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# DNA/RNA Extraction Kit

50 extractions

Universal kit for isolation of DNA/RNA from food, water, clinical, plant, veterinary and other samples types.

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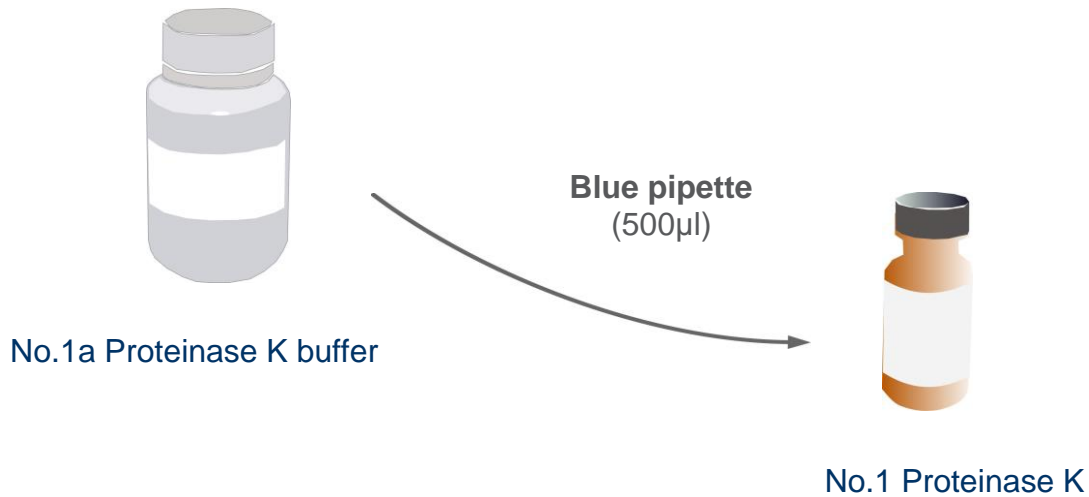
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## 1. Quick guide

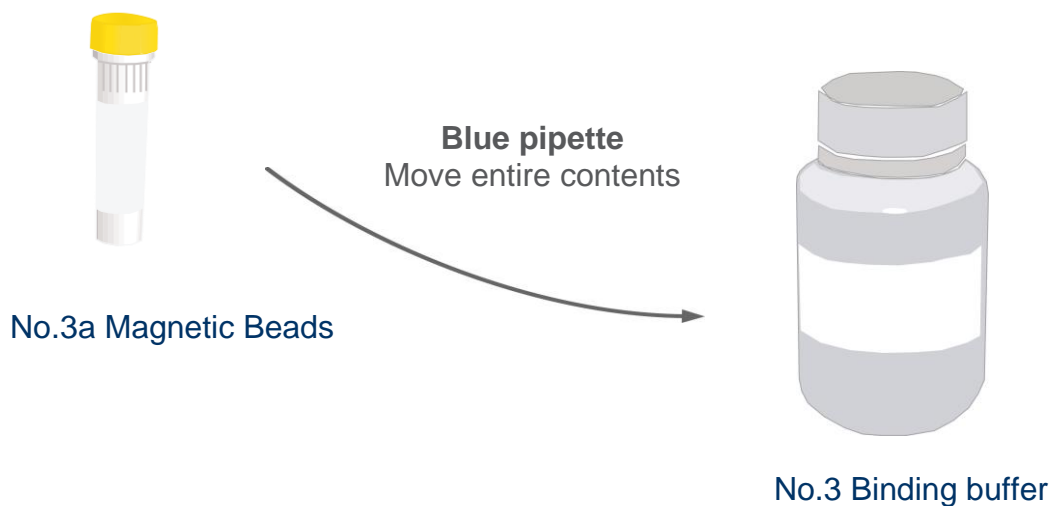
### 1.1 Quick guide – First steps when you open a new kit

Upon opening a new genesig® Easy DNA/RNA extraction kit, a couple of components need to be mixed to make them ready to use.



