

# Streptavidin Magnetic Beads



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4. Dissolve 1.0  $A_{260}$  unit of biotin-(dT)<sub>18</sub> (NEB #S1325S) in 500 µl of Wash/Binding Buffer. Final concentration 8 pmol/µl.
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8. Dissolve 100 µg of total RNA in 50 µl of Wash/Binding Buffer and heat at 65°C for 5 minutes Then quickly chill in an ice bath for 3 minutes.
9. Add total RNA sample to previously prepared magnetic beads. Vortex to suspend the particles then incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes with occasional agitation by hand.
10. Apply magnet then remove supernatant. Add 100 µl of Wash/Binding Buffer, vortex to suspend beads. Apply magnet then remove and discard supernatant. Repeat washing with fresh Wash Buffer.
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12. Add 25  $\mu$ l of prewarmed Elution Buffer, vortex to suspend beads then incubate at room temperature for 2 minutes.
13. Apply magnet then transfer supernant to a clean RNase-free microcentrifuge tube.
14. Repeat elution with 25  $\mu$ l of fresh Elution Buffer. Apply magnet and add supernant to first mRNA elution. At this point quantification of isolated poly(A)<sup>+</sup> can be done by spectrophotometric measurement (1 A<sub>260</sub> = approximately 40  $\mu$ g) or simply proceed to reverse transcription reaction.

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