

# Isolation of small and large RNA

## **User manual**

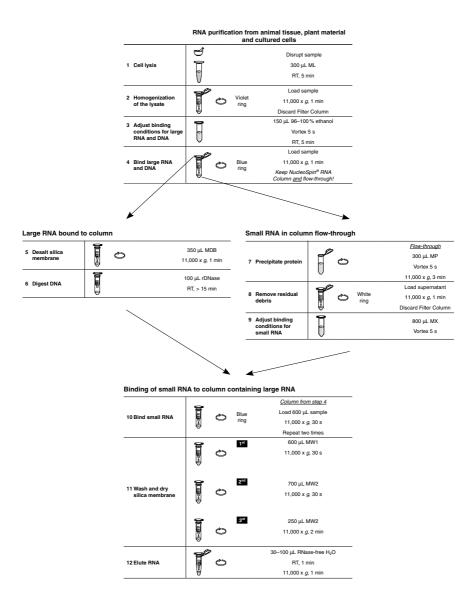
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## 5.1 RNA purification from animal tissue, plant material and cultured cells

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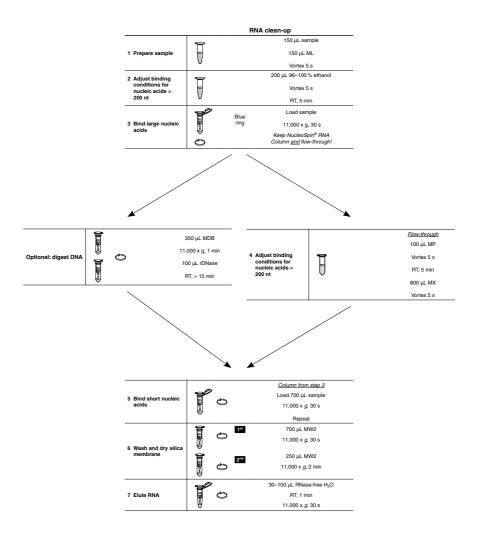
## 5.2 RNA purification using NucleoZOL

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	RNA purification using NucleoZOL					
	Ĵ			500 μL	. NucleoZOL	
1 Cell lysis	$\bigcup$			Disr	upt sample	
	Ì			R	T, 5 min	
				200 µL R	Nase-free H <sub>2</sub> O	
	$\square$			Vo	ortex 5 s	
2 Precipitate contaminants		Ċ		RT	, 15 min	
	-			12,000	) x <i>g</i> , 15 min	
					L supernatant into a on Tube (2 mL, lid)	
	9			50	0 μL MX	
	C			Vortex 5 s		
	V			Load 50	Load 500 $\mu$ L sample	
3 Bind RNA			Blue ring	8,00	0 x <i>g</i> , 30 s	
				Load remaining sample		
	$\bigcirc$			8,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s		
4 Wash and dry silica		Ċ	1 <sup>st</sup>	700 μL MW2	8,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s	
membrane	) Doctor		2 <sup>nd</sup>	250 μL MW2	8,000 x <i>g</i> , 2 min	
				30–100 $\mu$ L RNase-free H <sub>2</sub> O		
5 Elute RNA		Ċ		RT, 1 min		
	A			11,000 x g, 30 s		



## 5.3 RNA clean-up Protocol-at-a-glance (Rev.05)



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## 1 Components

## 1.1 Kit contents

	Ν	lucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> miRN	A
REF	10 preps 740971.10	50 preps 740971.50	250 preps 740971.250
Lysis Buffer ML	5 mL	30 mL	125 mL
Protein Precipitation Buffer MP	5 mL	20 mL	100 mL
Binding Buffer MX	13 mL	60 mL	250 mL
Membrane Desalting Buffer MDB	10 mL	25 mL	125 mL
Reaction Buffer for rDNase	7 mL	7 mL	30 mL
rDNase, RNase-free (lyophilized)*	1 vial (size C)	2 vials (size C)	10 vials (size C)
Wash Buffer MW1	10 mL	35 mL	180 mL
Wash Buffer MW2 (Concentrate)*	6 mL	12 mL	50 mL
RNase-free H <sub>2</sub> O	13 mL	13 mL	30 mL
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Filters (violet rings)	10	50	250
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Columns (blue rings)	10	50	250
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Columns (white rings)	10	50	250
Collection Tubes (1.5 mL)	10	50	250
Collection Tubes (2 mL)	10	50	250
Collection Tubes (2 mL, lid)	30	150	750
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<sup>\*</sup> For preparation of working solutions and storage conditions see section 3.

## 1.2 Reagents, consumables and equipment to be supplied by user

Reagents

- 96–100 % ethanol
- Optional for RNA purification with phenol-based lysis: NucleoZOL (see ordering information)

Consumables

- 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- RNase-free disposable pipette tips

Equipment

- Manual pipettors
- Centrifuge for microcentrifuge tubes
- <u>Optional:</u> Equipment for sample disruption and homogenization (see section 2.4)
- Personal protection equipment (e.g., lab coat, gloves, goggles)

### 1.3 About this user manual

It is strongly recommended that first-time users of the **NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> miRNA** kit read the detailed protocol sections of this user manual. Experienced users, however, may refer to the protocol-at-a-glance instead. The protocol-at-a-glance is designed to be used only as a supplemental tool for quick referencing while performing the purification procedure.

All technical literature is available on the internet at www.mn-net.com.

The protocols in this manual are designed for purification of total RNA in one fraction. Please visit our website at *www.mn-net.com/Protocols* regarding support protocols for purification of small and large RNAs in separate fractions or for the purification of total nucleic acids including DNA. Contact our Technical Support for information regarding changes of the current user manual compared to previous revisions.

## 2 Product description

## 2.1 Basic principle

The **NucleoSpin® miRNA** kit is designed for the purification of total RNA including miRNA from cells and a general RNA reaction clean-up. Optionally, protein and DNA can be isolated as well. All steps including the centrifugation steps are performed at room temperature (18–25 °C) with no detectable RNase-activity once the cells are lysed in Buffer ML.

