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## ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit

Microbiome DNA and RNA from any sample

### Highlights

- **ZymoBIOMICS™** innovative lysis system enables efficient and unbiased lysis of microbes including gram positive/negative bacteria, fungi, protozoans, and viruses from any sample including feces, soil, plant, water, biofilms, swabs, saliva, body fluids, etc.
- Rapid and robust, spin-column purification of high-quality DNA/RNA (including small/microRNAs) that is inhibitor-free and ready for RT/qPCR and microbiome measurements using Next-Gen sequencing.
- High-sensitivity and increased detection limit of very low abundance organisms

Catalog Numbers:  
R2002



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# Product Contents

ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit	R2002 (50 prep)
ZR BashingBead™ Lysis Tubes (0.1 & 0.5 mm)	50
DNA/RNA Shield™	50 ml
DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer	50 ml
DNA/RNA Prep Buffer	50 ml
DNA/RNA Wash Buffer <sup>1</sup> (concentrate)	24 ml (x2)
ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water	30 ml
ZymoBIOMICS™ HRC Prep Solution	30 ml (x3)
DNase I <sup>2</sup> (lyophilized)	250 U
DNA Digestion Buffer	4 ml
Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filters	100
Spin-Away™ Filters	50
Zymo-Spin™ IIICG Columns	50
Collection Tubes	300
Instruction Manual	1

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

Before use:

1 Add 96 ml 100% ethanol (104 ml 95% ethanol) to the 24 ml **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate.

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

**#E1009-A (250 U)**, add 275 µl water

# Specifications

- **Sample Sources** – Bacterial, fungal, protozoan, algae, viral, mitochondrial, and host DNA and RNA is efficiently isolated from  $\leq 250$  mg of soil, mammalian feces and plant/seed,  $\leq 50$ -100 mg (wet weight) fungal bacterial cells<sup>1</sup>, biofilms, water, and swabs.
- **Sample Homogenization** – **ZymoBIOMICS™** innovative lysis system ensures complete lysis of the microbial cell walls and accurate microbial analysis, free of bias.
- **Sample Preservation** – **DNA/RNA Shield™** lyses cells, inactivates nucleases and infectious agents, and is ideal for sample storage and transport at ambient temperatures.
- **Size** – DNA and total RNA including small/microRNAs ( $\geq 17$  nt).
- **Purity** –  $A_{260}/A_{280}$  &  $A_{260}/A_{230} > 1.8$ . DNA and RNA is ready for Next-Gen Sequencing, RT/qPCR, etc.
- **Binding Capacity** – 100  $\mu$ g DNA/RNA (**Zymo-Spin™ IIICG Column**).
- **Elution Volume** –  $\geq 50$   $\mu$ l **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water**.
- **Equipment Needed** (user provided) – Microcentrifuge, vortex, cell-disruptor (recommended).
- **Recommended Materials** (available separately) –  
DNA/RNA Shield™ collection devices:  
fecal collection tube; R1101  
collection tube; R1102  
lysis tube (microbe); R1103  
lysis tube (microbe) w/ swab; R1104  
lysis tube (tissue); R1105  
collection tube (1 ml fill) w/ swab; R1106, R1107  
collection tube (2 ml fill) w/ swab; R1108, R1109

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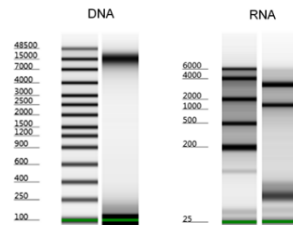
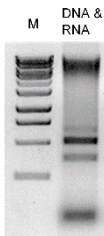
<sup>1</sup> This equates to approximately  $10^9$  bacterial cells,  $10^8$  yeast cells, and  $10^7$  mammalian cells.

# Product Description

The **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit** is designed for purifying DNA and RNA from a wide array of sample inputs (e.g. feces, soil, plant, water, and biofilms) that is ready for microbiome or metagenome analyses. The **ZymoBIOMICS™** innovative lysis system eliminates bias associated with unequal lysis efficiencies of different organisms (e.g. gram negative/positive bacteria, fungus, protozoans, and algae). The provided **DNA/RNA Shield™** preserves nucleic acids at ambient temperatures, providing an unbiased molecular snapshot of the sample.

