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Purification
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Quick-RNA™ Microprep Kit

RNA from any sample

Highlights

- Spin-column purification of total RNA (including small/microRNAs) from cells and tissue.
- You can opt to isolate total RNA (≥ 17 nt) or isolate small (17-200 nt) and large RNAs (> 200 nt) into separate fractions.
- DNA-free RNA is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, etc. *DNase I is included.*

Catalog Numbers:
R1050, R1051



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Product Contents

Quick-RNA™ Microprep Kit	R1050 (50 prep)	R1051 (200 prep)
RNA Lysis Buffer	50 ml	100 ml (x2)
RNA Prep Buffer	25 ml	100 ml
RNA Wash Buffer ¹ (concentrate)	24 ml	48 ml (x2)
DNase/RNase-Free Water	4 ml	10 ml
DNase I ² (lyophilized)	250 U	250 U (x4)
DNA Digestion Buffer	4 ml	16 ml
Zymo-Spin™ IC Columns	50	200
Collection Tubes	50	200
Instruction Manual	1	1

Storage Temperature - Store all kit components (i.e., buffers, columns) at room temperature.

Before use:

1 Add 96 ml 100% ethanol (104 ml 95% ethanol) to the 24 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1050) or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1051).

2 Reconstitute lyophilized **DNase I** with **DNase/RNase-Free Water**, mix by gentle inversion and store frozen aliquots:

#E1009-A (250 U), add 275 µl water

#E1009-A-S (50 U), add 55 µl water

Specifications

- **Sample Sources** – Cells (animal, buccal, buffy coat, gram(-) bacteria) and soft, easy-to-lyse tissue, plasma, serum, etc. Not compatible with whole-blood¹ and urine² samples.
- **Size** – Total RNA including small/microRNAs (≥ 17 nt).
- **Purity** – A_{260}/A_{280} & $A_{260}/A_{230} > 1.8$. RNA is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, etc. Trace DNA can be removed by DNase I digestion (page 6).
- **Binding Capacity** – **Zymo-Spin™ IC Column** yield up to 10 μ g RNA.
- **Compatibility** – For samples stored in preservation reagents: **DNA/RNA Shield™**, RNAprotect®, Allprotect®, Universal transport medium/viral transport medium (UTM®/VTM®) and RNAlater™.
- **Elution Volume** – ≥ 6 μ l **DNase/RNase-Free Water**.
- **Equipment Needed (user provided)** – Microcentrifuge, vortex.

¹ For RNA purification from whole-blood, see the Quick-RNA Miniprep Plus Kit (R1057, R1058).

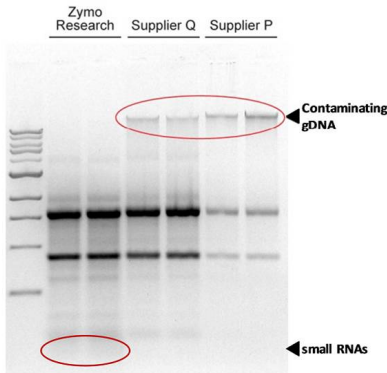
² For urine, DNA/RNA can be isolated with the Quick-DNA/RNA MagBead Kit (R2130, R2131).

Product Description

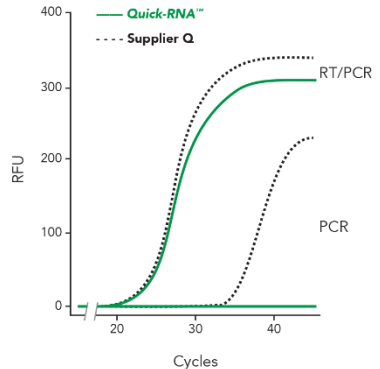
The **Quick-RNA™ Microprep Kit** provides a quick method for the isolation of high-quality total RNA (≥ 17 nt) from cells (animal, buccal, buffy coat, gram(-) bacteria) and soft, easy-to-lyse tissue. Enrichment of small RNAs (e.g., 17-200 nt; tRNAs, microRNAs) and/or large RNAs (> 200 nt) can be recovered into two separate fractions.

The procedure uses unique spin-column technology that results in high-quality total RNA (including small/microRNAs) and is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, hybridization, etc.

High-Quality, *DNA-free* RNA



The **Quick-RNA™ Kits** yields high quality total RNA. High levels of genomic DNA contamination are present in the preps from Suppliers Q & P but not with the **Quick-RNA™ Kits**. Total RNA was isolated from human epithelial cells (sans DNase treatment).



RNA isolated with the **Quick-RNA™ Kits** is DNA-free. Samples isolated with Supplier Q's kit are provided for comparison. Total RNA was isolated from 10^6 human epithelial cells (with in-column DNase treatments for both kits). Each amplification curve represents an average of three independent isolation experiments.

