# HOMOGENIZATION OF MARINE MICROALGAE USING THE PRECELLYS



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### CONTEXT

Transcriptomics analysis of toxic and non-toxic *Alexandrium tamarense* (marine microalgae) for the identification of genes that drive toxic response.

#### MATERIALS

- Precellys®24-Dual Homogenizer
- Precellys lysing kit: VK05 2mL (KT03961-1-004.2)
- Samples: 100mL of A. tamarense culture grown to a cell density of 8,000 cells/mL were filtered and washed off the membrane using 1ml ice cold TRIzol Reagent
- · Buffer: 1mL of ice-cold TRIzol Reagent

### PROTOCOL

- Precellys®24-Dual parameters: 5000rpm, 2 cycles of 10 seconds, rest on ice for 2 minutes in between each cycle
- After the last cycle, samples were frozen at -80°C until further processing
- Samples were defrosted and RNA extracted using TRIzol® Plus RNA Purification Kit including DNase treatment with Purelink DNase set (Life Technologies)
- RNA quality and concentration were measured using a NanoDrop Spectrophotometer and Agilent TapeStation

### RESULTS

High quality RNA was obtained for each of the seven *A. tamarense* strains investigated. RNA purity was assessed using a NanoDrop, and RNA concentration and integrity were measured on an Agilent 2200 TapeStation

| Strain | Concentration (ng/ul**) | 260/<br>280* | 260/<br>230* | RIN** |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 1      | 218                     | 2.27         | 2.42         | 7.8   |
| 2      | 256                     | 2.27         | 2.34         | 8.4   |
| 3      | 392                     | 2.22         | 2.01         | 8.0   |
| 4      | 496                     | 2.23         | 2.55         | 7.5   |
| 5      | 292                     | 2.21         | 2.37         | 9.0   |
| 6      | 396                     | 2.27         | 2.52         | 7.8   |
| 7      | 264                     | 2.21         | 2.38         | 8.1   |

**Table 1.** Quality control values obtained for all seven strains, represented by RNA concentration, purity and integrity. \*NanoDrop Result, \*\*Agilent TapeStation Result

## CUSTOMER

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#### CONCLUSION



The Precellys®24-Dual is an efficient homogenizer that can process up to 12 samples in 2mL tubes simultaneously. When coupled with the appropriate lysing matrix, the Precellys24-Dual can process marine microalgae, such as *A. tamarense*, for extraction of high quality RNA suitable for transcriptomics analysis.

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