

Standard Operating Procedure

Viral RNA extraction using EXM-6000 (96 reactions)

Background

Nucleic acids, DNA and RNA, hold valuable biological information. Extracting this valuable information plays a pivotal role in multiple areas of life science and healthcare. RNA plays an essential role in various biological processes involving gene regulation and gene expression. Molecular diagnostics using RNA based analysis have a wide range of applications across various areas of molecular diagnostics, as they serve as biomarkers for disease diagnosis and prognosis.

Storage condition

The viral RNA extraction kit can be kept at room temperature.

Kit contents (per kit)

Kit contents	Component	Quantity provided per kit
Plate 1	Lysis/Binding Buffer	50ml
Plate 2	Mag Bead Solution	16ml
Plate 3	Wash Buffer	50ml
Plate 4	Elution buffer	8ml
96 Tip Comb	1 no	
Proteinase-K	1no	20mg
Carrier RNA	1no	1mg
Proteinase-K Diluent	1no	1ml
Carrier RNA Diluent	1no	2ml

How to start

Items required by the user but not provided in the kit:

Equipment:

Zybio EXM-6000

Recommended Sample volume for starting

A starting sample volume of 200 μ L is recommended for viral RNA extraction.

Preparation of working solutions

1. Add 1.5 mL of Carrier RNA diluent provided in the kit to 1 mg of carrier RNA and resuspend it thoroughly. After resuspension, the **Carrier RNA** is stored at -20°C.
2. Reconstitute 20 mg of lyophilized **Proteinase K** powder by adding 1mL of Proteinase K diluent. After reconstitution the Proteinase K is stored at -20°C.

Plate Constituents

Buffer	Plate Number	Vol of buffer per well
Lysis Buffer	Plate 1	500µL
Sample		200 µL
Proteinase K (reconstituted)		10 µL
Carrier RNA (reconstituted)		10 µL
Mag Bead solution plate	Plate 2	150 µL
Wash Buffer	Plate 3	500 µL
Elution plate	Plate 4	60 µL
96 tip comb		

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Protocol

1. Vortex the VTM tube with the sample for 30 seconds to allow the release of the sample from the swab into the solution.
2. Take 200µl of sample from the VTM tube and add the sample into all wells of Plate 1 containing Lysis and Binding buffer. Add 10 µL reconstituted Proteinase K and 10 µL reconstituted Carrier RNA to each well containing the sample.
3. Keep the plate 1 onto deck position- 1.
4. Load the remaining plates onto the Instrument.
5. Select the **ZB-200** program on the EXM-6000.
6. At the end of the run, remove the plate-4 from the Instrument, then transfer the solution to the final tubes/plate.

Note:- The purified nucleic acid is ready for immediate use. Alternatively, store the plate at -20 degrees celsius for long-term storage.