



# GenTegra<sup>®</sup>-RNA User Guide

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## Simplified Workflow

**Apply RNA to GenTegra-RNA tubes/wells**



**Dry for storage or shipping at  
ambient temperature**



**To recover, reconstitute with molecular  
biology grade water**



**RNA is ready for use**



## Product Specifications

- Quantitative recovery of RNA from  $\leq 20 \mu\text{g}$
- Quality is comparable to input RNA
- Recovery in a volume of 20 - 50  $\mu\text{L}$
- Compatible with samples containing trace RNase
- Increased stability in liquid state for up to 100 hours at room temperature (21-25°C) upon application
- Increased stability in liquid state for up to 8 hours following rehydration of dried RNA, across up to 5 cycles
- Compatible with RNA from cell lines, blood, PAXgene, fresh and frozen tissue, FFPE tissue
- Compatible with RNA purified using all standard kits and protocols (Invitrogen, Ambion, QIAGEN, TRIZOL)
- Compatible with all common storage buffers, including water, TE, EDTA and citrate (TE buffer is not recommended for samples which will be subjected to elevated temperature during transport)
- Use in downstream applications without further purification
  - Does not inhibit RT-qPCR or expression profiling
- Thermal stability from -80°C to 76°C during transport
  - Exceeds Military specifications for transport (-60°C to 71°C)
  - Exceeds FedEx specifications for transport (-51°C to 60°C)

## Storage and Transport

- Store and transport at ambient temperature

## Product Information

GenTegra-RNA 0.3ml Cluster Tubes (Rack of 96 tubes)	
Catalog #	GTR3001; GTR3011; GTR3112; GTR3122
Tube Volume	0.3 mL
Application Volume	20-50 $\mu$ L
Application Amount	$\leq$ 20 $\mu$ g
Concentration (RNA application)	Any
Recovery Volume	Equivalent to application volume
Concentration (RNA recovery)	Any
Drying Method	FastDryer or SpeedVac



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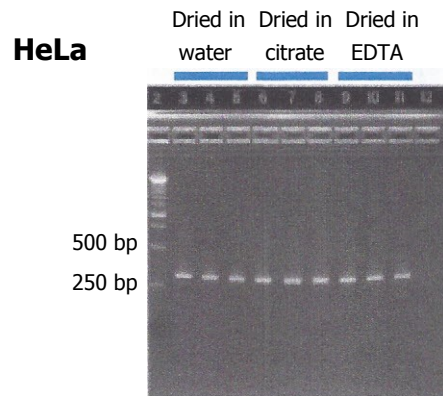
## Product Information

GenTegra-RNA 0.5mL Screw-cap microtubes	
Catalog #	GTR5025-S(Trial kit); GTR5010-S
Tube Volume	0.5 mL
Application Volume	20-50 $\mu$ L
Application Amount	$\leq$ 20 $\mu$ g
Concentration (RNA application)	Any
Recovery Volume	Equivalent to application volume
Concentration (RNA recovery)	Any
Drying Method	FastDryer or SpeedVac

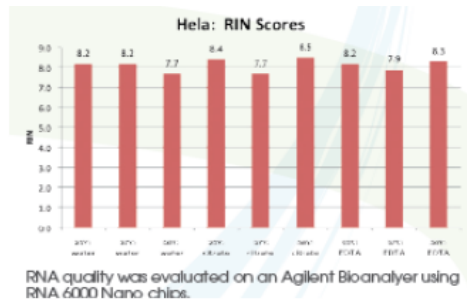


## Ongoing ambient temperature experiments show retention of quality for 3.5 years

After a six month incubation period at 25°C, 37°C, and 56°C samples stored on GenTegra-RNA were kept at ambient temperature (25°C) for three years duplicating actual storage conditions. The RNA quality was suitable for RT-PCR of a ~300 bp 18S fragment as shown in the 2% agarose gel. The samples correlate with the RIN scores.



2% agarose gel corresponding to the RIN scores shown in chart below. Lanes 3, 6, 9 are 26°C, lanes 4, 7, 10 are 37 °C and lanes 6, 8, 11 are 56°C.



RNA quantity was evaluated on an Agilent Bioanalyzer using RNA 6000 Nano chips.