Sample material is lysed and stabilized in Lysis Buffer ML, containing denaturing salts and  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol **(step 1)**. Depending on the sample material, additional mechanical disruption might be necessary to assist the disruption of hard-to-lyse cell walls and thus to reduce the time intrinsic RNases are active. For lipid-rich or hard-to-lyse tissue NucleoZOL, a phenol-based lysing substance, and NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Bead Tubes are available (see ordering information). See section 2.4 for additional information concerning mechanical cell disruption.

A filtration step with an inert filter removes unlysed remains of the sample and reduces the viscosity of the lysate **(step 2)**. High molecular weight DNA is sheared and hereby prepared for a more efficient DNase digest. The filtrate is further processed while the filter column is discarded.

Addition of ethanol (**step 3**) adjusts binding conditions for the binding of large RNA and DNA fragments above approximately 200 nt to the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column (**step 4**) while small RNA of less than about 200 nt and proteins are in the flow-through. This separation of small and large nucleic acids is necessary to guarantee a superior RNA purity as DNA and proteins can each be removed separately in a **patented** and most efficient way. Both the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column with long nucleic acids and the flow-through containing short nucleic acids and proteins are kept at this step.

If purification of **total nucleic acids including DNA** is desired, the following steps 5 and 6 are skipped, **see section 2.5** for further details. Otherwise a desalting step with Buffer MDB (**step 5**) prepares the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column for the following oncolumn DNA digest (**step 6**). During the ongoing DNase incubation, the flow-through of step 4, containing small RNA and protein, is further processed. Addition of Buffer MP precipitates protein from the sample. Precipitated protein is removed by centrifugation (**step 7**). If desired, the **protein** pellet can be redissolved and analyzed (**see section 2.6** for recommendations). Remaining protein is removed from the supernatant via filtration through a NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Column (**step 8**) leaving only small RNA in the flow-through. The NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Column is discarded and the clear flow-through combined with Buffer MX which adjusts binding conditions for small RNA to the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column (**step 9**).

After the DNase digest is completed the mixture of step 9 is loaded stepwise into the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column (**step 10**). If preparation of small and large RNA in separate fractions is desired, the mixture of step 9 can also be bound to a second NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column instead. In this case the following washing steps are performed for both columns in parallel.

Stringent washing steps with Wash Buffers MW1 and MW2 remove DNA fragments, contaminants and salts (**step 11**). An optional third washing step with Buffer MW2 removes trace amounts of chaotropic salt carryover (see section 2.8 for details). Ethanol from Wash Buffer MW2 is removed by a prolonged centrifugation step.

Pure RNA is eluted in 30–100  $\mu$ L of supplied RNase-free H<sub>2</sub>O at **step 12**. See section 2.7 for details concerning the choice of elution volume. Eluted RNA is ready for both standard and demanding downstream applications.

Kit specifications at a	Kit specifications at a glance				
Parameter	NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> miRNA				
Format	Mini spin columns				
Sample material	< 10 <sup>7</sup> cultured cells < 30 mg human / animal tissue < 30 mg plant material < 150 µL reaction mix				
Binding capacity	200 μg (NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column)				
Elution volume	30–100 μL				
Preparation time	< 45 min (6 preps)				
Typical yields	30 mg mouse liver: 100 $\mu$ g 30 mg mouse kidney: 35 $\mu$ g 30 mg mouse spleen: 48 $\mu$ g 30 mg mouse lung: 27 $\mu$ g 30 mg mouse heart: 24 $\mu$ g 30 mg porcine liver: 80 $\mu$ g 30 mg human brain: 11 $\mu$ g 10 <sup>7</sup> HeLa cells: 100 $\mu$ g 30 mg wheat leaves: 25 $\mu$ g				

## 2.2 Kit specifications

## 2.3 Amount of starting material

Ideally, the amount of starting material should be at the upper limit of the range in the table given above in order to achieve efficient purification of small and large RNA.

For quantitative RNA purification from starting material less than 3 mg tissue or  $10^6$  cells, it is advantageous to add 10 µg of Carrier RNA (see ordering information) before binding of small RNA to improve RNA binding. Prepare a Carrier RNA stock solution of 1 mg/mL in RNase-free H<sub>2</sub>O. Add 10 µL of the stock solution to the cleared lysate after step 8 before adjusting binding conditions for small RNA with Buffer MX. Mix well before addition of Buffer MX and proceed with the protocol.

## 2.4 Preparation and storage of starting materials

RNA is not protected against digestion until the sample is flash frozen or disrupted in the presence of RNase inhibiting or denaturing agents. For long term storage it is recommended that samples are flash frozen and stored at -70 °C to -80 °C as soon as possible.

After disruption, samples can be stored in Lysis Buffer ML at -70 °C to -80 °C for up to one year, at -20 °C for up to 6 months, at +2 °C to +8 °C for up to 24 hours, or up to several hours at room temperature. Frozen samples in Lysis Buffer ML should be thawed slowly until no remaining salt crystals are visible before starting with the RNA isolation.

## Wear gloves at all times during the preparation! Change gloves frequently! Use RNase-free equipment only!

**Cultured tissue and cells** can be collected by centrifugation (after trypsinization, if necessary). The cell pellet can be redissolved in Lysis Buffer ML where cells are lysed almost immediately. Nevertheless a change in expression profiles during long washing and centrifugation steps as well as during trysinization must be considered. Optionally, adherent cells can be lysed directly in the culture flask. Remove culture medium and wash the cells with Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) before addition Lysis Buffer ML.

#### Cells grown in monolayer

Remove culture medium completely and wash cells once with Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS). Lyse cells by addition of **300 µL Buffer ML** for each **5x10<sup>6</sup> cells** directly to the culture disk and incubate for **5 min** at **room temperature** (18–25 °C).

