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*Made Simple*

# Quick-RNA™ Miniprep Plus Kit

RNA from any sample

## Highlights

- Spin-column purification of total RNA (including small/microRNAs) from any sample including cells, solid tissue, biological liquids, environmental samples, swabs, and any sample in DNA/RNA Shield™
- DNA/RNA Shield™ and Proteinase K are included for unique preservation and lysis technology.
- DNA-free RNA is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, etc. *DNase I is included.*

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# Product Contents

<b>Quick-RNA™ Miniprep Plus Kit</b>	<b>R1057T</b> (10 prep)	<b>R1057</b> (50 prep)	<b>R1058</b> (200 prep)
RNA Lysis Buffer	10 ml	50 ml	100 ml (x2)
RNA Prep Buffer	5 ml	25 ml	100 ml
RNA Wash Buffer <sup>1</sup>	16 ml (ready-to-use)	24 ml (concentrate)	48 ml (x2)
DNase/RNase-Free Water	1 ml	6 ml	30 ml
DNase I <sup>2</sup> (lyophilized)	50 U	250 U	250 U (x4)
DNA Digestion Buffer	0.8 ml	4 ml	16 ml
DNA/RNA Shield™ (2X concentrate)	5 ml	25 ml	125 ml
PK Digestion Buffer	1 ml	5 ml	20 ml
Proteinase K <sup>3</sup> (lyophilized) & Storage Buffer	5 mg (x2)	60 mg	60 mg (x3)
Spin-Away™ Filters	10	50	200
Zymo-Spin™ IICG Columns	10	50	200
Collection Tubes	20	100	400
Instruction Manual	1 pc	1 pc	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 (R1057) or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1058). **RNA Wash Buffer** (R1057T) is supplied ready-to-use and does not require the addition of ethanol.

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

3 Add **Proteinase K Storage Buffer** to the lyophilized **Proteinase K**, 20 mg, see Buffer Preparation, page 5. Store frozen aliquots.

# Specifications

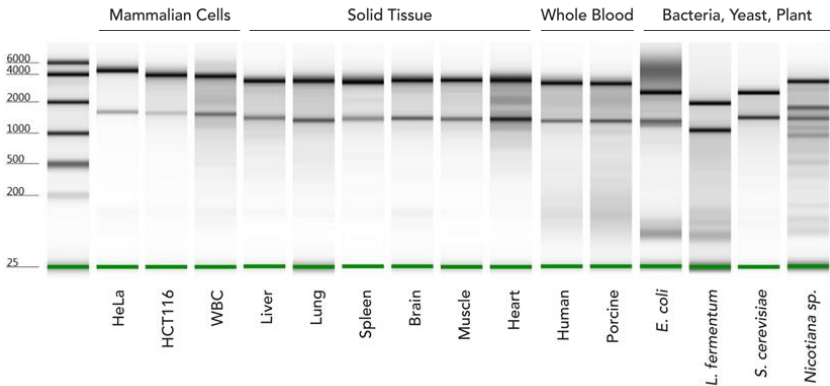
- **Sample Sources** – Any cells (animal, bacterial, blood cells, etc.), all tissues (tough-to-lyse, FFPE, etc.), blood, biological fluids, enzymatic reactions (e.g., DNase I treated) and samples in **DNA/RNA Shield™** or other preservation reagents.
- **Sample Preservation and Inactivation** – **DNA/RNA Shield™** lyses cells, inactivates nucleases and infectious agents (e.g., virus, pathogens) and is ideal for safe sample storage and transport at ambient temperatures (page 11).
- **Size** – Total RNA including small/microRNAs ( $\geq 17$  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 10).
- **Binding Capacity** – **Zymo-Spin™ IIICG Column (green)** yield up to 100  $\mu$ g RNA.
- **Compatibility** – For samples stored in preservation reagents: **DNA/RNA Shield™**, RNAprotect®, Allprotect®, Universal transport medium/viral transport medium (UTM®/VTM®), PAXgene® and RNAlater™.
- **Elution Volume** –  $\geq 50$   $\mu$ l **DNase/RNase-Free Water**.
- **Equipment Needed** (user provided) – Microcentrifuge, vortex, heat block, water bath or incubator.

