



# **Direct-zol™ RNA Microprep**

TRIzol® In. RNA Out.

### **Highlights**

- spin-column purification of total 7-minute. RNA (including small/microRNAs) directly from TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol based reagents.
- No need for chloroform, phase-separation or precipitation steps.
- RNA is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT-qPCR, etc. DNase I is included.

Catalog Numbers: R2060, R2061, R2062, R2063



Scan with your smart-phone camera to view the online protocol/video.





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### **Product Contents**

Direct-zol <sup>™</sup> RNA Microprep	<b>R2060</b> (50 prep)	<b>R2061</b> (50 prep)	<b>R2062</b> (200 prep)	<b>R2063</b> (200 prep)
TRI Reagent®	-	50 ml	-	200 ml
Direct-zol <sup>™</sup> RNA PreWash <sup>1</sup> (concentrate)	40 ml	40 ml	160 ml	160 ml
RNA Wash Buffer <sup>2</sup> (concentrate)	12 ml	12 ml	48 ml	48 ml
DNase I <sup>3</sup> (lyophilized)	1500 U	1500 U	1500 U (x4)	1500 U (x4)
DNA Digestion Buffer	4 ml	4 ml	16 ml	16 ml
DNase/RNase-Free Water	6 ml	6 ml	30 ml	30 ml
Zymo-Spin <sup>™</sup> IC Columns	50 pcs	50 pcs	200 pcs	200 pcs
Collection Tubes	100 pcs	100 pcs	400 pcs	400 pcs
Instruction Manual	1 pc	1 pc	1 pc	1 pc

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

<sup>1</sup> Add 10 ml or 40 ml ethanol (95-100%) to the 40 ml or 160 ml **Direct-zol™ RNA PreWash** concentrate, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Add 48 ml 100% ethanol (52 ml 95% ethanol) to the 12 ml RNA Wash Buffer concentrate or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml RNA Wash Buffer concentrate.

<sup>3</sup> Reconstitute lyophilized **DNase I** with **DNase/RNase-Free Water**, mix by gentle inversion and store frozen aliquots:

**<sup>#</sup>E1011-A (1500 U)**, add 275 μl **water** #E1009-A (250 U), add 55 μl water

## **Specifications**

- Sample Sources Any sample stored and preserved in TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar¹. (animal cells, tissue, bacteria, yeast, biological fluids, samples stored in DNA/RNA Shield™ and in-vitro processed RNA (e.g., transcription products, DNase-treated or labeled RNA)).
- Sample Inactivation TRI Reagent® (provided with R2061, R2063 only) inhibits RNase activity and inactivates viruses and other infectious agents.
- 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 10 µg total RNA (Zymo-Spin<sup>™</sup> IC Column).
- Compatibility TRIzol®, RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol based reagents can be used in place of TRI Reagent®.

Also, compatible with samples in TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent that contain chloroform, 1-bromo-3-chloropropane (BCP), or 4-bromoanisole (BAN), the aqueous phase of phase-separated samples and samples stored in RNAlater™ (page 8). For compatibility with cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB)-based extraction, see detailed protocol <a href="https://examples.com/here/based-extraction">here</a>.

- Elution Volume ≥ 6 µl DNase/RNase-Free Water.
- Equipment Needed (user provided) Microcentrifuge.

<sup>1</sup> RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol reagent.

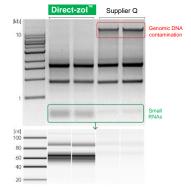
## **Product Description**

The **Direct-zol™ RNA Microprep** provides a streamlined method for the purification of up to 10 µg (per prep) of high-quality RNA directly from samples in TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar¹. Total RNA including small RNAs (17-200 nt)², is effectively isolated from a variety of sample sources (cells, tissues, serum, plasma, blood, samples stored in DNA/RNA Shield™, etc.).



Simply add ethanol to a TRI Reagent® sample, bind directly to the **Zymo-Spin™ Column**, wash, and elute RNA. No phase separation, precipitation, or post-purification steps are necessary. RNA is high-quality and ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT-qPCR, transcription profiling, hybridization, etc.

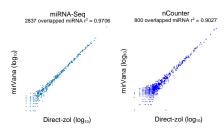
### Efficient recovery of DNA-free Total RNA



(top) High-quality DNA-free RNA is purified from human epithelial cells using the Direct-zol™ procedure compared to a preparation from Supplier Q (1% agarose/TAE gel).

(bottom) Small RNAs are efficiently recovered with the Direct-zol\*\* procedure. However, this is not the case with Supplier Q's prep (Bioanalyzer, Small RNA Chip).

# Complete miRNA recovery



MicroRNA isolation using **Direct-zol™ RNA** kits. The data show RNA purified from TRIzol® samples using the Direct-zol™ RNA MiniPrep compared to a method known to be unbiased² (mirVana™, Ambion).