#### or

Collect up to  $10^7$  cultured cells after trypsinization by centrifugation, discard supernatant and add  $300 \ \mu L$  Buffer ML. Pipette up and down or vortex to lyse the cells.

#### Cells grown in suspension

Collect up to **10<sup>7</sup> cultured cells** by centrifugation, discard supernatant and add **300 µL Buffer ML**. Pipette up and down or vortex to lyse the cells.

In all cases transfer exactly **300 \muL lysate** to a **NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filter Column** (violet ring) in a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).

Animal and plant tissue is often solid and might be protected by a cell wall, which reduces the effectiveness of lysis buffers. Therefore, mechanical assistance is essential to quickly break up the cells and stabilize the RNA in Buffer ML. Different types of mechanical disruptors are available in the market, the most basic but also most effective method being grinding of the tissue with mortar and pestle under liquid nitrogen. Use prechilled material only when working with liquid nitrogen and do not let samples thaw.

Alternatively, dedicated tissue disruptors can be used to lyse and homogenize the sample. Depending on the system it may be necessary to increase the lysis volume or the sample amount to enable a proper functionality of the system. Increase both parameters proportionally. See ordering information for additional buffer ML.

#### Mortar and Pestle

Transfer sample material to a prechilled mortar and grind it using a prechilled pestle under constant addition of liquid nitrogen. Do not allow sample to thaw! Grind sample to a fine powder and transfer, using prechilled spatulas and tubes, up to **30 mg ground sample** to a 1.5 mL centrifuge tube (not supplied). Immediately add **300 µL Buffer ML** and vortex vigorously! Transfer lysate to a **NucleoSpin® Filter Column** (violet ring) in a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).

#### Mechanical devices using shearing forces

Transfer sample material to a suitable or dedicated lysis tube and add **300 µL Buffer ML** for each **30 mg of sample**. Increase mass and volume proportionally, if needed. Disrupt sample according to the manufacturers' instructions. **Transfer 300 µL lysate** to a **NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filter Column** (violet ring) in a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).

#### Bead Tubes

Transfer up to 30 mg of sample material to a NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Bead Tube Type D or Type E (not supplied, see ordering information) and add 450  $\mu$ L Buffer ML for Type D or 550  $\mu$ L Buffer ML for Type E.

**Vortex horizontally** for **5–15 min** at room temperature (18–25 °C), e.g., on a MACHEREY-NAGEL Bead Tube Holder (not supplied, see ordering information) adapted to a suitable vortex basis (e.g., Vortex-Genie<sup>®</sup> II). **Transfer 300 µL lysate** to a **NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filter Column** (violet ring) in a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).

When using other sample disruption methods, be sure not to exceed a maximum of **30 mg sample material per 300 µL Buffer ML**. Do not dilute or mix Buffer ML with other fluids! Transfer exactly **300 µL lysate** to a **NucleoSpin® Filter Column** (violet ring) in a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).

Bacteria and yeast have to be incubated in lysozyme or lyticase/zymolase solutions, respectively to break down the robust cell walls of these organisms. Sonication and mechanical disruption are alternatives for cell disruption. Avoid long incubation times to prevent changes in expression profiles.

**NucleoZOL**, a phenol-based lysis substance, is available separately (see ordering information). See protocol 5.2 for necessary adaptations.

## 2.5 Purification of total nucleic acids including DNA

The NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> miRNA kit is suitable for purification of **total nucleic acids including DNA** and large RNA / small RNA as well as for the purification of denatured protein (see section 2.6). To enable a purification of DNA, the membrane desalting step with Buffer MDB and the DNase digest are omitted (steps 5 and 6 in section 5.1). It is important **not** to perform the membrane desalting step with **Buffer MDB** if purification of DNA is desired.

A separation of total nucleic acids into DNA and RNA can be achieved by an enzymatic digest of the split and eventually aliquoted eluate with DNase and RNase, respectively,

or purification with the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA/DNA Buffer Set (not supplied, see ordering information).

## 2.6 Analysis of the protein fraction

Buffer ML contains high amounts of chaotropic salt and  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol. Furthermore, ethanol is added prior to the protein precipitation resulting in completely denatured protein. The precipitated protein pellet of the recommended amount of starting material might be difficult to resuspend, so if protein analysis is required, it could be advantageous not to use the protein pellet of the complete sample for further analysis but to remove an aliquot of 10–20 µL lysate before addition Buffer MP (between steps 4 and 6) and to precipitate this smaller portion with an adapted volume of Buffer MP separately (6.7–13.3 µL Buffer MP respectively).

Add 500  $\mu$ L of 50% ethanol to the protein pellet (no resuspension necessary) and centrifuge for 1 min at 11,000 x *g*. Remove the ethanol completely and let the protein pellet dry at room temperature for 10 min.

Usually the denatured protein is dissolved in Laemmli buffer or a similar SDS-containing solution by incubating the sample at 90  $^{\circ}$ C for at least 5 minutes. Undissolved protein is removed by centrifugation and the solubilized protein can be used for downstream analysis.

Most protein quantification assays such as Bradford, Lowry, BCA, etc. do not work in the presence of SDS. For this purpose, MACHEREY-NAGEL offers the **Protein Quantification Assay** (see ordering information). It is designed for the determination of low protein concentrations in the presence of up to 10 % SDS, reducing agents, dyes like bromphenol blue or substances to increase the sample density like glycerol or sucrose. The kit also provides a Laemmli-like protein solubilization buffer PSB (Protein Solving Buffer) in which the precipitated protein can be dissolved, quantified, and used for SDS-PAGE.

