Instruction Manual
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SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue (With Lysing Matrix)

Spin Column Purification for Easy Isolation of RNA from Animal Tissue, Plant Tissue, and Cell Culture Samples

Size: 50 & 5 preps
Storage: 15-25 °C
Cat. No.: 116543050 (50 PREPS)
116543000 (5 PREPS)
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1. Introduction to SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue (With Lysing Matrix)

SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue (With Lysing Matrix) is a silica-membrane spin-column kit that enables quick and convenient purification of total RNA from various tissue types from animals, plants and tissue cultures, without the use of toxic substances such as phenol and chloroform. The use of our specially formulated Lysis Buffer TR and Lysing Matrix A in combination with FastPrep® Instruments from MP Biomedicals enables highly efficient lysis of tissue samples within seconds. With a simple workflow, this kit allows multiple samples to be processed simultaneously. Total RNA of high quality and integrity can be purified typically within 40 minutes and is immediately available for downstream applications such as RT-PCR.

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Kit Specifications at a Glance

Technology	Silica membrane technology
Format	Mini spin column
Sample	Animal tissue, plant tissue, and cell culture samples
Sample amount	10-30 mg (animal tissue), 50-100 mg (plant tissue), $1x10^6$ cells (cell culture samples)
Elution volume	100 µL
Preparation time	40 min

2. Kit Components and User Supplied Materials

2.1 SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue (With Lysing Matrix) Component

	50 PREPS (Cat.No.: 116543050)		5 PREPS (Cat.No.: 116543000)	
Components	Package	Cat. No.	Package	Cat. No.
Equilibration Buffer R	12 mL	112075704	1.2 mL	112075804
Lysing Matrix A	50 ea	116910050	5 ea	116910005
Lysis Buffer R	60 mL	116541052	6 mL	116541002
Wash Buffer R	12 mL	116543051	1.2 mL	116541003
Nuclease-free water	10 mL	116541054	1.5 mL	116541004
DNase I	1 vial	116541055	1 vial	116541055
DNase I Buffer	5 mL	116541056	0.5 mL	116541006
Column R with collection tube	50 ea	116541057	5 ea	116541007
Quick-start protocol	1 ea	-	1 ea	-
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2.2 User Supplied Materials

- FastPrep Instrument - FastPrep-24™ 5G (Cat. No.116005500)
- Vortex mixer with adapter
- Microcentrifuge capable of at least 14,000 *g*
- Absolute ethanol (100 mL for preparing Wash Buffer R and 750 µL per prep for sample preparation)
- Nuclease-free 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Single-channel pipettors (1 µL–1000 µL)
- Nuclease-free, aerosol-preventive tips
- Biohazard disposal containers
- Microcentrifuge tube rack
- Personal Protective Equipment

3. Storage and Kit Stability

DNAse I should be stored at 2-8˚C. All other components and reagents of the SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue (With Lysing Matrix) can be stored at room temperature (15-25˚C) until the expiration date printed on the kit label. For extended storage or storage in dry condition (humidity < 40%), store the columns at 2-8˚C to maintain performance.

4. Important Consideration Before Use

- ❑ Add 100 mL (10 mL for sample kit) of absolute ethanol to Wash Buffer R and mark the bottle.
- ❑ Prepare DNase I solution according to instructions in Section 6 (No.1).
- ❑ Prepare one 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube per prep for elution of purified RNA.
- ❑ Prepare one 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube for DNase I-buffer mixture.
- ❑ For some samples, lysis may be performed by vortexing the sample in a vial of Lysing Matrix A at the maximum speed if a FastPrep Instrument is unavailable.
- ❑ Centrifugation speed stated in the manual will be a guideline; use the maximum speed available if 14,000 *g* is not feasible.

5. Safety Precautions

Lysis Buffer R contains a component that can be harmful if swallowed and may cause irritation when in contact with skin and eyes. To prevent accidental ingestion, do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product. Wear personal protective equipment (gloves, lab coat and eye protection) to prevent contact with the skin or mucous membranes. Consult the Material Safety Data Sheet at www.mpbio.com for additional details.