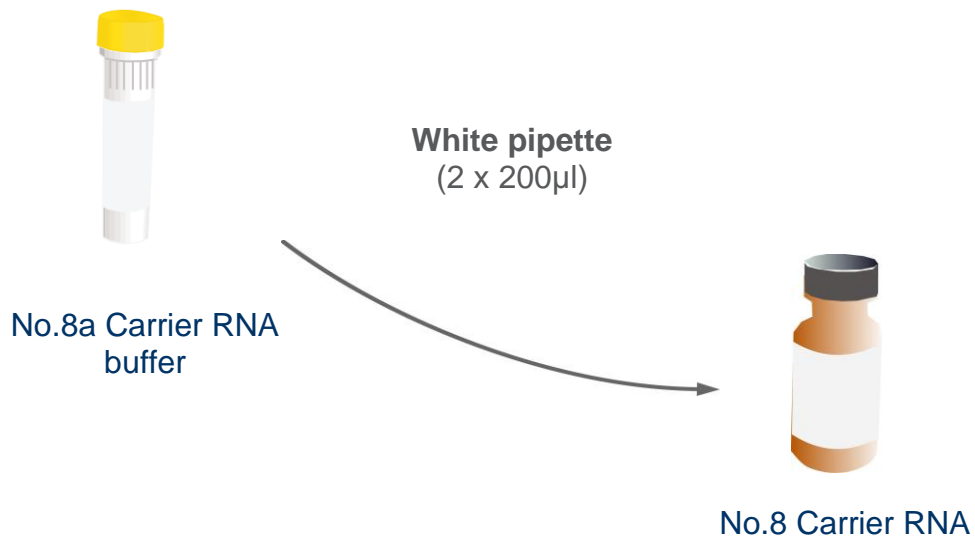
#### Top tip

Proteinase K is stable at room temperature whilst lyophilised. However, once resuspended it should be stored at -20°C.



#### Top tip

Give tube No.3a a vigorous shake to resuspend the beads before transferring the entire contents in to bottle No.3



**Top tip**

Once the Carrier RNA has been resuspended, dispense into aliquots and store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . We recommend dispensing between  $20\mu\text{l}$ - $40\mu\text{l}$  per aliquot. Use the red pipette to transfer  $20\mu\text{l}$  (2 x red pipette) or  $40\mu\text{l}$  (4 x red pipette) into aliquots.

## 1.2 Quick guide – sample prep

Depending on your sample type you may need to perform a simple sample prep step to prepare for DNA/RNA extraction.

### Meat/Food (for species testing) and plant extractions

Combine:

- Approximately 10-20mg of homogenised tissue (a match head in size)
  - 500µl (Blue pipette) Sample Prep Solution
- Mix well with pipette  
Let large pieces settle out  
Use clear top layer of liquid as sample for DNA/RNA extraction

### Tissue extractions (for target detection testing)

Sample prep and lysis stage are performed together. Combine:

- Approximately 10-20mg of homogenised tissue (a match head in size)
  - 200µl (White pipette) Sample Prep Solution
- Then follow step 1 of DNA/RNA extraction  
Transfer liquid to a fresh tube  
Then continue extraction from step 2

### Blood/Serum/Plasma/Other liquids (excluding oils)

No sample prep required. Add sample direct to step 1 of DNA/RNA extraction.

**NB: This kit is not compatible with blood collection tubes containing Heparin/Sodium heparin**

### Dry Swab Samples

- Shake swab in 500µl (Blue pipette) Sample Prep Solution  
Wait 10-30 minutes  
Squeeze out the swab  
Discard swab  
Add prepared sample to Step1 of DNA/RNA extraction

### Faeces/Soil

Combine:

- Approximately 10-20mg of faeces/soil (a match head in size) or 200µl (White pipette) if using liquid faeces.
  - 500µl (Blue pipette) Sample Prep Solution
- Mix well with pipette  
Leave to settle out  
Use clear top layer of liquid for DNA/RNA extraction

If you are concerned that your sample doesn't fall within one of the above categories, is a highly processed or high-fat content sample then please contact us at [enquiry@primerdesign.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@primerdesign.co.uk) for advice on sample preparation.

