


# VetMAX™ C. burnetii & Chlamydophila spp. Kit

Nucleic acid purification protocols optimized for use with the kit (Cat. No. TFQQCHP)

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Species	Sample matrices	Test type
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bovine</li> <li>Small ruminants (sheep, goats)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organ (placenta, fetus)</li> <li>Swab (placental, vaginal, cervical)</li> <li>Fetal fluid</li> <li>Vaginal mucus</li> <li>Milk</li> </ul>	Individual

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## Purpose of this guide

This guide describes *Coxiella burnetii* and *Chlamydophila* spp. bacterial DNA purification protocols that have been validated and optimized for downstream use with the Applied Biosystems™ VetMAX™ C. burnetii & Chlamydophila spp. Kit (Cat. No. TFQQCHP).

- Automated nucleic acid purification is performed using one of the following instruments: KingFisher™ Flex, MagMAX™ Express-96, KingFisher™ mL, or KingFisher™ Duo Prime.
- Manual nucleic acid purification uses silica-based spin columns.

## Sample selection

Sample type	Type of analysis	Quantity required and sampling equipment
Organs (placenta, fetus)	Individual	20-30 mg of tissue
Placental, vaginal, and cervical swabs <sup>[1]</sup>	Individual	Sterile, dry swab
Fetal fluid and vaginal mucus	Individual	200 µL of fluid
Milk	Individual	200 µL of milk

<sup>[1]</sup> Swab placentas in the laboratory. If needed, store the placenta before swabbing—follow the storage guidelines for organs (see "Sample storage" on page 2).

## Sample storage

Sample type	Storage
Organs (placenta, fetus)	After sampling, store as indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Store samples at 2°C to 8°C if the analysis is to be performed within 24 hours of sampling.</li><li>Store samples below –16°C if the analysis is to be performed more than 24 hours after sampling.</li></ul> After use or after 24 hours, store samples below –16°C for up to 1 year, or below –70°C for long-term storage.
Placental, vaginal, and cervical swabs	After collection, maintain the samples at 2°C to 8°C until use (up to 24 hours). After elution of the swab, use the eluate directly to perform PCR. After use or after 24 hours, store the remaining eluate below –16°C for up to 1 year, or below –70°C for long-term storage.
Fetal fluid and vaginal mucus	After collection, maintain the samples at 2°C to 8°C until use (up to 8 days). After use or after 8 days, store samples below –16°C for up to 1 year, or below –70°C for long-term storage.
Milk	After collection, store as indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(Recommended) Immediately add preservatives, then maintain the samples at 2°C to 8°C until use (up to 8 days). After use or after 8 days, store samples below –16°C for up to 1 year, or below –70°C for long-term storage.</li><li>Immediately store samples (without preservatives) below –16°C until use.</li></ul>

## Required materials not supplied

Unless otherwise indicated, all materials are available through [thermofisher.com](https://www.thermofisher.com). "MLS" indicates that the material is available from [fisherscientific.com](https://www.fisherscientific.com) or another major laboratory supplier.

Catalog numbers that appear as links open the web pages for those products.

## Materials required for sample collection, preparation, and nucleic acid purification

**Table 1** Materials required for all sample preparation methods

Item	Source
<b>Equipment</b>	
Type II Biological Safety Cabinet (BSCII)	<a href="#">MLS</a>
Benchtop microcentrifuge	<a href="#">MLS</a>
Laboratory mixer, vortex or equivalent	<a href="#">MLS</a>
Adjustable precision micropipettors (range of 1 µL to 1,000 µL)	<a href="#">MLS</a>

Item	Source
<b>Consumables</b>	
Aerosol-resistant, nuclease-free pipette tips	<a href="#">MLS</a>
1.5-mL and 2.0-mL DNase/RNase-free microtubes	<a href="#">MLS</a>
<b>Reagents</b>	
Nuclease-free water	<a href="#">AM9932</a>
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	<a href="#">MLS</a>