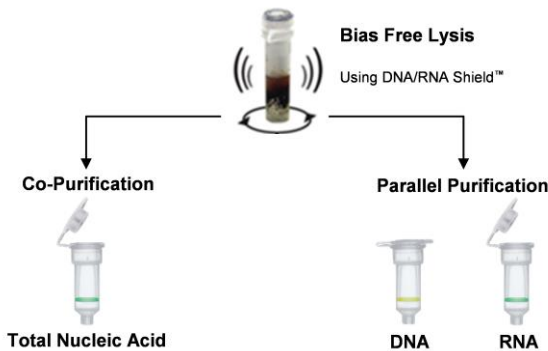
The procedure uses **Zymo-Spin™** column technology that results in high-quality DNA and total RNA (including small/microRNAs 17-200 nt) that is free of PCR inhibitors (e.g. polyphenols, humic acids and fulvic acids) and is ready for RT-PCR, arrays, sequencing, etc.

## Efficient DNA and RNA Recovery



Human stool total nucleic acid (DNA & RNA) isolated with the **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit** is high quality. Elutions were analyzed in a 1% TAE/agarose/EtBr gel. The size marker "M" is a 1 kb ladder (Zymo Research).

Human stool genomic DNA and total RNA isolated with the **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit** is highly intact. Quality assessed by Agilent 2200 TapeStation™.



# Protocol

The protocol consists of: (I) Buffer Preparation, (II) Sample Preparation, (III) Total Nucleic Acid Purification and (IV) DNA and RNA Purification

## (I) Buffer Preparation

- ✓ Add 96 ml 100% ethanol (104 ml 95% ethanol) to the 24 ml **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** concentrate.
- ✓ Reconstitute lyophilized **DNase I** with **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water**, mix by gentle inversion and store frozen aliquots:  
**#E1009-A (250 U)**, add 275  $\mu$ l **water**

## (II) Sample Preparation

- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.
  - ✓ The sample input can be scaled up or down, proportionally.
1. Add 750 µl **DNA/RNA Shield™** to a sample (see table below) in a **ZR BashingBead Lysis Tube (0.1 & 0.5 mm)** and cap tightly. If a sample is already collected in **DNA/RNA Shield™**, transfer 750 µl liquid sample into a **ZR BashingBead Lysis Tube (0.1 & 0.5 mm)** and cap tightly.

Sample Type	Maximum Input
<b>Soil, feces, plant, seed</b>	≤ 250 mg
<b>Cells in DNA/RNA Shield™ or isotonic buffer/PBS</b> (bacterial 10 <sup>9</sup> , yeast 10 <sup>8</sup> , mammalian 10 <sup>7</sup> )	≤ 50-100 mg (wet weight)
<b>DNA/RNA Shield™ collection devices</b> (e.g., cat. #R1101, R1102-R1105) or <b>Biological liquids and swabs collected in DNA/RNA Shield™</b> (e.g., cat. #R1100, R1106-R1109, R1150)	750 µl

2. For complete lysis of tough-to-lyse samples (microbes, tissue, etc.), perform mechanical homogenization in a **ZR BashingBead Lysis Tube (0.1 & 0.5 mm)** by securing in a high-speed bead beater fitted with a 2 ml tube holder assembly (e.g., MP Bio FastPrep-24, Bertin Precellys, etc.). Process<sup>1</sup> at maximum speed for ≥ 5 minutes.
3. Centrifuge and transfer up to 400 µl of the supernatant<sup>2</sup> into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
4. Add an equal volume of **DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer** to the supernatant<sup>2</sup> (1:1) and mix well. Then proceed to Total Nucleic Acid Purification (page 6) or DNA and RNA Purification (page 7).

<sup>1</sup> Processing time will vary based on sample input and bead beater. For low-speed homogenizers (e.g., Vortex Genie), process samples for ≥ 15 minutes. Optimization may be required.

<sup>2</sup> Up to 400 µl sample input can be processed per prep.