# Product Description

The **Quick-RNA™ Miniprep Plus Kit** combines **Quick-RNA™** technology with the addition of **DNA/RNA Shield™**, a unique preservation and lysis technology, and **Proteinase K** to enable easy, reliable, and rapid isolation of RNA from any biological sample including any cells, all tissues, blood, and other biological fluids.

The procedure uses unique spin-column technology that results in high-quality total RNA (including small RNAs 17-200 nt) and is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, hybridization, etc.

## High-Quality RNA From Any Sample Type



High quality total RNA is isolated from various sample types including mammalian cells, solid tissue, whole blood, bacteria, yeast, and plant using the **Quick-RNA™ Plus** kits (Agilent 2200 TapeStation™).

## Input Capacity and Average Total RNA Yield

Input	Average RNA Yield	Kit Capacity
<b>Cells</b>	10 µg (per 10 <sup>6</sup> cells)	Up to 10 <sup>7</sup>
HeLa	15 µg	
<b>High Yield Tissue</b> <sup>1 (mouse)</sup>	≥ 30 µg (per 10 mg)	Up to 20 mg
Spleen	30-50 µg	
Liver	40-60 µg	
<b>Low Yield Tissue</b> <sup>1 (mouse)</sup>	≤ 30 µg (per 10 mg)	Up to 50 mg
Brain, Heart	5-15 µg	
Muscle	5-20 µg	
Lung	10-20 µg	
Intestine	10-30 µg	
Kidney	20-30 µg	
<b>Whole Blood</b> <sup>2</sup>	(per 1 ml)	Up to 3 ml
Porcine	10-20 µg	
Human	2-10 µg	

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.

# Protocol

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

## (I) Buffer Preparation

- ✓ Add 96 ml 100% ethanol (104 ml 95% ethanol) to the 24 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1057) or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate (R1058). **RNA Wash Buffer** (R1057T) is supplied ready-to-use and does not require the addition of ethanol.
  
- ✓ Reconstitute lyophilized **DNase I** with **DNase/RNase-Free Water**, mix by gentle inversion and store frozen aliquots:  
**#E1009-A (250 U)**, add 275  $\mu$ l **water**  
**#E1009-A-S (50 U)**, add 55  $\mu$ l **water**
  
- ✓ Reconstitute lyophilized **Proteinase K** at 20 mg/ml with **Proteinase K Storage Buffer** and mix by vortexing. Use immediately or store frozen aliquots:  
**#D3001-2-60 (60 mg)**, add 3.12 ml **buffer**  
**#D3001-2-5 (5 mg)**, add 0.26 ml **buffer**
  
- ✓ To prepare a 1X solution, add an equal volume of nuclease-free water (not provided) to the **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate) (1:1) and mix well.

## (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. Proceed to the appropriate procedure below based on sample type (omit the step involving the addition of **DNA/RNA Shield™**).

#### Cells & Tissue (mammalian)

1. For samples (cells or tissue) already stored in **DNA/RNA Shield™**, add an equal volume of **RNA Lysis Buffer** (1:1), mix well and proceed to purification, page 10.
2. **Cells:** If in suspension<sup>1</sup>, pellet by centrifugation ( $\leq 500$  x g for 1 minute), remove supernatant. Resuspend cell pellet in **RNA Lysis Buffer** (see table below). Remove particulate debris by centrifugation and transfer the supernatant into a nuclease-free tube (not provided). Proceed to purification, page 10.