Protocol

The protocol consists of: (I) Buffer Preparation, (II) Sample Preparation and (III) Total RNA Purification.

(I) Buffer Preparation

- ✓ Add 96 ml 100% ethanol (104 ml 95% ethanol) to the 24 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1050) or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1051).
- ✓ Reconstitute lyophilized **DNase I** with **DNase/RNase-Free Water**, mix by gentle inversion and store frozen aliquots:
#E1009-A (250 U), add 275 μ l **water**
#E1009-A-S (50 U), add 55 μ l **water**

(II) Sample Preparation

- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.

Samples stabilized and stored in DNA/RNA Shield™ (cells, tissue, swab, etc.)

If frozen, thaw homogenized sample in **DNA/RNA Shield™** to room temperature (20-30°C). Mix well by vortex. Then add an equal volume of **RNA Lysis Buffer** (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 6.

Cells

- To pellet cells:** Centrifuge liquid sample at ≤ 500 x g for 1 minute and remove the supernatant. Then resuspend the cell pellet in **RNA Lysis Buffer** (see table below).
- Adherent cells:** Remove liquid media from the culture container. Then add **RNA Lysis Buffer** directly to the monolayer (see table below). Remove cells from the culture surface by scraping, pipetting, scraping, etc.
- Cells in suspension:** Add ≥ 3 volumes **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume of liquid sample and mix well.

Mammalian	Gram(-) bacteria	Add RNA Lysis Buffer
$\leq 10^5$	-	$\geq 100 \mu\text{l}$
$\leq 10^6$	$\leq 10^8$	$\geq 300 \mu\text{l}$

To remove particulate debris, centrifuge and transfer the supernatant into a new nuclease-free tube (not provided). Proceed to purification, page 6.

Tissue¹

≤ 10 mg low yield tissue (or ≤ 5 mg high yield tissue) can be mechanically homogenized in $\geq 300 \mu\text{l}$ **RNA Lysis Buffer** with a mortar/pestle, dounce, syringe, tissue grinder, or bead beating (recommended). To remove particulate debris from homogenate, centrifuge and transfer the supernatant into a new nuclease-free tube (not provided). Proceed to purification, page 6.

Recommended: Use ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes (#S6003; sold separately) and a high-speed homogenizer (e.g., MP Bio FastPrep-24, Bertin Precellys) for 30-60 seconds.

¹ Tissue can be Proteinase K treated prior to adding RNA Lysis Buffer (page 9).

(III) Total RNA Purification

- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.
- 1. Add 1 volume¹ ethanol (95-100%) to 1 volume sample lysed in **RNA Lysis Buffer** (1:1) and mix well.
- 2. Transfer the mixture into a **Zymo-Spin™ IC Column**² in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge³. Discard the flow-through.
- 3. **DNase I**⁴ treatment (recommended)
 - (D1) Wash the column with 400 µl **RNA Wash Buffer** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
 - (D2) In an nuclease-free tube, add 5 µl **DNase I** (1 U/µl)*, 35 µl **DNA Digestion Buffer** and mix. Add mixture directly into the column matrix.
 - (D3) Incubate the column at room temperature (20-30°C) for 15 minutes.
- 4. Add 400 µl **RNA Prep Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
- 5. Add 700 µl **RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
- 6. Add 400 µl **RNA Wash Buffer** and centrifuge the column for 1 minute to ensure complete removal of the wash buffer. Then carefully, transfer the column into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- 7. Add 15 µl **DNase/RNase-Free Water** directly to the column matrix and centrifuge.

Alternatively, for highly concentrated RNA use ≥ 6 µl elution.

The eluted RNA⁵ can be used immediately or stored frozen.

1 To isolate large RNA species ≥ 200 nt, add 0.5 volume ethanol (95-100%) to 1 volume sample lysed in RNA Lysis Buffer (0.5:1) and mix well.

2 To process samples > 700 µl, columns may be reloaded.

3 At this point, proteins can be purified from the flow-through (page 8).

4 Prior to use, reconstitute the lyophilized **DNase I** (Buffer Preparation, page 4). * Unit definition – one unit increases the absorbance of a high molecular weight DNA solution at a rate of 0.001 A₂₆₀ units/ml of reaction mixture at 25°C.

5 For complete removal of PCR (RT) inhibitors from plant, soil and fecal samples, use the OneStep™ PCR Inhibitor Removal Kit (D6030).

Appendices

Samples stabilized and stored in DNA/RNA Shield™

Recommended: **DNA/RNA Shield™** effectively lyses cells, inactivates nucleases and infectious agents and is ideal for sample storage/transport at ambient temperatures prior to nucleic acid purification.

Liquid samples: Mix an equal volume **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate) and sample (1:1).

