



## E.Z.N.A.<sup>®</sup> Food DNA Kit

D4616-00	5 preps
D4616-01	50 preps
D4616-02	200 preps

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# E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit

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# Introduction

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The E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit allows rapid and reliable isolation of high-quality DNA from complex food matrixes such as processed food, chocolate, cereals, and meat. This system combines the reversible nucleic acid-binding properties of HiBind® silica membrane with the time-proven efficiency of Omega Bio-tek's buffer chemistry for fast and convenient DNA extraction. There are no organic extractions involved in reducing plastic waste and hands-on time, allowing parallel processing of multiple samples. The purified DNA is high-quality and suitable for quantitative PCR (qPCR) or next-generation sequencing based testing scenarios like genetically modified organism (GMO) screening, pathogen detection, microbial contamination detection, species identification and other downstream applications.

The protocols utilize a uniquely formulated MB1 Buffer that allows for efficient sample homogenization without foaming (commonly seen in lysis buffers containing detergents), thereby resulting in higher yields. Binding conditions are adjusted, and DNA is selectively bound to HiBind® silica spin column with RBB Buffer. The bound DNA is then washed to removed contaminating proteins and other PCR inhibiting compounds associated with food samples. Purified DNA is eluted in Elution Buffer and is ready for use in a variety of downstream applications.

## **New in this Edition:**

September 2019:

- TBP buffer has been replaced with user-supplied buffer. TBP buffer has been removed and can no longer be purchased separately.

January 2019:

- Addition of revision number.

November 2018:

- TBP Buffer has been removed from this kit. TBP Buffer can be purchased separately if performing DNA extraction from milk. Please refer to the "Ordering Information" section on Page 18 for details.

June 2018:

- D4616-02, a 200-prep version, is now available.

September 2017:

- MB2 Buffer has been replaced with DS Buffer. This is a name change only.

## Kit Contents

Product Number	D4616-00	D4616-01	D4616-02
Purifications	5 preps	50 preps	200 preps
HiBind® DNA Mini Columns	5	50	200
2 mL Collection Tubes	10	100	400
MB1 Buffer	5 mL	50 mL	200 mL
DS Buffer	500 µL	5 mL	20 mL
RBB Buffer	5 mL	50 mL	200 mL
HBC Buffer	5 mL	25 mL	2 x 80 mL
DNA Wash Buffer	2.5 mL	25 mL	2 x 50 mL
Elution Buffer	2 mL	15 mL	30 mL
Proteinase K Solution	150 µL	1.5 mL	5 mL
User Manual	✓	✓	✓

## Storage and Stability

All of the E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit components are guaranteed for at least 12 months from the date of purchase when stored as follows. Proteinase K Solution can be stored at room temperature for up to 12 months. For long-term storage, store Proteinase K Solution at 2-8°C. All remaining components should be stored at room temperature. During shipment or storage in cool ambient conditions, precipitates may form in some of the buffers. Dissolve such deposits by warming the solution at 37°C and gently shaking.

## Preparing Reagents

1. Dilute DNA Wash Buffer with 100% ethanol as follows and store at room temperature.

Kit	100% Ethanol to be Added
D4616-00	10 mL
D4616-01	100 mL
D4616-02	200 mL per bottle

2. Dilute HBC Buffer with 100% isopropanol follows and store at room temperature.

Kit	100% Isopropanol to be Added
D4616-00	2 mL
D4616-01	10 mL
D4616-02	32 mL per bottle

3. For Milk DNA Protocol, prepare a solution of 45% (w/v) Tween 20 diluted in water. Prepare this reagent fresh. Invert or rotate the tube to completely dissolve the Tween 20. Store at room temperature until use.

Number of Preps	Tween 20	Final Volume
5	2.48 g	5.5 mL
20	9.9 g	22 mL
100	49.5 g	110 mL

\*10% excess volume has been calculated for pipetting errors

# E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit - Host/GMO DNA Protocol

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## E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit Protocol for Host/GMO DNA

The following standard protocol is suitable for the isolation of DNA from up to 200 mg sample. Yields vary depending on source. The protocol can accommodate dried samples that absorb more liquid such as cereals, but additional MB1 Buffer and DS Buffer will need to be purchased separately. Please refer to the "Ordering Information" section on Page 18 or contact Customer Service, toll-free, at 1-800-832-8896.

### Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- Centrifuge capable of at least 12,000g
- Incubator or heat block capable of 70°C
- 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes for DNA storage
- Vortexer
- 100% ethanol
- 100% isopropanol
- Grinding beads: 3-4 mm steel or ceramic beads
- Centrifuge tubes or vials for sample grinding
- Optional: Mixer mill such as a SPEX CertiPrep Geno/Grinder® 2010 or Qiagen TissueLyser

### Before Starting:

- Prepare HBC Buffer and DNA Wash Buffer according to the "Preparing Reagents" section on Page 4.
  - Set an incubator to 60°C.
  - Heat Elution Buffer to 70°C.
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1. Add up to 200 mg sample and 2 grinding beads (not provided) to a centrifuge tube/vial (not provided) which can be used for grinding the sample in the subsequent steps.
  2. Add 700 µL MB1 Buffer.

**Note:** The volume of MB1 Buffer may need to be adjusted depending on the sample type. For samples which absorb more liquid (cereals, dried powder), use 950 µL MB1 Buffer. Additional buffer can be purchased separately.

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3. Vortex at maximum speed for 3-5 minutes to lyse and homogenize the samples. For best results, a mixer mill, such as Spex CertiPrep Geno/Grinder® 2010 or Qiagen Tissuelyser, should be used.

4. Centrifuge at 1,000-2,000g for 15 seconds at room temperature.

5. Add 84 µL DS Buffer and 20 µL Proteinase K Solution.

**Note:** If more MB1 Buffer is used in Step 2, then adjust DS Buffer accordingly. Additional buffer can be purchased separately. The volume of Proteinase K Solution does not need to be changed.

6. Vortex for 60 seconds to mix thoroughly.

7. Incubate at 60°C for 20 minutes. Mix once during incubation.

8. Centrifuge at maximum speed ( $\geq 12,000g$ ) for 5 minutes.

9. Transfer the cleared supernatant to a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).

**Note:** Do not transfer any debris as it can reduce yield and purity.

10. Add 2 volumes RBB Buffer. Vortex to mix thoroughly.

**Note:** 2 volumes RBB Buffer refers to the amount of cleared supernatant recovered during Step 9. If 400 µL is recovered, add 800 µL RBB Buffer.

11. Insert a HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.

12. Transfer 700 µL sample from Step 10 to the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.

13. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.

14. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.



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15. Repeat Steps 12-14 until all the lysate from Step 10 has been passed through the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.

16. Add 600 µL HBC Buffer.

**Note:** HBC Buffer must be diluted with 100% isopropanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

17. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30 seconds.

18. Discard the filtrate and collection tube.

19. Insert the HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a new 2 mL Collection Tube.

20. Add 700 µL DNA Wash Buffer.

**Note:** DNA Wash Buffer must be diluted with 100% ethanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

21. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30 seconds.

22. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.

23. Repeat Steps 20-22 for a second DNA Wash Buffer wash step.

24. Centrifuge the empty HiBind® DNA Mini Column at maximum speed for 2 minutes to dry the column.

**Note:** This step is critical for removal of trace ethanol that may interfere with downstream applications.

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25. Transfer the HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
26. Add 50-100 µL Elution Buffer heated to 70°C.
27. Let sit at room temperature for 2 minutes.
28. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
29. Transfer the filtrate from Step 28 to the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.
30. Let sit at room temperature for 2 minutes.
31. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
32. Store eluted DNA at -20°C.

# E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit - Pathogen Protocol

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## E.Z.N.A.® Food DNA Kit Protocol for Pathogens

The following standard protocol is suitable for the isolation of DNA from up to 200 mg sample. Yields vary depending on source. The protocol can accommodate dried samples that absorb more liquid such as cereals, but additional MB1 Buffer and DS Buffer will need to be purchased separately. Please refer to the "Ordering Information" section on Page 18 or contact Customer Service, toll-free, at 1-800-832-8896.

### Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- Centrifuge capable of at least 12,000g
- Incubator or heat block capable of 70°C
- 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes for DNA storage
- Vortexer
- 100% ethanol
- 100% isopropanol
- Grinding beads: 3-4 mm steel or ceramic beads
- Grinding beads: 0.1 mm glass beads in a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube - Recommend Omni International Micro-Organism Lysing Mix (Cat# 19-621)
- Optional: mixer mill such as a SPEX CertiPrep Geno/Grinder® 2010 or Qiagen TissueLyser

### Before Starting:

- Prepare HBC Buffer and DNA Wash Buffer according to the "Preparing Reagents" section on Page 4.
- Set an incubator or heat block to 60°C.
- Heat Elution Buffer to 70°C.

1. Add up to 200 mg sample and 2 grinding beads into a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube containing 0.1 mm glass beads (not provided). If an overnight pre-culture has been used, centrifuge an aliquot of the culture and use the pellet for the sample.

**Note:** We recommend Omni International Micro-Organism Lysing Mix for the 0.1 mm glass beads.

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2. Add 700  $\mu$ L MB1 Buffer.

**Note:** The volume of MB1 Buffer may need to be adjusted depending on sample type. For samples which absorb more liquid (cereals, dried powder), use 950  $\mu$ L MB1 Buffer. Additional buffer can be purchased separately.

3. Vortex at maximum speed for 3-5 minutes to lyse and homogenize the samples. For best results, a Mixer Mill, such as Spex CertiPrep Geno/Grinder® 2010 or Qiagen Tissuelyser, should be used.

4. Centrifuge at 1,000-2,000g for 15 seconds at room temperature.

5. Add 84  $\mu$ L DS Buffer and 20  $\mu$ L Proteinase K Solution.

**Note:** If more MB1 Buffer is used in Step 2, then adjust DS Buffer accordingly. Additional buffer can be purchased separately. The volume of Proteinase K Solution does not need to be changed.

6. Vortex for 60 seconds to mix thoroughly.

7. Incubate at 60°C for 20 minutes. Mix once during incubation.

8. Centrifuge at maximum speed ( $\geq 12,000g$ ) for 5 minutes.

9. Transfer the cleared supernatant to a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).

**Note:** Do not transfer any debris as it can reduce yield and purity.

10. Add 2 volumes RBB Buffer. Vortex to mix thoroughly.

**Note:** 2 volumes RBB Buffer refers to the amount of cleared supernatant recovered during Step 9. If 400  $\mu$ L is recovered, add 800  $\mu$ L RBB Buffer.

11. Insert a HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.

12. Transfer 700  $\mu$ L sample from Step 10 to the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.

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13. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
14. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
15. Repeat Steps 12-14 until all the lysate from Step 10 has been passed through the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.
16. Add 600 µL HBC Buffer.  
  
**Note:** HBC Buffer must be diluted with 100% isopropanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.
17. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30 seconds.
18. Discard the filtrate and collection tube.
19. Insert the HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a new 2 mL Collection Tube.
20. Add 700 µL DNA Wash Buffer.  
  
**Note:** DNA Wash Buffer must be diluted with 100% ethanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.
21. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30 seconds.
22. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
23. Repeat Steps 20-22 for a second DNA Wash Buffer wash step.
24. Centrifuge the empty HiBind® DNA Mini Column at maximum speed for 2 minutes to dry the column.  
  
**Note:** This step is critical for removal of trace ethanol that may interfere with downstream applications.

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25. Transfer the HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
26. Add 50-100 µL Elution Buffer heated to 70°C.
27. Let sit at room temperature for 2 minutes.
28. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
29. Transfer the filtrate from Step 28 to the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.
30. Let sit at room temperature for 2 minutes.
31. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
32. Store eluted DNA at -20°C.

