RNA Technical Guide

TOOLS TO STREAMLINE RNA – RELATED WORKFLOWS

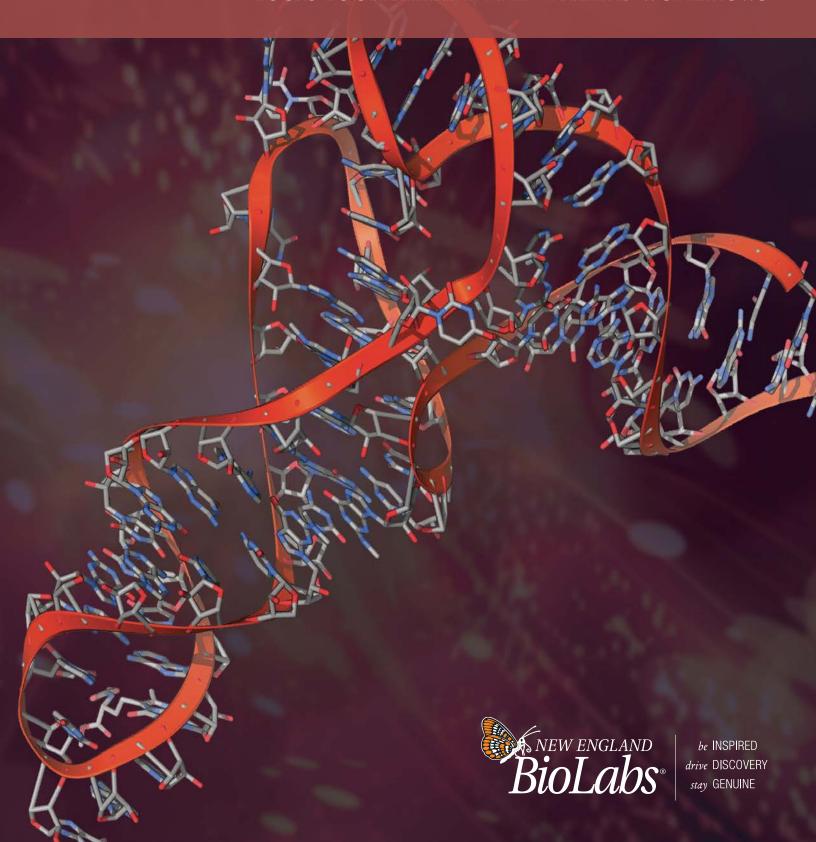


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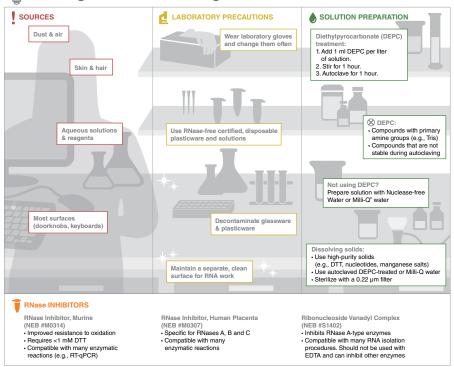


Let NEB Help Streamline Your RNA-related Workflows

Historically, our understanding of the function of RNA in the cell was limited to its role in translation of genetic information from DNA into protein. The major species of RNA described were; (A) messenger RNA (mRNA), which converts DNA into RNA, (B) transfer RNA (tRNA) that is charged with specific amino acids and, (C) ribosomal RNA (rRNA), a major component of the ribosome. More recently, RNA has been implicated in a diverse number of biological processes, including catalysis and transcriptional regulation. Technological advances and improvements in RNA analysis and detection have led to the discovery of many new classes of small and large non-coding RNAs with novel regulatory functions. Examples include, microRNA (miRNA), circular RNA, long non-coding RNA (lncRNA), small nucleolar RNA (snoRNA) and extracullular RNA (exRNA). In addition, RNA modifications have revealed added complexity to RNA. These biologically relevant modifications are an active area of exploration. These findings have helped usher in a renaissance of RNA-focused research in biology.

NEB offers a broad portfolio of reagents for the purification, quantitation, detection, synthesis and manipulation of RNA. Experience improved performance and increased yields, enabled by our expertise in enzymology. Get started today at **NEBrna.com**

Getting Started: Avoiding RNase Contamination



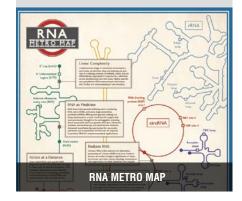
FEATURED PRODUCT

RNase Inhibitor, Murine (NEB #M0314)

FEATURED RESOURCES

Visit NEBrna.com to find additional resources, including:

- RNA Synthesis Brochure
 Learn more about NEB's products for synthesis of RNA, which range from template generation to poly(A) tailing
- Monarch Nucleic Acid Purification Brochure It's time to transform your DNA and RNA purification experience! Learn about the advantages of choosing Monarch Nucleic Acid Purification Kits from NEB
- Luna Universal qPCR And RT-qPCR Brochure
 Make a simpler choice with Luna! Learn about the advantages of choosing Luna products for your qPCR & RT-qPCR, and see how Luna products compare to other commercially available reagents.
- NEBNext for Illumina Brochure
 Review NEB's extensive range of NGS sample prep products for RNA, Small RNA and DNA
- RNA Metro Map
 Download our RNA poster to learn more about the various RNA structures and recent applications





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RNA Extraction and Purification

Isolating high-quality RNA is crucial to many downstream experiments, such as cloning, reverse transcription for cDNA synthesis, RT-PCR, RT-qPCR and RNA-seq. There are various approaches to RNA purification including phenol-chloroform extraction, spin column purification, and the use of magnetic beads.

Transform your RNA purification experience with Monarch

The Monarch Total RNA Miniprep Kit is a comprehensive solution for sample preservation, cell lysis, gDNA removal, and purification of total RNA from a wide variety of biological samples, including cultured cells, blood, and mammalian tissues. Additionally, tough-to-lyse samples, such as bacteria, yeast, and plants, can be processed with additional steps that enhance lysis. Cleanup of enzymatic reactions or purification of RNA from TRIzol® -extracted samples is also possible using this kit. Purified RNA has high quality metrics, including A $_{\rm 260/280}$ and A $_{\rm 260/230}$ ratios > 1.8, high RIN values, and minimal residual gDNA. Captured RNA ranges in size from full-length rRNAs down to intact miRNAs. Additionally, differential binding conditions allow selective capture or exclusion of the sub-200 nucleotide RNA pool that includes miRNA, 5S rRNA, and tRNA. Purified RNA is suitable for downstream applications, such as RT-qPCR, cDNA synthesis, RNA-seq and Northern blot analysis.

Quickly and easily purify up to 100 µg of high quality total RNA from multiple sample types – all with one kit!

- · For use with blood, cells and tissues
- · Also works with tough to lyse samples (bacteria, yeast, plants)
- Effectively purifies total RNA including small RNA < 200 nt
- Efficient genomic DNA removal (column and DNase I-based)
- · Contains Proteinase K for processing of tissues and blood samples
- · Includes RNA Protection Reagent for sample preservation
- Excellent value
- · Kit components available separately



Request your sample at NEBMonarch.com

FEATURED PRODUCT

Monarch Total RNA Miniprep Kit (NEB #T2010)

SPECIFICATIONS

Binding Capacity: 100 μg RNA

• RNA Size: > 20 nt

Purity: A_{260/280} and A_{260/230} usually ≥ 1.8

• Input Amount: up to 107 cells or 50 mg tissue*

• Elution Volume: 30 – 100 μl

· Yield: varies depending on sample type*

 Compatible downsteam applications: RNA Library prep for NGS, RT-PCR, RT-qPCR, Northern blots

*See page 6 for more details and other sample types

		Qiagen RNeasy Kits		
Kit Component	Monarch RNA Purification Kit	Mini	Protect Mini	Plus Mini
gDNA Removal Columns	✓	××	×*	/
DNase I	✓	×	×	×
Proteinase K	1	×	×	×
RNA Protection Reagent	✓	×	1	×