Solid samples: Submerge sample (not to exceed 10% (v/v or w/v) in **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X).

Mix well/homogenize sample prior to storage. Samples in **DNA/RNA Shield™** can be stored at ambient temperature \geq 1 month or long term at frozen temperature.

Samples in RNAProtect, All Protect, RNAlater, UTM/VTM, saline or PBS

✓ RNAProtect®, All Protect®: Add 3 volumes of **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume of liquid sample (3:1) and mix well and/or homogenize (e.g., see Tissue, page 5). Proceed to purification, page 6, step 1.

✓ RNAlater™: Add an equal volume of RNase-free water (or PBS) to 1 volume liquid sample (1:1) and mix. Then add 4 volumes **RNA Lysis Buffer** (4:1) to 1 volume sample/water (or PBS). Mix again and proceed to purification, page 6, step 1.

Alternatively, remove the RNAlater™, then proceed with Sample Preparation according to the sample type.

✓ Swab samples in UTM®/VTM®, saline or PBS: Remove swab and add 3 volumes of **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume sample (3:1). Mix well and proceed to purification, page 6, step 1.

Optional: To inactivate, store and preserve at room temperature prior to purification, add an equal volume of **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate) to 1 volume of liquid sample (1:1) and mix well. Then proceed to Sample Preparation, Samples in **DNA/RNA Shield™**, page 5.

Liquids/Reaction Clean-up (DNase I treated RNA, in vitro transcriptions, etc.)

Add 150 μ l **RNA Lysis Buffer** to a \geq 50 μ l liquid sample (3:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 6, step 1.

(Appendices continued)

Protein Purification: Acetone Precipitation of Proteins

- ✓ After the RNA binding to the column (page 6, step 2), the protein content in the flow-through can be purified:
- 1. Add 4 volumes of cold acetone (-20°C) to the flow-through (4:1) and mix.
- 2. Incubate the samples for 30 minutes on ice.
- 3. Centrifuge at max speed for 10 minutes. Discard the supernatant. Keep the pellet.
- 4. Add 400 µl ethanol (95-100%) to the protein pellet. Centrifuge at max speed for 1 minute. Discard the supernatant.
- 5. Air-dry the protein pellet for 10 minutes at room temperature.
- 6. Resuspend and vortex the pellet in a buffer appropriate for downstream application (e.g., SDS-PAGE sample loading buffer).

Purification of Small and Large RNAs into Separate Fractions

- ✓ This procedure is compatible with animal cell inputs ($\leq 10^6$) or purified RNA only.
- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation steps at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.

1. Prepare adjusted **RNA Lysis Buffer** (as needed). Mix an equal volume of buffer and ethanol (95-100%).

Example: Mix 50 µl buffer and 50 µl ethanol.

2. Add 2 volumes of the adjusted buffer to the sample¹ and mix.

Example: Mix 100 µl adjusted buffer and 50 µl sample.

3. Transfer the mixture to the **Zymo-Spin™ Column**² and centrifuge. **Save the flow-through!**

4. **Small RNAs (17-200 nt) are in the flow-through**

- a. Add 1 volume ethanol and mix.

Example: Add 150 µl ethanol to 150 µl sample.

- b. Transfer the mixture to a **new column** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.

- c. Proceed with purification, page 6, step 4.

4. **Large RNAs (> 200 nt) are retained in the column**

- a. Proceed with purification, page 6, step 4.

¹ To minimize pipetting error, adjust the sample volume to 50 µl (minimum).

² To process samples > 700 µl, columns may be reloaded.

(Appendices continued)

Input Capacity and Average Total RNA Yield

Input	Average RNA Yield	Kit Capacity
Cells	1 µg (per 10 ⁵ cells)	Up to 10 ⁶
HeLa	1.5 µg	
High Yield Tissue ^{1 (mouse)}	≥ 3 µg (per 1 mg)	Up to 2 mg
Spleen	3-5 µg	
Liver	4-6 µg	
Low Yield Tissue ^{1 (mouse)}	≤ 3 µg (per 1 mg)	Up to 5 mg
Brain, Heart	0.5-1.5 µg	
Muscle	0.5-2 µg	
Lung	1-2 µg	
Intestine	1-3 µg	
Kidney	2-3 µg	
Whole Blood ²	(per 100 µl)	Up to 200 µl
Porcine	1-2 µg	
Human	0.2-1 µg	

Proteinase K Treatment

- ✓ Proteinase K treatment can be performed on protein-rich samples stored in **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate; #R1200) (e.g., tissue, blood cells, plasma, serum, saliva, sputum, etc.) using **Proteinase K Set** (#D3001-2-20) and **PK Digestion Buffer** (#R1200-1-20), materials sold separately.
1. For each sample to be treated, prepare **Proteinase K Reaction Mix** in a nuclease-free tube (not included) and mix by vortexing. Scale proportionally, if needed.