6. Protocol

1. **Preparation of DNase I Solution**
   - Spin down briefly the vial of lyophilized **DNase I** provided and resuspend with **500 µL Nuclease-free water**. Mix well to dissolve. Store **DNase I** solution at -20 °C in aliquots and avoid repeated freeze-thawing.
   - ***Note:*** *Do not prepare **DNase I** solution in **DNase I Buffer**.*

2. **Homogenize**
   - Animal/ plant tissue: Weigh **10 - 30 mg** of animal tissue or **50 - 100 mg** of plant tissue. Cut tissue into small pieces, transfer to a vial of **Lysing Matrix A** and add **1 mL Lysis Buffer R.**
   - Cell culture: Resuspend cell pellet (**1 x 10^6** cells recommended) in **1 mL Lysis Buffer R** and transfer to a vial of **Lysing Matrix A**.
   - Homogenize in a FastPrep Instrument for **15 sec @ 4.0 m/s** speed setting.
   - Homogenization by FastPrep is recommended, especially for plant tissues. If a FastPrep Instrument is not available, lysis may be performed by vortexing samples in Lysing Matrix A for **3 - 5 min @ maximum speed**.
   - Centrifuge for **10 min @ 14,000 *g***.
   - ***Note:*** *Centrifuge at the maximum speed for all steps if **14,000 g** is not feasible.*
   - Carefully pipette out **750 µL** of the supernatant to a clean, nuclease-free 2 mL microcentrifuge tube.

3. **Bind**
   - Add **750 µL absolute ethanol** and mix well by pipetting up and down.
   - Transfer **750 µL** of the mixture to a **Column R** with collection tube.
   - Centrifuge for **1 min @ 14,000 *g***. Discard flow through and reuse collection tube.
   - Repeat to load the remaining mixture.
4. **Wash & DNase I treatment**
   - Add **500 µL Wash Buffer R** to the column.
   - Centrifuge for **1 min @ 14,000 *g***. Discard flow through and reuse collection tube.
   - DNase I digestion:

- In a clean 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, add **5 µL DNase I solution** to **75 µL DNase I Buffer** per prep. Mix well and add **80 µL** to the center of the column membrane.
- Incubate at room temperature for 15 mins.

5. **Wash**
   - Add **500 µL Wash Buffer R** to the column.
   - Centrifuge for **1 min @ 14,000 *g***. Discard flow through and reuse collection tube.
   - Add **500 µL Wash Buffer R** to the column.
   - Centrifuge for **1 min @ 14,000 *g***. Discard flow through and reuse collection tube.
   - Centrifuge for additional **1 min @ 14,000 *g*** to dry column.

6. **Elution**
   - Remove collection tube and place column onto a clean 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.
   - Add **100 µL Nuclease-free water** to the center of the membrane. Incubate for **1 min @ room temperature**. For samples with low RNA content, reducing the elution volume to **50 µL** may increase the concentration of eluted RNA.
   - Centrifuge for **1 – 2 min @ 8,000 *g*** to elute RNA.
   - Eluted RNA will be collected in the microcentrifuge tube. For the best results, proceed to perform downstream applications immediately and keep RNA chilled on ice while working, to prevent degradation. Store remaining RNA at **-80 °C** in aliquots and avoid repeated freeze-thawing.
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7. Data

The following results are examples of RNA extracted from various animal and plant tissues using SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue. Extracted RNA are of high quality and integrity, as indicated by A_{260}/A_{280} and A_{260}/A_{230} ratios of around 2, as well as 28S and 18S bands clearly resolved in agarose gel electrophoresis. RNA extracted with this kit can be amplified by RT-PCR.

Table 1: **Quality and quantity of RNA extracted from various tissues using SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue.**

Sample	Starting Amount (mg)	Extraction Results		
		Concentration (ng/μL)	$A_{260/280}$	$A_{260/230}$
Rabbit Liver	21.4	626.46	2.08	2.19
Rabbit Spleen	14.0	310.53	2.04	2.26
Rabbit Kidney	22.3	237.88	2.06	2.21
Rabbit Lung	21.4	159.24	2.01	2.26
Rabbit Heart	22.5	54.56	2.01	2.82
Ginkgo biloba leaf	51.3	132.93	2.09	2.21
Prunus davidiana leaf (wild peach)	52.7	382.08	2.07	1.94
Cherry leaf	48.5	294.06	2.06	1.91
Begonia leaf	52.0	368.66	2.06	1.94
Tomato leaf	52.2	663.82	2.10	2.28
Peanut leaf	70.2	898.92	2.10	2.31
Potato leaf	52.4	491.20	2.14	2.30