MicroRNA analysis was performed using miRNAseq (MiSeq®, Illumina) and direct hybridization assay (nCounter®, Nanostring).

<sup>1</sup> RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol reagent.

<sup>2</sup> RNA isolation by conventional phase separation was shown to selectively enrich for some species of miRNA, leading to bias in downstream analysis (Kim et al. 2012. Molecular Cell 46(6):893-895). Direct-zol™ RNA method assures complete recovery of small/miRNAs.

## Input Capacity and Average RNA Yield

Input	Average RNA Yield	Kit Capacity
Cells	1 μg (per 10 <sup>5</sup> cells)	Up to 10 <sup>6</sup>
HeLa	1.5 μg	
High Yield Tissue <sup>1 (mouse)</sup>	≥ 3 µg (per 1 mg)	Up to 2 mg
Spleen	3-5 µg	
Liver	4-6 μg	
Low Yield Tissue <sup>1 (mouse)</sup>	≤ 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 <sup>2</sup>	(per 100 μl)	Up to 200 μl
Porcine	1-2 µg	
Human	0.2-1 μg	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

The following guidelines are provided for processing various sample types in TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar¹ acid-guanidinium-phenol reagents prior to column purification of the RNA (see page 4 for Input Capacity and Average RNA Yield).

### (I) Buffer Preparation

- ✓ Add 10 ml or 40 ml ethanol (95-100%) to the 40 ml or 160 ml Directzol<sup>™</sup> RNA PreWash concentrate, respectively.
- ✓ Add 48 ml 100% ethanol (52 ml 95% ethanol) to the 12 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate or 192 ml 100% ethanol (208 ml 95% ethanol) to the 48 ml **RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate.
- ✓ Reconstitute lyophilized DNase I with DNase/RNase-Free Water, mix by gentle inversion and store frozen aliquots: #E1011-A (1500 U), add 275 µl water #E1009-A (250 U), add 55 µl water

## (II) Sample Preparation<sup>2</sup>

✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 1 minute.

#### Cells

Lyse animal or gram(-) bacteria cells\* directly in a culture dish\*\* or resuspend pelleted cells in an appropriate volume (see table below) of TRI Reagent® or similar¹ and mix thoroughly. Proceed to RNA Purification (page 7).

Animal	Gram(-) bacteria	Add TRI Reagent®
≤ 10 <sup>5</sup>	-	≥ 100 µl
≤ 10 <sup>6</sup>	≤ 10 <sup>8</sup>	≥ 300 µl

<sup>\*</sup> For cell suspensions, add 3 volumes of TRI Reagent® to 1 volume of cell suspension.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For direct lysis in a dish, add 100 ul for each cm<sup>2</sup> of culture surface area.

<sup>1</sup> TRIzol®, RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol reagent.

<sup>2</sup> RNA yield can vary with sample types, organism, quality and treatment of the starting material (see page 4). To ensure complete lysis and homogenization of a sample, use a sufficient amount of TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent. For detailed processing information, refer to the TRI Reagent® product manual (or manufacturer's instructions for the reagent used).

### **Tough-to-Lyse Samples**

Tough-to-lyse samples (see table below) can be homogenized in ≥ 800 µl TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar1 with a mortar/pestle, dounce, syringe, tissue grinder, or bead beating with a high-speed homogenizer.

To remove particulate debris from homogenized tissue, centrifuge and transfer the supernatant into a new nuclease-free tube. Proceed to RNA Purification (page 7).

Recommended: Use ZR BashingBead™ Lysis Tubes (materials sold separately; #S6012, #S6003, #S014) for complete lysis and homogenization.

Input	Gram(-) bacteria (optional; easy-to-lyse)	Gram(+) bacteria	<b>Tissue</b> (animal, plant*)	Pathogen (microbes in tissue)
per prep	bacteria (≤ 10 <sup>8</sup> )	bacteria (≤ 10 <sup>8</sup> ) yeast (≤ 10 <sup>7</sup> )	animal: high yield (≤ 2 mg) animal: low yield (≤ 5 mg) plant* (≤ 20 mg)	animal/insect, plant (≤ 5 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>	2.0 mm and 0.1 mm; <b>S6014</b>
high- speed <sup>2,3</sup>	30 sec	5-10 min	30-60 sec	3-5 min
low-speed <sup>3</sup>	5-10 min	20-40 min	3-5 min	5-10 min

<sup>\*</sup>Compatible with CTAB-based RNA extraction methods for polysaccharide-rich and/or phenolics-rich samples (e.g., Pinus, Geranium plants). Please find detailed protocol here.

### Liquids

Add an appropriate volume of TRI Reagent® or similar¹ to a liquid sample and mix thoroughly (see table below). To remove particulate debris (if any), centrifuge and transfer the supernatant into an RNase-free tube. Proceed to RNA Purification (page 7).

