



### 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 is included for unique preservation and lysis technology.
- RNA is eluted in two separate fractions and is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, etc. DNase I is included.

Catalog Numbers: R1057T, R1057, R1058



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### **Product Contents**

<i>Quick-</i> RNA <sup>™</sup> Miniprep Plus Kit	<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 <sup>™</sup> (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	20 mg	20 mg (x4)
Spin-Away <sup>™</sup> Filters	10	50	200
Zymo-Spin <sup>™</sup> IIICG 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:

#E1009-A (250 U), add 275 µl water #E1009-A-S (50 U), add 55 µl water

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

**<sup>3</sup>** Add **Proteinase K Storage Buffer** to the lyophilized **Proteinase K**, 20 mg, see Buffer Preparation, page 4. Store frozen aliquots.

### **Specifications**

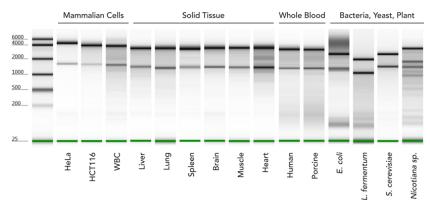
- Sample Sources Any cells (animal, bacterial, blood cells, etc.), all tissues (tough-to-lyse, FFPE, etc.), blood, biological fluids, enzymatic reactions (e.g., DNase I treated) and samples in DNA/RNA Shield™.
- Sample Preservation and Inactivation DNA/RNA Shield™ lyses cells, inactivates nucleases and infectious agents (e.g., virus, pathogens) and is ideal for safe sample storage and transport at ambient temperatures (page 9).
- Size Total RNA including small/microRNAs (≥ 17 nt).
- Purity A<sub>260</sub>/A<sub>280</sub> & A<sub>260</sub>/A<sub>230</sub> > 1.8. RNA is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, etc.
- Binding Capacity Zymo-Spin<sup>™</sup> IIICG Column (green) yield up to 100 µg RNA.
- Compatibility For samples stored in preservation reagents: DNA/RNA Shield<sup>™</sup>, RNAprotect<sup>®</sup>, Allprotect<sup>®</sup>, Universal transport medium/viral transport medium (UTM<sup>®</sup>/VTM<sup>®</sup>), PAXgene<sup>®</sup> and RNAlater<sup>™</sup>.
- Elution Volume ≥ 50 µl 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™).

### **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 DNA/RNA Wash Buffer concentrate (R1057) or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml RNA Wash Buffer concentrate (R1058). DNA/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 µl water #E1009-A-S (50 U), add 55 µl water

✓ Reconstitute lyophilized Proteinase K at 20 mg/ml with Proteinase K Storage Buffer and mix by vortexing. Use immediately or store frozen aliquots:

**#D3001-2-20 (20 mg)**, add 1.04 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<sup>™</sup> (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.

# <u>Samples stabilized and stored in DNA/RNA Shield</u> (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  $^{\text{TM}}$ ).

### Cells1

- a. For samples in **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup>, add an equal volume of **RNA Lysis Buffer** (1:1), mix well and proceed to purification, page 8.
- b. For cells, pellet by centrifugation (≤ 500 x g for 1 minute), remove the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in **RNA Lysis Buffer** (see table below). Proceed to purification, page 8.

Mammalian	Add RNA Lysis Buffer
≤ 5x10 <sup>6</sup>	≥ 300 µl
5x10 <sup>6</sup> - 10 <sup>7</sup>	≥ 600 µl

# <u>Tough-to-Lyse Samples</u> (bacteria, yeast, swab, soil<sup>2</sup>, stool<sup>2</sup>, solid tissue (animal, insect, plant<sup>2</sup>, seed<sup>2</sup>))

1. Tough-to-lyse samples (e.g., gram(+) bacteria, tissue, etc.), can be homogenized directly in ≥ 800 µl **DNA/RNA Shield** (1X)<sup>3,4</sup> with a mortar/pestle, dounce, syringe, tissue grinder, or bead beating (recommended) with a homogenizer: high speed (e.g., MP Bio FastPrep-24, Bertin Precellys) or low-speed (e.g., Disruptor Genie).