### 1.3 Quick guide – How to magnetise

The genesig Easy DNA/RNA extraction kit uses minute magnetic beads to bind to the DNA/RNA in your sample. A magnet is then used to pull the beads out of solution, so the DNA/RNA can be separated with ease.

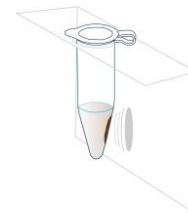
#### How to magnetise

Add beads to your sample



Place your tube in the genesig magnetic separator rack.

Immediately the beads will begin to gather on the wall of the tube



After 1-2 minutes all the beads will be clumped in one spot.



Use a pipette to remove the liquid whilst being careful not to disturb the beads.



## 1.4 Quick guide – DNA/RNA extraction

See main body of handbook for detailed instructions of use, tips and troubleshooting

| genesig Easy DNA/RNA extraction |  |                      |  |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Step                            |  | Lab-in-a-box pipette |  |
| 1                               | Combine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200µl sample</li> <li>• 20µl Tube 1</li> <li>• 5µl Tube 8*</li> <li>• 200µl Tube 2</li> <li>• 10µl Internal extraction control DNA/RNA†</li> </ul> |                      | Shake<br>Wait 15 minutes   |
| 2                               | Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500µl Tube 3</li> </ul>   |                      | Shake<br>Wait 5 minutes<br>Magnetise!<br>Remove all liquid   |
| 3                               | Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500µl Tube 4</li> </ul>   |                      | Shake<br>Wait 30 seconds<br>Magnetise!<br>Remove all liquid  |
| 4                               | Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500µl Tube 5</li> </ul>   |                      | Shake<br>Wait 30 seconds<br>Magnetise!<br>Remove all liquid  |
| 5                               | Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500µl Tube 6</li> </ul>   |                      | Shake<br>Wait 30 seconds<br>Magnetise!<br>Remove all liquid<br>Air dry for 10 minutes<br>with the lid open |
| 6                               | Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200µl‡ Tube 7</li> </ul>  |                      | Shake<br>Wait 30 seconds<br>Magnetise!   |

### DNA/RNA is in the liquid!

\* Addition of Carrier RNA is only required if extracting RNA from your sample.

† If using a standard or advanced genesig kit instead of EASY genesig kit, use 4µl of the internal extraction control template.

‡ Between 50µl and 200µl of elution buffer can be used, see full protocol for details.

## 2. Components

### 2.1 Kit contents

| genesig Easy      | DNA/RNA Extraction Kit component              | Amount supplied |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|
|                   | Sample Prep Solution                          | 30ml            |
| Tube No.1         | Proteinase K (lyophilised)                    | 2 x 6 mg        |
| Tube No.1a        | Proteinase K Buffer                           | 8ml             |
| <b>Tube No.2*</b> | <b>Lysis Buffer</b>                           | <b>15ml</b>     |
| Tube No.3         | genesig Easy Binding buffer/magnetic bead mix | 40ml            |
| Tube No.3a        | genesig Easy Magnetic Beads                   | 1.5ml           |
| Tube No.4         | Wash Buffer 1                                 | 40ml            |
| Tube No.5         | Wash Buffer 2                                 | 40ml            |
| Tube No.6         | 80% Ethanol                                   | 30ml            |
| Tube No.7         | Elution Buffer                                | 13ml            |
| Tube No.8         | Carrier RNA (lyophilised)                     | 300µg           |
| Tube No.8a        | Carrier RNA buffer                            | 0.5ml           |



