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# ExoFast<sup>™</sup> Exosome Isolation Reagent from serum

# Catalog Number: D031

#### **Content and Storage**

Component	Amount	Shipping Condition	Storage Condition
ExoFast™ Exosome Isolation Reagent from serum	10 mL	Room temperature	2~8°C for one year

## Product Description

Exosomes are small vesicles (30–120 nm) containing protein and RNA that are secreted by various types of cells in culture, and found in abundance in body fluids including blood, saliva, urine, and breast milk. Exosomes are thought to function as intercellular messengers, signaling macromolecules between specific cells, however, their formation, and biological pathways in which they are involved remain incompletely understood.

The biological study of exosome function and trafficking requires the isolation of intact exosomes, but the current methods used are tedious, non-specific, and difficult. The ExoFast™ Exosome Isolation Reagent from serum provides a simple and reliable method of concentrating intact exosomes from blood serum samples. By tying up water molecules, the ExoFast™ Exosome Isolation Reagent forces less-soluble components (i.e. exosomes) out of solution, allowing them to be collected after brief, low-speed centrifugation.

## Protocol

- 1. Remove the serum sample from storage and place it on ice. If the sample is frozen, thaw the sample in a 25°C water bath until it is completely liquid, and place on ice until needed.
- 2. Centrifuge the serum sample at 3000 × g for 15 minutes to remove cells and debris.
- 3. Transfer the supernatant containing the clarified serum to a new tube without disturbing the pellet.
- 4. Add 0.2 volumes of the ExoFast<sup>™</sup> Exosome Isolation Reagent to the clarified serum. For example, for 1 mL of serum, add 200 μL of the ExoFast<sup>™</sup> Exosome Isolation Reagent.
- 5. Mix the serum/reagent mixture well by inverting or vortexing until there is a homogenous solution, and incubate at 2~8°C for 30 min.
- 6. After incubation, centrifuge the samples at  $10,000 \times g$  for 10 min at room temperature.
- 7. Aspirate and discard the supernatant. Exosomes are contained in a beige or white pellet at the bottom of the tube.
- 8. Resuspend the pellet in a convenient volume of 1X PBS or similar buffer.
- Once the pellet is resuspended, the exosomes are ready for downstream analysis or further purification through affinity methods.
  Keep isolated exosomes at 2~8°C for up to 1 week, or at -20°C for long-term storage.