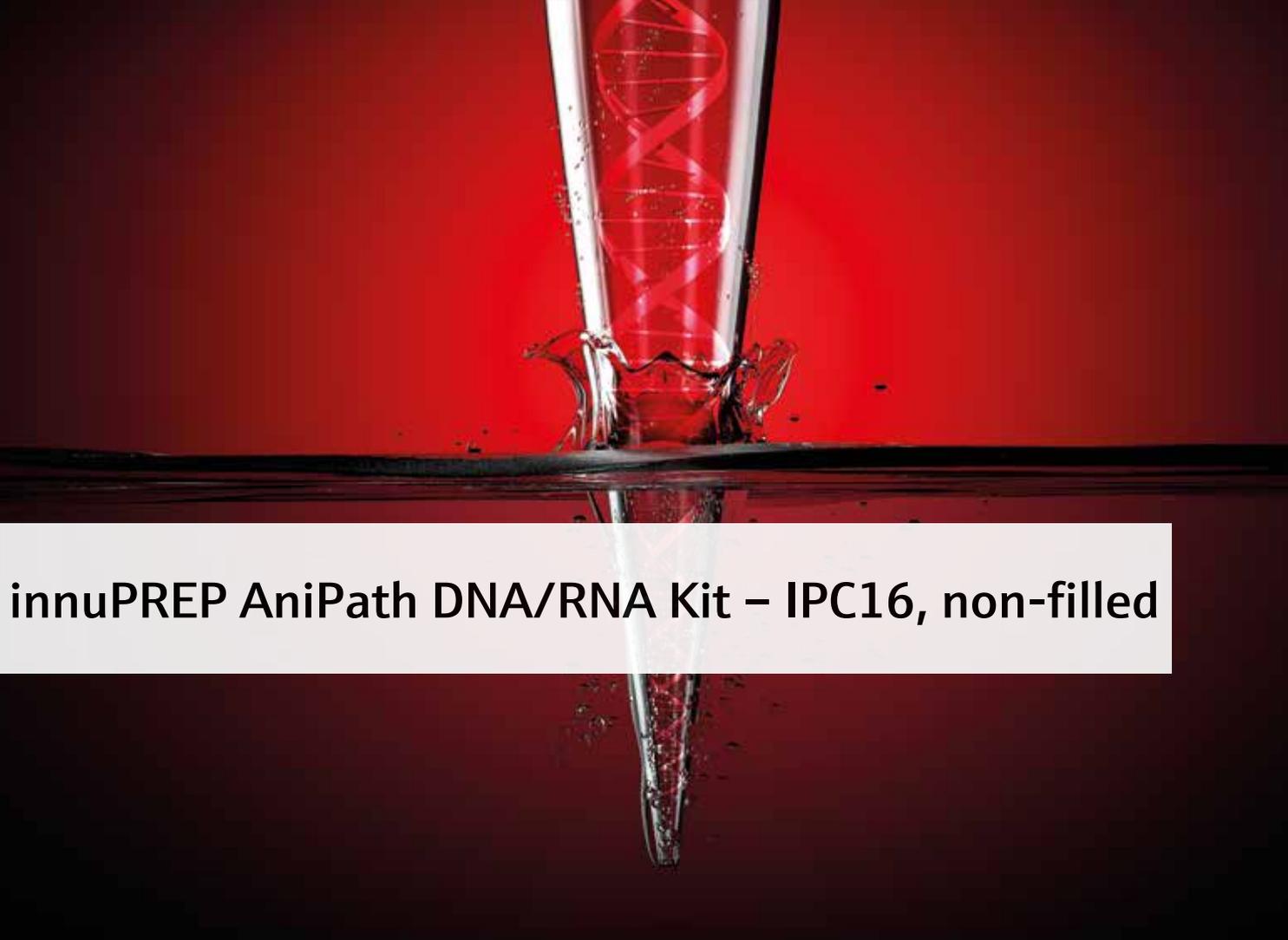


# Instructions for Use

## Life Science Kits & Assays



innuPREP AniPath DNA/RNA Kit – IPC16, non-filled

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845-PPP-8016096 96 reactions

845-PPP-8016480 480 reaction

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Intended use

The **innuPREP AniPath DNA/RNA Kit – IPC16, non-filled** has been designed for automated isolation of bacterial DNA and viral DNA and RNA from different kinds of starting material like cell-free body fluids, cell culture supernatants or whole blood. Furthermore, fecal samples, swabs and other relevant starting materials can be used for isolation. The extraction procedure is based on a new patented chemistry. The kit is designed to be handled by educated personnel in a laboratory environment.