## Technical Information

### Storage of Rat Liver RNA in GenTegra-RNA

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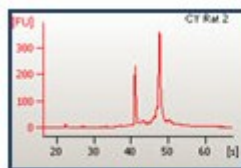
GenTegra Protected 25°C

Frozen Control -80°C

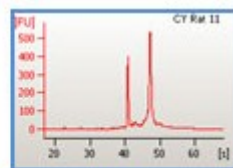


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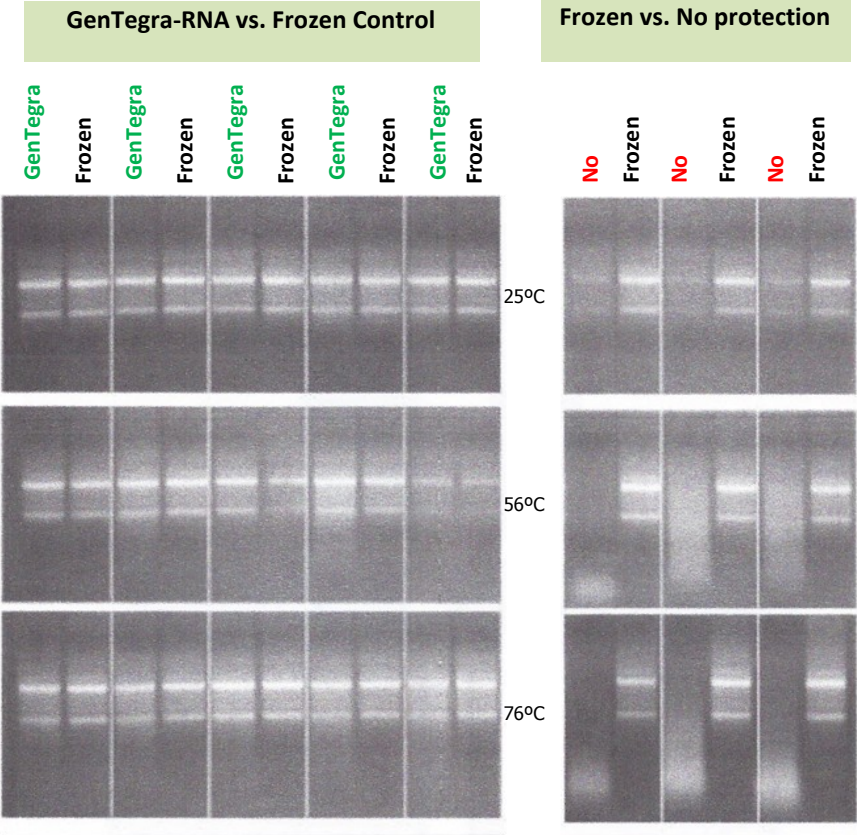
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Quality and integrity of RNA stored in the presence of GenTegra-RNA is identical to RNA stored frozen. Total RNA (20 µg) purified from rat liver was stored in the dry state at 25°C for 30 days and compared with a control stored frozen at -80°C. RNA integrity was examined by running on a 0.8 agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide or using an Agilent Bioanalyzer.



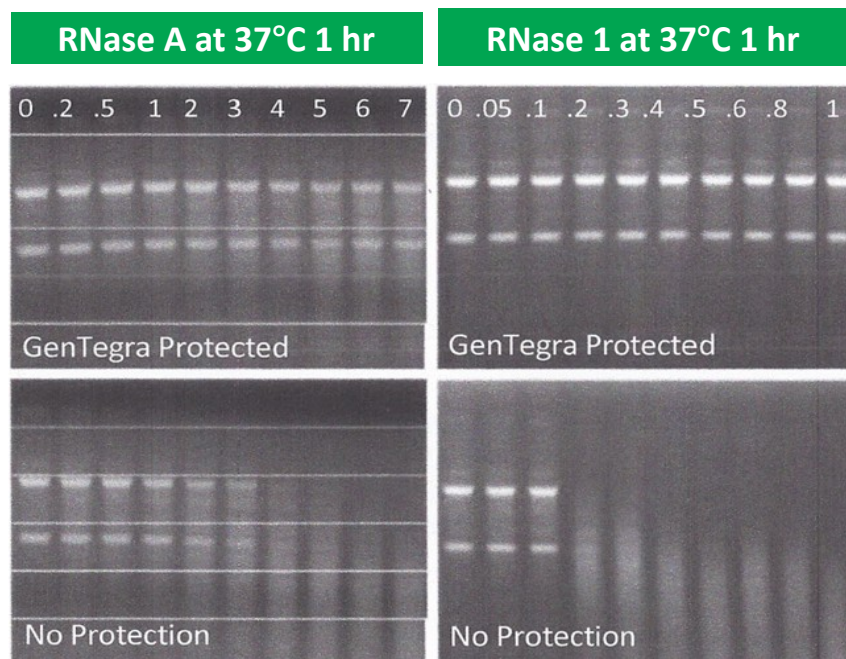


### Storage of PAXgene RNA in GenTegra-RNA



The integrity of PAXgene RNA stored in the presence of GenTegra-RNA is equivalent to RNA stored frozen. RNA was purified from individual PAXgene tubes, and split into two aliquots. One aliquot of each sample was stored frozen at 80°C, while the other was stored in the dry state for 30 days at 25°C, 56°C or 76°C in the presence or absence of GenTegra-RNA.