### (III) Total Nucleic Acid 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 of ethanol (95-100%) to the sample and mix well.  
Example: Add 800 µl ethanol to 800 µl mixture (sample in **DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer**).
- 2. Transfer the mixture into a **Spin-Away™ Filter<sup>1</sup>** (**yellow**) in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
- 3. Add 400 µl **DNA/RNA Prep Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
- 4. Add 400 µl **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Carefully, transfer the column into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- 5. Add 100 µl **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water** directly to the column matrix, incubate for 5 minutes, and then centrifuge to elute.
- 6. Add 2 volumes of **DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer** to the eluate (2:1) and mix.
- 7. Add an equal volume of ethanol (95-100%) (1:1) and mix.  
Example: Add 300 µl ethanol to 300 µl mixture (eluate in **DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer**).
- 8. Transfer the mixture into a **Zymo-Spin™ IIICG Column<sup>1</sup>** (**green**) in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
- 9. Add 400 µl **DNA/RNA Prep Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
- 10. Add 700 µl **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer**, centrifuge. Discard flow-through.
- 11. Add 400 **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** and centrifuge the column for 2 minutes to ensure complete removal of the wash buffer. Carefully transfer the column into a new nuclease-free tube (not provided).
- 12. Add 100 µl **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water** directly to the column matrix, incubate for 5 minutes. Then centrifuge to elute.  
Alternatively, for highly concentrated DNA/RNA use ≥ 50 µl elution.
- 13. Place a **Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filter** in a **Collection Tube**, add 600 µl **ZymoBIOMICS™ Prep Solution**. Centrifuge at 8,000 x g for 3 minutes.
- 14. Transfer the eluted DNA/RNA (step 12) into a prepared **Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filter** in a nuclease-free tube (not provided). Then centrifuge at exactly 16,000 x g for 3 minutes.

The filtered DNA/RNA can be used immediately or stored frozen.

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<sup>1</sup> To process sample volume > 700 µl, **Zymo-Spin™**, columns may be reloaded.

## (IV) DNA and RNA Purification (in two separate fractions)

- ✓ Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 10,000-16,000 x g for 30 seconds, unless specified.

1. Transfer the sample into a **Spin-Away™ Filter<sup>1</sup> (yellow)** in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge. **SAVE the flow-through for RNA and the column for DNA purification!**

### DNA Purification

(DNA is bound to the column)

- 2a. Transfer the **Spin-Away™ Filter (yellow)** into a new **Collection Tube**.

### RNA Purification

(RNA is in the flow-through)

- 2b. Add an equal volume of ethanol (95-100%) to flow-through and mix well.

Example: Add 1.2 ml ethanol to 1.2 ml flow-through.

Then transfer the mixture into a **Zymo-Spin™ IIICG Column<sup>1</sup> (green)** in a **Collection Tube** and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.

At this point, **DNase I** treatment (in-column) can be performed (page 8).

3. Add 400 µl **DNA/RNA Prep Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
4. Add 700 µl **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
5. Add 400 µl **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge for 2 minutes to ensure complete removal of the wash buffer. Carefully transfer the column into a nuclease-free tube (not provided).
6. Add 100 µl **ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water** directly to the column matrix, incubate for 5 minutes, and then centrifuge to elute DNA and RNA from the respective column.

Alternatively, for highly concentrated DNA and RNA use ≥ 50 µl elution.

7. Place **Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filter** in a **Collection Tube** and add 600 µl **ZymoBIOMICS™ HRC Prep Solution**. Centrifuge at 8,000 x g for 3 minutes.
8. Transfer the eluted DNA and RNA (step 6) into a prepared **Zymo-Spin™ III-HRC Filter** in a nuclease-free tube (not provided). Then centrifuge at exactly 16,000 x g for 3 minutes.

The filtered DNA and RNA can be used immediately or stored frozen.

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1 To process sample volume > 700 µl, **Zymo-Spin™** columns may be reloaded.

# Appendices

## Samples stabilized and stored in DNA/RNA Shield™

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

Liquid samples: Mix an equal volume **DNA/RNA Shield™** (2X concentrate) and sample (1:1).

Solid samples: Submerge sample (not to exceed 10% (v/v or w/v) in **DNA/RNA Shield™** (1X).

Mix well/homogenize sample prior to storage. Samples in **DNA/RNA Shield™** can be stored at ambient temperature  $\geq$  1 month or long term at frozen temperature.

## DNase I Treatment (in-column)

1. Following RNA binding step (page 7, step 2b), add 400  $\mu$ l **DNA/RNA Wash Buffer** to the column, centrifuge and discard the flow-through.
2. For each sample to be treated, prepare **DNase I Reaction Mix** in a nuclease-free tube (not provided) and mix by gentle inversion. Then add 80  $\mu$ l directly into column matrix and incubate at room temperature (20-30°C) for 15 minutes. Proceed with the purification protocol (page 7, step 3).