## 3. Product information

### 3.1 The basic principle

The **genesig Easy Extraction** kit is designed for the isolation of DNA/RNA from a huge range of sample types. This kit provides reagents and magnetic beads for isolation of 50 samples of approximately 100–200µl. The procedure is based on the reversible adsorption of nucleic acids to magnetic beads under appropriate buffer conditions. Sample lysis is achieved by incubation with a Lysis Buffer containing chaotropic ions supported by Proteinase K digestion as and when required. The genesig Easy DNA/RNA Extraction kits are compatible with RNase but the lysis of the sample with Proteinase K has to take place before. For binding of nucleic acids to the magnetic beads, Binding Buffer and the genesig Easy Extraction Beads are added to the lysate. For RNA samples, carrier RNA should be added to the sample as this enhances the recovery of RNA when conducting extractions with the genesig Easy kit. It achieves this enhancement by binding any present nucleic acid molecules, stabilising them and promoting their binding to the genesig Easy magnetic beads. Carrier-RNA also protects against RNase-mediated degradation. It outcompetes native RNA for access to RNase active sites thus inhibiting RNase catalysis.

After magnetic separation, the magnetic beads are washed to remove contaminants and salts using Wash Buffers 1 and 2 and 80% ethanol. Residual ethanol from the previous wash step is removed by air-drying. Finally, highly pure DNA/RNA is eluted with low-salt Elution Buffer or water. Purified DNA/RNA can directly be used for downstream applications. The genesig Easy Extraction kits can be used either manually or automated on standard liquid handling instruments or automated magnetic separators.

### 3.2 Kit specifications

The **genesig Easy Extraction** kit is designed for rapid manual and automated small-scale preparation of DNA/RNA. The **genesig Easy Extraction** kit is suitable for use with cell-free bodily fluids such as serum or plasma samples, blood samples or homogenised tissue suspensions, food, broth, homogenised plant material suspensions and many other sample types. The kits are designed for use with genesig Easy magnetic separator or other magnetic separation systems. Manual time for the preparation of 16 samples is around 25 minutes. The purified DNA/RNA can be used directly as template for qPCR.

**Automated extraction systems:** genesig Easy Extractions allow easy automation on common liquid handling instruments or automated magnetic separators. The actual processing time depends on the configuration of the instrument and the magnetic separation system used. Typically, 96 samples can be purified in less than 30 minutes using the genesig Easy Extraction kits on the automation platform.

### 3.3 Handling of beads

#### Distribution of beads

A homogeneous distribution of the magnetic beads is essential for a high sample-to-sample consistency. Therefore, before adding the beads to the magnetic beads buffer, make sure that the beads are completely resuspended. Shake the storage bottle well or place it on a vortex for a short length of time. Premixing magnetic beads with the binding buffer allows easier homogenous distribution of the beads to individual samples.

#### Magnetic separation time

The genesig Easy magnetic separator has been designed to give ideal separation of the magnetic beads from the sample solution. Complete separation of beads from solution occurs within a 1-2 minute time frame. However, if using an alternative automated separation system, the attraction of the magnetic beads to the magnetic pins depends on the strength of the magnetic pins, the selected separation plate, distance of the separation plate from the magnetic pins, and the volume to be processed. The individual times for complete attraction of the beads to the magnetic pins should be checked and adjusted on each system. It is recommended to use the separation plates or tubes specified by the supplier of the magnetic separator.

### **Washing the beads**

Washing the beads can be achieved by shaking or mixing. Ensure that the beads are completely detached from the tube wall. A complete wash is only possible once all beads are back in suspension. If using an automated separation system, mixing by shaker or magnetic mixing allows simultaneous mixing of all samples. This reduces the time and number of tips needed for the preparation. Resuspension by pipetting up and down, however, is more efficient than mixing by a shaker or magnetic mix.