For the liquid samples, all steps of the extraction process are fully automated and run completely on the *InnuPure C16 touch*. The samples are transferred into the Reagent Plates of the kit, which has to be prefilled with all extraction reagents needed for the extraction process. The following extraction process runs automatically on the *InnuPure C16 touch*. The extraction process is based on binding of the DNA and/or RNA to surface-modified magnetic particles. After washing steps, the nucleic acid is eluted from the magnetic particles with RNase-free water and is now ready to use for downstream applications. The extraction chemistry in combination with the *InnuPure C16 touch* protocol is optimized to get maximum yield and quality.

To verify the extraction process the kit contains a Carrier Mix with a carrier RNA and internal control DNA (IC DNA) and RNA (IC RNA). The IC DNA and IC RNA can be detected by Real-time PCR with a corresponding Real-time PCR detection kit.

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### CONSULT INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE



This package insert must be read carefully prior to use. Package insert instructions must be followed accordingly. Reliability of results cannot be guaranteed if there are any deviations from the instructions in this package insert.

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## 1.2 Notes on the use of this manual

For easy reference and orientation, the manual uses the following warning and information symbols as well as the shown methodology:

Symbol	Information
	<b>REF</b> Catalogue number.
	<b>Content</b> Contains sufficient reagents for <N> tests.
	<b>Storage conditions</b> Store at room temperature, unless otherwise specified.
	<b>Consult instructions for use</b> This information must be observed to avoid improper use of the kit and the kit components.
	<b>Expiry date</b>
	<b>Lot number</b> The number of the kit charge.
	<b>Manufactured by</b> Contact information of manufacturer.
	<b>For single use only</b> Do not use components for a second time.
	<b>Note / Attention</b> Observe the notes marked in this way to ensure correct function of the device and to avoid operating errors for obtaining correct results.

The following systematic approach is introduced in the manual:

- The chapters and figures are numbered consecutively.
- A cross reference is indicated with an arrow (e.g. → Notes on the use of this manual p. 4).

Working steps are numbered.

## 2 Safety precautions

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### NOTE

Read through this chapter carefully prior to use to guarantee your own safety and a trouble-free operation.

Follow all the safety instructions explained in the manual, as well as all messages and information, which are shown.

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All due care and attention should be exercised in handling the materials and reagents contained in the kit. Always wear gloves while handling these reagents and avoid any skin contact! In case of contact, flush eyes or skin with a large amount of water immediately.

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### FOR SINGLE USE ONLY!

This kit is made for single use only!

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### ATTENTION!

Don't eat or drink components of the kit!

The kit is designed to be handled by educated personnel in a laboratory environment!

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If the buffer bottles are damaged or leaking, wear gloves and protective goggles when discarding the bottles in order to avoid any injuries. This kit is to be used with potentially infectious samples. Therefore, all liquid waste must be considered as potentially infectious and must be handled and discarded according to local safety regulation.

Please observe the federal, state and local safety and environmental regulations. Follow the usual precautions for applications using extracted nucleic acids. All materials and reagents used for DNA or RNA isolation should be free of DNases or RNases.

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### ATTENTION!

Do not add bleach or acidic components to the waste after sample preparation!

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### NOTE

Emergency medical information in English and German can be obtained 24 hours a day from:

Poison Information Center, Freiburg / Germany

Phone: +49 (0)761 19 240.

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For more information on GHS classification please download the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) from our website ([www.analytik-jena.com](http://www.analytik-jena.com)). Find the SDS of each product and its components in the "Downloads"-folder.

## 3 General notes and safety recommendations on handling RNA

RNA is far less stable than DNA. It is very sensitive to degradation by endogenous RNases in the biological material and exogenous RNases which are permanently present everywhere in the lab. To achieve satisfactory qualitative and quantitative results in RNA preparations, contaminations with exogenous RNases have to be reduced to a minimum in accordance with the following recommendations:

- Always wear latex or vinyl gloves while handling reagents and RNA samples to prevent RNase contaminations from surface of the skin or from dusty laboratory equipment.
- Change gloves frequently and keep tubes closed.
- Keep isolated RNA on ice.
- Reduce preparation time as much as possible.
- Use only sterile, disposable polypropylene tubes throughout the procedure (these tubes are generally RNase-free.)
- Non-disposable plastic ware should be treated before use to ensure that it is RNase-free. Plastic ware should be thoroughly rinsed with 0.1 M NaOH, 1 mM EDTA followed by RNase-free water. You can also take chloroform-resistant plastic ware rinsed with chloroform to inactivate RNases.
- All glassware should be treated before use to ensure that it is RNase-free. Glassware should be cleaned with detergent, thoroughly rinsed

and oven baked at 240 °C for four hours or more before use. Autoclaving will not inactivate RNase activity completely. Oven baking inactivates RNases and ensures that no other nucleic acids (such as plasmid DNA) are present on the surface of the glassware. You can also clean glassware with 0.1 % DEPC (diethyl pyrocarbonate). The glassware has to be immersed in 0.1 % DEPC solution for 12 hours at 37 °C followed by autoclaving or heating to 100 °C for 15 minutes to remove residual DEPC.