**Table 2 Additional materials required for purification from organ samples**

Item	Source
<b>Equipment</b>	
<i>(Optional)</i> Tissue homogenizer for bead-beating, one of the following, or equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisherbrand™ Bead Mill 24 Homogenizer</li> <li>Precellys™ 24 Homogenizer (Bertin)</li> <li>FastPrep-24™ Instrument (MP Biomedicals 116004500)</li> <li>Mixer Mill 400 (RETSCH 207450001)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisher Scientific <a href="#">15-340-163</a></li> <li>Bertin EQ03119.200.RD000.0</li> <li>Fisher Scientific <a href="#">MP116004500</a></li> <li>Fisher Scientific <a href="#">08-418-241</a></li> </ul>
Precision scale	<a href="#">MLS</a>
PYREX™ Solid Glass Beads for Distillation Columns (3 mm), or equivalent 3-mm glass beads	Fisher Scientific™ <a href="#">11-312-10A</a>
Scalpels and metallic forceps (sterile)	<a href="#">MLS</a>
<b>Consumables</b>	
Petri dish (sterile)	<a href="#">MLS</a>

## Additional materials required for automated nucleic acid purification

**Table 3 Materials required for the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit**

Item	Source
Instrument, one of the following:	
KingFisher™ Flex Purification System	Contact your local sales office.
MagMAX™ Express-96 Magnetic Particle Processor	
KingFisher™ Duo Prime Purification System	
KingFisher™ mL Purification System	
Equipment	
Heat block at 55°C	<a href="#">MLS</a>
Reagent reservoir	<a href="#">MLS</a>
Consumables	
Adhesive PCR Plate Foils, or equivalent	<a href="#">AB0626</a>
Consumables for the KingFisher™ Flex and MagMAX™ Express-96 instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>KingFisher™ 96 Deep-Well Plate</li><li>KingFisher™ 96 KF microplates</li><li>KingFisher™ 96 tip comb for DW magnets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">95040450</a></li><li><a href="#">97002540</a></li><li><a href="#">97002534</a></li></ul>
Consumables for the KingFisher™ Duo Prime and KingFisher™ mL instruments	See Table 9 on page 15.
Kits and reagents	
MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit	<a href="#">A32700</a> or <a href="#">A32702</a>
PBS, pH 7.4 (10X), RNase-free	<a href="#">AM9624</a>

Table 4 Materials required for the MagVet™ Universal Isolation Kit

Item	Source
Instrument, one of the following:	
KingFisher™ Flex Purification System	Contact your local sales office.
MagMAX™ Express-96 Magnetic Particle Processor	
KingFisher™ mL Purification System	
Equipment	
Heat block at 70°C	MLS
Reagent reservoir	MLS
Kits and reagents	
MagVet™ Universal Isolation Kit	MV384
MBL2 Buffer	12143
Proteinase K (PK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Qiagen 19131</li><li>• Macherey Nagel 740396</li></ul>
Ethanol, 80%	MLS

## Additional materials required for manual nucleic acid purification

Item	Source
<b>Equipment</b>	
Heat block at 70°C	MLS
<b>Kits and reagents</b>	
One of the following kits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QIAamp™ DNA Mini Kit</li> <li>• NucleoSpin™ Tissue kit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qiagen 51304</li> <li>• Macherey Nagel 740952</li> </ul>
Ethanol, 96–100%	MLS

## Workflow

## Automated and manual nucleic acid purification workflow

**Prepare samples for purification**

Prepare samples according to your purification method, then proceed to the purification protocol that is appropriate for your laboratory.

**Purify nucleic acid using the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit (automated method)**

OR

**Purify nucleic acid using the MagVet™ Universal Isolation Kit (automated method)**

OR

**Purify DNA using the QIAamp™ DNA Mini Kit (manual method)**

OR

**Purify DNA using the NucleoSpin™ Tissue kit (manual method)**

## Procedural guidelines

Prepare at least one mock-purified sample for use as a negative extraction control—use PBS (1X), pH 7.4, or nuclease-free water in place of the test sample, unless otherwise directed. Process the mock-purified sample concurrently with the test samples, using the same nucleic acid purification protocol.

