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# Qproteome™ Mammalian Protein Preparation Handbook

For preparation of total protein from  
mammalian cells



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## Kit Contents

<b>Qproteome Mammalian Protein Prep Kit</b>	
<b>Catalog no.</b>	<b>37901</b>
<b>Number of preps</b>	<b>100</b>
Mammalian Cell Lysis Buffer	100 ml
Benzonase®	2000 Units (25 U/ $\mu$ l)
Protease Inhibitor Solution (100x)	4 x 300 $\mu$ l
Handbook	1

## Storage

All kit components should be stored at 2–8°C. For longer storage, Benzonase® should be stored at –20°C.

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## Introduction

In order to be able to efficiently purify and analyze proteins, they must first be released from their host cell in a soluble form. Therefore, the first step in protein purification and analysis is cell lysis. Mammalian cells are bounded by a plasma membrane, which is composed of phospholipids and proteins. In contrast to bacterial or yeast cells, this membrane can be easily disrupted, but any lysis method should be gentle enough to deliver active, native-conformation proteins.

The Qproteome Mammalian Protein Prep Kit provides gentle but efficient detergent-based lysis of mammalian cells to deliver a total protein fraction suitable for any downstream application. Cell pellets are incubated with Mammalian Cell Lysis Buffer that is supplemented with Benzonase<sup>®</sup> — an enzyme that digests nucleic acids — and a protease inhibitor, which protect the released proteins from enzymatic degradation. No specialized equipment is required. Cells are simply incubated with lysis buffer and centrifuged to separate cell debris. The supernatant contains the total protein fraction, which can be further purified or directly analyzed, for example by SDS-PAGE.

**Table 1. Protein Yields and Protein Solubilization Using the Qproteome Mammalian Protein Prep Kit**

Cell line	Protein yield ( $\mu\text{g}$ )*	Solubilization (%)*
Cos-7	900	93
HeLa	1700	97
CHO	800	98
NIH	940	97
Jurkat	780	96

\* Average of 3 preparations, each of  $5 \times 10^6$  cells.

# Protocol: Isolation of Total Proteins from Mammalian Cells

The volumes given in this protocol are suitable for processing of 5–10 x 10<sup>6</sup> mammalian cells. When processing larger or smaller cultures, adjust the volume of buffer used accordingly.

## Equipment and reagents be supplied by the user

- Ice-cold PBS
- Cell scraper
- 15 ml conical tube
- Microcentrifuge tubes
- Microcentrifuge
- Rotary shaker

## Important notes before starting

- It is possible that the Protease Inhibitor does not thaw at room temperature. If this is the case, heat the protease inhibitor solution to 37°C with agitation and cool to room temperature.
- When processing small volumes, it may be necessary to dilute Benzonase<sup>®</sup> using Mammalian Lysis Buffer.

## Procedure

### Cell collection

1. **Aspirate cell-culture medium from culture plate.**
2. **Wash cells twice with 5 ml ice-cold PBS.**
3. **Add 10 ml ice-cold PBS.**
4. **Remove cells from culture plate by gentle scraping with cell-scraper and transfer cells to a pre-chilled 15 ml conical tube.**
5. **Centrifuge cell suspension for 5 min at 450 x g in a centrifuge pre-cooled to 4°C. Discard supernatant. Keep cell pellet on ice.**

## Cell lysis

6. Add 1 U Benzonase<sup>®</sup> and 10  $\mu$ l of Protease Inhibitor (100x) to 1 ml Mammalian Lysis Buffer.
7. Resuspend 5–10 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells in the Mammalian Lysis Buffer prepared in step 6 and incubate on a rotary shaker for 5 minutes at 4°C.
8. Centrifuge the suspension for 10 minutes at 14,000 x g in a microcentrifuge tube pre-cooled to 4°C.
9. Transfer the supernatant into a new microcentrifuge tube.

The supernatant contains the total protein fraction. For some applications, such as 2-D gel analysis, the protein fraction may need to be concentrated. This can be achieved by acetone precipitation (see below).

## Protocol: Acetone Precipitation of Protein Fractions

This protocol is suitable for concentrating and desalting protein samples for downstream applications such as 2D-PAGE.

1. Add four volumes of ice-cold acetone to the protein fraction and incubate for 15 min on ice.
2. Centrifuge for 10 min at 12,000 x g in a pre-cooled microcentrifuge at 4°C. Discard the supernatant and air dry the pellet.

Do not overdry the pellet as this may make it difficult to resuspend.

3. Depending on the application, resuspend the pellet in the required sample buffer.

## Troubleshooting Guide

This troubleshooting guide may be helpful in solving any problems that may arise. The scientists in QIAGEN Technical Services are always happy to answer any questions you may have about either the information and protocol in this handbook or molecular biology applications (see back page for contact information).

### Comments and Suggestions

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#### Inconsistent results in protein quantification assays

The extraction buffer contains components that may interfere with protein quantification assays

Perform a precipitation step (e.g., using acetone, see above) to remove interfering substances.



## Ordering Information

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Qprotome Mammalian Protein Prep Kit	For approximately 100 protein preparations from cultured mammalian cells: Buffer, Reagents, Protease Inhibitor Solution, Benzonase®	37901
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