- Electrophoresis tanks should be cleaned with detergent solution (e.g. 0.5 % SDS), thoroughly rinsed with RNase-free water, rinsed with ethanol and finally allowed to dry.
- All buffers have to be prepared with DEPC-treated RNase-free water.
- Avoid handling bacterial cultures, cell cultures or other biological sources of RNases in the same lab where the RNA purification will be performed.
- Do not use equipment, glassware and plastic ware employed for other applications which might introduce RNase contaminations in the RNA isolation.

## 4 Storage conditions

All components of the kit are shipped at room temperature. Upon arrival, store lyophilized **Proteinase K** at 4 °C to 8 °C! Divide dissolved **Proteinase K** into aliquots and store at -22 °C to -18 °C. Repeated freezing and thawing will reduce the activity dramatically!

Store lyophilized **Carrier Mix** at -22 °C to -18 °C. Divide dissolved **Carrier Mix** into aliquots and store at -22 °C to -18 °C. Do not freeze and thaw the **Carrier Mix** more than 3 times.

Store the **MAG Suspension** at 4 °C to 8 °C.

The mixture of **Lysis Solution V** and **Carrier Mix** is stable for a maximum of 7 days if stored at 4 °C to 8 °C.

All other components of the innuPREP AniPath DNA/RNA Kit – IPC16, non-filled should be stored dry at room temperature (15 °C to 30 °C). When stored at room temperature, the kit is stable until the expiration date printed on the label on the kit box.

Before every use make sure that all components have room temperature. If there are any precipitates within the provided solutions dissolve these precipitates by careful warming.

## 5 Functional testing and technical assistance

The Analytik Jena AG guarantees the correct function of the kit for applications as described in the manual. This product has been produced and tested in an ISO 13485 certified facility.

We reserve the right to change or modify our products to enhance their performance and design. If you have any questions or problems regarding any aspects of the innuPREP AniPath DNA/RNA Kit – IPC16, non-filled or other Analytik Jena AG products, please do not hesitate to contact us. For technical support or further information in Germany please dial +49 36 41 / 77 94 00. For other countries please contact your local distributor.

## 6 Product use and warranty

The kit is not designed for the usage of other starting materials or other amounts of starting materials than those, referred to in the manual (→ “Product specifications” p. 10). Since the performance characteristics of Analytik Jena AG kits have just been validated for the application described above, the user is responsible for the validation of the performance of Analytik Jena AG kits using other protocols than those described below. Analytik Jena AG kits may be used in clinical diagnostic laboratory systems after the laboratory has validated the complete diagnostic system as required by CLIA’ 88 regulations in the U.S. or equivalent regulations required in other countries.

All products sold by the Analytik Jena AG are subjected to extensive quality control procedures and are warranted to perform as described when used correctly. Any problems should be reported immediately.

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### NOTE

The kit is for research use only!

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## 7 Kit components

### 7.1 Components included in the kit

	 16	 96	 480
<b>REF</b>	845-PPP-8016016	845-PPP-8016096	845-PPP-8016480
MAG Suspension	1,5 ml	5,5 ml	3 x 9 ml
Proteinase K	For 1.5 ml working solution	For 4 x 1.5 ml working solution	For 16 x 1.5 ml working solution
Carrier Mix	For 1 x 1.25 ml working solution	For 1 x 1.25 ml working solution	For 5 x 1.25 ml working solution
RNase-free Water	2 ml	2 ml	5 x 2 ml
Lysis Solution V	15 ml	120 ml	2 x 230 ml
Binding Solution V	30 ml	150 ml	750 ml
Washing Solution A	30 ml	120 ml	600 ml
Washing Solution B2 (conc.)	10 ml	50 ml	240 ml
RNase-free Water	30 ml	200 ml	4 x 200 ml
Deep Well Plate (2.0 ml)	2	12	60
Filter Tips	2 x 16	2 x 96	10 x 96
Elution Tubes (0.65 ml)	16	2 x 48	10 x 48
Elution Caps (Stripes)	2	12	60
Elution Strips	2	12	60
Manual	1	1	1

