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## 1. Description

<b>Components</b>	5 µg T Cell (CD3 <sup>+</sup> ) Total RNA, human (lyophilized).
<b>Size</b>	5 µg total RNA.
<b>Source</b>	Healthy human blood donors.
<b>Storage</b>	Dissolve cell type-specific total RNA in 50 µL sterile, RNase-free distilled water and prepare aliquots. Store dissolved total RNA and lyophilized total RNA at -70 °C.

### 1.1 Background information product applications

T cells have a key function in the adaptive immune system. They can promote growth and differentiation of cells of the immune system, show suppressive function and down-regulate immune reactions, or possess direct antigen-specific cytotoxic activity. CD3 is expressed on all T cells and is associated with the T cell receptor.

T Cell (CD3<sup>+</sup>) Total RNA has been isolated from highly purified human CD3<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes.

### 1.2 Applications

The RNA is suitable for gene expression profiling, cDNA library generation, RT-PCR analysis, cloning, and characterization of T cell-specific genes.

### 1.3 Reagent and instrument requirements

- Sterile, RNase-free distilled water.

## 2. Product quality

### 2.1 Blood donation

Donors were consenting, healthy, normal adults aged between 18 and 68 years. The donation procedure was performed following the guidelines of the German Medical Association and the regulations of German and EU law. Donors were negative for HIV, hepatitis B and C, and syphilis. Donors undergoing a course of medication were excluded.

### 2.2 Cell preparation

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were prepared from buffy coats, collected from multiple donors, by Ficoll™ density gradient centrifugation. CD3<sup>+</sup> T cells were isolated from the PBMCs by positive magnetic selection using CD3 MicroBeads, human (# 130-050-101). Purities always exceeded 90% CD3<sup>+</sup> T cells

### 2.3 Cell type-specific total RNA preparation and purity

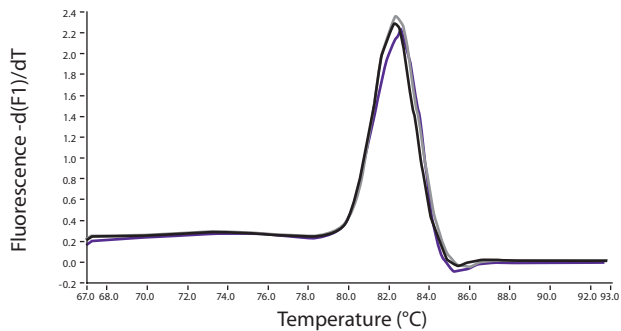
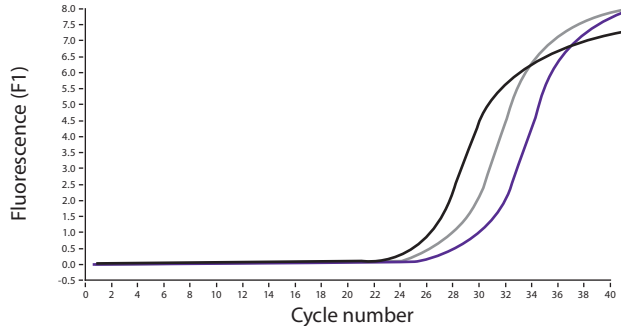
Pooled, purified cells from multiple donors were lysed with RNA lysis buffer and total RNA was extracted by using silica-membrane technology. The RNA was treated with RNase-free DNase I to remove residual contamination with genomic DNA. After treatment DNase was removed and inactivated. RNA purity was determined by capillary electrophoresis with an Agilent Bioanalyzer and consistently showed RNA Integrity Number (RIN) values<sup>1,2</sup> of over 8.5.

Table 1: Donor, cell, and RNA quality parameters

Parameter	Value
Donor-age distribution	18–68 years
Donor gender	50% male, 50% female
Viral serology of donors	Negative for HIV, HBV HCV, syphilis
Donor medication	Negative
Cell purity	> 90% CD3 <sup>+</sup>
RNA Integrity Number (RIN) <sup>1,2</sup>	> 8.5

### 3. Examples

The Hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (HPRT) gene is a housekeeping gene normally expressed at a frequency of 1–10 mRNA copies per cell;<sup>3</sup> therefore, it provides a suitable reference for RNA quality. To determine HPRT mRNA content 1 ng, 10 ng, and 100 ng of T Cell (CD3<sup>+</sup>) Total RNA were analyzed by real-time RT-PCR using intron-spanning primers.



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