

RNA purification protocol using QIAGEN® RNeasy® PowerMicrobiome® Kit

OMNIgene® family of oral and vaginal swab-based kits (OMR-110, OMR-120, OMR-130)

This laboratory protocol is used for the preparation of a sample collected and stabilized in the OMNIgene family of oral and vaginal swab-based kits for subsequent extraction of microbial RNA using the QIAGEN RNeasy PowerMicrobiome Kit*.

Required reagents

- Proteinase K (PK)
- QIAGEN RNeasy PowerMicrobiome Kit (Cat No./ID 26000-50)
 - Refer to the kit handbook for a detailed extraction protocol

Equipment required

- Vortex Adapter
- Equipment listed as referenced in the QIAGEN RNeasy PowerMicrobiome Kit Handbook[†]

Procedure

Sample prep steps

1. Add 400 μg of Proteinase K to the 1 mL sample collection tube and vortex. Incubate at 50°C for 1 hour in a water bath or 2 hours in a dry incubator. Ensure that the swab tip is immersed in the solution.

Recommended Proteinase K:

- Epicentre PK (Cat. No. MPRK092) Add 8 μL of 50 mg/mL stock.
- QIAGEN Proteinase K (Cat. No. 19131 or 19133) Add 20 μL of 20 mg/mL stock.
- Roche Proteinase K (Cat. No. 3115887001, 3115828001 or 3115844001) Add 22 µL of 18 mg/mL stock.
- 2. Transfer 250 µL of sample into the PowerBead Bead Tube, Glass 0.1 mm.
- 3. Continue with the QIAGEN RNeasy PowerMicrobiome Kit, starting at step 2.

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^{*} Formerly sold by MO BIO as PowerMicrobiome™ RNA Isolation Kit (Cat. No. 26000-50). † RNeasy® PowerMicrobiome® Kit Handbook (HB-2276-003, January 2020).