Cells	Add RNA Lysis Buffer
$\leq 5 \times 10^6$	$\geq 300 \mu\text{l}$
$5 \times 10^6 - 10^7$	$\geq 600 \mu\text{l}$

3. **Tissue**<sup>2</sup>: Submerge an appropriate amount of fresh or frozen sample (see table below) into **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X)<sup>3</sup> and homogenize<sup>4,5</sup>.

Tissue	Add DNA/RNA Shield (1X)
High-yield ( $\leq 25$ mg) Low-yield ( $\leq 50$ mg)	$\leq 600 \mu\text{l}$

- a. For every 300  $\mu\text{l}$  of sample, add 15  $\mu\text{l}$  **Proteinase K** and 30  $\mu\text{l}$  **PK Digestion Buffer**. Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for  $\geq 30$  minutes (homogenized) or 2-5 hours (non-homogenized). Optimization may be required.
- b. To remove particulate debris, centrifuge and transfer the cleared supernatant into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- c. Add an equal volume of **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

1 If liquid/media cannot be removed, add  $\geq 3$  volumes **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume liquid sample (3:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

2 For examples of sample type input and average yield, see chart on page 4.

3 For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield™**, see Buffer Preparation, page 5.

4 For efficient homogenization, bead beat samples with ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes (S6012, S6003), sold separately. See Appendices (page 12) for bead beating parameters. Other types of homogenization can include mortar/pestle, dounce, syringe or tissue grinder, etc.

5 Alternatively (if no homogenization), tissue samples can be Proteinase K treated only (proceed to step 3a).



## Tough-to-Lyse Samples (bacteria, yeast, insect, swab, soil<sup>1</sup>, stool<sup>1</sup>, plant<sup>1</sup>, seed<sup>1</sup>)

1. Add 800 µl of **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X)<sup>2</sup> to an appropriate amount of sample (see table below) and homogenize<sup>3</sup> (e.g., bead beating).

Solid Tissue	Microbes	Add DNA/RNA Shield (1X)
Plant/Seed or Insect (≤ 200 mg)	Bacteria (≤ 10 <sup>9</sup> ) Yeast (≤ 10 <sup>9</sup> ) Swab, Stool/Soil (≤ 50 mg)	800 µl

2. After homogenization, remove particulate debris by centrifugation at max speed. Transfer the cleared supernatant into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
3. Add **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1), mix well and proceed with purification, page 10.

## FFPE Tissue

1. Remove (trim) excess paraffin wax from ≤ 25 mg FFPE tissue and transfer into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
2. Add 400 µl **Deparaffinization Solution**<sup>4</sup> to the sample. Incubate at 55°C for 1 minute. Vortex briefly. Remove the **Deparaffinization Solution**.
3. Add 95 µl **DNase/RNase-Free Water**, 95 µl **2X Digestion Buffer**<sup>4</sup>, and 10 µl **Proteinase K**. Mix well.
4. Incubate at 55°C for 1 hour. Then incubate at 65°C for 15 minutes to de-crosslink the sample.
5. Centrifuge to remove insoluble debris and transfer 200 µl supernatant to a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
6. Add **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

## Blood Cells (mammalian, PBMCs, WBCs, etc.)

1. For blood cells, buffy coat and pelleted PAXgene® or RNAlater™ samples, resuspend in **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X)<sup>2</sup>.

Blood Cells	Add DNA/RNA Shield™ (1X)
≤ 5 ml blood (≤ 10 <sup>7</sup> cells)	300 µl

2. For every 300 µl of sample, add 15 µl **Proteinase K** and 30 µl **PK Digestion Buffer**. Continue to step 3, page 8.

1 For PCR inhibitor removal, use OneStep PCR Inhibitor Removal Kit (D6030).

2 For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield™**, see Buffer Preparation, page 5.

3 For efficient homogenization, bead beat samples with ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes (S6012, S6003), sold separately. See Appendices (page 12) for bead beating parameters.