## Prepare samples for purification

### 1. Prepare samples as described.

Sample type	Purification method	Action
Organ (placenta, fetus) <sup>[1]</sup>	Automated (with disruption)	<p><b>Bead-beating method:</b> Prepare organ samples using a tissue homogenizer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add the following components to a 2-mL tube: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tissue—20 to 30 mg</li> <li>PBS (1X), pH 7.4—1 mL</li> <li>PYREX™ Solid Glass Beads for Distillation Columns (3 mm)—2 beads</li> </ul> </li> <li>Disrupt (bead-beat) the samples. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisherbrand™ Bead Mill 24 Homogenizer—6 m/s for 45 seconds</li> <li>Mixer Mill 400—30 Hz for 2 minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Centrifuge at 1,000 × <i>g</i> for 2 minutes.</li> <li>Proceed with 200 µL of supernatant.</li> </ol> <p><b>Non-bead-beating method:</b> Prepare organ samples using a vortex mixer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finely mince the organ piece in a sterile petri dish, using sterile forceps and a scalpel.</li> <li>Add the following components to a 2-mL tube: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tissue (finely minced)—20 to 30 mg</li> <li>PBS (1X), pH 7.4—1 mL</li> <li>PYREX™ Solid Glass Beads for Distillation Columns (3 mm)—2 beads</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vortex vigorously for 30 seconds to 1 minute.</li> <li>Centrifuge at 1,000 × <i>g</i> for 2 minutes.</li> <li>Proceed with 200 µL of supernatant.</li> </ol>
	Manual (without disruption)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finely mince the organ piece in a sterile petri dish, using sterile forceps and a scalpel.</li> <li>Proceed with 20 to 30 mg of minced tissue.</li> </ol>
Placental, vaginal, or cervical swab	Automated or manual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break off the tip of the swab, then add the swab to a 2-mL tube.</li> <li>Add 1 mL of PBS (1X), pH 7.4, to each sample.</li> <li>Vortex vigorously.</li> <li>Proceed with 200 µL of eluate.</li> </ol>
Fetal fluid or vaginal mucus	Automated or manual	Proceed with 200 µL of fluid.
Milk	Automated or manual	Proceed with 200 µL of milk.

<sup>[1]</sup> Select the preparation method that is appropriate for your laboratory.

### 2. Proceed to DNA purification with the appropriate volume of prepared sample.

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- “Purify nucleic acid using the MagVet™ Universal Isolation Kit (automated method)” on page 9
- “Purify DNA using the QIAamp™ DNA Mini Kit (manual method)” on page 11
- “Purify DNA using the NucleoSpin™ Tissue kit (manual method)” on page 12

## Purify nucleic acid using the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit (automated method)

Follow this procedure if you are using these instruments:

- KingFisher™ Flex
- MagMAX™ Express-96

Follow Appendix B, “Purification with the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument” if you are using these instruments:

- KingFisher™ Duo Prime
- KingFisher™ mL

## Overview

This procedure is designed for rapid purification of bacterial DNA from the following sample types:

- Organs (placenta, fetus)
- Placental, vaginal, and cervical swabs
- Fetal fluid and vaginal mucus
- Milk

If you are processing a combination of sample types, an alternative protocol is available. See Appendix A, “(Alternative protocol) Process a combination of sample types using the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit”.

## Workflow

### MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit workflow

#### Set up the processing plates

#### Prepare Lysis/PK Solution

#### Treat samples with the Lysis/PK Solution

#### Combine samples with Binding/Bead Mix

#### Process samples on the instrument

## Procedural guidelines

- Before use, invert bottles of solutions and buffers to ensure thorough mixing.
- To prevent cross-contamination:
  - Cover the plate or tube strip during the incubation and shaking steps, to prevent spill-over.
  - Carefully pipet reagents and samples, to avoid splashing.
- To prevent nuclease contamination:
  - Wear laboratory gloves during the procedures. Gloves protect you from the reagents, and they protect the nucleic acid from nucleases that are present on skin.
  - Use nucleic acid-free pipette tips to handle the reagents, and avoid putting used tips into the reagent containers.
  - Decontaminate lab benches and pipettes before you begin.

## Before first use of the kit

(Optional) Determine the optimal bead mill homogenizer settings

We recommend using the Fisherbrand™ Bead Mill 24 Homogenizer for maximum nucleic acid yield. If an alternative instrument is used, follow the manufacturer's guidelines to determine the speed and time settings necessary to achieve sufficient cell lysis.

Download and install the script

The appropriate script for the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit must be installed on the instrument before first use.

1. On the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit product web page (at [thermofisher.com](https://www.thermofisher.com), search by catalogue number), scroll to the **Product Literature** section.
2. Right-click the appropriate file to download the latest version of the MagMAX\_CORE script for your instrument.

