Certificate of Analysis

M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase, RNase H Minus:

 Part No.
 Size (units)

 M530B
 2,500

 M530A
 10.000

Description: Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus Reverse Transcriptase, RNase H Minus [M-MLV RT (H-)], is an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase that can be used in cDNA synthesis with long messenger RNA templates (>5kb). This is a form of M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase that has been genetically altered to remove the associated RNase H activity (1). Although many researchers are successful in using M-MLV RT (H+) for analytical and some preparative cDNA applications, reverse transcriptases lacking RNase H activity provide another option for the preparation of long cDNAs and libraries containing a high percentage of full-length cDNA.

Applications of M-MLV RT (H-), are first-strand cDNA synthesis from RNA molecules and RT-PCR.

Enzyme Storage Buffer: M-MLV RT (H-) is supplied in 20mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 200mM NaCl, 0.1mM EDTA, 1mM DTT, 0.01% Nonidet® P-40 and 50% glycerol.

M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase 5X Reaction Buffer (M531A): When the M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase 5X Reaction Buffer supplied with this enzyme is diluted 1:5, it has a composition of 50mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.3), 75mM KCl, 3mM MqCl, and 10mM DTT.

Source: E. coli cells expressing a recombinant clone.

Storage Conditions: See the product label for storage recommendations. Avoid exposure to frequent temperature changes. See the expiration date on the product label.

Unit Definition: One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to catalyze the transfer of 1nmol of deoxynucleotide into acid-precipitable material in 10 minutes at 37°C.

Usage Note: M-MLV RT (H-) is less processive than AMV Reverse Transcriptase, and therefore, more units of M-MLV enzyme are required to generate the same amount of cDNA as in the AMV reaction.

Quality Control Assays

Contaminant Activity

DNase and RNase Assay: To test for nuclease activity, 50ng of radiolabeled DNA or radiolabeled RNA is incubated with 200 units of M-MLV RT (H-) in M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase 1X Reaction Buffer for 1 hour at 37°C, and the release of radiolabeled nucleotides is monitored by scintillation counting of TCA-soluble material. The specification is <1% release for DNase and <3% release for RNase.

Endonuclease Assay: To test for endonuclease activity, $1\mu g$ of Type I supercoiled plasmid DNA is incubated with 200 units of M-MLV RT (H $^-$) in M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase 1X Reaction Buffer for 1 hour at 37°C. Following incubation, the DNA is visualized on an ethidium bromide-stained agarose gel to verify the absence of visible nicking or cutting.

Physical Purity: The purity is >90% as judged by SDS-polyacrylamide gels with Coomassie® blue staining.

RNase H Activity: One unit of RNase H is defined as the amount of enzyme required to produce 1nmol of acid-soluble ribonucleotides from [3H]poly(rA):poly(dT) in 20 minutes at 37°C in a reaction containing 20mM HEPES-KOH (pH 7.8), 50mM KCl, 10mM MgCl_{2r} 1mM DTT and 20µM [3H]poly(rA):poly(dT). When 1,000 units of M-MLV RT (H-) are tested under these conditions, the result is below the limit of detection.

Functional Assay

First-Strand cDNA Synthesis: Two hundred units of M-MLV RT (H-) are used to produce cDNA from 1µg of 1.2kb and 6.5kb control RNAs in separate reactions, using [3²P] dCTP as a tracer. The specification is the conversion of >12% of mRNA to cDNA. Full-length cDNA is observed by gel electrophoresis and autoradiography.

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Usage Information

1. Standard First-Strand cDNA Synthesis

Materials to Be Supplied by the User

- dATP, 10mM (Cat.# U1201, 100mM)
- dCTP, 10mM (Cat.# U1221, 100mM)
- dGTP, 10mM (Cat.# U1211, 100mM)
- dTTP, 10mM (Cat.# U1231, 100mM)
- Nuclease-Free Water (Cat.# P1193)
- A typical procedure uses 1µg of RNA. In a sterile RNase-free microcentrifuge tube, add 1µg of the primer or primer-adaptor per microgram of the mRNA sample in a total volume of ≤14µl in water.
- Heat the tube to 70°C for 5 minutes to melt secondary structure within the template.
- 3. Cool the tube immediately on ice to prevent secondary structure from reforming, then spin briefly to collect the solution at the bottom of the tube.
- Add the following components to the annealed primer/template in the order shown.

M-MLV 5X Reaction Buffer	5.00µl
dATP, 10mM	1.25µl
dCTP, 10mM	1.25µl
dGTP, 10mM	1.25µl
dTTP, 10mM	1.25µl
M-MLV RT	200 units
Nuclease-Free Water to final volume of	25.00µl

- Mix gently by flicking the tube, and incubate for 60 minutes at 37°C for random primers or 42°C for other primers or primer-adaptors.
- Perform second-strand synthesis using a protocol of your choice. Standard protocols for second-strand synthesis may be found in reference 2.

Notes:

- a. The M-MLV RT Reaction Buffer is compatible with enzymes used in a number of downstream applications. Phenol extractions and ethanol precipitations typically are not necessary before performing second-strand synthesis and amplification.
- If you are concerned about possible RNase contamination in the reaction, add Recombinant RNasin[®]. Ribonuclease Inhibitor (Cat.# N2511) to the reaction (1u/µl) to preserve RNA integrity.

2. Composition of Buffer

M-MLV RT 5X Reaction Buffer (provided)

250mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.3 at 25°C) 375mM KCl

15mM MgCl₂ 50mM DTT

3. References

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