Recommended: For biological samples (whole-blood, plasma, serum, buffy coat, PBMCs, WBCs, FACS, etc.) or samples collected in DNA/RNA Shield™4, perform Proteinase K treatment<sup>5</sup> (sold separately) prior to adding TRI Reagent<sup>®</sup>.

Sample	Add TRI Reagent®
Biological liquid (blood, plasma, serum, WBCs, FACs, etc.) or Reaction clean-up (DNase I treated RNA, in vitro transcription, labeling, etc.).	≥ 300 µl
Samples in DNA/RNA Shield <sup>™</sup> (biological sample <sup>4,5</sup> or stored purified RNA).	100 µl

<sup>1</sup> TRIzol®, RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol reagent. 2 Perform high-speed homogenization at 1-minute intervals (including a cooling step for 3-5 minutes), to avoid overheating the machine and/or breaking the tube.

<sup>3</sup> High-speed homogenizers (e.g., MP Bio FastPrep-24™, Bertin Precellys, etc.). Low-speed homogenizers (e.g., Vortex Genie, etc.).
4 DNA/RNA Shield<sup>™</sup> reagent (R1100, R1200) or DNA/RNA Shield<sup>™</sup> Blood Collection Tube (R1150).

### (III) RNA Purification

- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.
- 1. Add an equal volume ethanol (95-100%) to a sample lysed in TRI Reagent® or similar¹ and mix thoroughly.

Example: Add 400 µl ethanol to 400 µl mixture (sample lysed in TRI Reagent®).

- Transfer the mixture into a Zymo-Spin™ IC Column² in a Collection Tube and centrifuge³. Transfer the column into a new collection tube and discard the flow-through.
- 3. **DNase I**<sup>4</sup> treatment (recommended)
  - (D1) Add 400 µl RNA Wash Buffer to the column and centrifuge.
  - (D2) In an RNase-free tube (not included), add 5 μl DNase I (6 U/μI)\*, 35 μl DNA Digestion Buffer and mix by gentle inversion. Add the mix directly to the column matrix.
  - (D3) Incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for 15 minutes. Proceed to step 4.
- 4. Add 400 μl **Direct-zol™ RNA PreWash**<sup>5</sup> to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through and repeat this step.
- 5. Add 700 μl **RNA Wash Buffer**<sup>5</sup> to the column and centrifuge for 1 minute to ensure complete removal of the wash buffer. Transfer the column carefully into an RNase-free tube (not included).
- 6. To elute RNA, add 15  $\mu$ l of **DNase/RNase-Free Water** directly to the column matrix and centrifuge.

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

The eluted RNA<sup>6</sup> can be used immediately or stored frozen.

<sup>1</sup> TRIzol®, RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-quanidinium-phenol reagent.

<sup>2</sup> To process samples > 700  $\mu$ l, reload the column and repeat Step 2.

<sup>3</sup> At this point, proteins can be purified from the flow-through (see page 9).

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Before use, add ethanol to the buffer concentrate (Buffer Preparation, page 5).

<sup>6</sup> For complete removal of PCR (RT) inhibitors from plant, soil and fecal samples, use the OneStep<sup>™</sup> PCR Inhibitor Removal Kit (D6030).

## **Appendices**

# RNA purification from aqueous phase after TRI Reagent® extraction

For samples that have already been phase separated in TRI Reagent<sup>®1</sup> or similar<sup>2</sup>, simply transfer the aqueous phase<sup>3</sup> containing RNA into an RNase-free tube. Add an equal volume ethanol (95-100%) to the aqueous phase (1:1) and mix thoroughly. Proceed to RNA Purification (page 7, step 2).

### RNA extraction from samples stored in RNAlater™

#### Cells

Pellet cells<sup>4</sup> at up to 5,000 x g and remove the RNAlater<sup> $^{\text{TM}}$ </sup> (supernatant) prior to RNA extraction. Then lyse the cell pellet in TRI Reagent<sup>®</sup> (Sample Preparation, Cells, page 5).

Note: To extract RNA from cells without reagent removal, use 10 volumes of TRI Reagent® per sample volume. Proceed to phase separation and process the aqueous phase. Simply transfer the aqueous phase containing RNA into an RNase-free tube. Then add an equal volume ethanol (95-100%) to the aqueous phase (1:1) and mix thoroughly. Proceed to RNA Purification (page 7, step 2).

#### Tissue

Remove tissue from RNAlater™ using forceps. Eliminate any excess reagent or crystals that may have formed and proceed immediately with extraction in TRI Reagent® (Sample Preparation, Tough-to-lyse samples, page 6).

<sup>1</sup> For detailed processing information, refer to the TRI-Reagent® product manual (or manufacturer's instructions for the reagent used).