### **3.4 Elution procedures**

Purified DNA/RNA can be eluted directly with the supplied Elution Buffer. Elution can be carried out in a volume of  $\geq 50\mu\text{l}$ . It is essential to cover the genesig Easy Beads completely with elution buffer during the elution step as the beads must be resuspended completely. The volume of dispensed elution buffer depends on the magnetic separation system (e.g. the position of the pellet inside the separation plate). For some separators, high elution volumes may be necessary to cover the whole pellet.

## 4. Storage conditions and preparation of working solutions

### Attention:

*Some of the Buffers contain chaotropic salt. Wearing gloves and goggles is recommended.*

All components of the **genesig Easy Extraction** kit should be stored at room temperature (18–25°C) before resuspended. Please note the expiry date on the label applied to the outside of the extraction kit box, do not use the components past the date shown. The components proteinase K and carrier RNA once resuspended should be stored as per the instructions below.

All buffers are delivered ready-to-use.

### Preparing the proteinase K:

Add 500µl of tube No.1a to both of the tubes labelled No.1 to resuspend the Proteinase K. Dissolved Proteinase K solution should be stored at –20°C ideally in small aliquots

### Magnetic beads:

Give tube No.3a a vigorous shake to resuspend the beads before transferring the entire contents in to bottle No.3.

### Preparing the carrier RNA:

Add 400µl of tube No.8a to the tube labelled No.8 to resuspend the carrier RNA. Dissolved carrier RNA solution should be stored at –20°C ideally in small aliquots.

## 5. Protocols

### 5.1 Preparation of sample materials

#### a) Meat/Food for species testing and Plant tissue samples

Homogenise tissue samples. Typically, 10–20 mg sample material can be homogenised in 500µl Sample Prep Solution by mixing with a pipette tip or using a bead-based homogeniser. If necessary, higher amounts of sample material can be used (up to 25 mg). It should be considered that the co-purified total nucleic acid may cause inhibition in the subsequent PCR assays. After homogenisation of the tissue, allow to settle or centrifuge and use up to 200µl clear supernatant for the extraction protocol. If using less than 200µl, adjust with Sample Prep Solution to a final volume of 200µl.

#### For isolation of RNA:

Tissue samples can also be disrupted in a buffer containing chaotropic salt and beta-mercaptoethanol or TCEP reducing agent.

#### b) Animal and plant tissue samples for target detection testing

*(this protocol is also useful for tissue samples such as cooked meat products where DNA/RNA levels might be low)*

Combine sample preparation and lysis stages. Homogenise 10–20 mg sample material in 200µl Sample Prep Solution and 200µl of lysis buffer (Tube 2) by mixing with a pipette tip or using a bead-based homogeniser. Add 20µl of proteinase K (Tube 1), 10µl of internal control and, if extracting RNA, also add 5µl of carrier RNA (Tube 8). Incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes. Transfer the lysate to a new Eppendorf tube leaving behind any particulate matter before adding the magnetic beads. Continue the extraction as normal following this step. If necessary, higher amounts of sample material can be used (up to 25 mg). It should be considered that the co-purified total nucleic acid may cause inhibition in the subsequent PCR assays.

#### c) Blood and serum/plasma samples

A sample volume of 100-200µl blood can be added directly to Step 1 of the protocol. Do not use higher volumes. When using less than 200µl samples, adjust with Sample Prep Solution to a final volume of 200µl.

#### d) Swab samples

Incubate the swabs with Sample Prep Solution, sodium chloride, or cell culture medium for between 10 and 30 minutes with occasional shaking. Remove and squeeze out the swab. Proceed with 200µl of the particle-free buffer or medium for the extraction protocol.

#### e) Faeces

Mix 1 volume of faeces (e.g. 200µl) with 500µl of Sample Prep Solution. Mix vigorously by shaking for 1 minute. Allow the particles to settle down or centrifuge with low speed (e.g. at 500 x g). For difficult to lyse bacteria, mechanical disruption or treatment using suitable glass beads may be required. Use up to 200µl supernatant for the extraction protocol.

