temperature (RT), and 37 °C) and analyzed over a period of 26 days. At each time point, total DNA was isolated from samples using the Quick-DNA™ Urine Kit. Corresponding Ct values were obtained from qPCR analysis. Experiment was performed in technical duplicates.

Product	Cat. No.	Size
Urine Conditioning Buffer (UCB)	D3061-1-140	140 ml

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