# E.Z.N.A.<sup>®</sup> Food DNA Kit - Milk Protocol

## E.Z.N.A.<sup>®</sup> Food DNA Kit Protocol for Milk

**Note:** Milk DNA extraction requires user to make 45% (w/v) Tween 20 diluted in water. Please refer to the “Preparing Reagents” section on Page 4 for instructions.

### Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- Centrifuge capable of at least 12,000g
- Incubator capable of 70°C
- 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes for DNA storage
- Vortexer
- 100% ethanol
- 100% isopropanol
- 45% (w/v) Tween 20
- Grinding beads: 0.1 mm glass beads in a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube - Recommend Omni International Micro-Organism Lysing Mix (Cat# 19-621)
- Lysozyme (10 mg/mL)
- Optional: mixer mill such as a SPEX CertiPrep Geno/Grinder<sup>®</sup> 2010 or Qiagen TissueLyser, Eppendorf MixMate

### Before Starting:

- Prepare HBC Buffer and DNA Wash Buffer according to the “Preparing Reagents” section on Page 4.
- Prepare 45% (w/v) Tween 20 according to the “Preparing Reagents” section on Page 4.
- Set an incubator or heat block to 37°C.
- Set an incubator or heat block to 60°C.
- Heat Elution Buffer to 70°C.

1. Add up to 0.5 mL milk sample to a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube containing 0.1 mm glass beads and then add 1 mL 45% (w/v) Tween 20.

**Note:** We recommend Omni International Micro-Organism Lysing Mix for the 0.1 mm glass beads.

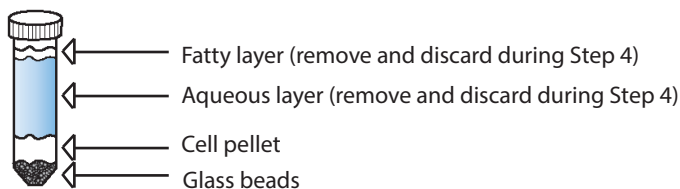
**Note:** 45% (w/v) Tween 20 must be prepared fresh before each use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

2. Invert 10 times to mix.

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3. Centrifuge at 3,000g for 10 minutes at room temperature.

4. Remove and discard the aqueous and fatty layer.



5. Add 400  $\mu$ L MB1 Buffer.

6. Vortex at maximum speed for 3-5 minutes to lyse and homogenize the samples. For best results, a mixer mill, such as Spex CertiPrep Geno/Grinder® 2010 or Qiagen TissueLyser, should be used.

7. Add 20  $\mu$ L lysozyme (10 mg/mL). Invert 10 times to mix.

8. Incubate at 37°C for 10 minutes.

9. Centrifuge at 1,000-2,000g for 15 seconds at room temperature.

10. Add 50  $\mu$ L DS Buffer and 20  $\mu$ L Proteinase K Solution.

11. Vortex for 60 seconds to mix thoroughly.

12. Incubate for 1 hour at 60°C.

13. Centrifuge at maximum speed ( $\geq 12,000g$ ) for 5 minutes.

14. Transfer the cleared supernatant to a 2 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).

**Note:** Do not transfer any debris as it can reduce yield and purity.



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15. Add 2 volumes RBB Buffer. Vortex to mix thoroughly.

**Note:** 2 volumes RBB Buffer refers to the amount of cleared supernatant recovered during Step 14. If 400  $\mu$ L is recovered, add 800  $\mu$ L RBB Buffer.

16. Insert a HiBind<sup>®</sup> DNA Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.
17. Transfer 700  $\mu$ L sample from Step 15 to the HiBind<sup>®</sup> DNA Mini Column.
18. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
19. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
20. Repeat Steps 17-19 until all the lysate from Step 15 has been passed thru the HiBind<sup>®</sup> DNA Mini Column.
21. Add 600  $\mu$ L HBC Buffer.

**Note:** HBC Buffer must be diluted with 100% isopropanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.
22. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30 seconds.
23. Discard the filtrate and collection tube.
24. Insert the HiBind<sup>®</sup> DNA Mini Column into a new 2 mL Collection Tube.
25. Add 700  $\mu$ L DNA Wash Buffer.