4 Deparaffinization Solution (D3067-1-20) and 2X Digestion Buffer (D3050-1-20) are sold separately.

- Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for ≥ 30 minutes. Optimization may be required.
- After incubation, vortex sample and centrifuge at max speed for 2 minutes to pellet debris. Transfer 300 µl of the cleared supernatant to a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- Add **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

### **Whole Blood<sup>1,2</sup> (mammalian)**

- Add 200 µl **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate) directly to each 200 µl of fresh or frozen blood sample and mix thoroughly<sup>3</sup>.
- For every 400 µl of reagent/blood mixture, add 8 µl **Proteinase K** and mix well. Incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for 30 minutes.
- After incubation, vortex sample and centrifuge at max speed for 2 minutes to pellet debris. Transfer the cleared supernatant to a new nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- Add an equal volume of isopropanol (1:1) and mix well.
- Transfer the mixture into a **Zymo-Spin™ IICG Column<sup>4</sup>** (green) in a Collection Tube and centrifuge<sup>4</sup>. Discard the flow-through and proceed to purification, page 10, step 3.

### **Saliva & Buccal Cells**

- For saliva and buccal cell samples, add an equal volume of **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X) (1:1).

Saliva & Buccal Cells	Add DNA/RNA Shield™ (2X)
200 µl (≤ 10 <sup>7</sup> cells)	200 µl

- For every 400 µl of reagent/sample mixture, add 20 µl **Proteinase K** and 40 µl **PK Digestion Buffer**.
- Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for ≥ 30 minutes. Optimization may be required.
- After incubation, vortex sample and centrifuge at max speed for 2 minutes to pellet debris. Transfer 400 µl of the cleared supernatant to a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- Add **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

1 Compatible with commonly used anticoagulants (e.g., EDTA, citrate, heparin)

2 Up to 3 ml blood per prep can be processed (by reloading the column).

3 To retain protein in the whole blood sample, omit step 2 and continue to step 3.

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

## Urine<sup>1</sup>

1. Generate pellet from up to 40 ml urine by adding 70  $\mu$ l **Urine Conditioning Buffer**<sup>2</sup> for every 1 ml of urine and mix by vortex. Centrifuge at 3,000 x g for 15 minutes. Discard the supernatant and keep the pellet. Add **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup> (1X)<sup>3</sup> and mix by pipetting.

Pelleted cells from urine	Add <b>DNA/RNA Shield</b> <sup>™</sup> (1X)
$\leq$ 40 ml urine	300 $\mu$ l

2. For every 300  $\mu$ l of sample, add 15  $\mu$ l **Proteinase K**.
3. Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for  $\geq$  30 minutes. Optimization may be required.
4. After incubation, vortex sample and centrifuge at max speed for 2 minutes to pellet debris. Transfer 300  $\mu$ l of the cleared supernatant to a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
5. Add **DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

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<sup>1</sup> Warm up urine sample at 37°C for 5-10 minutes if there is visual precipitation or cloudiness. Samples that contain bacterial contamination will not be clear.

<sup>2</sup> Urine Conditioning Buffer (D3061-1-8, D30601-1-140) is sold separately.

<sup>3</sup> For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup>, see Buffer Preparation, page 5.

### (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. Transfer the sample lysed in **RNA Lysis Buffer** into a **Spin-Away™ Filter**<sup>1</sup> (**yellow**) in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge to remove the majority of genomic DNA.

#### **Save the flow-through!**

- 2. Add 1 volume<sup>2</sup> ethanol (95-100%) to the flow-through (1:1) and mix well. Then transfer the sample into a **Zymo-Spin™ IICG Column**<sup>1</sup> (**green**) in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge<sup>3</sup>. Discard the flow-through.
- 3. **DNase I**<sup>4</sup> treatment (recommended)
  - (D1) Wash the column with 400 µl **RNA Wash Buffer** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
  - (D2) In a nuclease-free tube, add 5 µl **DNase I** (1 U/µl)\*, 75 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 100 µl **DNase/RNase-Free Water** directly to the column matrix and centrifuge.