**Table 5 Recommended scripts**

Instrument	Script name
KingFisher™ Flex	MagMAX_CORE_Flex.bdz
KingFisher™ 96 MagMAX™ Express-96	MagMAX_CORE_KF-96.bdz
KingFisher™ Duo Prime	MagMAX_CORE_DUO.bdz
KingFisher™ mL	MagMAX_CORE_mL_no_heat.bdz

If required by your laboratory, use one of the following scripts, which do not heat the liquid during the elution step.

**Table 6 Alternate scripts without heated elution step**

Instrument	Script name
KingFisher™ Flex	MagMAX_CORE_Flex_no_heat.bdz
KingFisher™ 96 MagMAX™ Express-96	MagMAX_CORE_KF-96_no_heat.bdz
KingFisher™ Duo Prime	MagMAX_CORE_DUO_no_heat.bdz
KingFisher™ mL	MagMAX_CORE_mL_no_heat.bdz

3. See your instrument user guide or contact Technical Support for instructions for installing the script.

## Perform the purification procedure

### 1 Set up the processing plates

#### 1.1. Set up the processing plates.

**Table 7 Plate setup: KingFisher™ Flex or MagMAX™ Express-96 instrument**

Plate ID	Plate position <sup>[1]</sup>	Plate type	Reagent	Volume per well
Wash Plate 1	2	Deep Well	MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 1	500 µL
Wash Plate 2	3	Deep Well	MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 2	500 µL
Elution	4	Standard	MagMAX™ CORE Elution Buffer	90 µL
Tip Comb	5	Standard	Place a tip comb in the plate.	

<sup>[1]</sup> Position on the instrument.

**Note:** To set up processing plates or tube strips for the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument, see Appendix B, “Purification with the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument”.

- 1.2. (Optional) To prevent evaporation and contamination, cover the prepared processing plates with sealing foil until they are loaded into the instrument.

## 2 Prepare Lysis/PK Solution

**Note:** Prepare Lysis/PK Solution at the time of use. Do not mix in advance.

2.1. Combine the following components (in the order indicated) for the required number of samples, plus 10% overage (recommended).

a. Combine the MagMAX™ CORE Lysis Solution with PBS (1X), pH 7.4.

Component	Volume per sample
MagMAX™ CORE Lysis Solution	200 µL
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	200 µL
<b>Total diluted Lysis Solution</b>	<b>400 µL</b>

b. Invert the tube several times to mix, then centrifuge briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tube.

c. Add MagMAX™ CORE Proteinase K to the diluted Lysis Solution.

**Note:** PK Buffer is not required for this protocol.

Component	Volume per sample
Diluted Lysis Solution	400 µL
MagMAX™ CORE Proteinase K	10 µL
<b>Total Lysis/PK Solution</b>	<b>410 µL</b>

2.2. Invert the tube several times to mix, then centrifuge briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tube.

## 3 Treat samples with the Lysis/PK Solution

Perform this procedure in single tubes to avoid contamination. Do not use plates.

3.1. Combine the following components in the order indicated.

Component	Volume per sample	Volume per mock-purified sample
Prepared sample	200 µL	—
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	—	200 µL
Lysis/PK Solution	410 µL	410 µL

3.2. Vortex briefly to mix the sample with the Lysis/PK Solution.

3.3. Incubate the sample according to the sample type.

For...	Do this...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placental, vaginal, or cervical swab eluate</li> <li>Fetal fluid or vaginal mucus</li> <li>Milk</li> </ul>	Incubate for 30 minutes at 55°C.
Organ supernatant	Incubate for 30 minutes to 2 hours at 55°C.

3.4. Centrifuge briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tube.

## 4 Combine samples with Binding/Bead Mix

4.1. Transfer the entire volume of each sample lysate (up to 610 µL) to the appropriate wells in the sample plate or tube strip.

4.2. Vortex the MagMAX™ CORE Magnetic Beads thoroughly to ensure that the beads are fully resuspended.



#### 4 Combine samples with Binding/Bead Mix (continued)

4.3. Prepare Binding/Bead Mix—Combine the following components for the required number of samples, plus 10% overage (recommended).

Component	Volume per sample
MagMAX™ CORE Binding Solution	400 µL
MagMAX™ CORE Magnetic Beads	20 µL
<b>Total Binding/Bead Mix</b>	<b>420 µL</b>

4.4. Mix the Binding/Bead Mix by inversion until the solution is homogeneous, then add 420 µL of the Binding/Bead Mix to each sample.