**Note:** DNA Wash Buffer must be diluted with 100% ethanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.
26. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30 seconds.

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27. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
28. Repeat Steps 25-27 for a second DNA Wash Buffer wash step.
29. Centrifuge the empty HiBind® DNA Mini Column at maximum speed for 2 minutes to dry the column.

**Note:** This step is critical for removal of trace ethanol that may interfere with downstream applications.

30. Transfer the HiBind® DNA Mini Column into a nuclease-free 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
31. Add 50-100 µL Elution Buffer heated to 70°C.
32. Let sit at room temperature for 2 minutes.
33. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
34. Transfer the filtrate from Step 33 to the HiBind® DNA Mini Column.
35. Let sit at room temperature for 2 minutes.
36. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
37. Store eluted DNA at -20°C.

# Troubleshooting Guide

Please use this guide to troubleshoot any problems that may arise. For further assistance, please contact the technical support staff, toll free, at **1-800-832-8896**.

Problem	Cause	Solution
$A_{260}/A_{230}$ ratio is low	Salt contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform a second wash with HBC Buffer.</li> <li>Centrifuge at 13,000g for 5 minutes during HiBind DNA Mini Column drying step</li> <li>Make sure DNA Wash Buffer was prepared using ethanol and not isopropanol</li> </ul>
$A_{260}/A_{280}$ ratio is high	RNA contamination	The protocol does not remove RNA. If desired, add 5 $\mu$ L RNase A (25 mg/mL) after lysate is cleared and before binding buffers are added. Let sit at room temperature for 5 minutes.
Low DNA Yield or no DNA Yield	Poor homogenization of sample	Repeat the DNA isolation with a new sample, be sure to mix the sample with MB1 Buffer thoroughly. Use a commercial homogenizer if possible.
	DNA washed off	Make sure HBC Buffer is mixed with isopropanol and DNA Wash Buffer is mixed with ethanol.
Problems in downstream applications	BSA not added to PCR mixture	Add BSA to a final concentration of 0.1 $\mu$ g/mL to the PCR mixture.
	Too much DNA inhibits PCR reactions	Dilute the DNA elute used in the downstream application if possible.
	Non-specific bands in downstream PCR	Use hot-start Taq polymerase mixture.
Problems in downstream applications	Inhibitory substance in the eluted DNA	Check the $A_{260}/A_{230}$ ratio. Dilute the eluate to 1:50 if necessary.
Milk supernatant not clear after addition of 45% (w/v) Tween 20	45% (w/v) Tween 20 reagent not made fresh	Prepare 45% (w/v) Tween 20 within 7 days prior to extraction from milk.

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## Ordering Information

The following components are available for purchase separately.  
(Call Toll Free at 1-800-832-8896)

Product	Part Number
MB1 Buffer, 250 mL	MB1-250
DS Buffer, 100 mL	DS-100
DNA Wash Buffer, 100 mL	PS010
Elution Buffer, 100 mL	PDR048
RNase A (25 mg/mL), 400 µL	AC117

## Notices & Disclaimers

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For European Union Use.

RBB Buffer contains Triton X-100, 2-[4-(2,4,4-trimethylpentan-2-yl)phenoxy]ethanol (CAS 9002-93-1), a substance included in the European Authorisation list (Annex XIV) of REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. Substances and mixtures used for the purpose of Scientific Research and Development (SR&D) are exempt from authorization requirements if used below 1 tonne per year in volume.

Scientific Research and Development includes experimental research or analytical activities at a laboratory scale such as synthesis and testing of applications of chemicals, release tests, etc. as well as the use of the substance in monitoring and routine quality control or in vitro diagnostics.

**Notes:**



For more purification solutions, visit [www.omegabiotek.com](http://www.omegabiotek.com)

## AVAILABLE FORMATS



Spin Columns



96-Well  
Silica Plates



Mag Beads

## SAMPLE TYPES



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NGS Clean Up



Tissue





FFPE









Fecal Matter



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