Alternatively, for highly concentrated RNA use ≥ 50 µl elution.

The eluted RNA<sup>5</sup> can be used immediately or stored frozen.

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

2 To isolate large RNA species ≥ 200 nt, add 0.5 volume ethanol (95-100%) to the flow-through and mix well.

3 Optional: At this point, proteins can be purified from the flow-through (page 12).

4 Prior to use, reconstitute the lyophilized **DNase I** (Buffer Preparation, page 5). \* Unit definition – one unit increases the absorbance of a high molecular weight DNA solution at a rate of 0.001 A<sub>260</sub> 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

## Sample stabilization and storage in DNA/RNA Shield™

Liquid samples (e.g., whole blood): Add 3 volumes **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X)<sup>1</sup> to 1 volume sample (3:1). Mix well.

Solid samples (e.g., tissue): Submerge sample (not to exceed 10% (v/v or w/v)) in **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X)<sup>1</sup> and homogenize (see Appendices, page 12).

Store samples in **DNA/RNA Shield™** at ambient temperature for  $\geq 1$  month or long term at frozen temperature. **DNA/RNA Shield™** is directly compatible with most guanidinium-based extraction methods (e.g., no need to remove reagent from the stored sample prior to extraction).

## Samples in RNAprotect, Allprotect, RNeasy, PAXgene, UTM/VTM, saline or PBS

- ✓ RNAprotect®, Allprotect®: Add 3 volumes of **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume of liquid sample (3:1). Mix well and/or homogenize base on sample type (see Sample Preparation, page 6), then proceed to Total RNA Purification, page 10.
- ✓ RNeasy™:
  - a. Cells - Pellet<sup>2</sup> by centrifugation at up to 5,000 x g and remove RNeasy (supernatant). Proceed to Sample Preparation, page 6.
  - b. Tissue - Transfer into a new tube with forceps and remove any excess RNeasy™. Proceed to Sample Preparation, page 6.

Alternatively, for liquid samples from which RNeasy cannot be removed, add 1 volume of nuclease-free water (or PBS) to 1 volume liquid sample (1:1) and mix. Then add 4 volumes **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume sample/water (or PBS) mixture (4:1). Mix again and proceed to Total RNA Purification, page 10.

- ✓ PAXgene®: Refer to manufacturer's instructions to remove the reagent then proceed to Sample Preparation, Blood Cells, page 7.
- ✓ 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 and aliquot every 200  $\mu$ l of mixture into a nuclease-free tube. Proceed to Total RNA Purification, page 10.

Optional: To inactivate pathogens, store at room temperature prior to purification, add 1 volume **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate) to 1 volume liquid sample (1:1) and mix well. Then proceed to Sample Preparation, Samples in **DNA/RNA Shield™**, page 6.

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1 For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield™**, see Buffer Preparation, page 5.

2 Different cells may react differently to centrifugation forces, and it is recommended to test the pelleting procedure with non-valuable samples first. Diluting RNeasy™ by 50% with cold PBS reduces solution density allowing for lower forces during cell pelleting (e.g., 500 x g).

(Appendices continued)

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

Add 150  $\mu$ l **RNA Lysis Buffer** to a  $\geq$  50  $\mu$ l liquid sample (3:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 10.

### **Protein Purification: Acetone Precipitation of Proteins**

- ✓ After the RNA binding to the column (page 10, step 2), the protein content in the flow-through can be purified:
- 1. Add 4 volumes of cold acetone (-20°C) to 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  $\mu$ l 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).

### **Homogenization with ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes**

- ✓ Recommended for complete and efficient homogenization of tough-to-lyse samples (e.g., tissue, plant, seed, microbes, etc.). Lysis tubes sold separately.
- ✓ For high-speed homogenizers (e.g., MP Bio FastPrep-24, Bertin Precellys) and low-speed homogenizers (e.g., Disruptor Genie), bead-beating time optimization may be required.