### 7.2 Components not included in the kit

- 1.5 ml tubes
- 1 x PBS (137 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 10 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 1.8 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>)

- Physiological saline
- ddH<sub>2</sub>O for dissolving **Proteinase K**
- 96 %–99.8 % Ethanol (molecular biology grade, undenaturated)

### 7.3 Related Products

- Deep Well Plate (96 square well, 2.0 ml 845-FX-8500025, 25 pcs)

## 8 Usage of Carrier Mix

Besides carrier RNA, the **Carrier Mix** contains an Internal Control DNA and Internal Control RNA (IC DNA and IC RNA). Both can be detected by real-time PCR using the corresponding assay.

Name	Amount	Order No.
innuDETECT Internal Control DNA/RNA Assay	100 rxn	845-ID-0008100

If customized extraction controls are used, please add these components to the mixture of **Lysis Solution V / Carrier Mix** (→ “Initial steps before starting” p. 11).

## 9 Product specifications

### 1. Starting material:

- Cell-free body fluids and cell culture supernatant (e.g. serum, plasma, cerebrospinal fluid; up to 400 µl)
- Whole blood samples (up to 400 µl)
- Swabs from nasopharyngeal samples (e.g. Influenza testing)
- Tissue samples (up to 10 mg)
- Stool samples (50–100 mg)

### 2. Time for isolation:

- Time required for external steps depends on the starting material

- Extraction on InnuPure C16 *touch*: 77 min

## 10 Initial steps before starting

- Add to each vial of lyophilized **Proteinase K** 1.5 ml ddH<sub>2</sub>O, mix thoroughly and store as described above.
- Add to **Washing Solution B2 (conc.)** the indicated amount of absolute ethanol and mix thoroughly. Keep the bottle always firmly closed!

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845-PPP-8016016 Add 15 ml ethanol to 10 ml Washing Solution B2 (conc.)

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845-PPP-8016096 Add 75 ml ethanol to 50 ml Washing Solution B2 (conc.)

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845-PPP-8016480 Add 360 ml ethanol to 240 ml Washing Solution B2 (conc.)

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- Add to each vial of **Carrier Mix** 1.25 ml RNase-free Water, mix thoroughly and store as described above.
- Avoid freezing and thawing of starting material.
- Prepare mixture of **Lysis Solution V** and **Carrier Mix** according to the table below and store as described above.

Component	16 samples	96 samples	n samples
Lysis Solution V	8 ml	48 ml	500 µl x n samples
Carrier Mix	200 µl	1.2 ml	12.5 µl x n samples
Final volume	8.2 ml	49.2 ml	512.5 µl x n samples

### NOTE

The preparation of **Carrier Mix / Lysis Solution** mixture is not necessary for all sample types. Refer to the specific protocol used.

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## 11 Prefilling Reagent Plate for automated extraction

### NOTE

The Deep Well Plates have to be filled manually prior the automated extraction procedure. Take care to fill the plates in correct orientation: Engraved numbers do not coincide with row numbers quoted in the table below!

1. Place the Deep Well Plates that way, that the notched corners are oriented to the right (see picture below).
2. In that direction the upper row is row number 1.
3. Fill each cavity of one row with indicated volume of corresponding solution as specified in the table (e.g. fill each of the eight cavities of row 1 with 900 µl of RNase-free water) and also add **MAG Suspension, Sample and Proteinase K** as described under chapter "Protocols".

Deep Well Plate	Row No.	Solution	Volume per cavity
	1	RNase-free Water	900 µl
	2	empty	---
	3	empty	---
	4	empty	---
	5	empty	---
	6	Binding Solution V	1400 µl
	7	Washing Solution A	600 µl
	8	Washing Solution A	600 µl
	9	Washing Solution B2	600 µl
	10	Washing Solution B2	600 µl
	11	empty	---
	12	RNase-free Water	600 µl

## 12 Protocols for isolation of viral or bacterial nucleic acids

### 12.1 Protocol 1: Isolation from 200 µl cell-free body fluids (serum, plasma, cerebrospinal fluid, liquor), cell culture supernatants and whole blood

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#### NOTE

Using cell free body fluids we recommend the addition of Carrier Mix. Ensure the **Carrier Mix** has been prepared as described (→ "Initial steps before starting" p. 11). The lysis of the starting material is done automatically and is included in the InnuPure C16 *touch* extraction protocol.

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#### NOTE

It is important to mix the **MAG Suspension** by vigorous shaking or vortexing before use (approx. 30 seconds)!