√= Included

*Not included and not sold separately

Monarch has been validated for the following sample types:

HeLa CellsRat SpleenS. cerevisiaeHEK 293 CellsRat KidneyE. coli

• NIH 3T3 Cells • Rat Brain • B. cereus

Rat Blood
 Mouse Muscle
 Tomato Leaf

• PBMC's • N

Serum

Zebrafish larvae
 Nucleated Blood

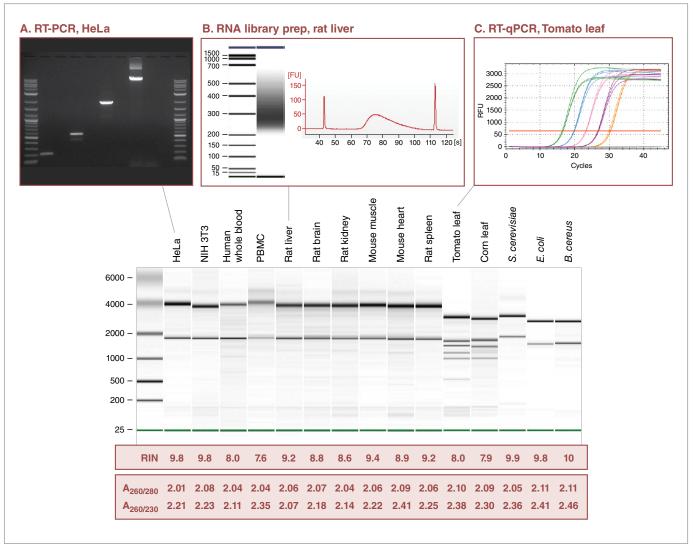
• Rat Liver • D. Me

D. Melanogaster

For information on input amounts, yield, RIN values, please see page 6 or visit neb.com/MonarchRNAinputs.







Total RNA from a broad array of sample types was purified using the Monarch Total RNA Miniprep Kit (NEB #T2010). Aliquots were run on an Agilent® Bioanalyzer® 2100 using the Nano 6000 RNA chip (S. cerevisiae RNA was run using a plant Nano assay). RIN values and O.D. ratios confirm the overall integrity and purity of the RNA. To demonstrate compatibility with downstream applications, samples were subsequently used for RT-PCR (+/- RT) (A) for detection of 4 different RNA species using Protoscript® II Reverse Transcriptase (NEB #M0368)/LongAmp® Taq DNA Polymerase (NEB #M0323), NGS library prep (B) using NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep Kit (NEB #E7760) and RT-qPCR (C) using Luna One-Step RT-qPCR Reagents (NEB #E3005).



TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL RNA EXTRACTIONS

- Prevent RNase activity: Nucleases in your sample will degrade your RNA, so inhibiting their activity is essential. Process samples quickly after harvest, use preservation reagents, and always ensure you are working in nuclease-free environments.
- Do not exceed recommended input amounts:
 Buffer volumes are optimized for the recommended input amounts. Exceeding these can result in inefficient lysis and can also clog the column. For guidance on sample input amounts, visit neb.com/MonarchRNAinputs
- Ensure samples are properly homogenized/ disrupted: Samples should be disrupted and homogenized completely to release all RNA.
- For sensitive applications, ensure proper gDNA removal: gDNA is removed by the gDNA removal column and subsequent on-column DNase I treatment.
 Off-column DNase I treatment can also be employed.

For additional tips, including guidelines for RNA purification from various sample types, click the other tools and resources tab at www.neb.com/T2010

Sample Inputs & Expected Recovery for the Monarch® Total RNA Miniprep Kit

RNA yield, purity and integrity vary immensely based on sample type, input amount and sample condition. Empirical yield, purity and RIN data from a wide variety of sample types are provided below, as well as guidance on the maximum input amounts. It is important not to overload the column when extracting and purifying RNA, as yields, purity and integrity may suffer.

SAMPLE TYPE (1)		INPUT	AVERAGE YIELD (μg)	OBSERVED RIN	MAXIMUM STARTING MATERIAL
CULTURED MAM	MALIAN CELLS				
HeLa		1 x 10 ⁶ cells	12–15	9–10	1 x 10 ⁷ cells
HEK 293		1 x 10 ⁶ cells	12–14	9–10	1 x 10 ⁷ cells
NIH3T3		1 x 10 ⁶ cells	8–12	9–10	1 x 10 ⁷ cells
MAMMALIAN BL	OOD ⁽²⁾				
Human	Fresh	200 μΙ	0.5-1.0	7–8	3 ml
	Frozen	200 μΙ	0.5-1.0	7–8	3 ml
	Stabilized	200 μΙ	0.5-1.0	7–8	3 ml
Rat	Frozen	100 μΙ	5.6	9	1 ml*
BLOOD CELLS					
PBMC (isolated fr	om 5 ml whole blood)	5 ml	3	7	1 x 10 ⁷ cells
TISSUE					
Rat liver	Frozen pulverized	10 mg	25	8–9	20 mg
	Stabilized solid	10 mg	50–60	8–9	20 mg
Rat spleen (stabil	ized solid with bead homogenizer)	10 mg	40-50	9	20 mg
Rat kidney (frozei	n pulverized)	10 mg	7–10	9	50 mg
Rat brain	Frozen pulverized	10 mg	2–3	8–9	50 mg
	Stabilized solid	10 mg	0.5–1.5	8–9	50 mg
	Stabilized solid with bead homogenizer	10 mg	5–8	8–9	50 mg
Rat muscle (froze	n pulverized)	10 mg	2–3	8–9	50 mg
Mouse muscle	Frozen pulverized	10 mg	3	8–9	50 mg
	Powder with bead homogenizer	10 mg	5	7–8	50 mg
	Stabilized solid with bead homogenizer	10 mg	8–10	9	50 mg
Mouse heart (stal	oilized solid with bead homogenizer)	10 mg	5–6	8–9	50 mg
YEAST					
S. cerevisiae	Frozen with bead homogenizer	1 x 10 ⁷ cells	50	9–10**	5 x 10 ⁷ cells
	Fresh with Zymolyase®	1 x 10 ⁷ cells	60	9**	5 x 10 ⁷ cells
BACTERIA					
E. coli	Frozen	1 x 10 ⁹ cells	5	10	1 x 10 ⁹ cells
	Frozen with bead homogenizer	1 x 10 ⁹ cells	10	10	1 x 10 ⁹ cells
	Frozen with lysozyme	1 x 10 ⁹ cells	70	10	1 x 10º cells
B. cereus	Frozen with lysozyme	1 x 10 ⁸ cells	20–30	9	1 x 10° cells
	Frozen with bead homogenizer	1 x 10 ⁸ cells	8	9–10	1 x 10º cells
PLANT					
Corn leaf (frozen	pulverized with bead homogenizer)	100 mg	45	8	100 mg
Tomato leaf (froze	en pulverized with bead homogenizer)	100 mg	30	8	100 mg

⁽¹⁾ RNA for other samples including drosophila, zebrafish embryos/larvae, plasma, serum, saliva, buccal swabs and nucleated blood have been successfully purified with this kit; protocols are available in the product manual online.

 $[\]hbox{(2) Protocol for nucleated blood (e.g., birds, reptiles) is also available.}\\$

^{*} Mouse blood also has a maximum input of 1 ml.

^{**} S. cerevisiae total RNA was run on an Agilent® Nano 6000 Chip using plant assay.