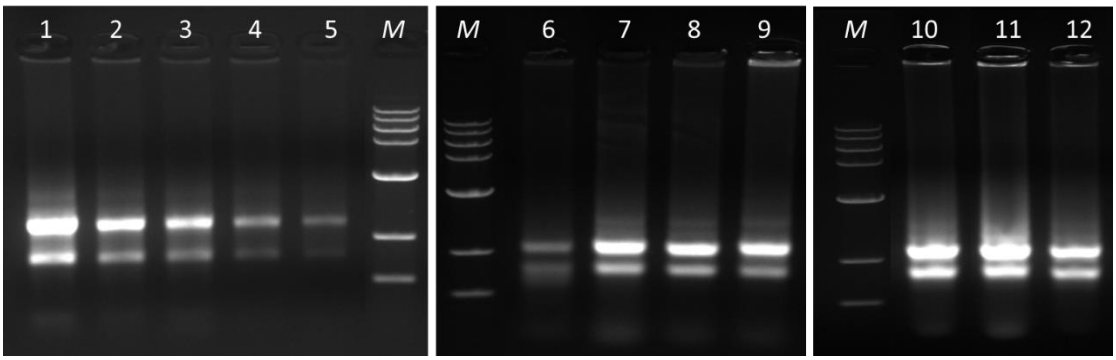

Figure 1: RNA extracted from various samples using SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue, analyzed using agarose gel electrophoresis. M: DNA marker; Lane 1: Liver; Lane 2: Spleen; Lane 3: Kidney; Lane 4: Lung; Lane 5: Heart; Lane 6: Ginkgo biloba leaf; Lane 7: Prunus davidiana leaf; Lane 8: Cherry leaf; Lane 9: Begonia leaf; Lane 10: Tomato leaf; Lane 11: Peanut leaf; Lane 12: Potato leaf.

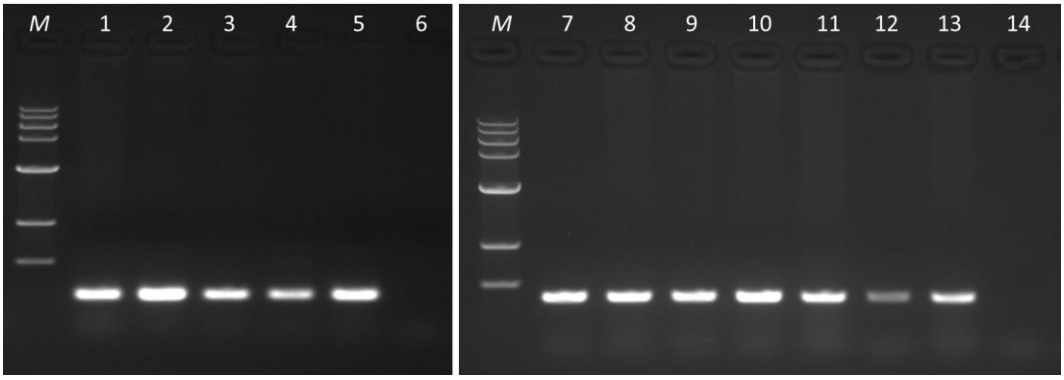

Figure 2: RT-PCR amplification of RNA extracted from various samples using SPINeasy RNA Kit for Tissue. M: DNA marker; Lane 1: Liver; Lane 2: Spleen; Lane 3: Kidney; Lane 4: Heart; Lane 5: Lung; Lane 6: Negative control (rabbit ß-actin); Lane 7: Ginkgo biloba leaf; Lane 8: Prunus davidiana leaf; Lane 9: Cherry leaf; Lane 10: Begonia leaf; Lane 11: Tomato leaf; Lane 12: Peanut leaf; Lane 13: Potato leaf; Lane 14: Negative control (plant 18S).

8. Troubleshooting

This guide may be useful in solving any problems that may arise. For further assistance, please contact our technical support team at **apac-techsupport@mpbio.com**

Problem	Possible Cause	Recommendation
Low/No RNA Yield	Inefficient extraction	Ensure the extraction was performed according to kit's manual instructions.
	Sample with low RNA content	(i) Increase amount of starting material; (ii) Elute in a smaller volume (50 µL).
	Insufficient lysis or over-lysis	When using vortex instead of FastPrep for sample homogenization, lysis condition may be optimized by testing reduced or extended vortexing duration. For tough samples such as plant tissues, lysis by vortexing could be inefficient and result in low RNA yields. For such samples, homogenization by FastPrep is highly recommended.
	Poor sample quality	For best results, freshly prepared samples should be used.
	RNase contamination	Work with nuclease-free tubes and pipette tips. Handle samples and perform all steps with clean gloves. Decontaminate work surfaces with RNase Erase® (Cat. No. 112440204).
Smeared RNA bands	Poor sample quality	For best results, freshly prepared samples should be used.
	Sample over-lysis	Reduce FastPrep speed and/or duration.
	RNA degradation	Work with freshly purified RNA and keep RNA chilled on ice after elution. RNA should be stored at -80 °C, freeze thawing should be avoided.
DNA contamination	Inefficient DNase I digestion.	Perform on-column DNase I digestion according to step 4 of the RNA extraction protocol. Make sure that DNase I solution is prepared according to kit's manual instructions. Once dissolved, DNase I should be stored at -20 °C.

9. Product Use Limitation & Warranty

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