

## **cDNA Synthesis**

Original directions for 2 ug mRNA

For every additional 1 ug of mRNA the volume of the reaction increases 10 ul

### **ORIGINAL**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> strand**

mRNA 13 ul

Add 2ul biotin labeled oligo dT (100 pmol/ul) – goal 0.5 ug primer/ug mRNA

Heat to 70C 10 min, then place on ice

Add 5 ul 1<sup>st</sup> strand buffer

Add 40 u Rnasin ribonuclease inhibitor (1 ul)

Heat at 42C for 5 min

Add 2.5 ul 40 mM Na pyrophosphate

Add 30 u AMV RT (1.5 ul)

**(TOTAL VOL 25 ul)**

Incubate at 42C for 1 hr

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> strand**

1:5 dilution of 1<sup>st</sup> strand

e.g. total volume 100 ul, add 20 ul 1<sup>st</sup> strand

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Add 40 ul 2<sup>nd</sup> strand buffer

Add 5 ul acetylated BSA (1 mg/ml)

Add 23 u DNA polymerase 1 (2.5 ul)

Add 0.8 u Rnase H (0.3 ul)

Add H<sub>2</sub>O to total volume 100 ul

Incubate at 14C for 2 hr

Heat sample at 70C for 10 min then ziz

Add 2 u T4 DNA polymerase/ug input RNA

Incubate 10 min at 37C

Add 10 ul 200 mM EDTA to stop rxn

#### **Estimate 6 ug mRNA**

mRNA 13 ul

Add 12 ul oligo dT (biotinolyated) promega mRNA kit (50 pmol/ul)

Heat 70C 10 min, chill on ice 5 min

Add 15 ul 1<sup>st</sup> strand buffer

Add 3 ul Rnasin ribonuclease inhibitor

Heat 42C 5 min

Add 7.5 ul Na pyrophosphate  
Add 4.5 ul AMV RT  
Add 10 ul H<sub>2</sub>O  
Heat 42C 1hr

Place on ice

FINAL VOL 25 + 40 = 65 ul

2<sup>nd</sup> strand  
60 ul 1<sup>st</sup> strand  
120 ul 2<sup>nd</sup> strand buffer  
15 ul BSA  
7.5 ul DNA pol 1  
0.9 ul RNase H  
97 ul H<sub>2</sub>O  
Final Vol 300 ul

Stop with 10 ul 200 mM EDTA

### **Precipitate cDNA**

Add equal vol phenol:chloroform:isoamyl  
Mix  
Centrifuge 2 min top speed  
Aqueous new tube  
Add 1/10 vol 2.5 M Na acetate pH 5.2  
Add 2.5 vol 100% etoh at -20C  
Incubate 10 min at -70C  
Centrifuge 5 min top speed  
Wash pellet with 80% etoh

Resuspend in 21 ul Low TE

Ran 1 ul of sample on 1% TAE agar gel.  
Visualized appropriate product