## 2.7 Elution procedures

Higher elution volumes lead to higher RNA recovery, but lower RNA concentration. The optimal elution volume often depends on the kind of downstream application which dictates the necessity of a high yield with a high total volume or a high concentration for a limited amount of sensitive applications. Three elution volumes are suggested:

- 30 µL for high concentration but reduced total yield
- 50 µL for medium concentration and yield
- 100 µL for high yield but lower concentration

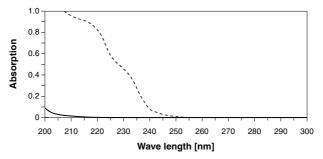
 $30\,\mu L$  are necessary as minimal elution volume to wet the silica entirely. A further decrease will result in significiantly less yield.

It is possible to **reload the eluate from the first elution step into the column and to use it as elution buffer for a second elution**. Multiple elution steps will increase the total yield. To increase the yield and the concentration in a single elution step, heat the RNase-free water to 90 °C before elution. However, a high temperature leads to larger pipetting errors and consequently to higher variations in the final volume of the eluate.

## 2.8 Salt carry-over and low A<sub>260</sub>/A<sub>230</sub>

The silica membrane technology is based on the ability of chaotropic salts to dehydrate macromolecules and an affinity of dehydrated nucleic acids to silica. The most common chaotropic salt used for RNA purification is guanidinium thiocyanate which has got excellent characteristics for RNA binding and RNase-inactivation.

In contrast to guanidine hydrochloride, guanidine thiocyanate exhibits a strong absorption at wavelengths < 240 nm even in trace amounts below 1 mM.



## Figure 1 UV absorption spectra of 1 mM guanidine HCI (solid line) and 1 mM guanidine thiocyanate (dotted line).

Figure 1 demonstrates that guanidine thiocyanate concentrations even as low as 1 mM will increase the absorption at 230 nm by 0.5 resulting in a decreased  $A_{260}/A_{230}$ , especially in combination with low RNA concentrations (low  $A_{260}$ ).

The concentration of contaminating chaotropic salt in eluates is usually substantially below 1 mM and has got no negative influence even on sensitive downstream applications.

Figure 2 shows a qPCR with effective chaotropic salt concentrations of 0  $\mu$ M to 80 mM in the PCR reaction demonstrating that more than 20 mM of chaotropic salt must be present in the PCR reaction to negatively influence the amplification **which is 500-fold more than usually present**.

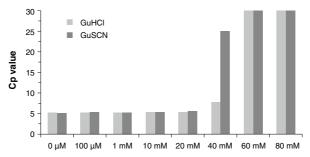


Figure 2 qPCR inhibition by GuHCI (light gray) and GuSCN (dark gray). A 164 bp DNA fragment was amplified from 5 ng pBS template with DyNAmo Capillary Master Mix (NEB) in a Lighcycler real-time PCR machine (Roche) in the presence of 0–80 mM GuHCI or GuSCN.

If it is still necessary to further reduce the chaotropic salt carry-over and hereby to improve the  $A_{260}/A_{230}$ , a second washing step with 700 µL Buffer MW2 is recommended. The supplied volume of Buffer MW2 will not be sufficient, additional Buffer MW2 must be ordered separately (see ordering information).

## 3 Storage conditions and preparation of working solutions

#### Attention:

Buffers ML, MDB, and MW1 contain chaotropic salt. Wear gloves and goggles!

CAUTION: Buffer ML, MDB, and MW1 contain guanidinium thiocyanate which can form highly reactive compounds when combined with bleach (sodium hypochlorite). DO NOT add bleach or acidic solutions directly to the sample-preparation waste.

Storage conditions

- Store lyophilized RNase-free rDNase at +4 °C on arrival (stable for at least one year).
- All other kit components should be stored at room temperature (18–25 °C) and are stable for at least one year. Storage at lower temperatures may cause precipitation of salts. If precipitation occurs, incubate the bottle for several minutes at about 30–40 °C and mix well until the precipitate is redissolved.

Before starting the first NucleoSpin® miRNA procedure prepare the following:

- Wash Buffer MW2: Add the indicated volumes of 96–100 % ethanol to the MW2 concentrate. Store buffer at room temperature (18–25 °C) for at least one year.
- RNase-free rDNase: Add the indicated volume of Reaction Buffer for rDNase to the rDNase vial and incubate for 1 min at room temperature. Gently swirl the vial to completely dissolve the rDNase. Be careful not to mix rDNase vigorously as rDNase is sensitive to mechanical agitation. Dispense into aliquots and store at -20 °C. The frozen working solution is stable for at least 6 months. Do not freeze/ thaw the aliquots more than three times.

	NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> miRNA			
REF	10 preps 740971.10	50 preps 740971.50	250 preps 740971.250	
Wash Buffer MW2 (Concentrate)	6 mL Add 24 mL 96–100 % ethanol	12 mL Add 48 mL 96–100 % ethanol	50 mL Add 200 mL 96–100 % ethanol	
RNase- free rDNase (lyophilized)	1 vial (size C) Add 3 mL Reaction Buffer for rDNase	2 vials (size C) Add 3 mL Reaction Buffer for rDNase to each vial	10 vials (size C) Add 3 mL <b>Reaction Buffer</b> for rDNase to each vial	

## 4 Safety instructions

The following components of the NucleoSpin® miRNA kits contain hazardous contents.

Wear gloves and goggles and follow the safety instructions given in this section.

**CAUTION:** Buffer ML, MW1, and MBD contain guanidinium thiocyanate which can form highly reactive compounds when combined with bleach (sodium hypochlorite). DO NOT add bleach or acidic solutions directly to the sample-preparation waste.

#### GHS classification

Only harmful features do not need to be labeled with H and P phrases up to 125 mL or 125 g.

Mindergefährliche Eigenschaften müssen bis 125 mL oder 125 g nicht mit H- und P-Sätzen gekennzeichnet werden.