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1. Transfer 50 µl of **MAG Suspension** directly into the liquid of the first cavity of Reagent Plate.
  2. Transfer 400 µl **Lysis Solution V / Carrier Mix** directly into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
  3. Add 200 µl **PBS** to third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
  4. Add 200 µl of the sample to the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
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#### NOTE

If the volume of the blood sample is less than 200 µl adjust with PBS to 200 µl.

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5. Add 50 µl **Proteinase K** to the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
6. The sample will be processed using the InnuPure C16 *touch*. Please follow the instructions of chapter 133 p. 19.

**12.2 Protocol 2: Isolation from 400 µl cell-free body fluids (serum, plasma, cerebrospinal fluid, liquor), cell culture supernatants and whole blood**

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**NOTE**

Using cell free body fluids we recommend the addition of Carrier Mix. Ensure the Carrier Mix has been prepared as described (→ "Initial steps before starting" p. 11). The lysis of the starting material is done automatically and is included in the InnuPure C16 *touch* extraction protocol.

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**NOTE**

It is important to mix the **MAG Suspension** by vigorous shaking or vortexing before use (approx. 30 seconds)!

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1. Transfer 50 µl of **MAG Suspension** directly into the liquid of the **first cavity** of Reagent Plate.
  3. Transfer 400 µl **Lysis Solution V / Carrier Mix** directly into the **third cavity** of the Reagent Plate.
  4. Add 400 µl of the sample to the **third cavity** of the Reagent Plate.
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**NOTE**

If the volume of the blood sample is less than 400 µl adjust with PBS to 400 µl.

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5. Add 50 µl **Proteinase K** to the **third cavity** of the Reagent Plate.
6. The sample will be processed using the InnuPure C16 *touch*. Please follow the instructions of chapter 133 p. 19.

### 12.3 **Protocol 3: Isolation from swabs from nasopharyngeal samples (e.g. for *Influenza* testing)**

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#### **NOTE**

Using nasopharyngeal swab samples we recommend the addition of Carrier Mix. Ensure the **Carrier Mix** has been prepared as described (→ "Initial steps before starting" p. 11). The lysis of the starting material is done automatically and is included in the InnuPure C16 *touch* extraction protocol.

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#### **NOTE**

It is important to mix the **MAG Suspension** by vigorous shaking or vortexing before use (approx. 30 seconds)!

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1. Transfer **50 µl of MAG Suspension** directly into the liquid of the **first cavity** of Reagent Plate.
2. Transfer **400 µl Lysis Solution V / Carrier Mix** directly into the **third cavity** of the Reagent Plate.
3. Place the swabs into 1.5 ml reaction tubes containing **500 µl physiological saline** (0.9 % NaCl, not included in the kit) and incubate continuously shaking for 20 minutes.
4. Squeeze the swab and remove the swab.
5. Add **400 µl** of the liquid sample into the **third cavity** of the Reagent Plate.
6. Add **50 µl Proteinase K** to the **third cavity** of the Reagent Plate.
7. The sample will be processed using the InnuPure C16 *touch*. Please follow the instructions of chapter 133 p. 19.

## 12.4 Protocol 4: Isolation from tissue homogenates

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### NOTE

Co-extraction of genomic nucleic acids can inhibit downstream PCR or Real-time PCR applications!

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### NOTE

It is important to mix the **MAG Suspension** by vigorous shaking or vortexing before use (approx. 30 seconds)!

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1. Homogenize the tissue samples using bead based homogenizers (e.g. SpeedMill Analytik Jena AG). For optimized results use 5-10 mg of tissue sample. Transfer the tissue sample into a homogenization tube and add **600 µl** ddH<sub>2</sub>O (RNase free) or PBS.
2. After homogenization centrifuge the sample at 10,000 x g for 2 minutes.
3. Transfer **50 µl** of **MAG Suspension** directly into the liquid of the first cavity of Reagent Plate.
4. Transfer **400 µl** Lysis Solution V into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
5. Add **400 µl** of the homogenized tissue sample into the third cavity of the Plate.
6. Add **50 µl** Proteinase K to the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
7. The sample will be processed using the InnuPure C16 touch. Please follow the instructions of chapter 133 p. 19.

## 12.5 Protocol 5: Isolation from stool samples (e.g. Norovirus extraction)

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### NOTE

In some cases the initial fecal sample is mixed with special ELISA Buffer for subsequent ELISA detection of different viruses. In this case use Option 2.

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### NOTE

It is important to mix the **MAG Suspension** by vigorous shaking or vortexing before use (approx. 30 seconds)!