Troubleshooting Guide for Total RNA Extraction & Purification

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE(S)	SOLUTION(S)
		Increase time of sample digestion or homogenization
	Insufficient sample disruption or homogenization	Centrifuge sample after Proteinase K digestion or homogenization to pellet debris and use only supernatant for next steps
Clogged column	Tonicgonization	Use larger volume of DNA/RNA Protection Reagent (NEB #T2011) and/or RNA Lysis Buffer (NEB #T2012) for sample disruption and homogenization. See sample specific protocol in the Product Manual.
	Too much sample	Reduce amount of starting material to match kit specifications to ensure buffer amounts are sufficient and column is not overloaded. See page 6 or visit neb.com/monarchRNAinputs.
	Incomplete elution	After addition of Nuclease-free Water (NEB #B1500) to column matrix, incubate 5-10 min at room temperature and then centrifuge to elute Perform a second elution (note: this will dilute sample)
	Sample is degraded	Store input sample at -80°C prior to use Use Monarch DNA/RNA Protection Reagent (NEB #T2011) to maintain RNA integrity during storage
Low yield		Increase time of sample digestion or homogenization Centrifuge sample after Proteinase K digestion or homogenization to pellet debris and use only supernatant for next steps
	Insufficient disruption or homogenization	Use larger volume of DNA/RNA Reagent (NEB #T2011) and/or RNA Lysis Buffer (NEB #T2012) for sample disruption and homogenization. See sample specific protocol in the Product Manual. For Proteinase K treated samples, doubling Proteinase K (from 5% to 10%) may lead to an increase in RNA yield
	Too much sample	Reduce amount of starting material to match kit specifications to ensure buffer amounts are sufficient and column is not overloaded. See page 6 or visit neb.com/monarchRNAinputs.
	Starting material not handled/stored properly	Store input sample at -80°C prior to use. Degradation of RNA may occur if sample is not flash frozen or protected by a preservation reagent. Use Monarch DNA/RNA Protection Reagent (NEB #T2011) to maintain RNA integrity during storage.
RNA degradation	Deviation from the stated protocol may expose RNA to unwanted RNase activities	Refer to the General Guidelines for Working with RNA in the Product Manual or online at neb.com/ T2010 under Other Tools & Resources
	RNase contamination of eluted materials or kit buffers may have occurred	See General Guidelines for Working with RNA or the Product Manual for advice on reducing risks of contamination.
	Low A _{260/280} values indicate residual protein in the purified sample	Ensure the Proteinase K step was utilized for the recommended time. Ensure samples have no debris prior to addition of ethanol and loading onto the RNA Purification Column
Low OD ratios	Low A _{260/230} values indicate residual guanidine salts have been carried over during elution	Ensure wash steps are carried out prior to eluting sample. Use care to ensure the tip of the column does not contact the flow-through after the final wash. If unsure, please repeat centrifugation. When reusing collection tubes, blot rim of tube on a Kimwipe prior to reattachment to the column to remove any residual wash buffer.
DNA	Genomic DNA not removed by column	Perform optional on-column DNase I treatment to remove unwanted gDNA from lysed sample Perform in-tube/off-column DNase I treatment to remove gDNA.
DNA contamination	Too much sample	Reduce amount of starting material to match kit specifications to ensure buffer amounts are sufficient and column is not overloaded. See page 6 or visit neb.com/monarchRNAinputs.
		Use care to ensure the tip of the RNA Purification Column does not contact the flow-through after the final wash. If unsure, please repeat centrifugation.
	Salt and/or ethanol carryover	Be sure to spin the RNA Purification Column for 2 minutes following the final wash with RNA Wash Buffer
in downstream steps	has occurred	When reusing collection tubes, blot rim of tube on a Kimwipe prior to reattachment to the column to remove any residual wash buffer
		Add additional wash step and/or extend spin time for final wash
Unusual Spectrophotometric	RNA concentration is too low for spectrophotometric analysis	For more concentrated RNA, elute with 30 µl of nuclease-free water Increase amount of starting material (within kit specifications). See page 6 or visit neb.com/monarchRNAinputs.
readings	Silica fines in eluate	Re-spin eluted samples and pipet aliquot from the top of the liquid to ensure the $A_{260/230}$ is unaffected by possible elution of silica particles

RNA Cleanup and Concentration

The ability to quickly modify and manipulate RNA is in high demand and accordingly, the need for rapid and reliable RNA cleanup methods have become essential. For example, after RNA synthesis by in vitro transcription (IVT), unincorporated nucleotides, aborted transcripts, enzymes and buffer components should be removed before using the transcript for RNP formation or for microinjection. Removal of reactants is also beneficial following standard protocols such as RNA labeling, capping, Proteinase K treatment, and DNase I treatment. Sensitive workflows such as RNA-seq or RT-qPCR may also benefit from RNA cleanup prior to processing.

RNA can be purified in various ways, including phenol/chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation, lithium chloride precipitation, or by gel purification. Silica-based columns are a popular and user-friendly method for fast RNA cleanup. Column-based cleanup methods also provide an easy way to concentrate purified RNA by using low elution volumes. NEB is proud to offer a family of high performance and easy to use RNA cleanup kits for all your RNA workflows.

The Monarch RNA Cleanup Kits provide a fast and simple silica column-based solution for RNA cleanup and concentration after any enzymatic reaction (including *in vitro* transcription, DNase I treatment, capping and labeling) and after other purification methods such as phenol/chloroform extraction. The Monarch RNA Cleanup Kits are available in 3 different binding capacities for flexibility in any application. Each kit contains unique columns, all designed to prevent buffer retention and ensure no carryover of contaminants, enabling low-volume elution of highly-pure RNA Following the standard protocol, RNA \geq 25 nucleotides can be purified; however, a modified protocol is available to enable the binding of RNA as small as 15 nt (including miRNAs).

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (10 μg) (NEB #T2030)

Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (50 μg) (NEB #T2040)

Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (500 μg) (NEB #T2050)

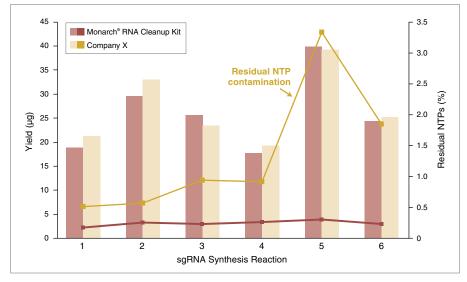
ADVANTAGES

- Three binding capacities for versatility in any applications
- Clean up RNA in 5–10 minutes with simple bind/wash/elute protocol, using a single wash buffer
- Prevent buffer carryover and elution of silica particles with optimized column design
- High yields 70-100% recovery
- High purity $-A_{260/280}$ and $A_{260/230} \ge 1.8$
- · Columns and buffers available separately

Specifications:

MONARCH RNA CLEANUP KIT	NEB #T2030 (10 μg)	NEB #T2040 (50 μg)	NEB #T2050 (500 μg)		
Binding Capacity	10 µg	50 μg	500 µg		
RNA Size Range	≥ 25 nt (≥ 15 nt with modified protocol)				
Typical Recovery	70–100%				
Elution Volume	6–20 µІ	20-50 µl	50–100 μΙ		
Purity	A _{260/280} > 1.8 and A _{260/230} > 1.8				
Protocol Time	5 minutes of spin and incubation time		10–15 minutes of spin and incubation time		
Common Downstream Applications	RT-PCR, RNA library prep for NGS, small RNA library prep for NGS, RNA labeling	RT-PCR, RNA library prep for NGS, formation of RNP complexes for genome editing, microinjection, RNA labeling, transfection	RT-PCR, RNA library prep for NGS, RNA labeling, RNAi, microinjection, transfection		

The Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (50 μ g) produces RNA yields consistent with other competitor RNA cleanup kits and with lower residual NTP contamination



Six different sgRNA synthesis reactions from the EnGer® sgRNA Synthesis Kit, S. pyogenes (NEB #E3322) were cleaned up using either the Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (50 µg, NEB #T2040) or a competitor kit (according to manufacturer's recommendations) and eluted in 50 µl nuclease-free water. sgRNA yield was calculated from the resulting A₂₀₀, measured using a Trinean DropSense 16. The Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit produced sgRNA yields consistent with other commercially available RNA cleanup kits.

Following cleanup, residual nucleotides (NTPs) were measured by LC-MS and are reported as percent area NTPs (rATP+rCTP+rGTP+rUTP)/percent area sgRNA). The NEB Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit consistently outperforms other commercially available RNA cleanup kits in the removal of residual NTPs from sqRNA synthesis reactions.