Component	Hazard contents	GHS symbol	Hazard phrases	Precaution phrases
Inhalt	Gefahrstoff	GHS-Symbol	H-Sätze	P-Sätze
rDNase, RNase-free	rDNase, lyophilized rDNase, lyophilisiert	Danger Gefahr	317, 334	261, 272, 280, 302+352, 304+340, 333+313, 342+311, 363
ML	Guanidinium thiocyanate 30–60 % Guanidiniumthiocyanat 30–60 %	Warning Achtung	302, 412, EUH031	260, 273, 301+312, 330
MX	Dioxan 10–90 % <i>Dioxan 10–90</i> %	Danger Gefahr	225, 319, 335, 351, EUH019, EUH066	202, 210, 261, 280, 304+340, 305+351+338, 308+313, 312, 337+313, 403+233, 403+235, 405
MW1	Guanidinium thiocyanate 1–15 % + ethanol 55–75 % Guanidiniumthiocyanat 1–15 % + Ethanol 55–75 %	Danger Gefahr	225	210, 233, 403+235
MDB	Guanidinium thiocyanate 1–15 % + ethanol 5–20 % Guanidiniumthiocyanat 1–15 % + Ethanol 5–20 %	Warning Achtung	226	210, 233, 403+235

#### Hazard phrases

H 225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Flüssigkeit und Dampf leicht entzündbar.

- H 226 Flammable liquid and vapour. Flüssigkeit und Dampf entzündbar.
- H 302 Harmful if swallowed. Gesundheitsschädlich bei Verschlucken.
- H 317 May cause an allergic skin reaction. Kann allergische Hautreaktionen verursachen.
- H 319 Causes serious eye irritation. Verursacht schwere Augenreizung.
- H 334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. Kann bei Einatmen Allergie, asthmaartige Symptome oder Atembeschwerden verursachen.
- H 335 May cause respiratory irritation. Kann die Atemwege reizen.
- H 351 Suspected of causing cancer. Kann vermutlich Krebs erzeugen.
- H 412 Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Schädlich für Wasserorganismen, mit langfristiger Wirkung.
- EUH019 May form explosive peroxides. Kann explosionsfähige Peroxide bilden.
- EUH031 Contact with acids liberates toxic gas. Entwickelt bei Berührung mit Säure giftige Gase.
- EUH066 Repeated exposure may cause skin dryness or cracking. Wiederholter Kontakt kann zu spröder oder rissiger Haut führen.

#### **Precaution phrases**

P 202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Vor Gebrauch alle Sicherheitsaratschläge lesen und verstehen.
P 210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Von Hitze, heißen Oberflächen, Funken, offenen Flammen sowie anderen Zündquellenarten fernhalten. Nicht rauchen.
P 233	Keep container tightly closed. Behälter dicht verschlossen halten.
P 260	Do not breathe vapours. Dampf nicht einatmen.
P 261	Avoid breathing dust. Einatmen von Staub / Dampf vermeiden.
P 272	Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Kontaminierte Arbeitskleidung nicht außerhalb des Arbeitsplatzes tragen.
P 273	Avoid release to the environment. Freisetzung in die Umwelt vermeiden.
P 280	Wear protective gloves/eye protection. Schutzhandschuhe/Augenschutz tragen.
P 301+312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor//if you feel unwell. BEI VERSCHLUCKEN: Bei Unwohlsein GIFTINFORMATIONSZENTRUM / Arzt / anrufen.
P 302+352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/ BEI KONTAKT MIT DER HAUT: Mit viel Wasser/ waschen.

P 304+340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. BEI EINATMEN: An die frische Luft bringen und in einer Position ruhigstellen, die das Atmen erleichtert.
P 305+351+338	IF IN EYES: Rinse continuously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do – continue rinsing. BEI KONTAKT MIT DEN AUGEN: Einige Minuten lang behutsam mit Wasser spülen. Vorhandene Kontaktlinsen nach Möglichkeit entfernen. Weiter ausspülen.
P 308+313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice / attention.
	BEI Exposition oder falls betroffen: Ärztlichen Rat Einholen / ärztliche Hilfe hinzuziehen.
P 312	Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor//if you feel unwell. Bei Unwohlsein GIFTINFORMATIONSZENTRUM / Arzt / anrufen.
P 330	Rinse mouth. Mund ausspülen.
P 333+313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice / attention. Bei Hautreizung oder -ausschlag: Ärztlichen Rat einholen / ärztliche Hilfe hinzuziehen.
P 337+313	lf eye irritation persists: get medical advice / attention. Bei anhaltender Augenreizung: Ärztlichen Rat einholen / ärztliche Hilfe hinzuziehen.
P 342+311	If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor/ Bei Symptomen der Atemwege: GIFTINFORMATIONSZENTRUM /Arzt/ anrufen.
P 363	Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Kontaminierte Kleidung vor erneutem Tragen waschen.
P 403+233	Store in a well ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Behälter dicht verschlossen an einem gut belüfteten Ort aufbewahren.
P 403+235	Store in a well ventilated place. Keep cool. Kühl an einem gut belüfteten Ort aufbewahren.
P 405	Store locked up. Unter Verschluss aufbewahren.

For further information please see Material Safety Data Sheets (*www.mn-net.com*). Weiterführende Informationen finden Sie in den Sicherheitsdatenblättern (*www.mn-net.com*).

## 5 Protocols

## 5.1 RNA purification from animal tissue, plant material and cultured cells

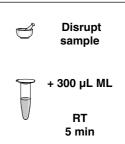
#### Before starting the preparation:

- Check if 96–100 % ethanol is available
- Check if rDNase was prepared according to section 3
- Check if Wash Buffer MW2 was prepared according to section 3

#### 1 Cell lysis

#### Tissue and plant material

Thoroughly disrupt up to **30 mg of sample** material in **300 µL Buffer ML** using mechanical devices. If necessary, increase sample amount and lysis buffer volume proportionally. Optimal lysis conditions need to be evaluated for each sample material individually.



#### $\rightarrow$ See section 2.4 for details.

#### Cultured cells

Lyse up to  $10^7$  cultured cells in 300 µL Buffer ML. Pipette up and down or vortex to lyse the cells.

