RV Mini Purification Kit

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Introduction

The ViraTrap™ Retrovirus mini purification kit is designed for fast and efficient purification of recombinant retroviruses from retroviral-transfected cell culture supernatant. Up to $3x10^6$ viral particles can be purified from cell culture media of 1 to 2 T75 flasks.

Traditionally the recombinant Retrovirus is purified by ultracentrifugation using CsCl to separate the virus particles from cellular proteins and media components. The CsCl ultracentrifugation procedure is time consuming and limited to the amount of cell lysate to be processed.

Each column can be regenerated for purifying the same retrovirus. For optimized viral binding and recovery, each column can be regenerated only once.

Before Starting

Familiar with each step by reading this menu and prepare all materials for the procedure.

Kit Components

Catalog#	V1172-00	V1172-01	V1172-02	Notes
Preps	2	10	20	
RV Mini Columns	1	5	10	Store @4°C
Press-On Cap	2	5	10	Store at RT
*Centrifugal filter	1	5	10	Store at RT
15 mL Collection Tube	2	10	20	Store at RT
10x RV Wash Buffer	10 mL	30 mL	60 mL	Store at RT
2x RV Elution Buffer	10 mL	30 mL	60 mL	Store at RT
Regeneration Buffer	10 mL	30 mL	60 mL	Store at RT

*Centrifugal filters (Cat# CF01) can be purchased from Biomiga separately.

Stability

The Guaranteed shelf life is 12 months from the date of purchase.

Safety considerations

The retrovirus infected cell medium and the purified virus can be potential bio-hazardous material and can be infectious to human and animals. All protocols MUST be performed under at least Bio-Safety level 2 working condition.

Materials required but not supplied

- ddH_2O
- PBS
- 0.45 µm filter unit
- Rack holder for column

Harvesting supernatant from retrovirus-infected cells (1-2 T75 flask or equivalent per column)

1. Centrifuge the retrovirus-infected culture media at 3,000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C. Filter the supernatant through a 0.45 µm filter unit.

Note: Supernatant from one to two T75 flasks can be processed per column.

2. The supernatant is ready for purification.

NOTE: The supernatant can also be stored at -80°C for future purification.

Equilibrate the column

Dilute the 10 x **Wash Buffer** with ddH_2O to 1 x **Wash Buffer.**

Dilute the 2 x **Elution Buffer** with ddH_2O to 1 x **Elution Buffer.**

3. Set the column in a 15 mL centrifuge tube and spin at 600 x g for 2 min. Hold the column with a clamp or other holders. Twist off the bottom, loosen the cap, and let the liquid drop by gravity flow. Equilibrate the column with 2 mL of **ddH_2O** and then 5 mL 1 x **Wash Buffer**.

NOTE:

- Centrifugation can help remove the bubbles created during shipping.
- A swing-bucket rotor is preferred for centrifugation.
- If the flow-through is too slow, the other alternative is to set the column in a 15 mL conical tube and centrifuge at 600 x g for 2-5 min.
- There's a press-on cap supplied in the kit for the bottom of the column to stop the flow.
- If the flow-through is too slow, make sure to remove any visible bubbles (See trouble shooting on page 6).

Load the retrovirus-containing supernatant to the column

4. Load 5 mL the supernatant to the column and let the supernatant gradually run through the column. Keep loading till all samples pass through the column. Optional: Collect the flow through and reload the sample to the same column one more time to ensure maximal viral particle binding.

NOTE: If the gravity flow through rate gets noticeably slow during loading or reloading of the supernatant, set the column in a 15 mL conical tube and centrifuge at 600 x g for 2-5 min at 4°C.

Wash the column and elute the retrovirus

5. Wash the column with 5 mL **Wash Buffer**. Repeat once. This step can be performed either by gravity flow or centrifugation at 600 x g for 5 min at 4°C.

6. Elute the virus by applying 4 mL **Elution Buffer**. Collect 4 mL flow through.

Desalting and Buffer exchange

7. Apply 4 mL of the sample collected from step 6 to the reservoir of a centrifugal filter and centrifuge at 3,000 rpm at 4°C for 10-15 min till approximately 500 µL sample remains in the reservoir. Add 3.5 mL of PBS or any desired low salt buffer to the reservoir and centrifuge at 3,000 rpm 4°C for 10 minutes till approximately 500 µL remains in the reservoir. Pipet the solution up and down several times in reservoir and transfer the virus containing solution to a clean vial.

Note: A swing bucket type rotor is preferred.

Note: Volume Vs spin time varies with different types of rotors. Always spin less time to monitor the remaining volume. Avoid over spinning.

8. Aliquot and store the purified virus at -80°C. Before infect target cells, we recommend adding the needed amount of purified virus to 5-10 mL culture medium of your target cells and filter through a 0.2 µm sterile filter before infection.

Regeneration of the column

8. Upon completion of the purification, add 5 mL of **Regeneration Buffer** to the column by gravity flow and then add 5 mL of **Wash Buffer.** Press on the cap to the bottom. Wrap the column with parafilm in a zip block bag and store at 4℃.

Typical concentration volume Vs. spin time (Swing bucket rotor, 3,000 rpm at RT, 4 mL starting volume) for 100K centrifugal filter device

Spin time-15 min: concentrate volume 176 µL
Spin time-20 min: concentrate volume 76 µL
Spin time-25 min: concentrate volume 58

Typical concentration volume Vs. spin time (35º Fixed angle rotor, 7000 rpm RT, 4 mL starting volume) for 100K centrifugal filter device

Spin time-10 min: concentrate volume 97 µL
Spin time-15 min: concentrate volume 54 µL
Spin time-20 min: concentrate volume 35 µL

Problems	Solutions
Slow flow rate caused by air bubbles in the resin bed	• Cap the column bottom and add water so that the resin is covered by a height of 1-2 cm of solution • Stir the resin with a clean spatula or Pasteur pipette, until all portions of the resin are loosely suspended in the solution. • With the bottom cap on, let the column stand for 5 minutes until the resin settles.
Slow flow rate caused by invisible bubbles	• With the bottom cap on, add degassed water to the resin with a height of 1-2 cm of the solution. • Place the entire bottom-capped column in a 15 mL conical tube and centrifuge at 10 minutes at 1,000 x g.
Supernatant very viscous	• Forgot to filter the supernatant through a 0.45 µM filter unit.
Cell line didn't survive after infection of the purified virus	• Dialyze the purified virus to PBS or desired buffer before infecting cell lines. • Use desalting column and perform buffer exchange.

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