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### *12.5.1 Option 1: Standard procedure*

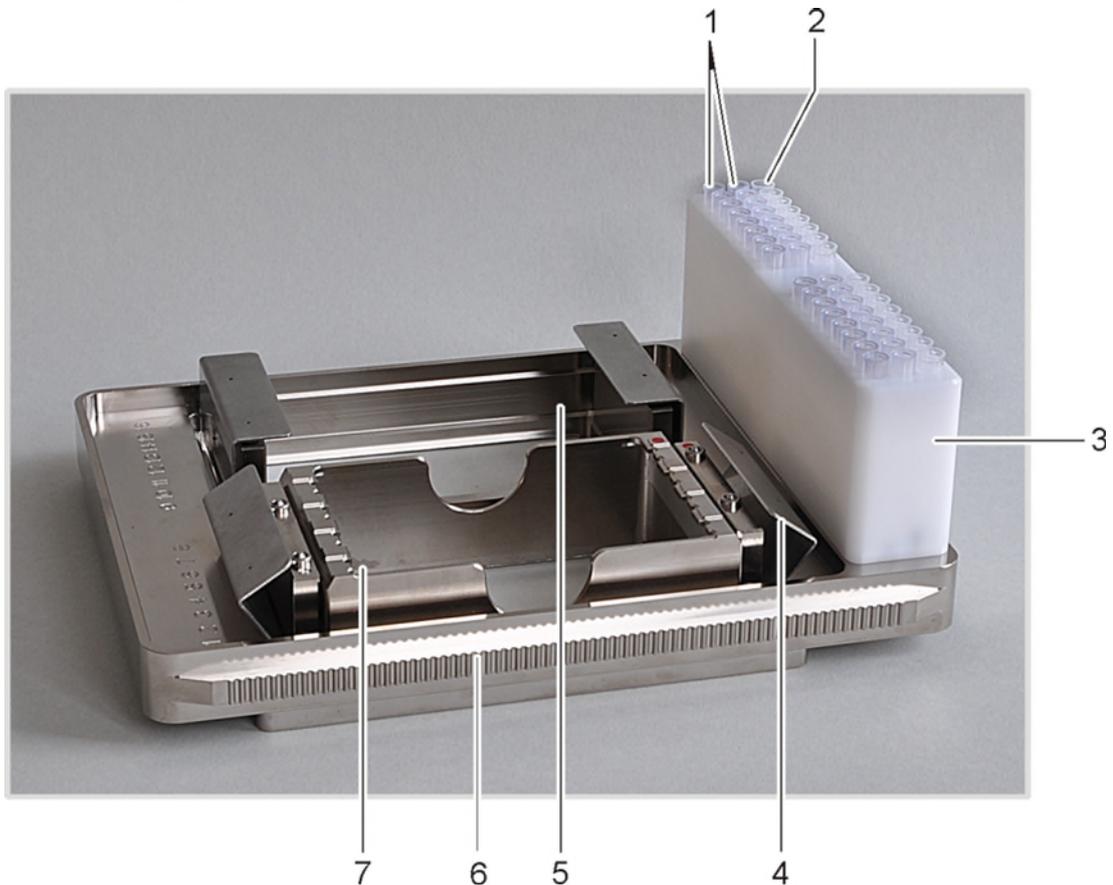
1. Transfer 50–100 mg stool sample into a 1.5 ml reaction tube.
2. Add 250 µl PBS (not included in the kit). Vortex the tube for 10 seconds.
3. Centrifuge the tube at maximum speed for 3 minutes.
4. Transfer 50 µl of **MAG Suspension** directly into the liquid of the first cavity of Reagent Plate.
5. Transfer 400 µl **Lysis Solution V** into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
6. Add 200 µl PBS into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
7. Add 200 µl of the clear supernatant into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
8. Add 50 µl **Proteinase K** to the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
9. The sample will be processed using the InnuPure C16 touch. Please follow the instructions of chapter 133 p. 19.

**12.5.2 Option 2: Fecal sample is already mixed with ELISA Buffer**

1. Use 250 µl of the sample, transfer it into a 1.5 ml reaction tube and centrifuge the tube at maximum speed for 3 minutes.
2. Transfer 50 µl of MAG Suspension directly into the liquid of the first cavity of Reagent Plate.
3. Transfer 400 µl Lysis Solution V into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
4. Add 200 µl of the clear supernatant to the third cavity containing Lysis Solution V.
5. Add 200 µl PBS into the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
6. Add 50 µl Proteinase K to the third cavity of the Reagent Plate.
7. The sample will be processed using the InnuPure C16 touch. Please follow the instructions of chapter 133 p. 19.

