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## gDNA RNA Clean Up Protocol

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### ABSTRACT

Protocol used to eliminate DNA fragments and gDNA from purified RNA and to remove impurities from the sample.

### GUIDELINES

#### Important considerations:

\*\*\*Multiplying by 1.06 for each reagent in solution preparation is required due to pipetting error.

\*\*\*Before starting read the protocol and ensure that the required volume of each reagent is available.

\*\*\*75% ethanol should be prepared with **NEW** DEPC H<sub>2</sub>O and Molecular Biology Grade (200 Proof >99.45%) Ethanol.

\*\*\*Prepare all solutions in advance or check that all solutions are available.

\*\*\*This protocol is to be used only with DNase I M0303 from NEB. When using with another DNase I, adjust the reaction volumes and adjust the final volume of the RNA precipitation mix to 700 uL.

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## MATERIALS

- DNase I (M0303S);
- 10X DNase I Buffer;
- Milli-Q water treated with 0.1% DEPC;
- 4M ammonium acetate ( $\text{NH}_4\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2$ ) - Must be filtered through a 0.22um filter;
- RNase Free 0.5M EDTA pH 8.0 - Must be filtered through a 0.22um filter;
- Ethanol 75% - Molecular Biology 200 proof;
- New 50 mL Falcon tubes;
- Pipettes: P1000, P200, P10;
- Pipette Tips: 1000, 200, 10 uL;
- Thermomixer (37 °C);
- Refrigerated centrifuge (4°C);
- Ice;
- Styrofoam Box;
- Rack for 1.5 mL microtubes;
- Exhaust Chapel;
- Electrophoresis vat;
- Agarose;
- TAE 1X;
- Nanodrop, Microdrop or Qubit;

## SAFETY WARNINGS



\*\*\*BOOK ALL EQUIPMENT IN ADVANCE AND CHECK THAT ALL MATERIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE.

\*\*\*KEEP SAMPLES ON ICE DURING ALL HANDLING, AND FREEZE AT -80°C AFTER USE.

## BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS

\*\*\* Use only sterile RNase-Free tubes - AM12425 - or sterile Axygen RNase Free microtubes.








\*\*\* All calculations should be performed before the beginning of the procedure, since reagents and samples have high added value.

## Procedure

- 1 Starting with the 27 uL left over from each sample, add another 62 uL of RNase-Free H<sub>2</sub>O at room temperature to all samples;



5m

- 2** Prepare DNase Mix I and add 11 uL of the Mix per sample; 15m  
 10 uL of 10X DNase I Buffer \* No. of samples;  
 1 uL of DNase I \* No. of samples;  
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 11 uL \* No. of samples \* 1.06  
 \*\*\* Final reaction volume = 100 uL, **adjust the final volume if less than 100 uL.**
- 3** Incubate the samples in the thermomixer at 37° C, without shaking, for 20 minutes; 20m
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- 4** Add 1 uL of RNase Free 0.5M EDTA pH 8.0 to each sample; 20m
- 5** Incubate at 75°C for 10 minutes; 10m
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- 6** Prepare the **RNA Precipitation Mix**: 5m
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- 150 uL Water treated with 0.1% DEPC \* No. of samples  
 100 uL 4M Ammonium Acetate \* No. of samples  
 350 uL Ethanol 200 proof Molecular Biology Grade (99.45%) \* No. of samples  
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 600 uL of Mix \* No. of samples \* 1.06
- 7** Add 600 uL of the RNA Precipitation Mix to each sample and **INVERT** 20X using a microtube rack; 3m

**8** Incubate at -80°C for 30 minutes or overnight at -20°C;

12h



**9** Centrifuge at 4°C for 20 minutes at 13,000 RPM;

20m



**10** Discard the supernatant with the aid of pipette tips;

10m

**11** Add 300 uL of 75% Molecular Biology Grade Ethanol prepared with 0.1% DEPC-treated Milli-Q Water (only add to wash the pellet, and vortex for less than 1 second);

5m



**12** Centrifuge at 4°C for 5 minutes at 13,000 RPM;

5m



**13** Discard the supernatant with the aid of pipette tips;

10m

**14** Add 300 uL of 75% Ethanol for Molecular Biology prepared with 0.1% DEPC-treated Milli-Q Water (only add to wash the pellet, and vortex for less than 1 second);

5m



**15** Centrifuge at 4°C for 7 minutes at 13,000 RPM;

7m



**16** Discard the supernatant with the aid of pipette tips;

10m

**17** Leave the tubes open in a 1.5 mL microtube rack in the fume hood for 5 minutes;

5m



**18** Resuspend the pellet in 20 uL of 0.1% DEPC-treated Milli-Q Water at 60 °C from tube to tube, homogenizing moderately for 30 seconds per sample (use P20 in 15 uL volume);

30m



**19** Run 1.5% agarose gel in 1X TAE buffer + 5% bleach (80 V - 80 min);

1h 40m



\*\*\*The electrophoresis vat should be thoroughly cleaned with RNase Zap + Distilled Water and fresh running buffer should be added, the gel polymerization tray should be thoroughly cleaned and the gel should be made with fresh buffer to avoid RNA degradation.

**19.1** If the RNA is intact (identify 18S and 28S rRNA bands at 2Kb and 4.8Kb), determine the concentration and quality parameters (A260/A230 and A260/A280) of the sample in the spectrophotometer/nanodrop;

**20** If RNA is used in more sensitive applications, quantify in Qubit;

**21** Store the samples in the ultra-freezer (-80 °C) for up to 6 months.



