



Product Information

RIBONUCLEIC ACID, TRANSFER tRNA for Coprecipitation

Product No. **R 5636**

Lot 014K6001

Store below 0 °C

PRODUCT SUMMARY

Concentration: 10.0 mg/ml

Endonuclease (Nickase): None detected
DNase: None detected

Suitable for use as carrier in nucleic acid purification
and precipitation

COMMENTS

Concentration was determined based on the assumption
that a 40 µg/ml solution of tRNA would have an
absorbance of 1.0 at 260 nm.

ENDONUCLEASE (NICKASE)

One µg of pBR322 DNA was incubated with tRNA at a
final concentration of 2 µg/µl in a 50 µl reaction mixture
containing 30 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.8, 50 mM NaCl and 10
mM MgCl₂ for 16 hours at 37 °C. No conversion of the
covalently closed circular DNA to the nicked or linear
form was observed by agarose gel electrophoresis.
Detection limit: Conversion of 1% of the DNA substrate
is detectable.

ENDONUCLEASE-EXONUCLEASE

One µg of λ Hind III fragments was incubated for
16 hours at 37 °C with tRNA at a final concentration of
2 µg/µl in a 50 µl reaction mixture containing
30 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.8, 50 mM NaCl and
10 mM MgCl₂. No degradation of the DNA fragments
was detected by agarose gel electrophoresis. Detection
limit: Degradation of 10% of the DNA substrate is
detectable

SUITABILITY FOR USE AS CARRIER

Hind III-λ DNA at 0.1 µg/ml, 0.5 µg/ml, and
1.0 µg/ml was extracted with phenol/chloroform and
precipitated with ethanol as follows: To 500 µl of DNA
solutions (in 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes) at each
concentration 1 ml of phenol/chloroform (1:1) was
added. The solutions were then vortexed briefly and
microcentrifuged at 15,000 rpm for 1 minute. 400 µl of
the upper aqueous phase from each tube were placed
in a microfuge tube. To one set of tubes 10 µl of a
10 µg/µl tRNA for carrier were added and to another set
no tRNA was added. Each tube was brought to
approximately 0.27 M sodium acetate by the addition of
40 µl of a 3 M solution (pH 7.0). Then, 1 ml of 95%
ethanol was added to each tube and the tubes were
stored at -20 °C overnight. After microcentrifuging for
10 min. the supernatant was aspirated and the pellets
were air dried for 2 hours. The pellets were dissolved in
50 µl H₂O and analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.
By observation of the ethidium bromide stained samples
it was found that the addition of carrier tRNA for
coprecipitation improved the recovery of DNA
approximately 10-fold.

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