## 13 Automated extraction using InnuPure C16 touch

### 13.1 Sample tray of InnuPure C16 touch



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**No. 1:** Filter tips

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**No. 2:** Elution vessels for purified samples

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**No. 3:** Tip block

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**No. 4:** Holding-down clamp

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**No. 5:** Sample block for Reagent Plates or adapter for Reagent Strips

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**No. 6:** Serrated guide rail (C16 touch: non-serrated)

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**No. 7:** Adapter for Reagent Strips

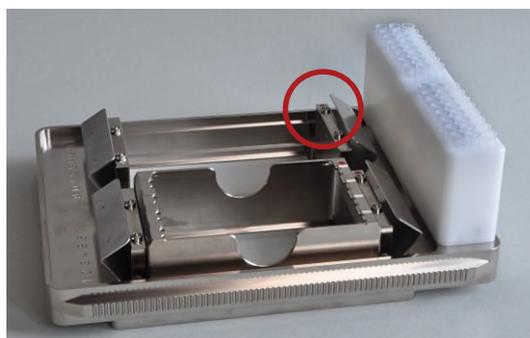
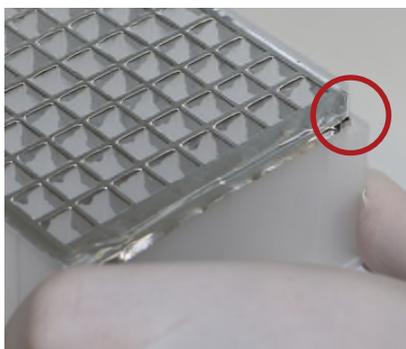
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### 13.2 Preparing sample tray of InnuPure C16 touch

1. Place the InnuPure C16 touch sample tray into the priming station and fold the holding-down clamp at the sample tray upwards!
2. Place the Reagent Plate into the holder of the sample tray. Using Reagent Plates, the notched corner of the Reagent Plate has to align with the colored dot at the holder.

#### Reagent Plate

The notched corners of the Reagent Plate must point to the colored dot on the holder.



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#### CAUTION

Both holders have to be equipped with a Reagent Plate. If applicable use an empty or dummy plate for the respective holder.

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3. Fold down the holding-down clamp to prevent the Reagent Plates to be pulled out of the holder during the extraction process.
4. For each extracted sample place two filter tips in the smaller drill holes of the tip block.
5. Place the Elution Tubes into the wider drill hole at the edge of the tip block. Empty sample positions do not need to be filled.

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#### NOTE

Make sure that for every sample the tips and the elution vessel are in the corresponding positions in the tip block!

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### IMPORTANT NOTE

It is possible to select between two different elution vessels! For small elution volumes up to 200  $\mu$ l use Elution Strips (0.2 ml). For high elution volumes up to 500  $\mu$ l use Elution Tubes (0.65 ml) with corresponding Elution Caps (Strips).

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## 13.3 Starting the InnuPure C16 *touch*

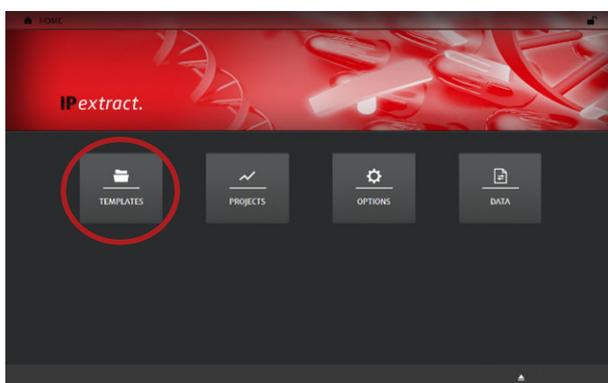
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### NOTE

The following instructions describe the necessary steps for the start of the InnuPure C16 *touch*. For further features and data entry (e.g. opening templates, entering sample setups, saving projects) refer to the manual of the InnuPure C16 *touch*.

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1. Switch on the InnuPure C16 *touch* and the tablet computer. Wait until the home screen of IPextract is displayed on the tablet screen.



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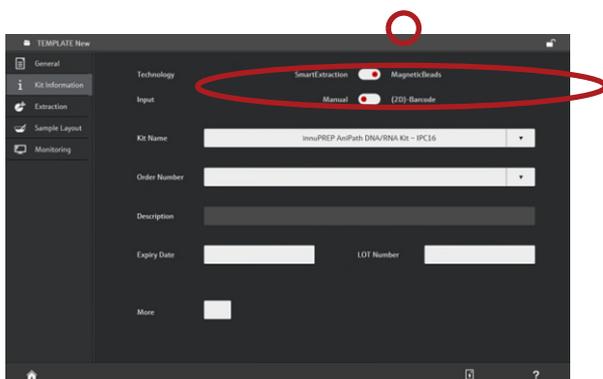
### NOTE

Home screen of IPextract

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2. Choose [TEMPLATES] → [New Template] → [Kit-based].
3. Enter optional information in the tab "General".
4. Choose the tab "Kit Information" and switch the "Technology" to "MagneticBeads"!