#### $\rightarrow$ See Section 2.4 for details.

Incubate 5 min at room temperature (18-25 °C).

#### 2 Homogenization of the lysate

Place a **NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filter Column** (violet ring) into a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid). Load the lysate and centrifuge for **1 min** at **11,000 x** g to reduce viscosity and to clear the lysate from undissolved debris.

If a pellet is visible in the Collection Tube (2 mL, lid) after the centrifugation, transfer the supernatant to a fresh centrifuge tube (not supplied) without disturbing the pellet.

Alternative: samples without debris can be homogenized by passing them through a 0.9 mm needle (20 gauge), fittet to a syringe.

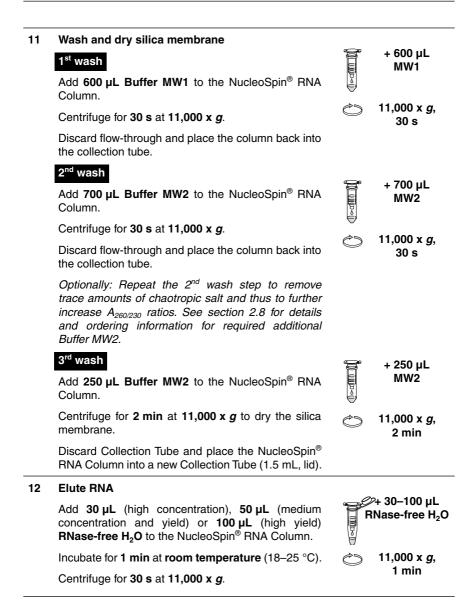
Discard the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filter Column (violet ring) and proceed with the flow-through.



11,000 x g, 1 min

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	+ 150 μL 96–100 % ethanol
(18–25 °C).	Vortex 5 s
	RT 5 min
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e the lid of saved flow-	
nd proceed	
	+ 350 μL MDB
nn back into 💍	11,000 x <i>g</i> , 1 min
	+100 μL rDNase
	RT > 15 min
	to <b>300 µL</b> ately for <b>5 s</b> . <i>ipitate may</i> <i>cipitate and</i> (18–25 °C). (blue ring) d <b>load</b> the column. <b>blumn</b> with <b>bw-through</b> in a new e the lid of saved flow- NA Column. <i>ds including</i> <i>nd proceed</i> <i>ails</i> . Spin <sup>®</sup> RNA r <b>1 min</b> at an back into membrane ng). 25 °C) until <b>5 min</b> .

7	Precipitate protein	0	
	Add <b>300 µL Buffer MP</b> to the saved flow-through of step 4. Vortex for 5 s.		2300 μL MP
	Centrifuge for <b>3 min</b> at <b>11,000 x</b> <i>g</i> to pellet protein.	U	Vortex 5 s
	<u>Note:</u> The protein pellet can be analyzed. Refer to section 2.6 for details.	Ö	11,000 x <i>g</i> , 3 min
8	Remove residual debris		
	Place a NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Column (white ring) in a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid) and <b>load</b> the <b>supernatant</b> from step 7 into the column.		<ul> <li>Load</li> <li>supernatant</li> </ul>
	Centrifuge for 1 min at 11,000 x g.		
	Discard the NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Column and <b>keep the flow-through</b> .	Ò	11,000 x <i>g</i> , 1 min
9	Adjust binding conditions for small RNA		
	Add 800 µL Buffer MX to the flow-through.		+ 800 μL MX
	Vortex for 5 s.	J	Vortex 5 s
	<u>Note:</u> After addition of Buffer MX a precipitate may be visible. Load all of the precipitate into the column at step 10.		
10	Bind small RNA		
	Load 600 μL of the mixture from step 9 into the corresponding NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column (blue		Load 600 µL sample
	ring) already containing the large RNA from step 4.	Ø	11,000 x <i>g</i> ,
	Centrifuge for <b>30 s</b> at <b>11,000 x</b> <i>g</i> .		30 s
	Attention: Do not centrifuge the NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column with the rDNase reaction buffer before the mixture of step 9 is added.		Repeat once
	Discard the flow-through and place the column back into the collection tube.	L	oad remaining sample
	Repeat this step two times to <b>load the remaining</b> sample.	Ċ	11,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s



## 5.2 RNA purification using NucleoZOL

#### Before starting the preparation:

- NucleoZOL must be ordered separately, see ordering information
- Check if Wash Buffer MW2 was prepared according to section 3
- Attention! NucleoZOL contains phenol (corrosive liquid/poison) and guanidinium thiocyanate (irritant). Wear personal protection equipment at all times and take appropriate security measures for working with phenol! Carefully read and follow the hazard information and Safety Data Sheets supplied with NucleoZOL! Discard waste according to legal guidelines!

#### 1 Cell lysis

Tissue and plant material

Thoroughly disrupt **50 mg sample** material in **500 µL NucleoZOL** using mechanical devices. Sample amount and NucleoZOL volume can be increased proportionally.

Transfer **500 µL lysate** to a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).





RT 5 min

Cultured cells

<u>Cells grown in monolayer:</u> Remove culture medium and lyse cells by addition of at least **1 mL NucleoZOL** to the culture disk (diameter 3.5 cm, 10 cm<sup>2</sup>). Mix by pipetting up and down.

<u>Note:</u> An insufficient volume of NucleoZOL will lead to DNA contamination of the isolated RNA.

Transfer **500 \muL lysate** to a Collection Tube (2 mL, lid).

Alternatively, collect up to  $10^7$  cultured cells after trypsinization by centrifugation, discard supernatant and add **500 µL NucleoZOL**. Pipette up and down or vortex to lyse the cells.

Cells grown in suspension: Collect up to **10<sup>7</sup> cultured** cells by centrifugation, discard supernatant and add **500 µL NucleoZOL**. Pipette up and down or vortex to lyse the cells.

