

# Quick Guide

RNA extraction and purification using Sterilab NC-15 Plus For 16 or 32 samples, with wet or dry swabs or saliva specimens

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## MAKE UP BULK REAGENTS (ONCE A WEEK)

#### 1. PREPARE BULK REAGENT A (SUFFICIENT FOR 6 EXTRACTION PLATES)

- A. From alphagene kit, dilute two vials Proteinase K with 1ml Proteinase K buffer.
- B. From Genesig kit, dilute two vials Genesig Internal Extraction Control (IEC) with 1ml of template preparation buffer.
- C. Pool the Proteinase K and IEC. Vortex and aliquot in 665µL quantities.

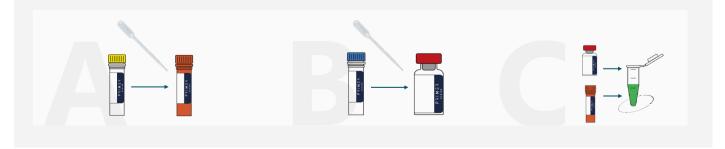
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#### 2. PREPARE BULK REAGENT B

- A. Dilute both COVID-19 primer/probes (P/P) with 110 μL template preparation buffer from the Genesig kit.
- B. Dilute both OT-qPCR master mix (M/M) with 525μL resuspension buffer from the Genesig kit.
- C. Pool  $100\mu$ L P/P from each tube and  $500\mu$ L M/M from each tube. Vortex and aliquot in  $12\mu$ L quantities into 0.1ml reaction tubes.

Freeze at -20°C or below until use.



## **EXTRACTION PROCESS**

1

Pipette  $40\mu L$  Proteinase K / Internal Extraction Control to column 1 (excluding wells 1 & 2) and column 7, followed by  $200\text{-}300\mu L$  of UTM/VTM (using a transfer pipette).

Estimated time: 20 seconds per sample.



2

Load plate and tip comb onto the Sterilab NC-15 Plus nucleic acid extraction platform. Select preprogrammed Covid profile and 'Run'

Produces 80µL of purified RNA in column 6 and 12.

Time: 29 minutes.



3

Transfer  $8\mu L$  eluate from columns 6 and 12 to the 0.1mL PCR reaction tube.

Estimated time: 1 minute per sample



**Proceed with amplification + reporting of results** 

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