4.5. Immediately proceed to process samples on the instrument (next section).

#### 5 Process samples on the instrument

5.1. Select the appropriate script on the instrument (see “Download and install the script” on page 6).

5.2. Start the run, then load the prepared plates in the appropriate positions when prompted by the instrument.

Store purified nucleic acid on ice for immediate use, at –20°C for up to 1 month, or at –80°C for long-term storage.

### Purify nucleic acid using the MagVet™ Universal Isolation Kit (automated method)

The following protocol can be used with the KingFisher™ Flex, KingFisher™ mL, and MagMAX™ Express-96 instruments.

#### Before first use of the kit

**Note:** PK and MBL2 Buffer must be ordered separately from the kit.

- Prepare the NM1 Lysis Buffer—Transfer 100 mL of N1 Buffer to the bottle of M1 Buffer (25 mL), then vortex to mix thoroughly. Store the NM1 Lysis Buffer at room temperature for up to 1 year.
- Reconstitute the PK—Follow the recommendations of the supplier.

#### Before each use of the kit

Prepare MBL2+Beads Mix—Combine the following components for the required number of samples plus 5–10% overage, then vortex to mix thoroughly.

Component	Volume per sample
MBL2 Buffer	500 µL
NM_LSI_Beads	20 µL

Discard the MBL2+Beads Mix after use.

## Perform the purification procedure

- 1** Treat the lysate with PK **1.1.** Combine the following components in the order indicated, then homogenize the sample.

Component	Volume per test sample	Volume per mock-purified sample
Prepared sample	200 µL	—
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	—	200 µL
Proteinase K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qiagen: 20 µL</li> <li>Macherey Nagel: 25 µL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qiagen: 20 µL</li> <li>Macherey Nagel: 25 µL</li> </ul>
NM1 Lysis Buffer	280 µL	280 µL

- 1.2.** Incubate at 70°C for 30 minutes.

- 2** Set up the processing plates or tube strips **Set up the processing plates or tube strips outside the instrument as described in the following table.**

Position <sup>[1]</sup>	Plate type <sup>[2]</sup>	Reagent	Volume per well
2	Deep Well	NM3 Wash Buffer	600 µL
3	Deep Well	NM4 Wash Buffer	600 µL
4	Deep Well	80% ethanol	600 µL
5	Standard	NM6 Elution Buffer	200 µL
6	Deep Well	Place a tip comb in the plate or tube strip.	

<sup>[1]</sup> Position on the instrument.

<sup>[2]</sup> Does not apply if using tube strips.

- 3** Process samples on the instrument
- 3.1.** When the incubation is complete, centrifuge the samples briefly to bring down condensation.
- 3.2.** Transfer the entire volume of each sample lysate to the appropriate wells in the sample plate or tube strip.
- 3.3.** Vortex the MBL2+Beads Mix thoroughly to ensure that the beads are fully resuspended.
- 3.4.** Add 520 µL of MBL2+Beads Mix to each sample and control.
- 3.5.** Select the appropriate script on the instrument.
- KingFisher™ Flex/MagMAX™ Express-96: **NM\_LSI\_RRC96**
  - KingFisher™ mL: **NM\_LSI\_15prep**

- 3.6.** Start the run, then load the prepared plates in the appropriate positions when prompted by the instrument.

Load the sample plate or tube strip at position 1 on the instrument.

**Note:** If you are using the KingFisher™ mL instrument, load the tip comb and all of the tube strips at the same time. The instrument does not prompt you to load items individually.

- 3.7.** At the end of the run, when prompted by the instrument, remove the plate or tubes containing the purified nucleic acid.

Instrument	Procedure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KingFisher™ Flex</li> <li>MagMAX™ Express-96</li> </ul>	Remove the plate at position 5, then cover with an adhesive film.
KingFisher™ mL	Remove the tube strip at position 5, then transfer the purified nucleic acid to new microcentrifuge tubes.

Store the purified nucleic acid at 2–8°C for immediate use or below –16°C for long-term storage.

# Purify DNA using the QIAamp™ DNA Mini Kit (manual method)

## Before first use of the kit

Reconstitute the AW1 and AW2 Buffers—Add the required volume of 96–100% ethanol according to the recommendations of the supplier.

## Perform the purification procedure

- 1** Lyse, then homogenize the samples
- 1.1.** Combine the following components in the order indicated, then immediately proceed to the next step.

