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# CEN Technical Specifications for Pre-examination Processes



**CEN/TS:**

CEN/TC 140 Technical Specifications for molecular in vitro diagnostic examinations – Specifications for pre-examination processes



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**ONR CEN/TS 16827-1**

*Molecular in vitro diagnostic examinations — Specifications for pre-examination processes for FFPE tissue — Part 1: Isolated RNA (CEN/TS 16827-1:2015)*

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## Target groups

- ✓ *In-vitro* diagnostic laboratories
- ✓ *In-vitro* diagnostics developers and manufacturers
- ✓ Institutions and commercial organizations performing biomedical research
- ✓ **Biobanks**
- ✓ Regulation authorities

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## Why necessary?

- ↳ 70% decisions in hospital based on diagnostics or lab test results
- ↳ 10% of patients die due to diagnostic errors
- ↳ Pre-analytical phase accounts for 46% to 68% of diagnostic errors
- ↳ This caused ~1.2 Mill US-D in an US mid-sized hospital
- ↳ 28 bill US-D in pharma due to irreproducible pre-clinical results
- ↳ 40-70% of published research findings are not reproducible

N Kaushik et al, 2014; LP Freedman et al, 2015; Economist 2013

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**Scientific evidence-based**

e.g.



Public & private researchers, standardization & improvement of pre-analytical procedures



**ISO/TC212 WG4**

ISO/DIS 20184-1 Frozen - RNA  
ISO/DIS 20184-2 Frozen – Prot.  
ISO/DIS 20166-1 FFPE – RNA  
ISO/DIS 20166-2 FFPE – Prot.  
ISO/DIS 20166-3 FFPE – DNA, ...



**ISO/TC 276** Biotechnology

# CEN Technical Specifications for Pre-examination Processes



## Development of 11 new CEN/TS and 2 ISO standards & Raising awareness for and implementation of standards

- 3 Venous whole blood circul. tumor/organ cells — RNA, DNA, protein & staining
- 1 Venous whole blood exosomes — cfc RNA
- 1 Saliva — DNA
- 1 Frozen tissue — DNA
- 1 Urine/other body fluids - cfcDNA
- 3 fine needle aspirates — RNA, DNA, protein
- 1 Saliva & stool — DNA
- 1 Saliva — DNA

**CEN/TS**

- 1 FFPE tissue — in-situ staining
- 1 Metabolomics — urine, plasma, serum

**ISO**



## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification gives recommendations for the handling, documentation and processing of FFPE tissue specimens intended for RNA analysis during the preanalytical phase before a molecular assay is performed. This Technical Specification is applicable to molecular *in vitro* diagnostic examinations (e.g., *in vitro* diagnostic laboratories, laboratory customers, developers and manufacturers of *in vitro* diagnostics, institutions and commercial organizations performing biomedical research, biobanks, and regulatory authorities).

The formalin fixation and the paraffin embedding process lead to modifications of the RNA molecules, which can impact the validity and reliability of the analytical test results.

Therefore, it is essential to take special measures to minimize the described profile changes and modifications within the tissue for subsequent RNA analysis.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 15189:2012, *Medical laboratories — Requirements for quality and competence (ISO 15189:2012, Corrected version 2014-08-15)*

ISO 15190, *Medical laboratories — Requirements for safety*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 15189:2012 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **ambient temperature**

unregulated temperature of the surrounding air

### 3.2

#### **analytical phase**

processes that start with the isolated analyte and include all kinds of parameter testing or chemical manipulation for quantitative or qualitative analysis



# Structure

## FFPE Tissue - RNA

### Outside the laboratory

- Collection of primary tissue
- Transport requirements

### Inside the laboratory

- Primary tissue sample receipt
- Fixation of the specimen
- Evaluation of the pathology
- Processing and paraffin embedding
- Storage requirements (paraffin blocks & sections)

### Isolation of total RNA

- General information (FFPE, PFPE)
- Quantity and quality assessment of RNA
- Storage of isolated RNA





# Content

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## FROZEN-RNA

### Outside the laboratory

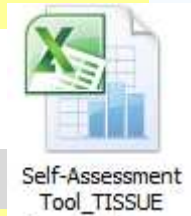
Collection of tissue  
Transport requirements

### Inside the laboratory


Primary tissue sample receipt  
Evaluation of the pathology  
Cryo storage (stabilization)  
Storage requirements (cryo)

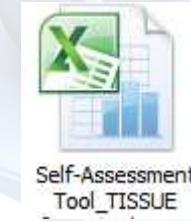
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# BBMRI Self-Assessment Tool

BBMR.at CEN/TS Self Assessment Tool		FFPE
Based on: FFPE-RNA (ONR CEN/TS 16827-1_2015-11-01) Frozen-RNA (ONR CEN/TS 16826-1_2015-09-15)		 <b>ADVANCED</b> <b>with Specific Sample Data</b>
Outside the laboratory		Sample data
Collection of tissue		FFPE
1 Information about sample donor		Source of data
should	1.1. Donor/Patient ID documented <i>e.g. code</i>	FFPE
should	1.2. Health status of donor/patient documented <i>e.g. healthy, disease type, concomitant disease</i>	
should	1.3. Medical treatment documented <i>e.g. anaesthetics, medications, surgical or diagnostic procedures (e.g. biopsy device used for the collection);</i>	
should	1.4. Start of warm ischemia documented <i>Surgery: Date of vessel ligation/arterial clamping time</i>	
should	<i>Surgery: Time of vessel ligation/arterial clamping time</i>	
2 Information on the primary tissue sample		FFPE
shall	2.2. Cold ischemia (start) documented <i>Date of tissue removal from body</i>	
	<i>Time of tissue removal from body</i>	
shall	2.3. Tissue type and condition documented <i>General tissue type and condition</i>	
	<i>Organ of origin + location within</i>	
shall	2.4. Type and start of fixation (if started outside the biobank) documented <i>Date of start</i>	
	<i>Time of start</i>	
	<i>Fixative type</i>	
	<i>Fixation condition</i>	



## Primary tissue collection

## Information about the sample donor

Donor/patient ID documented?  
should

- Yes  
 No  
(e.g. code)

Health status of donor/patient documented?  
should

- Yes  
 No  
(e.g. healthy, disease type)

Medical treatment prior to tissue collection documented?  
should

- Yes  
 No  
(e.g. anaesthetics, medical diagnostic procedures)

Start of ischemia within the body (warm ischemia) documented?  
should

- Yes  
 No

Date of vessel ligation/arterial clamping time (warm ischemia)?  
should

- Yes  
 No

Time of vessel ligation/arterial clamping time (warm ischemia)?  
should

- Yes  
 No

[Online SAT „FFPE – RNA“ >>](#)

[Online SAT „Frozen – RNA“ >>](#)



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