5. Choose your desired kit from "Kit Name"!



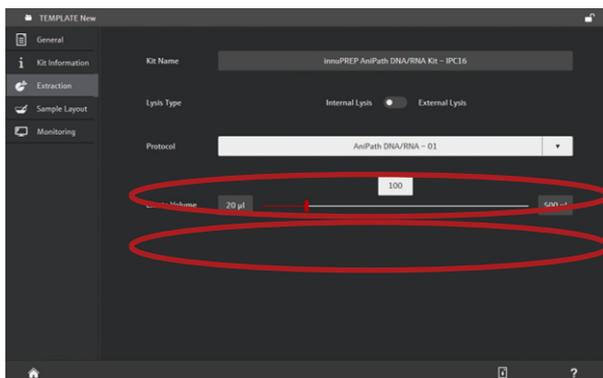
**NOTE**  
"Kit Information" tab

6. Enter optional information in the tab "Kit Information"

7. Choose the tab "Extraction" and choose the desired "Protocol"

→ "AniPath DNA/RNA - 01"

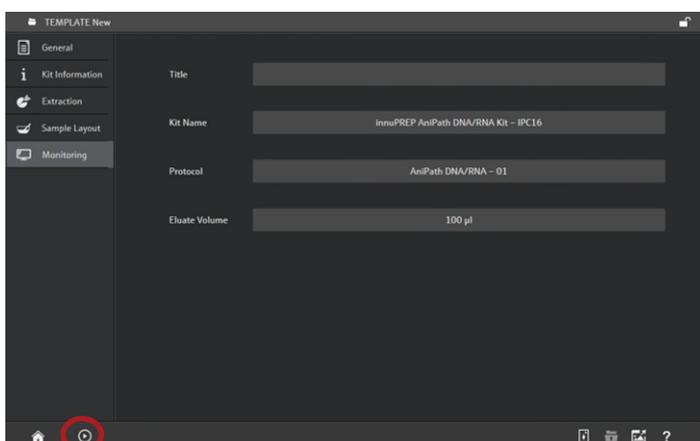
8. Adjust your desired "Eluate Volume" using the slider or the text field.



**NOTE**  
"Extraction" tab

The recommended elution volume is 100 µl.

9. Choose the tab "Monitoring" and start the protocol by tapping the start button.



**NOTE**  
"Monitoring" tab

10. Follow the instructions displayed on the tablet screen.
11. After loading the tray into the device, a message appears reminding you that all cavities must be open before starting. If you have closed the Reagent Plates with a foil, please remove it. Please ignore the message if you have not sealed the Reagent Plates. The message must still be confirmed for the protocol start.
12. Completion of the protocol is indicated by a message on the tablet screen. Follow the instructions on the screen to remove the sample tray from the device.
13. The Elution Tubes contain the extracted DNA or RNA. Close the lids and store the DNA or RNA under proper conditions.

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**NOTE**

Store the DNA and RNA under adequate conditions. We recommend storing the extracted DNA at -22 °C to -18 °C!

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## 14 Troubleshooting

Problem / probable cause	Comments and suggestions
<b>Poor lysis of starting material</b>	
Insufficient disruption or homogenization	After lysis, centrifuge lysate to pellet debris and continue with the protocol using the supernatant. Reduce amount of starting material.
<b>Little or no total RNA eluted</b>	
Insufficient disruption or homogenization	Reduce amount of starting material. Overloading reduces yield!
<b>Total RNA degraded</b>	
RNA source inappropriately handled or stored	Ensure that the starting material is fresh! Ensure that the protocol, especially the first steps, has been performed quickly.
RNase contamination of solutions; Receiver Tubes, etc.	Use sterile, RNase-free filter tips. Before every preparation clean the pipette, the devices and the working place. Always wear gloves!
<b>Total RNA does not perform well in downstream applications (e.g. RT-PCR)</b>	
Salt carryover during elution	Ensure that <b>Washing Solution A</b> and <b>Washing Solution B2</b> are at room temperature. Check Washing Solutions for salt precipitates. If there are any precipitates, dissolve these precipitates by careful warming.



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