Input	Gram(-) bacteria (optional; easy-to-lyse)	Gram(+) bacteria	Tissue
per prep	bacteria (≤ 10 <sup>9</sup> )	bacteria (≤ 10 <sup>9</sup> ) yeast (≤ 10 <sup>8</sup> ) swab, stool/soil (≤ 50 mg)	animal (high yield) (≤ 25 mg) animal (low yield) (≤ 50 mg) plant/seed, insect (≤ 200 mg)
lysis beads catalog #	0.5 mm and 0.1 mm; <b>S6012</b>	0.5 mm and 0.1 mm; <b>S6012</b>	2.0 mm; <b>S6003</b>
high-speed	30 sec	5-10 min	30-60 sec
low-speed	5-10 min	20-40 min	3-5 min

### Continue to page 6 for tough-to-lyse samples.

<sup>1</sup> For cells in suspension or in other liquids/media, add ≥ 3 volumes **RNA Lysis Buffer** to 1 volume liquid sample (3:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 7.

<sup>2</sup> For PCR inhibitor removal, use OneStep PCR Inhibitor Removal Kit (D6030).

<sup>3</sup> For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield™**, see Buffer Preparation, page 4.

<sup>4</sup> Solid tissues should be completely submerged in **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup>, add as needed.

- For every 300 µl sample, add 15 µl Proteinase K and 30 µl PK
   Digestion Buffer. Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C).
   Recommended incubation time: ≥ 30 minutes (homogenized) or 2-5 hours (non-homogenized). Optimization may be required.
- 3. To remove particulate debris from homogenized tissue, centrifuge and transfer the cleared supernatant into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- 4. Add **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 8.

### **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>1</sup> to the sample. Incubate at 55°C for 1 minute. Vortex briefly. Remove the **Deparaffinization Solution**.
- 3. Add 95  $\mu$ l DNase/RNase-Free Water, 95  $\mu$ l 2X Digestion Buffer<sup>1</sup>, and 10  $\mu$ l Proteinase K. Mix well.
- 4. Incubate at 55°C for 1 hour. Then incubate at 94°C for 20 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 8.

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

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

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

- 2. For every 300 μl of sample, add 15 μl **Proteinase K** and 30 μl **PK Digestion Buffer**.
- 3. Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for: ≥ 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 **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 8.

<sup>1</sup> Deparaffinization Solution (D3067-1-20) and 2X Digestion Buffer (D3050-1-20) are sold separately.

<sup>2</sup> For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup>, see Buffer Preparation, page 4.

### Whole Blood<sup>1</sup> (mammalian)

- Add 200 µl DNA/RNA Shield<sup>™</sup> (2X concentrate) directly to each 200 µl of fresh/frozen blood sample and mix thoroughly<sup>2</sup>.
- For every 400 μl of reagent/blood mixture, add 8 μl Proteinase K and mix thoroughly. Incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for 30 minutes.
- 3. Add an equal volume of isopropanol (1:1) and mix well.
- Transfer the mixture into a Zymo-Spin<sup>™</sup> IIICG Column<sup>3</sup> (green) in a Collection Tube and centrifuge<sup>4</sup>. Discard the flow-through and proceed to purification, page 8, step 3.

### Urine<sup>5</sup>

Generate pellet from up to 40 ml urine by adding 70 µl Urine
 Conditioning Buffer<sup>6</sup> for every 1 ml of urine and mix by vortex.
 Centrifuge at 3,000 x g for 15 minutes. Discard the supernatant and leave the pellet. Add DNA/RNA Shield™ (1X)<sup>7</sup> and mix by pipetting.

Pelleted cells from urine	Add DNA/RNA Shield™ (1X)
≤ 40 ml urine	≥ 300 µl

- For every 300 μl of sample, add 15 μl Proteinase K.
- 3. Mix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for: ≥ 30 minutes. Optimization may be required.
- 4. 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).
- 5. Add **RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant (1:1) and mix well. Proceed to purification, page 8.

<sup>1</sup> Up to 3 ml blood per prep can be processed (with reloading the column).

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

<sup>3</sup> To process samples > 700  $\mu$ l, columns may be reloaded.

<sup>4</sup> Optional: At this point, proteins can be purified from the flow-through (page 10).

<sup>5</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>6</sup> Urine Conditioning Buffer (D3061-1-8, D30601-1-140) is sold separately.

<sup>7</sup> For a 1X solution of **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup>, see Buffer Preparation, page 4.

### (III) Total RNA Purification

- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.
- Transfer the sample lysed in RNA Lysis Buffer into a Spin-Away<sup>™</sup>
   Filter¹ (yellow) in a Collection Tube and centrifuge to remove the majority of genomic DNA.

### Save the flow-through!

- 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<sup>™</sup> IIICG 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 an 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.