For difficult to extract faecal samples use 1 volume of faeces (approximately 20mg or 200µl if using liquid faeces) and add 200µl of lysis buffer (Tube 2) directly to the sample. Add 20µl of proteinase K (Tube 1) and incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes. Transfer the lysate to a new flip cap tube leaving behind any particulate matter before adding the magnetic beads. Continue the extraction as normal following this step.

#### f) TRIzol® lysis

For sample materials such as semen, a TRIzol® lysis may be required. Homogenise 10–30 mg tissue with 1ml TRIzol® reagent to manufacturer's instructions. After phase separation by centrifugation, remove aqueous, colourless (upper) phase (approximately 400µl). For further processing, start with step 2 of the extraction protocol by mixing 500µl of the aqueous phase with 500µl magnetic bead/binding buffer mix (Tube 3).

## 5.2 Universal kit for isolation of DNA / RNA from food, water, clinical, plant, veterinary and other samples types

### Preparation of sample material

A 200µl sample volume is recommended as standard.

### Detailed protocol

This protocol is for manual use with a genesig magnetic separator and serves as a guideline for adapting the kit to robotic instruments.

#### 1. Lyse sample

In a 1.5ml flip cap tube:

- Dispense 200µl of sample. Add **200µl Lysis Buffer** to the reaction tube.
- Add **20µl Proteinase K**
- Add **10µl internal extraction control template**.
- If performing a RNA extraction, add **5µl of carrier RNA**.
- Mix well by repeated pipetting up and down and incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes
- Following the lysis incubation, tap the sample down or spin down in a centrifuge if available to collect any sample from the lysis tube lids.

For a DNA only extraction, perform a RNase treatment immediately after the lysis stage to remove RNA:

- Add RNase\*, approximately 12µg (> 120 U/mg) RNase is sufficient.
- Incubate at room temperature for at least 10 minutes.
- Continue to next step of extraction.

\*Please note RNase is not supplied as part of this extraction kit.

#### Top tip

Proteinase K and carrier RNA are stable at room temperature whilst lyophilised. However, once resuspended both components should be stored at -20°C.

#### 2 Bind nucleic acid to magnetic beads

Add **500µl magnetic beads/binding buffer** to the lysed sample.

Mix well by shaking then wait 5 minutes

*Be sure to mix the genesig Easy Extraction Beads well before removing them from the storage bottle. Vortex or shake the storage bottle briefly until a homogenous suspension has been formed.*

Separate the magnetic beads from the sample by placing the tube in to the magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 minutes until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.

*Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant.*

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| 3 | <p><b>Wash with Wash Buffer 1</b></p> <p>Remove the tube from the magnetic separator. Add <b>500µl Wash Buffer 1</b> and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely. Then wait 30 seconds. Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down.</p> <p>Separate the magnetic beads from the sample by placing the tube in to the magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 minutes until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.</p> <p><i>Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant.</i></p> <p><b>Top tip</b></p> <p>During the magnetisation, gently invert tubes 1 or 2 times whilst attached to the magnetic separator to ensure any beads that have become isolated (i.e. stuck in the tube lid or on the sides of the tube) are collected back into solution and magnetised.</p>  |
| 4 | <p><b>Wash with Wash Buffer 2</b></p> <p>Remove the tube from the magnetic separator. Add <b>500µl Wash Buffer 2</b> and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely. Then wait 30 seconds. Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down.</p> <p>Separate the magnetic beads from the sample by placing the tube in to the magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 minutes until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.</p> <p><i>Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant.</i></p>  |
| 5 | <p><b>Wash with 80% ethanol</b></p> <p>Remove the tube from the magnetic separator. Add <b>500µl 80% ethanol</b> and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely. Then wait 30 seconds. Alternatively, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down.</p> <p>Separate the magnetic beads from the sample by placing the tube in to the magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 minutes until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet. Remove and discard supernatant by pipetting.</p> <p><i>Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant.</i></p> <p><b>Top tip</b></p> <p>During the magnetisation, gently invert tubes 1 or 2 times whilst attached to the magnetic separator to ensure any beads that have become isolated (i.e. stuck in the tube lid or on the sides of the tube) are collected back into solution and magnetised.</p> <p>Use pipette with 200µl tip to effectively remove all ethanol.</p> |
| 6 | <p><b>Air-dry magnetic beads</b></p> <p>Air-dry the magnetic bead pellet for 10 minutes at room temperature with the tube lid open.</p> <p><b>The beads should be free from any visible liquid ethanol but not left to completely dry out.</b></p>  |