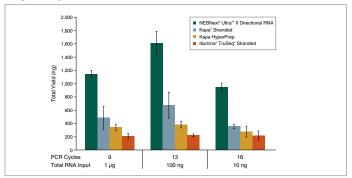
RNA-Seq

Next generation sequencing (NGS) can be used to determine the presence and quantity of RNA species in a sample, enabling sensitive and accurate gene expression analysis. For the Illumina sequencing platform, mRNA libraries are prepared by removal of ribosomal RNA, then cDNA synthesis followed by DNA Library preparation steps: end repair, addition of a non-templated dA overhang, adaptor ligation, and PCR amplification.

Get even more from less with NEBNext Ultra II

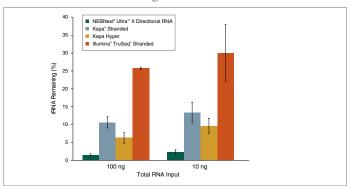
NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep Kits for Illumina are available for both directional and non-directional (non-strand-specific) RNA library construction, and deliver significantly increased sensitivity and specificity from your RNA-seq experiments, from ever-decreasing amounts of input RNA. In conjunction with ribosomal RNA (rRNA) depletion or poly(A) mRNA enrichment, the kits enable the production of high quality libraries from 5 ng or 10 ng of Total RNA, respectively, up to 1 μ g.

NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA produces the highest yields, from a range of input amounts



Poly(A)-containing mRNA was isolated from 10 ng, 100 ng and 1 µg of Universal Human Reference RNA (Agilent #740000) and libraries were made using the NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Kit (plus the NEBNext poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Kit), Kapa Stranded mRNA-Seq Kit, Kapa mRNA HyperPrep Kit and Illumina TruSeq Stranded mRNA Kit. The input RNA amount and number of PCR cycles are indicated.

NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA with NEBNext rRNA Depletion results in the lowest remaining ribosomal RNA levels with FFPE samples



Ribosomal RNA was depleted from human adult normal liver tissue FFPE Total RNA (Biochain # R2234149. RIN 2.5) and libraries were made using NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Kit (plus the NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Human/Mouse/Rat)), Kapa Stranded RNA-Seq Kit with RiboErase, Kapa HyperPrep Kit with RiboErase, and Illumina TruSeq Stranded Total RNA Library Prep Kit with Ribo-Zero Gold. Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 using paired-end mode (2 x 76 bp). Read pairs were assessed to be rRNA if they contain 6 or more 32 base matches to 18S, 28S, 5S, 5.8S, 16S or 12S human rRNA sequences (mirabait 4.9). Percent rRNA remaining was calculated by dividing rRNA reads by the total number of reads passing instrument quality filtering. Average percent rRNA remaining is shown for three replicates. Error bars indicate standard deviation. The NEBNext rRNA Depletion Ultra II Directional RNA workflow is the most efficient in removing rRNA from total FFPE RNA.

FEATURED PRODUCTS

NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library
Prep Kit for Illumina (NEB #E7760)

NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep with Sample Purification Beads (NEB #E7765)

NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (NEB #E7770)

NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep with Sample Purification Beads (NEB #E7775)

NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Human/ Mouse/Rat) (NEB #E6310)

NEBNext Globin & rRNA Depletion Kit (Human Mouse Rat) (NEB #E7750)

NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Bacteria) (NEB # E7850S)

NEBNext Poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module (NEB #E7490)

- Get more of what you need, with the highest library yields
- Generate high quality libraries even when you have only limited amounts of input RNA
 - 10 ng 1 μg Total RNA (polyA mRNA workflow)
 - 5 ng 1 μg Total RNA (rRNA depletion workflow)
- · Minimize bias, with fewer PCR cycles required
- Increase the complexity and transcript coverage of your libraries
- Save time with streamlined workflows, reduced hands-on time, and automation compatibility
- Rely on robust performance, even with low quality RNA, including FFPE
- Compatible with NEBNext poly(A) mRNA isolation, rRNA depletion reagents and multiplexing adaptors and primers
- Use our NEBNext selector tool at NEBNextSelector.neb.com for help with selecting the right NEBNext product for your needs

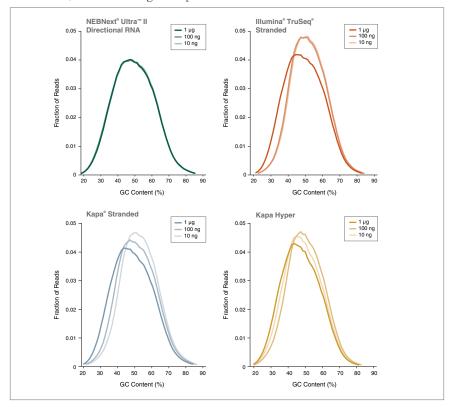


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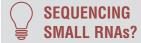




NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA libraries provide uniform GC content distribution, at a broad range of input amounts



Poly(A)-containing mRNA was isolated from Universal Human Reference RNA (Agilent #740000), and libraries were made using the NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Kit (plus the NEBNext Poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module), Illumina TruSeq Stranded mRNA Kit, Kapa Stranded mRNA-Seq Kit and Kapa mRNA HyperPrep Kit. Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq® 500 using paired-end mode (2 x 76 bp). Reads were mapped to the hg19 reference genome. GC content distribution for each library was calculated using mapped reads. Ultra II Directional RNA libraries had uniform GC content distribution across a range of input amounts, whereas for other kits the GC content distribution changed with different input amounts, indicating the introduction of input-dependent sequence bias.



The unique workflow of the NEBNext Small RNA library prep kits addresses the challenge of minimization of adaptor-dimers while achieving production of high-yield diverse multiplex libraries in a simple protocol.

- · Minimized adaptor-dimer formation
- · High yields
- Input can be total RNA
- Suitable for methylated small RNA's (e.g. RNAs as well as unmethylated small RNAs)
- 48 Indices available
 - NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina (Set 1) (NEB #E7770)
 - NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina (Set 2) (NEB #E7580)
 - NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (Index Primers 1–48) (NEB #E7560)
 - NEBNext Small RNA Library
 Prep Set for Illumina (Multiplex
 Compatible) (NEB #E7330)
- Visit NEBNext.com for more information



RNA SAMPLE INPUT GUIDELINES

Integrity of RNA

- It is important to start with high quality RNA. The use
 of degraded RNA can result in low yield or failure to
 generate libraries. We recommend determining RNA
 quality using the RNA Integrity Number (RIN) estimated
 by the Agilent Bioanalyzer or similar instrumentation.
 The RNA sample should have a RIN value higher than 7.
- Integrity and size distribution of total RNA can be checked by electrophoresis on a denaturing agarose gel and staining with ethidium bromide. The ribosomal RNA bands should appear as sharp bands on the stained gel. For eukaryotic samples, intact total RNA will have sharp, clear bands corresponding
- to 28S and 18S. The 28S rRNA band should be approximately twice as intense as the 18S rRNA band. This 2:1 ratio (28S:18S) is a good indication that the RNA is completely intact. Partially degraded RNA will have a smeared appearance, will lack the sharp rRNA bands, or will not exhibit the 2:1 ratio of high quality RNA. Completely degraded RNA will appear as a very low molecular weight smear.
- RNA should be completely free of DNA. DNase digestion of the purified RNA with RNase-free DNase is recommended.

Quantitation of RNA

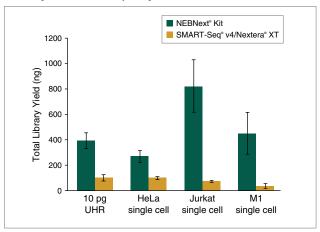
• It is important to quantify accurately the RNA sample prior to library construction. The concentration can be estimated with the Agilent Bioanalyzer on a pico or nano chip. Alternatively, RNA concentration can be determined by measuring the absorbance at 260 nm (A₂₆₀) in a spectrophotometer such as a NanoDrop[®]. However, free nucleotides or other organic compounds routinely used to extract RNA will also absorb UV light near 260 nm and will result in an over-estimation of the RNA concentration.

Single Cell/Low Input RNA-Seq

NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input RNA Library Prep meets the demand for a highly sensitive, yet robust method that consistently generates high-quality, full-length transcript sequencing libraries from single cells or as little as 2 pg–200 ng of total RNA.