### **DNase I Reaction Mix**

<b>DNase I</b> (reconstituted; 1 U/ $\mu$ l) <sup>1</sup>	5 $\mu$ l
<b>DNA Digestion Buffer</b>	75 $\mu$ l

<sup>1</sup> Unit definition – one unit increases the absorbance of a high molecular weight DNA solution at a rate of 0.001 A260 units/ml of reaction mixture at 25°C.

# Ordering Information

Product Description	Catalog No.	Size
ZymoBIOMICS™ DNA/RNA Miniprep Kit	R2002	50 preps.

Individual Kit Components	Catalog No.	Amount
ZR BashingBead™ Lysis Tubes (0.1 & 0.5 mm)	S6012-50	50
DNA/RNA Shield™	R1100-50 R1100-250	50 ml 250 ml
DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer	D7001-1-50	50 ml
DNA/RNA Prep Buffer	D7010-2-25 D7010-2-50	25 ml 50 ml
DNA/RNA Wash Buffer (concentrate)	D7010-3-12 D7010-3-24	12 ml 24 ml
ZymoBIOMICS™ DNase/RNase-Free Water	D4302-5-30 D4302-5-50	30 ml 50 ml
DNase I Set (lyophilized) DNase I (250 U) & DNA Digestion Buffer (4 ml)	E1010	1 set
OneStep™ PCR Inhibitor Removal Kit	D6030	50
Spin-Away™ Filters	C1006-50-F	50
Zymo-Spin™ IICG Columns	C1006-50-G	50
Collection Tubes	C1001-50 C1001-500	50 500
DNA/RNA Shield™ - Fecal Collection Tube	R1101	10
DNA/RNA Shield™ Collection Tube	R1102	50
DNA/RNA Shield™ Lysis Tube (microbe)	R1103	50
DNA/RNA Shield™ Lysis Tube (microbe) w/ swab	R1104	50
DNA/RNA Shield™ Lysis Tube (tissue)	R1105	50
DNA/RNA Shield™ Collection Tube (1 ml fill) w/ swab	R1106 R1107	10 50
DNA/RNA Shield™ Collection Tube (2 ml fill) w/ swab	R1108 R1109	10 50

# Complete Your Workflow

- ✓ For tough-to-lyse samples, 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

- ✓ For high-throughput and automatable microbiome DNA and RNA purification from any sample (DNase I Set included):

## ZymoBIOMICS DNA/RNA

MagBeads #R2135, R2136	Automatable (Tecan, Hamilton, Kingfisher, etc.)
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- ✓ 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

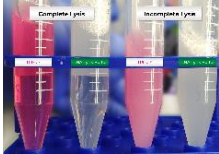
Spin-column #R1013-R1014	DNase I Set included
MagBeads #R1081, R1082	Automatable (Tecan, Hamilton, Kingfisher, etc.)

- ✓ For NGS:

## Zymo-Seq RiboFree Total RNA Library Prep kit

#R3000	12 preps
#R3003	96 preps

# Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Causes and Suggested Solutions
<p><b>Precipitation, viscous lysate</b></p>	<p>Incomplete lysis and/or high-mass input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer to ensure complete lysis and homogenization until lysate is transparent (see image).</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Low purity</b> (<math>A_{260}/A_{230}</math> nm, <math>A_{260}/A_{280}</math> nm)</p>	<p>Sample handling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <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> <p>Incomplete lysis and/or cellular debris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the volume of DNA/RNA Shield and/or DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer to ensure complete lysis and homogenization. Be sure to centrifuge any cellular debris and then process the cleared lysate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Low yield</b></p>	<p>Sample input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 DNA/RNA Shield and/or DNA/RNA Lysis Buffer.</li> </ul>
<p><b>DNA contamination</b></p>	<p>To remove DNA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perform in-column DNase I treatment or perform DNase I treatment post-purification (<a href="#">R1013, page 4</a>), then clean-up the treated sample.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RNA degradation</b></p>	<p>To prevent RNA degradation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Immediately collect and lyse fresh sample into DNA/RNA Shield to ensure nucleic acid stability. Homogenized samples in DNA/RNA Shield can be stored frozen for later processing.</li> </ul>

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