Input	Tissue		Microbes
	Mammalian	Plant/Seed or Insect	Bacteria, Swab, Yeast, Stool/Soil
Cat. no. (lysis bead size)	S6003 (2.0 mm)	S6003 (2.0 mm)	S6012 (0.5 mm and 0.1 mm)
High-speed	30-60 sec	3-5 min	30-60 sec
Low-speed	3-5 min	15-20 min	5-10 min

1 Unit definition – one unit increases the absorbance of a high molecular weight DNA solution at a rate of 0.001  $A_{260}$  units/ml of reaction mixture at 25°C.

(Appendices continued)

## **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) by mixing an equal volume of buffer and ethanol (95-100%) (1:1).  
Example: Mix 50  $\mu$ l buffer and 50  $\mu$ l ethanol.
- 2. Add 2 volumes of the adjusted buffer to the sample<sup>1</sup> and mix.  
Example: Mix 100  $\mu$ l adjusted buffer and 50  $\mu$ l sample.
- 3. Transfer the mixture to the **Zymo-Spin™ Column**<sup>2</sup> 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  $\mu$ l ethanol to 150  $\mu$ l sample.
  - b. Transfer the mixture to a **new column** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
  - c. Proceed with purification, page 10, step 4.

- 4. **Large RNAs (> 200 nt) are retained in the column.**
  - a. Proceed with purification, page 10, step 4.

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<sup>1</sup> To minimize pipetting error, adjust the sample volume to 50  $\mu$ l (minimum).

<sup>2</sup> To process samples > 700  $\mu$ l, columns may be reloaded.

# Ordering Information

Product Description	Catalog No.	Size
<b>Quick-RNA™ Miniprep Plus Kit</b>	R1057T	10 preps.
	R1057	50 preps.
	R1058	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
DNA/RNA Shield™ (2X concentrate)	R1200-25	25 ml
	R1200-125	125 ml
PK Digestion Buffer	R1200-1-5	5 ml
	R1200-1-20	20 ml
Proteinase K (lyophilized) & Storage Buffer	D3001-2-5	5 mg
	D3001-2-60	60 mg
Spin-Away™ Filters	C1006-50-F	50
Zymo-Spin™ IIICG Columns	C1006-50-G	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 DNA/RNA from any sample:

Quick-DNA/RNA Plus kits	
Microprep Plus #D7005	From 1 cell and up
MagBeads #R2130	Automatable (Tecan, Hamilton, Kingfisher, etc.)

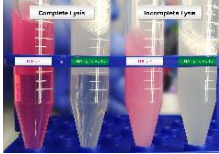
- ✓ For clean-up (purification) and concentration of any RNA sample. (e.g., from the aqueous phase of TRIzol<sup>®</sup> extractions) or from any enzymatic reaction (e.g., DNase I treated RNA):

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
<b>Precipitation, viscous lysate</b>	<p>Incomplete lysis and/or high-mass input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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).</li> </ul> 
<b>Low purity</b> ( $A_{260}/A_{230}$ nm, $A_{260}/A_{280}$ nm)	<p>Sample handling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul> <p>Incomplete lysis and/or cellular debris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the volume DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer (proportionally) to ensure complete lysis and homogenization. Be sure to centrifuge and pellet any cellular debris then process the cleared lysate.</li> </ul>
<b>Low yield</b>	<p>Sample input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul> <p>High-protein content (blood, plasma/serum, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perform Proteinase K treatment to the sample prior to purification. See appropriate sample preparation protocol.</li> </ul>
<b>DNA contamination</b>	<p>To remove DNA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perform in-column DNase I treatment (page 10) or perform DNase I treatment post-purification, then re-purify the treated sample.</li> <li>- For future preps, increase the volume of DNA/RNA Shield™ and/or RNA Lysis Buffer to ensure complete lysis and homogenization of the sample.</li> </ul>
<b>RNA degradation</b>	<p>To prevent RNA degradation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>

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