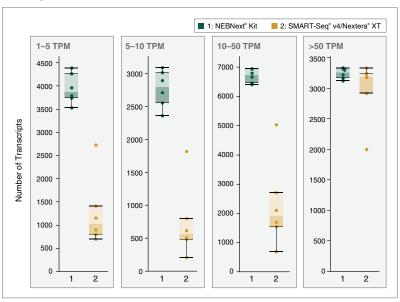
Optimized cDNA synthesis and amplification steps incorporate template switching, using a unique protocol and suite of reagents, and even low-abundance transcripts are represented in the high yields of cDNA obtained. Subsequent library construction incorporates the Ultra II FS enzymatic DNA fragmentation/end repair/dA-tailing mix in a simple and efficient workflow.

Generate higher library yields with the NEBNext Single Cell/ Low Input RNA Library Prep Kit



Sequencing libraries were generated from HeLa, Jurkat and M1 single cells or 10 pg of Universal Human Reference (UHR) RNA (Agilent* #740000) with recommended amounts of ERCC RNA Spike-In Mix I (Thermo Fisher Scientific* #4456740). The NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input RNA Library Prep Kit, or the SMART-Seq v4 Ultra Low Input RNA Kit for Sequencing (Clontech* #634891) plus the Nextera XT DNA Library Prep Kit (Illumina* #FC-131-1096) were used. For the NEBNext workflow ~80% of the cDNA was used as input into sequencing library preparation, and libraries were amplified with 8 PCR cycles. For the SMART-Seq v4/Nextera XT workflow, as recommended, 125 pg of cDNA was used as input in sequencing library preparation and 12 PCR cycles were used for amplification. Error bars indicate standard deviation for 6-11 replicates.

The NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input RNA Library Prep Kit increases transcript detection



FEATURED PRODUCTS

NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (NEB #E6420)

NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input cDNA Synthesis & Amplification Module (NEB #E6421)

- Generate the highest yields of high-quality cDNA and sequencing libraries from single cells, or as little as 2 pg—200 ng total RNA
- Experience unmatched detection of low abundance transcripts
- Rely on consistent and uniform transcript detection for a wide range of input amounts and sample types
- Use with a variety of RNA inputs, including cultured or primary cells, or total RNA
- Save time with a fast, streamlined workflow, minimal hands-on time, and automation compatibility

Sequencing libraries were generated from Jurkat single cells (6 replicates) using the NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input RNA Library Prep Kit, or the SMART-Seq v4 Ultra Low Input RNA Kit f or Sequencing (Clontech # 634891) plus the Nextera XT DNA Library Prep Kit (Illumina #FC-131-1096). Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq® 500 using paired-end mode (2 x 76 bp). TPM = Transcripts per Kilobase Million. Each dot represents the number of transcripts identified at the given TPM range, and each box represents the median, first and third quartiles per replicate. Salmon 0.6 was used for read mapping and quantification of all GENCODE v25 transcripts. Panels show the number of transcripts detected within the following TPM ranges: 1-5, 5-10, 10-50 and > 50 TPM. Increased identification of low abundance transcripts is observed with the NEBNext libraries.



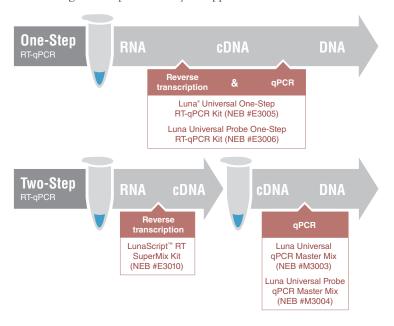
qPCR and RT-qPCR

Quantitative PCR (qPCR) uses real-time fluorescence to measure the quantity of DNA present at each cycle during a PCR. A wide variety of approaches have been developed for generating a fluorescent signal, the most common of which use either hydrolysis probes (e.g., TaqMan®), or a double-stranded DNA binding dye, (e.g., SYBR® Green). qPCR can be modified to detect and quantitate RNA by adding a reverse transcriptase (RT) step upstream of the qPCR assay to generate cDNA (i.e., RT-qPCR). Reverse transcription can be performed separately from qPCR or directly in the qPCR mix (i.e., one-step RT-qPCR). One-step workflows are commonly favored in molecular diagnostic assays and where sample inputs may be limiting. Separate cDNA synthesis followed by qPCR (i.e., two-step RT-qPCR) is preferred when multiple interrogations will be made of the same starting material or where archiving of cDNA may be required.

Lighting the way with Luna

Luna products from NEB are optimized for qPCR or RT-qPCR, and are available for either intercalating dye or probe-based detection methods. All Luna products provide robust performance on diverse sample sources and target types.

Find the right Luna product for your application



Doing one-step RT-qPCR?

The Luna RT-qPCR kits contain a novel, *in silico*-designed reverse transcriptase (RT) engineered for improved performance. Both the Luna WarmStart Reverse Transcriptase and Hot Start *Taq* DNA Polymerase, included in these kits, utilize a temperature-sensitive, reversible aptamer, which inhibits activity below 45°C. This enables room temperature reaction setup and prevents undesired non-specific activity. Furthermore, the WarmStart RT has increased thermostability, improving performance at higher reaction temperatures.

FEATURED PRODUCT

Luna Universal qPCR Master Mix (NEB #M3003)

Luna Universal Probe qPCR Master Mix (NEB #M3004)

Luna Universal Probe One-Step RT-qPCR Kit (NEB #E3006)

Luna Universal One-Step RT-qPCR Kit (NEB #E3005)

Make a Simpler Choice

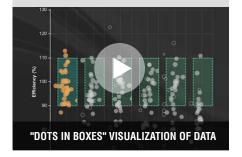
- Convenient master mix and supermix formats with user-friendly protocols simplify reaction setup
- Non-interfering, visible tracking dye helps to eliminate pipetting errors

Experience Best-in-class Performance

- All Luna products have undergone rigorous testing to optimize specificity, sensitivity, accuracy and reproducibility
- Products perform consistently across a wide variety of sample sources
- A comprehensive evaluation of commerciallyavailable qPCR and RT-qPCR reagents demonstrates superior performance of Luna products

Optimize Your One-Step RT-qPCR with Luna Warmstart® Reverse Transcriptase

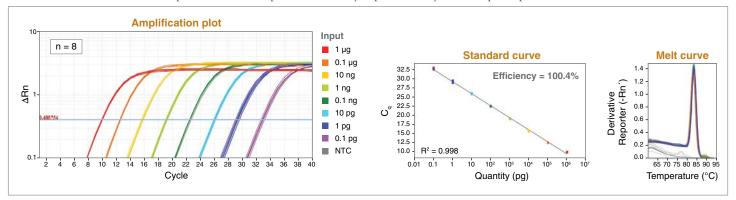
- Novel, thermostable reverse transcriptase (RT) improves performance
- WarmStart RT paired with Hot Start *Taq* increases reaction specificity and robustness





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Luna WarmStart Reverse Transcriptase exhibits exceptional sensitivity, reproducibility and RT-qPCR performance



Doing two-step RT-qPCR?

The LunaScript RT SuperMix Kit is ideal for first strand cDNA synthesis in the context of a two-step RT-qPCR workflow. The latest edition to the Luna portfolio, LunaScript, delivers best-in-class performance, user-friendly protocols, and includes a convenient blue dye to track your sample throughout the RT-qPCR workflow. cDNA products generated by LunaScript have been extensively evaluated in qPCR using the Luna Universal qPCR Master Mix (NEB #M3003) and Luna Universal Probe qPCR Master Mix (NEB #M3004). In combination, these products provide a two-step RT-qPCR workflow with excellent sensitivity and accurate, linear quantitations.