<sup>1</sup> To process samples > 700  $\mu$ l, columns may be reloaded.

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

<sup>3</sup> Optional: At this point, proteins can be purified from the flow-through (page 10).

 <sup>4</sup> 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 A<sub>260</sub> units/ml of reaction mixture at 25°C.

<sup>5</sup> 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<sup>™</sup>

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

<u>Liquid samples</u>: Mix an equal volume **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup> (2X concentrate) and sample (1:1). <u>Solid samples</u>: Submerge sample (not to exceed 10% (v/v or w/v) in **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup>™</sup> (1X).

Mix well/homogenize sample prior to storage. Samples in **DNA/RNA Shield**<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> can be stored at ambient temperature  $\geq$  month or long term at frozen temperature.

# Samples in RNAProtect, All Protect, RNAlater, PAXgene, 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 Tough-to-Lyse samples, page 5). Proceed to purification, page 8.
- ✓ RNAlater<sup>™</sup>: Add 1 volume of RNase-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 purification, page 8.
  - Alternatively, remove the RNAlater  $^{\text{\tiny{M}}}$ , then proceed with Sample Preparation according to the sample type.
- ✓ <u>PAXgene®</u>: Refer to manufacturer's instructions to remove the reagent and then proceed to Sample Preparation, Blood Cells, page 6.
- ✓ <u>Swab samples in UTM®/VTM®</u>, 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 8.
  - Optional: To inactivate, store and preserve at room temperature prior to purification, add 1 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.

# <u>Liquids/Reaction Clean-up</u> (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 8.

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

- ✓ After the RNA binding to the column (page 8, step 2), the protein content in the flow-through can be purified:
- 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 sample<sup>1</sup> and mix.
  - Example: Mix 100 µl adjusted buffer and 50 µl sample.
- 3. Transfer the mixture to the **Zymo-Spin**<sup>™</sup> **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 µl ethanol to 150 µl sample.
  - Transfer the mixture to a new column and centrifuge.
     Discard the flow-through.
  - c. Proceed with purification, page 8, step 4.

- 4 Large RNAs (> 200 nt)
  are retained in the column
  - a. Proceed with purification, page 8, step 4.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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	10 μg (per 10 <sup>6</sup> cells)	Up to 10 <sup>7</sup>
HeLa	15 μg	
High Yield Tissue <sup>1 (mouse)</sup>	≥ 30 µg (per 10 mg)	Up to 20 mg
Spleen	30-50 μg	
Liver	40-60 μg	
Low Yield Tissue <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	
Whole Blood <sup>2</sup>	(per 1 ml)	Up to 3 ml
Porcine	10-20 μg	
Human	2-10 μg	

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

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

# **Ordering Information**

Product Description	Catalog No.	Size
Quick-RNA <sup>™</sup> Miniprep Plus Kit	R1057T R1057 R1058	10 preps. 50 preps. 200 preps.
Individual Kit Components	Catalog No.	Amount
RNA Lysis Buffer	R1060-1-50 R1060-1-100	50 ml 100 ml
RNA Prep Buffer	R1060-2-25 R1060-2-100	25 ml 100 ml
RNA Wash Buffer (concentrate)	R1003-3-24 R1003-3-48	24 ml 48 ml
DNase/RNase-Free Water	W1001-10 W1001-30	10 ml 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 R1200-125	25 ml 125 ml
PK Digestion Buffer	R1200-1-5 R1200-1-20	5 ml 20 ml
Proteinase K (lyophilized) & Storage Buffer	D3001-2-5 D3001-2-20	5 mg 20 mg
Spin-Away <sup>™</sup> 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 RNA from any sample:

Quick-RNA kits	
Microprep #R1050	From 1 cell and up
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	Incomplete lysis and/or high-mass input:
lysate	- 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 <sub>280</sub> /A <sub>230</sub> nm, A <sub>280</sub> /A <sub>280</sub> nm)	Sample handling:
	<ul> <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> </ul>
	<ul> <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>
	Incomplete lysis and/or cellular debris:
	- 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	Sample input:
	- 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.
	High-protein content (blood, plasma/serum, etc.)
	- Perform Proteinase K treatment to the sample prior to purification. See appropriate sample preparation protocol.
DNA contamination	To remove DNA:
	- Perform in-column DNase I treatment (page 8) 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	To prevent RNA degradation:
	- 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.

For technical assistance, please contact 1-888-882-9682 or email tech@zymoresearch.com

# **Notes**

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