#### Liquid samples

Use up to  $200 \ \mu L$  liquid sample with  $500 \ \mu L$  NucleoZOL.

Incubate 5 min at room temperature (18-25 °C).

2	Precipitate contaminants	_	
	Add <b>200 μL RNase-free H₂O</b> to the lysate in 500 μL NucleoZOL.	l	200 µL RNase-free H₂O
	Vortex vigorously and incubate at room temperature for 15 min.	U	Vortex
	Centrifuge samples for 15 min at 12,000 x g.		5 s
	DNA, proteins and polysaccharides are pelleted, RNA remains in the supernatant.		RT 15 min
	Transfer <b>500 µL supernatant</b> into a fresh Collection Tube (2 mL, lid) without disturbing the pellet. Discard pellet and residual supernatant.	Õ	12,000 x <i>g</i> , 15 min
3	Bind RNA		
	Add <b>500 µL Buffer MX</b> to the transferred supernatant and <b>mix</b> by vortexing.		+ 500 μL ΜX
	Combine a <b>NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column</b> (blue ring) with a Collection Tube (2 mL) and <b>load 500 µL</b> of the <b>sample</b> solution into the column.	U	Vortex 5 s
	Centrifuge for <b>30 s</b> at <b>8,000 x g</b> .		➢ Load i00 µL sample
	Discard flow-through and load the remaining sample.		
	Centrifuge for <b>30 s</b> at <b>8,000 x</b> <i>g</i> and discard flow-through.	Ì	8,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s
		L	oad remaining sample
		Ì	8,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s

4	Wash and dry silica membrane 1 <sup>st</sup> wash Add 700 μL Buffer MW2 to the NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA		+ 700 μL MW2
	Column. Centrifuge for <b>30 s</b> at <b>8,000 x <i>g</i>.</b> Discard flow-through.	$\bigcirc$	8,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s
	Optionally: Repeat the 1 <sup>st</sup> wash step to remove trace amounts of chaotropic salt and thus to further increase A <sub>260/230</sub> ratios. See ordering information for required additional Buffer MW2.		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> wash		
	Add <b>250 µL Buffer MW2</b> to the NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column.		+ 250 μL MW2
	Centrifuge for 2 min at 8,000 x g. Discard flow-	Ŷ	
	through.	Ò	8,000 x <i>g</i> , 2 min
5	Elute RNA		
	Place the NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column in a new Collection Tube (1.5 mL).		ັ 30–100 μL RNase-free H₂O
	Add <b>30 <math>\mu</math>L</b> (high concentration), <b>50 <math>\mu</math>L</b> (medium concentration and yield) or <b>100 <math>\mu</math>L</b> (high yield) <b>RNase-free H</b> <sub>2</sub> <b>O</b> to the NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column.	¥	RT
	Incubate for <b>1 min</b> at <b>room temperature</b> (18–25 °C).		1 min
	Centrifuge for <b>30 s</b> at <b>11,000 x</b> <i>g</i> .	Ò	11,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s

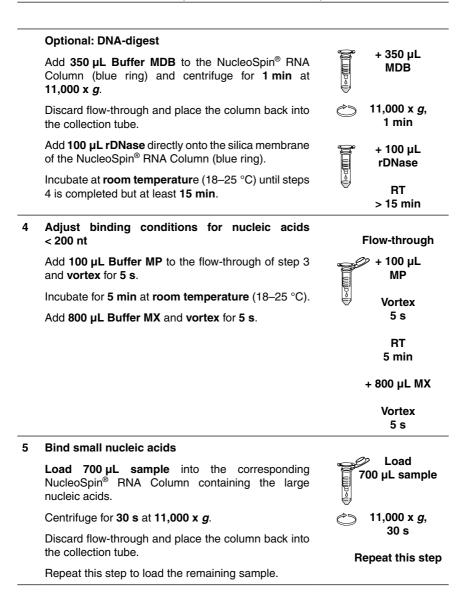
## 5.3 RNA clean-up

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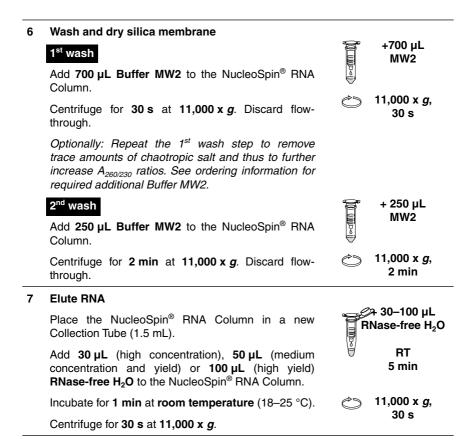
- Check if 96–100 % ethanol is available
- Check if Wash Buffer MW2 was prepared according to section 3
- Optional: Check if rDNase was prepared according to section 3

#### 1 Prepare sample

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	Add <b>150 µL Buffer ML</b> to <b>150 µL sample</b> reaction mixture and <b>vortex</b> for <b>5 s</b> .	G	150 μL sample
	<u>Note:</u> To purify less than 150 $\mu$ L, adjust volume with	U	+150 μL ML
	RNase-free $H_2O$ to 150 $\mu$ L. To process more than 150 $\mu$ L, increase volumes of buffers ML, MP and MX proportionally.		Vortex 5 s
2	Adjust binding conditions for nucleic acids > 200 nt	9	+200 μL
	Add exactly <b>200 µL 96–100 % ethanol</b> and <b>vortex</b> for <b>5 s</b> .	Ũ	96–100 % ethanol
	Incubate at <b>room temperature</b> (18–25 °C) for <b>5 min</b> .		Vortex 5 s
			RT 5 min
3	Bind large nucleic acids		
	Place a NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA Column (blue ring) in a	- St	Load
	Collection Tube (2 mL, lid) and <b>load the sample</b> into the column. Centrifuge for <b>30 s</b> at <b>11,000 x</b> <i>g</i> .		sample
			11,000 x <i>g</i> , 30 s



