

Collect sample. Record time of collection.



Will this sample be processed immediately?

Yes

No



Will the sample be stored at 4 °C for less than 24 h?

No

Yes



Consider adding 10 mM sodium azide or 0.2M boric acid.



Centrifuge samples at 1000–1500x *g* for 10–20 min.



Collect the supernatant.



Freeze immediately at -80 °C. Record time of freezing. Store samples at -80 °C for up to 2 years. Avoid freeze thaw cycles (max 3). Record each time of thawing and freezing.