

Sample Stabilizer

Instruction for Use (Version 1.0)

CATALOG NUMBER & SIZE

Cat. No.#	Size
R513-01	50 sets, 1.5 ml / tube
R513-02	50 sets, 3 ml / tube

INTENDED USE

This product is applicable to specimen collection from human nasopharyngeal swab specimen and the preservation of viral nucleic acid.

WORKING PRINCIPLE

This product is composed of sample stabilizer and nuclease-free tube. The sample stabilizer contains guanidine isothiocyanate and other protein denaturation reagents which can rapidly lyse cells and denature viral proteins to obtain the inactivated virus and release the nucleic acids of virus. The high concentration of guanidine salt in a suitable buffer solution can inhibit the nuclease activity and effectively protect the integrity of nucleic acids. The Nuclease-free tube is treated with nuclease eliminator further ensuring the integrity of nucleic acid.

COMPONENTS

This product consists of Swab, Disposable zip-lock bag and sample stabilizer (including Tris buffer, guanidine isothiocyanate, surfactant, nuclease-free water) which is in a Nuclease-free tube (5 mL).

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

Store at 15°C~25°C for 12 months.

SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

1. This product is suitable for the preservation of human nasopharyngeal swabs;
2. For liquid specimens such as sputum, bronchial lavage and alveolar lavage fluids, it is recommended to use a wide-mouth tube (e.g. a 50 ml of centrifuge tube) for collection; If using this product for specimen collection, It is important to avoid the contamination of the outer wall of the tube. Therefore, the volume of sample added in R513-01 should be less than 1 mL, the volume of sample added in R513-02 should be less than 2 mL.

PROTOCOL

1. Collecting Specimen

For the detailed methods of specimen collection, please refer to the protocol in the "Microbiology Specimen Collection Manual" and "Nursing Clinical Practice Guidelines".

For throat swab specimen, insert swab into the deep part of pharyngeal isthmus (both sides of uvula and tonsil), and rotate the swab several times against the wall of pharyngeal isthmus.

For nasal swab specimen, insert swab into the deep part of the nasal cavity, and rotate the swab several times against the wall of nasal cavity.

PROTOCOL

2. Usage

Immerse the swab head in the sample stabilizer in the tube., carefully break and discard the swab shaft; then tighten the tube cap and put it into a disposable zip-lock bag. Confirm that the information of the storage tube and the zip-lock bag are consistent.

Note: The disposable zip-lock bag is used to seal the sample after collection, which is convenient for transportation and disinfection operation before sample processing.

3. Transportation

Keep the tube cap facing up and place the tube in an upright vertical position in the sample collection container for transportation. Make sure that the swab head is not exposed and is immersed thoroughly in the sample stabilizer.

4. Storage

The collected specimen should be used for detection as soon as possible. Otherwise, please store the specimen as follows
Store at 15°C - 25°C for no more than 24 hours;
Store at 2°C - 8°C for no more than 72 hours.

5. Inactivation Treatment

Further inactivation treatment should be taken as required before extraction. For heat inactivation of 2019-Novel Coronavirus, it is recommended to incubate at 56 °C for 30 minutes, and balance at room temperature for 10 minutes avoiding aerosols;

6. Extraction

6.1 After inactivation treatment of specimen, gently stir and squeeze the swab, then remove the swab. And gently pipette to mix the sample stabilizer thoroughly.

6.2 Perform the extraction procedure by different extraction products:

6.2.1 Vazyme FastPure Viral DNA/RNA Mini Kit (Column based, #RC311-C1):

For the detailed protocol, please refer to the manual of #RC311-C1.

1. Aliquot 200 µL of absolute ethanol to a new 1.5 mL of nuclease-free EP tube (additional consumable).

2. Add 500 µL of the above sample stabilizer to the tube containing absolute ethanol, then mix thoroughly by inverting the tube.

3. Place the adsorption column in a 2 ml of collection tube and transfer the mixture to the adsorption column, cover the tube cap then centrifuge at 12,000 × g for 1 min.

4. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube. Add 600 µl of Washing Buffer to the adsorption column, and centrifuged at 12,000 × g for 30 sec, discard the filtrate.

5. Repeat **Step 4** once.

6. Transfer the adsorption column to a new 1.5 ml centrifuge tube (provided in the kit), add 50 µl of Elution Buffer, Incubate at room temperature for 1 min, centrifuge at 12,000 × g for 1 min.

7. Discard the adsorption column, the eluted DNA/RNA can be used directly in downstream experiments or stored at -20°C for short-term storage, or stored at -70°C for long-term storage.

6.2.2 Vazyme FastPure Viral DNA/RNA Extraction Kit (Magnetic Bead based, #RM101):

For the detailed protocol, please refer to the manual of #RM101.

1. Aliquot 20 μ L of proteinase K to a new 1.5 mL of nuclease-free EP tube (additional consumable).
2. Add 600 μ L of the above sample stabilizer and 300 μ L of absolute ethanol to the tube containing proteinase K, then mix thoroughly by vortexing gently or inverting the tube.
3. Then add 20 μ L of magnetic beads to above mixture, vortex and mix for 15 sec.
4. Incubate the above mixture at room temperature for 5 minutes; and invert the tube twice during this period.
5. After brief centrifugation, place the samples on a magnetic stand. Wait until the solution clarifies (about 1 min). Keep on magnetic stand, and carefully discard the supernatant without disturbing the beads.
6. Then operate the remaining steps according to the manual of the extraction kit: add 700 μ L of Washing Buffer I and 700 μ L of Washing Buffer II respectively to rinse the beads. Then use the Elution Buffer to collect the nucleic acid into a new 1.5 ml of Nuclease-free EP tube.

6.2.3 Use extraction products of other companies:

Treat the sample stabilizer as a specimen and operate the procedure according to the corresponding manual.

PRODUCT PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

1. The package is intact; the appearance is neat, without leakage; and the sign is clear.
2. The sample stabilizer is a colorless and transparent liquid with a volume of about 1.5 mL (R513-01) or 3 mL (R513-02).

NOTE

1. It should be operated by professionally trained inspectors, read the product manual carefully before operation. Protective measures against infectious diseases should be taken. Thorough sterilization must be done after operation of handling reagents and specimens.
2. Even though this reagent can inactivate the virus, but please treat the sample as the inactivated specimen and perform the treatment process carefully.
3. This product is a disposable product.
4. The involved specimen is considered as infectious substances, the operation and disposal must be complied with the relevant requirements of "the General Guidelines for Biosafety of Microbial Biomedical Laboratories" and "Medical Waste Regulations Guide".
5. The sample stabilizer contains guanidine salts of protein denaturant, which is corrosive. Please operate carefully. If it splashes onto the skin, please wash immediately with plenty of water.

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