7 **Elute DNA/RNA**

Remove the tube from the magnetic separator. Add desired volume of **Elution Buffer (50–200µl)** and resuspend the beads by shaking until the beads are resuspended completely. Then wait 30 seconds. If eluting in a volume <200µl, resuspend beads completely by repeated pipetting up and down for 1 minute instead of shaking.

Separate the magnetic beads from the sample by placing the tube in to a magnetic separator. Wait at least 2 minutes until all the beads have been attracted to the magnet.

Transfer the supernatant containing the purified DNA/RNA to a 0.5ml flip cap tube for storage or use in downstream applications. ***Do not disturb the attracted bead whilst removing supernatant.***

## 6. Using alternative magnetic systems

### 6.1 Using alternative magnetic separation systems

When using the **genesig Easy Extraction** kit, the use of the genesig Easy magnetic separator is recommended. Separation is carried out in individual micro-centrifuge tubes. However, the kit can also be used with other common separators.

#### Static magnetic pins

Separators with static magnetic pins: This type of separator is recommended in combination with a suitable microplate shaker for optimal mixing of the beads during the washing and elution steps. Alternatively, beads can be mixed in the buffer by pipetting up and down several times. For fully-automated use on liquid handling workstations, a gripper tool is required, the plate is transferred to the magnetic separator for separation of the beads and transferred to the shaker module for resuspension of the beads.

#### Movable magnetic systems

Separators with moving magnetic pins: Magnetic pins/rods are moved from one side of the well to the other and vice versa. The beads follow this movement and are thus pulled through the buffer during the wash and elution steps. Separation takes place when the system stops.

#### Automated separators

Separators with moving magnets: Magnetic beads are transferred into suitable plates or tubes. The beads are resuspended from the rod-covered magnets. Following binding, washing or elution the beads are collected again with the rod-covered magnets and transferred to the next plate or tube.

### 6.2 Adjusting the shaker settings

If using a plate shaker for the washing and elution steps, the speed settings must be adjusted carefully for each specific separation plate and shaker to prevent cross-contamination between wells. Proceed as follows:

#### Adjusting shaker speed for binding and wash steps:

Load 600µl of dyed water to the wells of the separation plate. Place the plate on the shaker and start shaking with a moderate speed setting for 30 seconds. Turn off the shaker and check the plate surface for small droplets of dyed water.

Increase speed setting, shake for an additional 30 seconds, and check the plate surface for droplets again.

Continue increasing the speed setting until you observe droplets on top of the separation plate. Reduce speed setting, check again, and use this setting for the washing steps.

#### Adjusting shaker speed for the elution step:

Load 100µl of dyed water to the wells of the collection plate and proceed as described above.



## 7. Safety instructions

The following components of the **genesig Easy Extraction** kit contains hazardous contents. A MSDS document detailing all hazardous and handling instructions can be found at [www.genesig.com](http://www.genesig.com). Alternatively, email [enquiries@primerdesign.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@primerdesign.co.uk) to be sent a copy of the MSDS document.