Proteinase K Reaction Mix

Up to 5 mg animal tissue or 10 ⁶ cells in DNA/RNA Shield™	300 µl
PK Digestion Buffer	30 µl
Proteinase K (reconstituted) ³	15 µl

2. Incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for 30 minutes (homogenized) or 2-5 hours (non-homogenized). Optimization may be required.
3. Add 1 volume **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the treated sample (1:1) and mix. To remove particulate debris, centrifuge and transfer the supernatant into a new nuclease-free tube (not provided). Proceed to purification, page 6.

1 Yield from tissue can vary due to other factors (i.e., organism type, physiological state and growth conditions).

2 Yield from blood can vary based upon collection, sample preparation, donor, age, and/or health conditions.

3 Reconstitute lyophilized **Proteinase K** (#D3001-2-20; 20 mg) with 1,040 µl **Proteinase K Storage Buffer** and mix by vortexing. Store frozen aliquots.

Ordering Information

Product Description	Catalog No.	Size
Quick-RNA™ Microprep Kit	R1050	50 preps.
	R1051	200 preps.

Individual Kit Components	Catalog No.	Amount
RNA Lysis Buffer	R1060-1-50	50 ml
	R1060-1-100	100 ml
RNA Prep Buffer	R1060-2-25	25 ml
	R1060-2-100	100 ml
RNA Wash Buffer (concentrate)	R1003-3-24	24 ml
	R1003-3-48	48 ml
DNase/RNase-Free Water	W1001-10	10 ml
	W1001-30	30 ml
DNase I Set (lyophilized) (250 U supplied with DNA Digestion Buffer, 4 ml)	E1010	1 set
Zymo-Spin™ IC Columns	C1004-50	50
Collection Tubes	C1001-50	50

Complete Your Workflow

- ✓ For tough-to-lyse samples, use ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes:

ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes	
2.0 mm beads #S6003	Plant/animal tissue
0.1 + 0.5 mm beads #S6012	Microbes
0.1 + 2.0 mm beads #S6014	Microbes in tissue/insects

- ✓ For isolation of RNA from any sample:

Quick-RNA kits	
Miniprep Plus #R1057/R1058	$\leq 10^7$ cells, ≤ 50 mg tissue
MagBeads #R2132/R2133	Automatable (Tecan, Hamilton, Kingfisher, etc.)

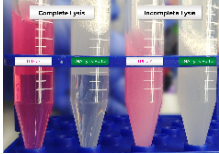
- ✓ For clean-up (purification) and concentration of any RNA sample. (e.g., from the aqueous phase of TRIzol[®] extractions) or from any enzymatic reaction (e.g., DNase I treated RNA):

RNA Clean & Concentrator kits	
Microprep #R1013-R1014	DNase I Set included
MagBeads #R1082	Automatable (Tecan, Hamilton, Kingfisher, etc.)

- ✓ For NGS:

Zymo-Seq RiboFree Total RNA Library Prep kit	
#R3000	12 preps
#R3003	96 preps

Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Causes and Suggested Solutions
Precipitation, viscous lysate	<p>Incomplete lysis and/or high-mass input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If precipitation occurs (upon adding ethanol to the lysate) or if the lysate is extremely viscous, increase the volume of DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer to ensure complete lysis and homogenization until lysate is transparent (see image). 
Low purity (A ₂₆₀ /A ₂₃₀ nm, A ₂₆₀ /A ₂₈₀ nm)	<p>Sample handling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethanol and/or salt contamination. After centrifugation steps, carefully remove the column from the collection tube to prevent buffer carryover. Alternatively, blot emptied collection tube with a tissue or towel. - Make sure lysate and wash buffers have passed completely through the matrix of the column. This may require centrifuging at a higher speed and/or longer time. <p>Incomplete lysis and/or cellular debris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the volume DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer (proportionally) to ensure complete lysis and homogenization. Be sure to centrifuge any cellular debris and then process the cleared lysate.
Low yield	<p>Sample input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Too much input or incomplete lysis/homogenization can cause cellular debris to clog or overload the column and result in compromised nucleic acid recovery. Use less input material and/or increase the volume DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer. <p>High-protein content (blood, plasma/serum, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perform Proteinase K treatment to the sample prior to purification. See appropriate sample preparation protocol.
DNA contamination	<p>To remove DNA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Perform in-column DNase I treatment (page 6) or perform DNase I treatment post-purification, then re-purify the treated sample. - For future preps, increase the volume of DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer to ensure complete lysis and homogenization of the sample.
RNA degradation	<p>To prevent RNA degradation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immediately collect and lyse fresh sample into DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer ensure stability. Homogenized samples can be stored frozen for later processing.

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