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## 6 Appendix

## 6.1 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause and suggestions			
	Reagents not applied or restored properly			
	<ul> <li>Always dispense exactly the buffer volumes given in the protocols! The correct ratios of buffers ML, MP, and ethanol are essential for optimal yield and purity.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Always follow the given instructions closely, with specific attention paid to order and mode of mixing (shaking, vortexing, etc).</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Add the indicated volume of 96–100 % ethanol to Buffer MW2 Concentrate and mix thoroughly.</li> </ul>			
Poor or no RNA yield	<ul> <li>Store kit components at room temperature (18–25 °C). Storage at lower temperatures may cause salt precipitation. If precipitation occurs, incubate the bottle for several minutes at about 30–40 °C and mix well until the precipitate is redissolved.</li> </ul>			
	• Keep bottles tightly closed in order to prevent evaporation or contamination.			
	Sample material not stored properly			
	• Whenever possible, use fresh material. Otherwise, flash freeze the samples in liquid nitrogen. Samples should always be kept at -70 °C. Never allow tissues to thaw before addition of lysis buffer. Perform disruption of samples in liquid nitrogen or lysis buffer.			
	Insufficient disruption and/or homogenization of starting material			
	<ul> <li>Ensure thorough sample disruption and use NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup></li> <li>Filters for homogenization of disrupted starting material.</li> </ul>			
	RNase contamination			
RNA is degraded	<ul> <li>Create an RNase-free working environment. Wear gloves during all steps of the procedure. Change gloves frequently. Use sterile, disposable polypropylene tubes and filter tips. Keep tubes closed whenever possible during the preparation unless stated otherwise. Glassware should be oven-baked for at least 2 hours at 250 °C before use.</li> </ul>			

Problem	Possible cause and suggestions		
	Too much starting material		
	<ul> <li>Overloading may lead to decreased overall RNA yield due to binding of too much DNA. Reduce amount of sample material or use larger volume of lysis buffer.</li> </ul>		
	Insufficient homogenization of starting material		
	<ul> <li>After cell lysis in Buffer ML and homogenization with NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filters the lysate has to be clear and free of solid particles. If this is not the case, centrifuge the sample and transfer the clear supernatant to a new collection tube (not provided) without disturbing the pellet.</li> </ul>		
Clogged NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup>	Too much precipitated nucleic acids after addition of ethanol		
RNA Columns	• Do not remove the precipitate (e.g., by centrifugation) since it contains large RNA.		
	<ul> <li>Mix immediately after addition of ethanol to avoid too high local alcohol concentrations.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Rotate the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> RNA Column by 180° inside the centrifuge and repeat the loading step as often as necessary until all lysate has completely passed the column.</li> </ul>		
	Increase centrifugation time and speed to load the sample.		
	<ul> <li>Use NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filters after ethanol addition to homogenize the lysate. Additional NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Filters can be ordered separately, see ordering information.</li> </ul>		
	Too much protein precipitate or precipitate too fine		
Clogged NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup>	<ul> <li>Pellet the protein by centrifugation before loading the cleared lysate onto the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Column.</li> </ul>		
Protein Removal Column	<ul> <li>Rotate the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> Protein Removal Column by 180° inside the centrifuge and repeat the protein removal step.</li> </ul>		
	Increase centrifugation time and speed and repeat the protein removal step.		
	Too much cell material used		
Contamination	Reduce quantity of cells or tissue used.		
with genomic DNA	DNA detection system too sensitive		
	<ul> <li>Use larger PCR targets (e.g., &gt; 500 bp) or intron spanning primers for RNA analysis.</li> </ul>		

Problem	m Possible cause and suggestions				
	Carry-over of ethanol or salt				
	<ul> <li>Do not let the flow-through touch the column outlet after the second MW2 wash. Make sure to centrifuge at the corresponding speed for the respective time in order to remove ethanolic Buffer MW2 completely.</li> </ul>				
Suboptimal performance of RNA in downstream	<ul> <li>Check if Buffer MW2 has been equilibrated to room temperature (18–25 °C) before use. Washing at lower temperatures lowers efficiency of salt removal.</li> </ul>				
experiments	Store isolated RNA properly				
	<ul> <li>Eluted RNA should always be kept on ice for optimal stability since trace contaminations of omnipresent RNases (general lab ware, fingerprints, dust) will degrade the isolated RNA. For short term storage freeze at -20 °C, for long term storage freeze at -70 °C.</li> </ul>				

## 6.2 Ordering information

Product	REF	Pack of
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> miRNA	740971.10/.50/.250	10/50/250 preps
NucleoZOL	740404.200	200 mL
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Bead Tubes Type D (containing 3 mm steel balls)	740814.50	50
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Bead Tubes Type E (contain a combination of 3 mm steel balls and 40–400 μm glass beads)	740815.50	50
Bead Tube Holder	740469	1 piece
Buffer ML	740913.30	30 mL
Buffer MW2 (concentrate)	740994.100	100 mL
RNase A	740505	100 mg
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> miRNA Column / Buffer Set (50 columns, 35 mL MW1, 20 mL MW2 Concentrate)	740304	1 set
Protein Quantification Assay	740967.50/.250	50/250
Protein Solving Buffer Set (107 mg TCEP, 7.5 mL PSB)	740941	1 set
Carrier RNA (lyophilized)	740514	0.3 mg
rDNase Set (1 vial rDNase (size D), 7 mL Reaction Buffer for rDNase)	740963	1 set
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Filters	740606	50
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> Collection Tubes (2 mL)	740600	1000
NucleoSpin <sup>®</sup> RNA / DNA Buffer Set	740944/.10	100/10 preps

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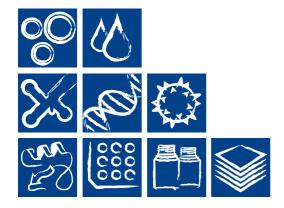
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