Component	Volume per test sample	Volume per mock-purified sample
Prepared sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 200 µL of liquid sample</li><li>• 20–30 mg of minced organ</li></ul>	—
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	—	200 µL
ATL Buffer	180 µL	180 µL
Proteinase K	20 µL	20 µL

- 1.2.** Vortex for 1 minute.
- 1.3.** Incubate at 70°C for 30 minutes or at 56°C for 16–18 hours.
- 1.4.** Allow the tubes to cool, then centrifuge the samples briefly to bring down condensation.
- 1.5.** Add 200 µL of AL Buffer, then vortex for 15 seconds.
- 1.6.** Incubate at 70°C for 10 minutes.
- 1.7.** Allow the tubes to cool, then centrifuge briefly.
- 1.8.** Add 200 µL of 96–100% ethanol to each sample, vortex for 15 seconds, then briefly centrifuge to collect the contents.

- 2** Bind the DNA to the column
- 2.1.** Insert a QIAamp™ DNA Mini Kit column into a collection tube, then transfer the entire sample volume to the column.
- 2.2.** Cap the column, then centrifuge the assembly at 15,000 × *g* for 1 minute.
- 2.3.** Discard the collection tube, then place the column on a new collection tube.

- 3** Wash, then elute the DNA
- 3.1.** Add 500 µL of AW1 Buffer to each column, cap the column, then centrifuge at 15,000 × *g* for 1 minute.
- 3.2.** Discard the collection tube, then place the column on a new collection tube.
- 3.3.** Add 500 µL of AW2 Buffer to each column, cap the column, then centrifuge at 15,000 × *g* for 1 minute
- 3.4.** Discard the collection tube, then place the column on a new collection tube.
- 3.5.** Centrifuge at 15,000 × *g* for 3 minutes to dry the membrane.
- 3.6.** Discard the collection tube.
- 3.7.** Place the column on a new 1.5-mL microtube, then add 200 µL of AE Buffer.

### 3 Wash, then elute the DNA (continued)

3.8. Cap the column, then incubate at room temperature for 1 minute.

3.9. Centrifuge at  $6,000 \times g$  for 1 minute, then discard the column.

The purified DNA is in the microtube.

Store the purified DNA at  $2-8^{\circ}\text{C}$  for immediate use or below  $-16^{\circ}\text{C}$  for long-term storage.

## Purify DNA using the NucleoSpin™ Tissue kit (manual method)

### Before first use of the kit

- Reconstitute the B5 Buffer—Add the required volume of 96–100% ethanol according to the recommendations of the supplier.
- Reconstitute the PK—Add the required volume of PB Buffer according to the recommendations of the supplier.

### Perform the purification procedure

#### 1 Lyse, then homogenize the samples

1.1. Combine the following components in the order indicated, then immediately proceed to the next step.

Component	Volume per test sample	Volume per mock-purified sample
Prepared sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 200 <math>\mu\text{L}</math> of liquid sample</li><li>• 20–30 mg of minced organ</li></ul>	—
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	—	200 $\mu\text{L}$
T1 Buffer	180 $\mu\text{L}$	180 $\mu\text{L}$
Proteinase K	25 $\mu\text{L}$	25 $\mu\text{L}$

1.2. Vortex for 1 minute.

1.3. Incubate at  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 minutes or at  $56^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 16–18 hours.

1.4. Allow the tubes to cool, then centrifuge the samples briefly to bring down condensation.

1.5. Add 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of B3 Buffer, then vortex for 15 seconds.

1.6. Incubate at  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10 minutes.

1.7. Allow the tubes to cool, then centrifuge briefly.

1.8. Add 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of 96–100% ethanol to each sample, vortex for 15 seconds, then briefly centrifuge to collect the contents.

#### 2 Bind the DNA to the column

2.1. Insert a NucleoSpin™ Tissue kit column into a collection tube, then transfer the entire sample volume to the column.

2.2. Cap the column, then centrifuge the assembly at  $11,000 \times g$  for 1 minute.

2.3. Discard the collection tube, then place the column on a new collection tube.

#### 3 Wash, then elute the DNA

3.1. Add 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of BW Buffer to each column, cap the column, then centrifuge at  $11,000 \times g$  for 1 minute.