## GenTegra-RNA Increases RNA stability in the liquid State in the Presence of Trace RNase



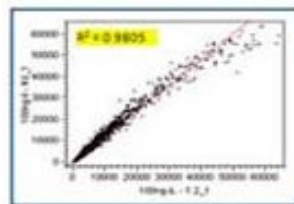
RNA integrity is maintained in the liquid state in the presence of increasing amounts of RNase A and RNase 1 only when protected with GenTegra-RNA. HeLa cell RNA (5  $\mu\text{g}$ ) was incubated with the indicated amounts of RNase (unit is  $\times 10^9$  molecule) at 37°C for one hour in the presence or absence of GenTegra-RNA.

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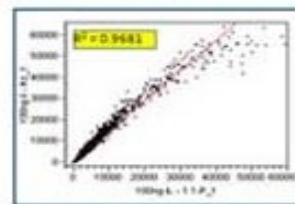
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## ILLUMINA EXPRESSION PROFILING WITH RNA RECOVERED FROM GENTEGRA-RNA

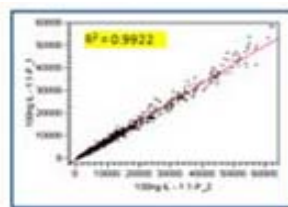
Replicate 1 Frozen vs. GenTegra



Replicate 2 Frozen vs. GenTegra

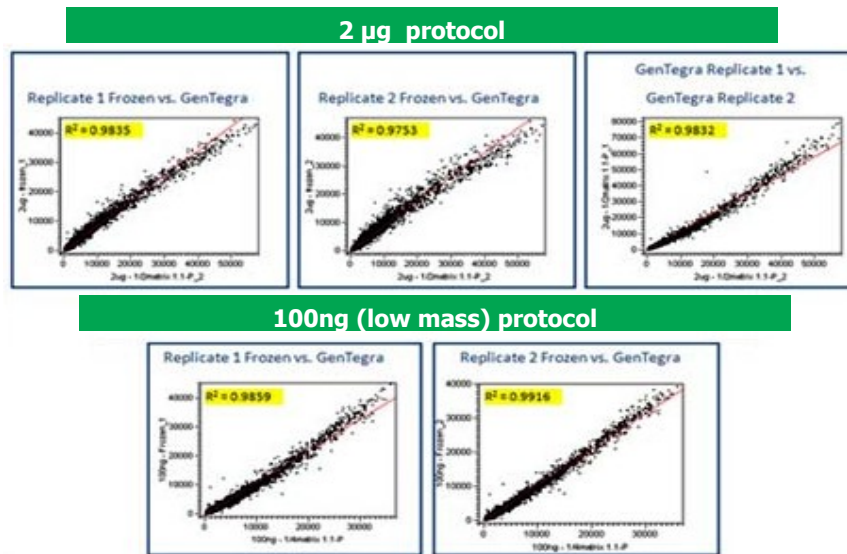


GenTegra Replicate 1 vs. GenTegra Replicate 2



Successful expression profiling of RNA using Illumina HT-12 Expression Beadchips. Replicate RNA samples purified from HeLa cells (20  $\mu$ g) were stored in the dry state for two weeks at 25°C with GenTegra-RNA and compared with a control stored at -80°C.

## Affymetrix Expression Profiling with RNA Recovered from GenTegra-RNA



Successful expression profiling of RNA using the Affymetrix GeneChip Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 Array. Replicate RNA samples purified from HeLa cells (20  $\mu$ g) were stored in the dry state for two weeks at 25°C with GenTegra-RNA and compared with a control stored at -80° C.