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

### 7.1 GHS classification

Harmful components do not need to be labelled with H and P phrases until 125ml or 125g.

| Component               | Hazard contents   | GHS symbol | Hazard phrases   |
|-------------------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Proteinase K            | Proteinase K,<br>lyophilised 90-<100%   | Danger     | H315, H319, H334 |
| Lysis buffer            | guanidinium<br>hydrochloride<br>36-<50 %<br>+ polyoxyethylene<br>sorbitan monolaurate<br>10-<20 % | Warning    | H302, H319       |
| Binding buffer          | Sodium perchlorate<br>15-<40 %<br>+ ethanol 35-<55 %  | Warning    | H226, H302       |
| Wash buffers<br>1 and 2 | Sodium perchlorate<br>15-<40 %<br>+ ethanol 20-<35 %  | Warning    | H226, H302       |
| Ethanol                 | Ethanol 80%   | Danger     | H225, H319       |
| Carrier RNA<br>buffer   | guanidinium<br>thiocyanate 30-<45%  | Warning    | H302, H412       |

See appropriate precautionary phrases for handling the **genesig Easy Extraction kits**.

| Hazard phrases |  |
|----------------|--|
| H225           | Extremely flammable liquid and vapour.                                     |
| H226           | Flammable liquid and vapour.   |
| H302           | Harmful if swallowed.  |
| H315           | Causes skin irritation   |
| H319           | Causes serious eye irritation.   |
| H334           | May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled. |
| H412           | Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.                         |

| Precaution phrases |  |
|--------------------|--|
| P210               | Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces. No smoking.   |
| P261sh             | Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  |
| P264W              | Wash with water thoroughly after handling  |
| P273               | Avoid release to the environment   |
| P280sh             | Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.   |
| P301 + P312        | IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.   |
| P304 + 340         | IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.   |
| P305 + P351 + P338 | IF IN EYES: Rinse continuously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing |
| P330               | Rinse mouth.   |
| P337 + P313        | If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention.  |
| P342 + P311        | If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.  |
| P403 + P235        | Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.   |

## 8. Appendix

### 8.1 Troubleshooting

| Problem  | Possible cause and suggestions   |
|--|--|
| Poor yield/low sensitivity                         | <p><i>Insufficient elution buffer volume</i><br/>Beads pellet must be covered completely with elution buffer.</p> <p><i>Insufficient performance of elution buffer during elution step</i><br/>Remove residual buffers during the separation steps completely. Remaining buffers decrease the efficiency of the following wash and elution steps.</p> <p><i>Beads dried out</i><br/>Do not let the beads dry as this might result in lower elution efficiencies.</p> <p><i>Aspiration of attracted bead pellet</i><br/>Do not disturb the attracted beads while aspirating the supernatant, especially when the magnetic bead pellet is not visible in the lysate.</p> <p><i>Aspiration and loss of beads</i><br/>Time for magnetic separation too short or aspiration speed too high.</p> |
| Low purity/ low sensitivity                        | <p><i>Insufficient washing procedure</i><br/>Make sure that beads are resuspended completely during the washing procedure. If shaking is not sufficient to resuspend the beads completely mix by repeated pipetting up and down.</p>   |
| Poor performance of RNA in downstream applications | <p><i>Carry-over of ethanol from wash buffers</i><br/>Be sure to remove all the 80% ethanolic wash solution from the final wash, as residual ethanol interferes with downstream applications.</p> <p><i>Ethanol evaporation from wash buffers</i><br/>Close buffer bottles tightly to avoid ethanol evaporation from bottles.</p>  |
| Carry-over of beads                                | <p><i>Time for magnetic separation too short</i><br/>Increase separation time to allow the beads to be completely attracted to the magnet before aspirating any liquid from the well.</p> <p><i>Aspiration speed too high (elution step)</i><br/>High aspiration speed during the elution step may cause bead carry-over. Reduce aspiration speed for elution step.</p>  |

## 8.2 Ordering information

Visit [www.genesig.com](http://www.genesig.com) for more detailed product information.

## 8.3 Product use restriction/warranty

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