<sup>2</sup> TRIzol®, RNAzol®, QIAzol®, TriPure™, TriSure™ or similar acid-guanidinium-phenol reagents.

<sup>3</sup> Alternatively, the aqueous phase can be processed with the RNA Clean & Concentrator™ (R1015).

<sup>4</sup> Different cells may react differently to centrifugation forces and it is recommended to test the pelleting procedure with non-valuable samples first. Diluting RNAlater™ by 50% with cold PBS reduces solution density allowing for lower forces during cell pelleting (e.g., 500 x g).

### **Protein Purification**

The protein content in the flow-through after the RNA binding to the column can be purified (see RNA Purification, page 7, step 2):

- 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.
- 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).

#### **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 (#D3001-2-5, D3001-2-20; sold separately).

Add 10  $\mu$ I Proteinase K (reconstituted) to 1 ml DNA/RNA Shield sample (scale proportionally) and mix by inversion. Then incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for 30 minutes (homogenized) or 2-5 hours (non-homogenized). Optimization may be required.

### **Compatibility with CTAB-Based Methods**

The Direct-zol RNA kits are compatible with CTAB-based RNA extraction methods for polysaccharide-rich and/or phenolics-rich samples (e.g., Pinus, Geranium plants). Please find detailed protocol <a href="https://example.com/here/base/">here</a>.

<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
<b>Direct-zol™ RNA Microprep</b>	R2060	50 preps.
(TRI Reagent <sup>®</sup> <u>not</u> included)	R2062	200 preps.
Direct-zol™ RNA Microprep	R2061	50 preps.
(supplied with TRI Reagent®)	R2063	200 preps.

Individual Kit Components	Catalog No.	Amount
TRI Reagent®	R2050-1-50 R2050-1-200	50 ml 200 ml
Direct-zol™ RNA PreWash (concentrate)	R2050-2-40 R2050-2-160	40 ml 160 ml
RNA Wash Buffer (concentrate)	R1003-3-6 R1003-3-12 R1003-3-24 R1003-3-48	6 ml 12 ml 24 ml 48 ml
Zymo-Spin™ IC Columns	C1004-50	50
Collection Tubes	C1001-50 C1001-500 C1001-1000	50 500 1000
DNase/RNase-Free Water	W1001-1 W1001-4 W1001-6 W1001-10 W1001-30	1 ml 4 ml 6 ml 10 ml 30 ml
<b>DNase I</b> (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
Proteinase K Set (w/ Storage Buffer)	D3001-2-5 D3001-2-20	5 mg 20 mg

## **Complete Your Workflow**

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

ZR BashingBead Lysis Tubes	
2.0 mm beads #S6003	For plant/animal tissue
0.1 + 0.5 mm beads #S6012	For microbes
0.1 + 2.0 mm beads #S6014	For microbes in tissue/insects

✓ The only direct, high-throughput and automatable RNA purification from sample lysates in TRIzol (DNase I Set included with all formats):



Direct-zol RNA kits	
Microprep #R2060-R2063	From 1 cell and up
Miniprep #R2050-R2053	Up to 50 ug RNA
Miniprep Plus #R2070-R2073	Up to 100 ug RNA
96-well #R2054-R2057	Spin-plate
MagBeads #R2100-R2105	Automatable (Tecan, Hamilton, Kingfisher, etc.)

✓ For RNA clean-up (purification) from the aqueous phase (e.g., TRIzol, TRI Reagent or similar) or from any enzymatic reaction (e.g., DNase I treated RNA):



RNA Clean & Concentrator kit	
#R1013-R1014	DNase I Set included

✓ 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 TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent to ensure complete lysis and homogenization until lysate is transparent (see image).		
<b>Low purity</b> (A <sub>280</sub> /A <sub>230</sub> nm, A <sub>260</sub> /A <sub>280</sub> nm)	Sample handling:		
	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.		
	<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:		
	<ul> <li>Increase the volume of TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar to ensure complete lysis and homogenization. Be sure to centrifuge any cellular debris and then process the cleared lysate.</li> </ul>		
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 RNA recovery. Use less input material and/or increase TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent.		
	High-protein content (blood, plasma/serum, etc.)		
	- Perform Proteinase K treatment to the sample prior to adding TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent (Sample preparation, Liquids, page 6).		
DNA contamination	To remove DNA:		
	- Perform in-column DNase I treatment (page 7) or perform DNase I treatment post-purification (R1013, page 4), then re-purify the treated sample.		
	-For future preps, increase the volume of TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent to ensure complete lysis and homogenization of the sample.		
RNA degradation	To prevent RNA degradation:		
	-Immediately collect and lyse fresh sample into TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar reagent to ensure RNA stability. Homogenized samples in TRIzol®, TRI Reagent® or similar can be stored frozen for later processing.		

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

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