**MicroRNA Expression Profiling with RNA  
Recovered from GenTegra-RNA**

<b>GenTegra-RNA Matrix</b>			
	<b>Replicate 1 (1/5x)</b>	<b>Replicate 2 (1/5x)</b>	<b>1/10/x</b>
<b>% False Negative</b>	<b>0.63%</b>	<b>0.94%</b>	<b>3.13%</b>
<b>% False Positive</b>	<b>3.02%</b>	<b>3.85%</b>	<b>2.08%</b>
<b>% Concordance to Frozen (960 probes interrogated, ~30% positive calls)</b>	<b>96.35%</b>	<b>95.10%</b>	<b>94.70%</b>

Successful expression profiling of RNA using the Agilent miRNA microarray. Total RNA samples (20µg) containing miRNA were stored in the dry state for two weeks at 25°C with GenTegra and compared with a control stored at - 80°C.



## **GenTegra-RNA Protocol**

### **RNA Application**

1. Add  $\leq 20 \mu\text{g}$  of RNA in a volume of 20-50  $\mu\text{l}$ . To ensure complete mixing of RNA and the GenTegra-RNA, apply a minimum volume of 20  $\mu\text{l}$ . For concentrate samples, add water to a final volume of  $\geq 20 \mu\text{l}$ .
2. Incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature (21-25°C).
3. Mix by pipetting up and down 10 times to solubilize the GenTegra matrix. The GenTegra-RNA is supplied as a transparent coating at the bottom of each tube.
4. For continued use of RNA in liquid form, proceed to protocol on page 16.
5. For transport or long-term storage of RNA, proceed to protocol on page 15.



## Using Liquid RNA Stabilized with GenTegra-RNA

GenTegra-RNA is designed to stabilize RNA in the liquid state by inactivating trace nucleases.

RNA stabilized in GenTegra-RNA may be used either at room temperature (21-25°C), or on ice.

1. Apply RNA to GenTegra-RNA according to the protocol on page 14.
2. Use liquid RNA stabilized in GenTegra for RNA aliquots destined for prompt use (i.e. for quantitation, gel/Bioanalyzer analysis or any downstream application).
  - RNA stored in GenTegra-RNA may be used for up to 100 hours in liquid form at room temperature (21- 25° C), or on ice, with increased stability.
3. Following the 100 hour period, dry the sample down or store RNA according to your typical protocol.

## Drying RNA

1. Dry tubes with caps off, according to either of the methods described in the table below.
  - The original caps may be saved and re-used when drying is complete. Alternately, new caps may be purchased from GenTegra (catalog # GTR5201-S).
  - Axygen microcentrifuge tube screw caps are compatible with GenTegra-RNA tubes and are available from Genesee Scientific in a variety of colors and styles.
  - Drying time for SpeedVac® is approximate.
  - Refer to page 17 for FastDryer operation instructions.
  - Refer to page 18 for instructions on drying RNA in a SpeedVac.
2. When drying is complete, cap tubes and store or transport GenTegra-RNA tubes at ambient temperature.

Application Volume	Drying Time	
	FastDryer	SpeedVac
20 µL	16 hours	~2 hours
21-50 µL	16 hours	~4 hours



## Drying RNA Using a GVG2001 FastDryer

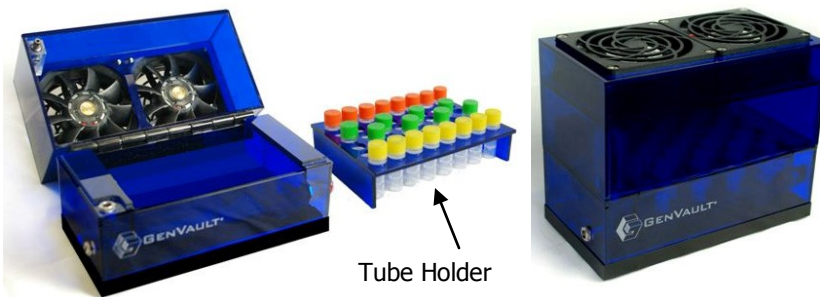
A FastDryer may be used to dry up to 50  $\mu$ L of RNA.

- Refer to page 20 for detailed instructions.
  - A GVG2001 FastDryer may also be used for drying one rack of 0.3ml duster tubes. Please refer to the FastDryer user manual for details at; [www.gentegra.com](http://www.gentegra.com)
1. Ensure that the FastDryer is plugged in.
  2. Place unsealed or uncapped tubes or rack in tube/rack holder.
  3. Close the FastDryer lid.
  4. Turn on the FastDryer by pressing the red ON/OFF switch.

**Blue lights will illuminate when FastDryer is operating.**

5. Dry overnight (16 hours).
6. Remove samples and cap or seal for storage/transport.

For details on operation and use of the FastDryer refer to the GenTegra FastDryer User Guide.