Avoiding pipetting errors with LunaScript



FEATURED PRODUCT

LunaScript RT SuperMix Kit (NEB #E3010) Optimize your RT-qPCR

- Simplify reaction setup with convenient supermix format
- Eliminate pipetting errors with non-interfering, visible tracking dye
- Synthesize cDNA in less than 15 minutes
- Experience best-in-class performance, as all Luna products have undergone rigorous testing to optimize specificity, sensitivity, accuracy and reproducibility
- Enjoy consistent linearity, sensitivity, and capacity for reliable RNA quantification





LOOKING FOR REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASES (RTs) FOR OTHER APPLICATIONS?

NEB offers several RTs, including ProtoScript II Reverse Transcriptase (NEB #M0368) and WarmStart RTx Reverse Transcriptase (NEB #M0380), which can be used in isothermal amplification (e.g., LAMP). See page 22 for the full list of RTs available.



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Optimization Tips for RT-qPCR with Luna

TIPS FOR OPTIMIZATION

New England Biolabs provides Luna products for your qPCR and RT-qPCR experiments. For more information on these products, visit **LUNAqPCR.com**. The following tips can be used to help optimize your One-Step RT-qPCR.

TARGET SELECTION

- Short PCR amplicons, ranging from 70 to 200 bp, are recommended for maximum PCR efficiency
- Target sequences should ideally have a GC content of 40–60%
- · Avoid highly repetitive sequences when possible
- Target sequences containing significant secondary structure should be avoided

RNA TEMPLATE

- Use high quality, purified RNA templates whenever possible. Luna qPCR is compatible with RNA samples prepared through typical nucleic acid purification methods.
- Prepared RNA should be stored in an EDTA-containing buffer (e.g., 1X TE) for long-term stability
- Template dilutions should be freshly prepared in either TE or water for each qPCR experiment
- Treatment of RNA samples with DNase I (NEB #M0303) may minimize amplification from genomic DNA contamination
- Generally, useful concentrations of standard and unknown material will be in the range of 10⁸ copies to 10 copies. Note that for dilutions in the single-copy range, some samples will contain multiple copies and some will have none, as defined by the Poisson distribution. For total RNA, Luna One-Step Kits can provide linear quantitation over an 8-order input range of 1 µg−0.1 pg. For most targets, a standard input range of 100 ng−10 pg total RNA is recommended. For purified mRNA, input of ≤ 100 ng is recommended. For *in vitro*-transcribed RNA, input of ≤ 10⁹ copies is recommended.

PRIMERS

- Primers should typically be 15–30 nucleotides in length
- · Ideal primer content is 40-60% GC
- Primer Tm should be approximately 60°C
- Primer Tm calculation should be determined with NEB's Tm calculator. (Tmcalculator.neb.com) using the Hot Start Taq setting.
- For best results in qPCR, primer pairs should have Tm values that are within 3°C
- Avoid secondary structure (e.g., hairpins) within each primer and potential dimerization between primers
- G homopolymer repeats ≥ 4 should be avoided

- The optimal primer concentration for dye-based experiments and probe-based experiments is 400 nM. If necessary, the primer concentration can be optimized between 100–900 nM.
- Higher primer concentrations may increase secondary priming and create spurious amplification products
- When using primer design software, enter sufficient sequence around the area of interest to permit robust primer design and use search criteria that permit cross-reference against relevant sequence databases to avoid potential off-target amplification
- It is advisable to design primers across known exonexon junctions in order to prevent amplification from genomic DNA

HYDROLYSIS PROBES

- Probes should typically be 15–30 nucleotides in length to ensure sufficient quenching of the fluorophore
- The optimal probe concentration is 200 nM but may be optimized between 100 to 500 nM
- Both single or double-quenched probes may be used
- In general, non-fluorescence quenchers result in better signal-to-noise ratio than fluorescence quenchers
- Ideal probe content is 40–60% GC
- The probe Tm should be 5–10°C higher than the Tm of the primers to ensure all targeted sequences are saturated with probe prior to amplification by the primers
- Probes may be designed to anneal to either the sense or antisense strand
- Generally, probes should be designed to anneal in close proximity to either the forward or reverse primer without overlapping
- Avoid a 5´-G base which is known to quench 5´-fluorophores

MULTIPLEXING

- Avoid primer/probe combinations that contain complementary sequences, and ensure target sequences do not overlap
- Probes should be designed such that each amplicon has a unique fluorophore for detection
- Select fluorophores based on the detection capabilities of the available real-time PCR instrument
- The emission spectra of the reporter fluorophores should not overlap
- Test each primer/probe combination in a singleplex reaction to establish a performance baseline. Ensure C_q values are similar when conducting the multiplex qPCR.
- Pair dim fluorescence dyes with high abundance targets and bright dyes with low abundance targets

Optimization may require lower primer/probe concentrations to be used for high copy targets along with higher concentrations for low copy targets

REVERSE TRANSCRIPTION

- The default reverse transcription temperature is 55°C
- For difficult targets, the temperature of reverse transcription may be increased to 60°C for 10 minutes
- Due to the WarmStart feature of the Luna RT, reverse transcription temperatures lower than 50°C are not recommended

CYCLING CONDITIONS

- Generally, best performance is achieved using the cycling conditions provided in the manual
- Longer amplicons (> 400 bp) can be used but may require optimization of extension times
- Due to the dual WarmStart/Hot Start feature of the Luna kits, it is not necessary to preheat the thermocycler prior to use
- Select the "Fast" ramp speed where applicable (e.g., Applied Biosystems QuantStudio).
- Amplification for 40 cycles is sufficient for most applications, but for very low input samples 45 cycles may be used

REACTION SETUP

- For best results, keep reactions on ice prior to thermocycling
- A reaction volume of 20 µl is recommended for 96-well plates while a reaction volume of 10 µl is recommended for 384-well plates
- Reactions should be carried out in triplicate for each sample
- For each amplicon, ensure to include no template controls (NTC)
- A no Luna RT control should be conducted to guarantee amplification is specific for RNA input and not due to genomic DNA contamination
- To prevent carry-over contamination, treat reactions with 0.2 units/µl Antarctic Thermolabile UDG (NEB #M0372) for 10 minutes at room temperature prior to thermocycling
- The Luna reference dye supports broad instrument compatibility (High-ROX, Low-ROX, ROX-independent) so no additional ROX is required for normalization

ASSAY PERFORMANCE

- Ensure 90–110% PCR efficiency for the assay over at least three log₁₀ dilutions of template.
- Linearity over the dynamic range (R²) should ideally be ≥ 0.99
- Target specificity should be confirmed by product size, sequencing or melt-curve analysis