3.2. Discard the collection tube, then place the column on a new collection tube.

3.3. Add 600  $\mu\text{L}$  of B5 Buffer to each column, cap the column, then centrifuge at  $11,000 \times g$  for 1 minute

3.4. Discard the collection tube, then place the column on a new collection tube.

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**3** Wash, then elute the DNA  
(continued)

- 3.5. Centrifuge at  $11,000 \times g$  for 3 minutes to dry the membrane.
- 3.6. Discard the collection tube.
- 3.7. Place the column on a new 1.5-mL microtube, then add 200  $\mu$ L of BE Buffer.
- 3.8. Cap the column, then incubate at room temperature for 1 minute.
- 3.9. Centrifuge at  $11,000 \times g$  for 1 minute, then discard the column.  
The purified DNA is in the microtube.

Store the purified DNA at 2–8°C for immediate use or below –16°C for long-term storage.

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## Good laboratory practices for PCR and RT-PCR

- Wear clean gloves and a clean lab coat.
  - Do not wear the same gloves and lab coat that you have previously used when handling amplified products or preparing samples.
- Change gloves if you suspect that they are contaminated.
- Maintain separate areas and dedicated equipment and supplies for:
  - Sample preparation and reaction setup.
  - Amplification and analysis of products.
- Do not bring amplified products into the reaction setup area.
- Open and close all sample tubes carefully. Avoid splashing or spraying samples.
- Keep reactions and components capped as much as possible.
- Use a positive-displacement pipettor or aerosol-resistant barrier pipette tips.
- Clean lab benches and equipment periodically with 10% bleach solution or DNA decontamination solution.

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## Appendix A (Alternative protocol) Process a combination of sample types using the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit

Follow this procedure if you are using these instruments:

- KingFisher™ Flex
- MagMAX™ Express-96

Follow Appendix B, “Purification with the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument” if you are using these instruments:

- KingFisher™ Duo Prime
- KingFisher™ mL

## Required materials not supplied

A heat block at 70°C is required for this procedure.

## Purification procedure

### 1 Set up the processing plates

#### 1.1. Set up the processing plates.

**Table 8 Plate setup: KingFisher™ Flex or MagMAX™ Express-96 instrument**

Plate ID	Plate position <sup>[1]</sup>	Plate type	Reagent	Volume per well
Wash Plate 1	2	Deep Well	MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 1	500 µL
Wash Plate 2	3	Deep Well	MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 2	500 µL
Elution	4	Standard	MagMAX™ CORE Elution Buffer	90 µL
Tip Comb	5	Standard	Place a tip comb in the plate.	

<sup>[1]</sup> Position on the instrument.

**Note:** To set up processing plates or tube strips for the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument, see Appendix B, “Purification with the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument”.

#### 1.2. (Optional) To prevent evaporation and contamination, cover the prepared processing plates with sealing foil until they are loaded into the instrument.

### 2 Prepare PK Solution

**Note:** Prepare PK Solution immediately before use.

#### 2.1. Combine the following components (in the order indicated) for the required number of samples, plus 10% overage (recommended).

Component	Volume per sample
PBS (1X), pH 7.4	200 µL
MagMAX™ CORE Proteinase K	10 µL
<b>Total PK Solution</b>	<b>210 µL</b>

#### 2.2. Invert the tube several times to mix, then centrifuge briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tube.

### 3 Prepare sample lysates

#### 3.1. Add the following components to a 2-mL microcentrifuge tube.

- Prepared sample: 200 µL
- MagMAX™ CORE Lysis Solution: 200 µL

#### 3.2. Vortex vigorously.

#### 3.3. Centrifuge briefly, then immediately proceed to the next step.

### 4 Treat samples with the PK Solution

Perform this procedure in single tubes to avoid contamination. Do not use plates.

#### 4.1. Add 210 µL of the PK Solution directly to the lysate.

#### 4.2. Vortex vigorously, then centrifuge briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tube.

#### 4.3. Incubate the sample for 30 minutes at 70°C.

#### 4.4. Centrifuge briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tube.

### 5 Combine samples with Binding/Bead Mix

#### 5.1. Transfer the entire volume of each sample lysate (up to 610 µL) to the appropriate wells in the sample plate or tube strip.

#### 5.2. Vortex the MagMAX™ CORE Magnetic Beads thoroughly to ensure that the beads are fully resuspended.

## 5 Combine samples with Binding/Bead Mix *(continued)*

5.3. Prepare Binding/Bead Mix—Combine the following components for the required number of samples, plus 10% overage (recommended).