**FastDryer GVG2001**

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## Drying RNA using a SpeedVac

A SpeedVac may be used to dry up to 50  $\mu$ L of RNA. Drying times are approximate and may need to be modified based on the specifications of your SpeedVac. On the first use, ensure that tubes are completely dry by visually inspecting or attempting to pipette liquid from the bottom of the tube.

1. Place tubes with lids off in the SpeedVac.
2. Ensure that the temperature setting does not exceed 30°C.
3. Dry tubes for approximately 2-4 hours, according to guidelines in the table below.
4. Following drying, cap tubes and store or transport at ambient temperature.

## Drying RNA using a Vacuum Desiccator

A Vacuum Desiccator may be used to dry up to 50  $\mu$ L of RNA. Drying time is approximate and may need to be modified based on the system. The system consists of a vacuum desiccator, vacuum pump, a vapor trap, assorted tubing and a small ice bath. After the first use, ensure that tubes are completely dry by visually inspecting or attempting to pipette liquid from the bottom of the tube.

1. Place tubes in a convenient rack and place rack in desiccator.
2. Close desiccator and turn on vacuum pump.
3. Dry tubes for approximately 3-4 hours.
4. Following drying, cap tubes and store or transport at ambient temperature.



## RNA Recovery

1. Add a volume of molecular-grade water **equivalent to the input volume**.
2. Incubate the tubes at **room temperature** (21-25°C) for 10-minutes.

**Do not attempt to recover RNA on ice.**

3. Pipette up and down 10 times to solubilize the RNA.
4. Alternately, tubes may be capped, vortexed for 10 seconds and centrifuged briefly.
5. The RNA is ready for use in QC or downstream applications.
6. RNA recovered from GenTegra-RNA may be used for up to **8 hours in liquid form** at room temperature (21-25°C), or on ice, with increased stability.
7. Following the 8 hour period post recovery, dry down or store recovered RNA according to your typical protocol.



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **What are the two options for stabilizing RNA in GenTegra-RNA?**

**Option 1** - Following application to GenTegra-RNA, use RNA in liquid form for up to 100 hrs at room temperature (21-25°C) or on ice. GenTegra-RNA conveys additional stability to RNA in liquid form by inactivating trace RNase, simplifying sample handling. Following the 100 hour period, dry the sample down, or store RNA according to your typical protocol.

**Option 2** - Following application to GenTegra-RNA dry RNA and store or transport at ambient temperature. Following rehydration, GenTegra-RNA conveys additional stability to RNA in liquid form for up to 8 hours at room temperature (21-25°C) or on ice. Following the 8 hour post-recovery period, dry your sample down again for storage or store according to your typical protocol.

### **Where can I purchase new caps for GenTegra-RNA screw cap tubes? Are looped/tethered caps available?**

New caps may be purchased from GenTegra (catalog # GTR5201-S). Axygen microcentrifuge tube screw caps are also compatible with GenTegra-RNA tubes and are available through several distributors: Genesee Scientific offers the caps in a variety of colors and styles, including looped/tethered caps, at: [www.geneseesci.com](http://www.geneseesci.com)



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) cont'd

### **Can RNA be rehydrated and dried multiple times?**

No, RNA should be aliquoted into tubes for single drying and rehydration.

### **Is it safe to keep RNA at room temperature (21-25°C) during the 16 hour drying process?**

Yes, the GenTegra-RNA protects RNA in the liquid state at room temperature during the drying process.

### **What is the composition of the storage solution after recovery?**

After addition of molecular-grade water, your samples will be in the same buffer they were stored in at the time of application.

### **How should I store my recovered RNA?**

Following recovery, RNA may be stored for up to 8 hours at room temperature (21-25°C), and then dry down or store according to your typical protocol.

### **Can I use the recovered RNA directly for downstream applications?**

Additional purification is **not** required prior to performing downstream applications. Similar RNA quality is maintained before and after recovery.

### **What is GenTegra-RNA? Is GenTegra-RNA composed of a filter, beads or paper?**

GenTegra-RNA is not a filter, beads or paper. GenTegra-RNA is a water soluble, inert chemical matrix.



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) cont'd**

### **Can GenTegra-RNA tubes be used to store DNA?**

No, the chemical matrix used to store DNA is not the same as the chemical matrix used to store RNA. Use GenTegra-DNA tubes for storage and transport of purified DNA samples.



## Notes Page



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