



RScriptPlus Reverse Transcriptase

Cat. No. G237EU

Store at -20°C.

Product Description

RScript Plus Reverse Transcriptase is Moloney-Murine Leukemia Virus Reverse Transcriptase with genetic modifications to abolish RNase H activity to achieve thermal stability. This special mutant enzyme offers higher cDNA yields, longer cDNA up to 12 kb, and is able to perform under high temperatures (50°C - 55°C), facilitating the elimination of secondary structures associated with GC-rich RNA templates. RScript Plus is formulated with **abm's** RNaseOFF Ribonuclease Inhibitor offering improved resistance to oxidation compared to the high oxidation-sensitive human RNase inhibitors. RNaseOFF is stable even under very low concentrations of DTT (< 1 mM), making it the best choice for ultimate RNA protection.

Product Component	Quantity	Part No.
RScript Plus RTase	100 rxn (100 µl)	P105EU
5X RT Buffer	400 µl	P110

Additional Materials Required (not supplied)

- Primers, see Primer Selection notes
- dNTP (10 mM)
- Nuclease-free H₂O

Primer Selection

- **Oligo(dT) (10 µM)** are oligonucleotides that anneal to the 3'-poly(A) + mRNA. Therefore, only mRNA or total RNA templates with 3'-poly(A) tails are used in cDNA synthesis.
- **Random Primers (10 µM)** are oligonucleotides that anneal at non-specific sites of RNA templates. Therefore, all forms of RNA can be used in cDNA synthesis.
- **Gene-Specific Primers (2 µM)** are oligonucleotides that are designed to anneal to the specific site of a target gene.

Protocol

RT reactions should be assembled in an RNase-free environment. The use of "clean" pipettors designated for PCR and aerosol-resistant barrier tips are recommended.

1. Thoroughly thaw and mix individual components before use, and assemble reaction on ice.

Component	Volume
5X RT Buffer	4 µl
dNTP	1 µl
Primers	1 µl
Total RNA or poly(A) + mRNA	Variable (1 ng - 2 µg/rxn)
RScript Plus RTase	1 µl
Nuclease-free H ₂ O	up to 20 µl

2. Gently mix the reaction and briefly centrifuge.
3. Perform cDNA synthesis by incubating for 15 minutes at 50-55°C.
4. Optional: Stop the reaction by heating at 85°C for 5 minutes. Chill on ice. The newly synthesized first-strand cDNA is ready for immediate downstream applications, or for long-term storage at -20°C.

General Notes

- Both poly(A) + mRNA and total RNA can be used for first-strand cDNA synthesis, but poly(A) + mRNA may give higher yields and improved purity of final products.
- For longer transcripts >9 kb, yields can be increased by incubating at 50-55°C for 30-50 minutes.
- RNA samples must be free of genomic DNA contamination.
- The ratio of Random Primers to RNA is often critical in terms of the average length of cDNA synthesized. A higher ratio of Random Primers to RNA will result in a higher yield of shorter (~500 bp) cDNA, whereas a lower ratio will lead to longer cDNA products. Due to the lower annealing temperature of Random Primers, incubate at 25°C for 10 minutes to allow for primer annealing prior to reverse transcription.