Component	Volume per sample
MagMAX™ CORE Binding Solution	400 µL
MagMAX™ CORE Magnetic Beads	20 µL
<b>Total Binding/Bead Mix</b>	<b>420 µL</b>

5.4. Mix the Binding/Bead Mix by inversion until the solution is homogeneous, then add 420 µL of the Binding/Bead Mix to each sample.

5.5. Immediately proceed to process samples on the instrument (next section).

## 6 Process samples on the instrument

6.1. Select the appropriate script on the instrument (see “Download and install the script” on page 6).

6.2. Start the run, then load the prepared plates in the appropriate positions when prompted by the instrument.

Store purified nucleic acid on ice for immediate use, at –20°C for up to 1 month, or at –80°C for long-term storage.

## Appendix B Purification with the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument

Follow this procedure for purification with the MagMAX™ CORE Nucleic Acid Purification Kit using the KingFisher™ Duo Prime or KingFisher™ mL instrument.

### Required materials not supplied

Table 9 Materials required for processing on the KingFisher™ Duo Prime and KingFisher™ mL instruments

Item	Source <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Consumables for the KingFisher™ Duo Prime instrument</b>	
KingFisher™ Duo Combi pack for Microtiter 96 Deepwell plate (tip combs, plates, and elution strips for 96 samples)	97003530
KingFisher™ Duo Elution Strip (40 pieces) <sup>[2]</sup>	97003520
KingFisher™ Duo 12-tip comb for Microtiter 96 Deepwell plate (50 pieces) <sup>[2]</sup>	97003500
KingFisher™ Flex Microtiter Deep-Well 96 plates <sup>[2]</sup>	95040460
<b>Consumables for the KingFisher™ mL instrument</b>	
KingFisher™ mL Tubes and tip combs (for 240 samples)	97002141
KingFisher™ mL Tip comb (800 pieces)	97002111
KingFisher™ mL Tube (20 x 45 pieces)	97002121

<sup>[1]</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all materials are available through [thermofisher.com](http://thermofisher.com). "MLS" indicates that the material is available from [fisherscientific.com](http://fisherscientific.com) or another major laboratory supplier.

<sup>[2]</sup> Included in the KingFisher™ Duo Combi pack (Cat. No. 97003530).

### Purification procedure

**Note:** When performing this procedure for processing on the KingFisher™ mL instrument, mix samples by pipetting up and down. Do not use a plate shaker with the large tube strips required by this instrument.

- Follow the protocol, starting with sample lysate preparation through combining the samples with beads and lysis solution.

**Note:** Do not set up processing plates or tubes before preparing samples.

2. Add MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solutions and MagMAX™ CORE Elution Buffer to the indicated positions, according to your instrument.

**Table 10 Plate setup: KingFisher™ Duo Prime instrument**

Row ID	Row in the plate	Plate type	Reagent	Volume per well
Sample	A	Deep Well	Sample lysate/bead mix	Varies by sample
Wash 1	B		MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 1	500 µL
Wash 2	C		MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 2	500 µL
Elution <sup>[1]</sup>	Separate tube strip <sup>[2]</sup>	Elution strip	MagMAX™ CORE Elution Buffer	90 µL
Tip Comb	H	Deep Well	Place a tip comb in the plate.	

<sup>[1]</sup> Ensure that the elution strip is placed in the correct direction in the elution block.

<sup>[2]</sup> Placed on the heating element.

**Table 11 Tube strip setup: KingFisher™ mL instrument**

Position ID	Tube strip position	Tube	Reagent	Volume per well
Sample	1	Standard	Sample lysate/bead mix	Varies by sample
Wash 1	2		MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 1	500 µL
Wash 2	3		MagMAX™ CORE Wash Solution 2	500 µL
Elution	4		MagMAX™ CORE Elution Buffer	90 µL
Tip Comb	N/A	N/A	Slide the tip comb into the tip comb holder.	

3. Select the appropriate script on the instrument (see “Download and install the script” on page 6).
4. Start the run, then load the prepared plates or tube strips into the instrument at the same time. The instrument does not prompt you to load items individually.

Store purified nucleic acid on ice for immediate use, at –20°C for up to 1 month, or at –80°C for long-term storage.

## Appendix C Documentation and support

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