

RQ1 RNase-free DNase

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From Promega
Catalogue # M6101
1000u
1u/ μ l

Stored at -20°C in aliquots in white box

Protocol

Add 10x buffer to the RNA sample to bring the final concentration to 1x.

Add 1 μ l of DNase

Mix by flicking tube (no vortex)

Incubate at 37°C for 25min

Incubate at 70°C for 10min

Test for absence of DNA by PCR by running a PCR with reliable primers

If no product is visible proceed to RT-PCR.

NB. Promega claims 1u of DNase degrades 1 μg DNA in 10 min at 37°C . However the above protocol is what I have found to work well. Adding $>1\mu\text{l}$ (i.e. 1u) of enzyme does not greatly increase DNA degradation. It is best to add fresh DNase and incubate again.