Luna One-Step RT-qPCR Troubleshooting Guide

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE(S)	SOLUTION(S)		
	Incorrect RT step temperature or RT step omitted	For typical use, a 55°C RT step temperature is optimal for the Luna WarmStart Reverse Transcriptase		
	Incorrect cycling protocol	Refer to the proper RT-qPCR cycling protocol in product manual		
	Reagent omitted from RT-qPCR assay	Verify all steps of the protocol were followed correctly		
aDCD traces show law	Reagent added improperly to RT-qPCR assay			
qPCR traces show low or no amplification	Incorrect channel selected for the qPCR thermal cycler	Verify correct optical settings on the qPCR instrument		
		Prepare high quality RNA without RNase/DNase contamination Confirm template input amount		
	RNA template or reagents are contaminated or degraded	Confirm the expiration dates of the kit reagents		
		Verify proper storage conditions provided in product manual		
		Rerun the RT-qPCR assay with fresh reagents		
	Improper pipetting during RT-qPCR assay set-up	Ensure proper pipetting techniques		
	qPCR plate film has lost its seal, causing evaporation in the well. The resulting qPCR trace may show significantly different fluorescence	Ensure the qPCR plate is properly sealed before inserting into the qPCR thermal cycler		
Inconsistent qPCR traces for	values relative to its replicates.	Exclude problematic trace(s) from data analysis		
triplicate data	Poor mixing of reagents during RT-qPCR set-up	Make sure all reagents are properly mixed after thawing them		
		Avoid bubbles in the qPCR plate		
	Bubbles cause an abnormal qPCR trace	Centrifuge the qPCR plate prior to running it in the thermal cycler		
		Exclude problematic trace(s) from data analysis		
	Cycling protocol is incorrect	Refer to the proper RT-qPCR cycling protocol in product manual		
		Use a 55°C RT step		
		• For ABI instruments, use a 1 minute 60°C annealing/extension step		
Chandard arms has a	Presence of outlying qPCR traces	Omit data produced by qPCR traces that are clearly outliers caused by bubbles, plate sealing issues, or other experimental problems		
Standard curve has a poor correlation coefficient/	Improper pipetting during RT-qPCR assay set-up	Ensure that proper pipetting techniques are used		
efficiency or the standard curve falls outside the	Reaction conditions are incorrect	Verify that all steps of the protocol were followed correctly		
90–110% range	Bubbles cause an abnormal qPCR trace	Avoid bubbles in the qPCR plate		
	Dubbics cause an abhormar qr on trace	Centrifuge the qPCR plate prior to running it in the thermal cycler		
	Poor mixing of reagents	After thawing, make sure all reagents are properly mixed		
		Ensure the threshold is set in the exponential region of qPCR traces		
	Threshold is improperly set for the qPCR traces	Refer to the real-time instrument user manual to manually set an appropriate threshold		
	Man template amplification is occurring	Compare melt curve of NTC to samples		
Melt curve shows different peaks for low input samples	Non-template amplification is occurring Infrequently, denaturation of a single species can occur in a biphasic	Redesign primers with a Tm of 60°C or use our Tm calculator to determine the optimal annealing temperature of the primers		
	manner, resulting in two peaks	Perform a primer matrix analysis to determine optimal primer concentrations		
	Reagents are contaminated with carried-over products of previous	Replace all stocks and reagents		
No template control qPCR	qPCR (melt curve of NTC matches melt curve of higher input	Clean equipment and setup area with 10% chlorine bleach		
trace shows amplification/NTC C _q is close to or overlapping lower copy standards	standards)	Consider use of 0.2 U/µl Antarctic Thermolabile UDG to eliminate carryover products		
vopy otalitatia	Primers produce non-specific amplification (melt curve of NTC does not match melt curve of higher input standards)	Redesign primers with a Tm of 60°C or use qPCR primer design software		
Amplification in	RNA is contaminated with genomic DNA	Treat sample with DNase I		
No-RT control	nina is contaminated with genomic DNA	Redesign amplicon to span exon-exon junction		



RNA Synthesis

In vitro synthesis of single-stranded RNA molecules is a widely used laboratory procedure that is critical to RNA research, as well as to RNA biopharmaceuticals. This technique is versatile in that it allows the researcher to tailor synthesis and introduce modifications to produce a transcript. Downstream applications include biochemical and molecular characterization of RNA for RNA-protein interactions and structural analyses, generation of RNA aptamers, synthesis of functional mRNAs for expression, and generation of small RNAs for alteration of gene expression (e.g., guide RNAs, RNAi). Furthermore, the use of in vitro synthesized RNA has been instrumental in the development of RNA vaccines and CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing tools, generation of pluripotent stem cells, screening of RNA inhibitors, as well as development of RNA amplification-based diagnostics.

High-yield robust reactions require optimization of each reaction component. NEB offers five *in vitro* RNA synthesis kits, all of which have been optimized to generate reproducible yields of quality RNA. Additionally, individual components can be purchased for *in vitro* transcription (IVT) and mRNA capping.

For more information on products available for RNA synthesis, visit

NEBrna.com and download our RNA Synthesis Brochure



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mRNA synthesis workflow example & available NEB products

Template Generation	<i>In vitro</i> Transcription	RNA Capping	Poly(A) Tailing	RNA Purification
Q5® High-Fidelity	HiScribe™ T7 ARCA mRNA	Synthesis Kit (with tailing)		Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit
DNA Polymerase	HiScribe T7 ARCA mRNA S	ynthesis Kit	E. coli Poly(A) Polymerase	(10 μg)
dNTP solution mixes	HiScribe T7 High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit	Vaccinia Capping System		Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (50 μg)
Type IIS restriction enzymes & cloning reagents	HiScribe T7 Quick High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit	mRNA Cap 2´-O- Methyltransferase	Monarch RNA (500 μg)	Monarch RNA Cleanup Kii (500 μg)
	HiScribe SP6 High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit	ARCA and other mRNA cap analogs		Lithium Chloride Companion Products
	T3, T7, SP6, and Hi-T7 RNA Polymerases			Monarch RNA Cleanup Columns (10 µg, 50 µg, 500 µg)
	Companion Products RNase inhibitors			Monarch RNA Cleanup Binding Buffer
	Pyrophosphatases DNase I			Monarch RNA Cleanup Wash Buffer
	NTPs			Nuclease-free Water



Generate Microgram Quantities of RNA with HiScribe

NEB offers a selection of HiScribe RNA Synthesis Kits for the generation of high yields of high quality RNA, that can be used in a wide variety of applications. Use the chart below to determine which HiScribe Kit will work best for you.

			T7 I	KITS		SP6 KITS
	APPLICATION	HiScribe T7 High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit (#E2040)	HiScribe T7 Quick High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit (#E2050)	HiScribe T7 ARCA mRNA KIT (#E2065)	HiScribe T7 ARCA mRNA (WITH TAILING) (#E2060)	HiScribe SP6 RNA Synthesis Kit (#E2070)
	Fluorescent labeling: FAM, Cyanine (Cy) dyes, etc. • Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH)		✓			✓
Probe labeling	Non-fluorescent labeling: Biotin, Digoxigenin • In situ hybridization • Blot hybridization with secondary detection • Microarray		✓			√
	High specific activity radiolabeling Blot hybridization RNase protection	√				✓
	Streamlined mRNA synthesis with ARCA co-transcriptional capping and enzymatic poly(A) tailing Transfection Microinjection In vitro translation				✓	
	Streamlined ARCA capped RNA synthesis Template encoded poly(A) tails Non polyadenylated transcripts Transfection Microinjection In vitro translation			√		
mRNA & RNA for	Co-transcriptional capping with alternate cap analogs Transfection Microinjection In vitro translation		✓			1
transfection	Post-transcriptional capping with Vaccinia Capping System Transfection Microinjection In vitro translation	✓	√			1
	Complete substitution of NTPs: 5-mC, pseudouridine, etc. Induction of stem cell pluripotency Modulation of cell fate or phenotype Post translational capping with Vaccinia mRNA Capping System	√				✓
	Partial substitution of NTPs: 5-mC, pseudouridine, etc.		√	✓	✓	✓
	Unmodified RNA		√			✓
	Hairpins, short RNA, dsRNA • Gene knockdown		√			✓
	Complete substitution of NTPs • Aptamer selection • Isotopic labeling	✓				1
Structure, function, & binding studies	Partial substitution of one or more NTPs • Aptamer selection • Structure determination		✓			✓
	Unmodified RNA • SELEX • Structure determination		√			✓

Generating Guide RNA for CRISPR/Cas9 Experiments

Cas nucleases are central components of CRISPR-based immunity, a mechanism used to protect a bacterial or archaeal cell from invading viral and foreign DNA. CRISPRs (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) are DNA loci that contain multiple, short, repeated sequences, separated by unique "spacer DNA". The CRISPR locus is transcribed and processed into short guide RNAs (gRNAs) that are incorporated into Cas nuclease. The RNA corresponding to the spacer DNA guides the Cas nuclease to its target by complementary base pairing; double-stranded DNA cleavage results.

Cas nucleases have been adapted for use in genome engineering because they can easily be programmed for target specificity by supplying gRNAs of any sequence. In cells and animals, genome targeting is performed by expressing nucleases and gRNA from DNA constructs (plasmid or virus), supplying RNA encoding Cas nuclease and gRNA, or by introducing RNA-programmed Cas nuclease directly.

The EnGen sgRNA Synthesis Kit, *S. pyogenes* provides a simple and quick method for transcribing high yields of sgRNA in a single 30 minute reaction, using the supplied reagents and target-specific DNA oligos designed by the user.

FEATURED PRODUCT

EnGen sgRNA Synthesis Kit (NEB #E3322)

- Reduce protocol time with single-reaction format
- Generate up to 25 μg of sgRNA
- Facilitate troubleshooting with included control oligo provided
- · Save money with reduced cost per reaction

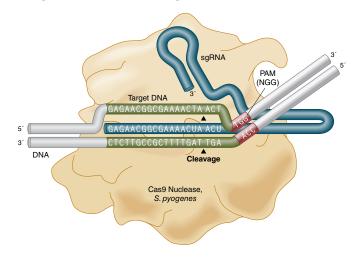
General workflow for the EnGen sgRNA Synthesis Kit, S. pyogenes.

Select target sequence Design and order target-specific oligo(s)

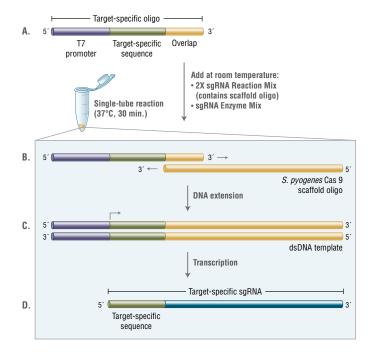
Synthesize dsDNA and sgRNA in a single reaction

DNAse treatment Purify sgRNA and measure RNA yield

Schematic representation of Cas9 Nuclease, *S. pyogenes* recognition and DNA cleavage



sgRNA Synthesis with EnGen is complete in less than one hour



Interested in Designing Your Own Workflows?

NEBs broad portfolio of enzyme specificities and reagents enables development of creative workflows for your RNA research. For example, RNA can be modified with enzymes and reagents that act selectively depending on the existence of particular structures, and hence are useful tools for characterizing RNA species. The selective properties of RNA modifying enzymes enable researchers to distinguish different RNA species. Some unique end modifications can be used to selectively degrade or isolate particular RNA species when treated sequentially with the appropriate series of enzymes. For instance, 5´-capped RNAs are not substrates for polynucleotide kinases, or RNA ligases, but are substrates for decapping enzymes. Similarly, ligation and poly-adenylation of RNA 3´ end requires a free 3´-OH.

Featured product: RNA ligases

NEB offers a wide selection of ligases with varying activities to support a variety of applications. Use the selection chart to choose the best RNA ligase for your needs.

	RNA LIGASES							
	T4 RNA Ligase 1 (#M0204)	T4 RNA Ligase 2 (#M0239)	T4 RNA Ligase 2 Truncated (#M0242)	T4 RNA Ligase 2 Truncated K227Q (#M0351)	T4 RNA Ligase 2 Truncated KQ (#M0373)	ThermoStable 5´ App DNA/RNA Ligase (#M0319)	5' Adenylation Kit (#E2610)	RtcB Ligase (#M0458)
RNA APPLICATIONS								
Nicks in dsRNA		///						
Labeling of 3´ Termini of RNA	///		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Ligation of ssRNA to ssRNA	///							
Ligation of Preadenylated Adaptors to RNA	11		11	11	111	11		
5´ Adenylation							///	
Ligation of 3´P and 5´OH of ssRNA								111
DNA APPLICATIONS								
Ligation of Preadenylated Adaptors to ssDNA						111		
DNA/RNA APPLICATIONS								
Joining of RNA and DNA in a ds-structure		√ √						
Ligation of RNA and DNA with 3´P and 5´OH								/ /
NGS APPLICATIONS								
NGS Library Prep dsDNA-dsDNA (Ligation)								
NGS Library Prep ssRNA-ssDNA (Ligation)	A		A	A	•	A		
NGS Library Prep ssRNA-ds-Adaptor Splinted Ligation		A						
FEATURES								
Thermostable						•	•	
Recombinant	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

KEY			
///	√ √	✓	A
Optimal, recommended ligase for selected application	Works well for selected application	Will perform selected application, but is not recommended	Please consult the specific NGS protocol to determine the optimal enzyme for your needs

Featured protocol: Cappable-seq

Cappable-seq is a method for directly enriching the 5´ end of primary transcripts developed at NEB. This is achieved by capping the 5´ triphosphorylated end of RNA with the Vaccinia Capping System (NEB #M2080) and 3´-Desthiobiotin-GTP (NEB #N0761). The primary transcripts are enriched by binding to Hydrophilic Streptavidin Magnetic Beads (NEB #S1421), followed by washing and eluting with biotin. This method enables determination of transcription start sites at single base resolution (1).

1. Ettwiller, L. et al. (2016). BMC Genomics. 17, 199.

FEATURED PRODUCT

Vaccinia Capping System (NEB #M2080)

3´-Desthiobiotin-GTP (NEB #N0761)

Hydrophilic Streptavidin Magnetic Beads (NEB #S1421)



PROTOCOL: CAPPABLE-SEQ FOR PROKARYOTIC TRANSCRIPTION START SITE (TSS) DETERMINATION

DESTHIOBIOTIN-GTP CAPPING OF PROKARYOTIC RNA:

- Prepare total RNA from prokaryotic source at a concentration of 300 ng/µl in water or 1.0 mM Tris pH 7.5, 0.1 mM EDTA.
- 2. Prepare the capping reaction as follows:

COMPONENT	REACTION
RNA	10 μΙ
10X VCE Buffer	5 µl
ddH ₂ O	25 µl
Total	40 μΙ

- 3. Incubate reaction for 2 minutes at 70°C.
- 4. Place the reaction on ice,
- $5. \ \mbox{Add}$ the following to above reaction:

COMPONENT	REACTION
5 mM 3'DTB-GTP	5 μΙ
Vaccinia Capping Enzyme (10 units/µI)	5 μl
Total	50 µl

Incubate the reaction at 37°C for 30 minutes. Immediately proceed to cleanup.

Note: We have recently found that capping with DTB-GTP is more efficient in the absence of S-Adenosylmethionine (SAM).

RNA CLEANUP:

- Purify RNA on a Zymo Research's Clean and Concentrator™-5 column using manufacturer instructions for > 200 nucleotide RNA; with a total of 4 washes with RNA wash buffer. (Note: Wash the sides of the column that may have come into contact with the capping reaction, reducing the carryover of DTB-GTP.)
- 2. Elute the RNA in 100 μ l of 1 mM Tris pH 7.5, 0.1 mM EDTA (low TE).

Note: it is essential to completely remove unincorporated DTB-GTP (less than 0.01% DTB-GTP remaining).

Alternative methods of RNA cleanup such as AMPure beads can also be employed. If the RNA is going to be directly bound to streptavidin before the following fragmentation step, an additional cleanup step should first be employed.

ENRICHMENT OF RNA:

1. Fragment desthiobiotin-GTP-capped RNA by setting up the following reaction:

COMPONENT	REACTION
10X Polynucleotide Kinase Buffer	2.5 µl
Capped RNA	100 µl

- 2. Incubate for 5 minutes at 94°C. Put on ice.
- 3. Clean up RNA as follows:
 - A) Bind RNA to AMPure XP Beads:

Add 1.8 volumes of AMPure beads to the eluted RNA volume and add 1.5 volumes of 100% ethanol to the resulting volume of the AMPure/RNA mix (i.e., if volume of RNA is 100 μ l, add 180 μ l of AMPure beads and 420 μ l of ethanol). Incubate the beads on the bench for 5 minutes, then expose to a magnet and wash beads 2 times with 80% ethanol while confined with the magnet. Remove the tube from the magnet and elute the RNA in 75 μ l of low TE.

B) Remove 3' phosphates from fragmented RNA:

To 75 µl of the eluted RNA, add the following:

COMPONENT	REACTION
10X T4 Polynucleotide Buffer	8.8 µl
ATP-free T4 Polynucleotide Kinase	4 μΙ
Total	87.8 µI

Incubate the reaction at 37°C for 15 minutes. Directly proceed to streptavidin enrichment.

C) 1st round of streptavidin enrichment:
Hydrophilic Streptavidin Magnetic Beads (NEB #S1421) are prepared by washing 2 times with 400 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 50 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA and 2 times with 400 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA and suspended in their original suspension concentration of 4 mg/ml in the 500 mM NaCl wash buffer. Add the DTB-GTP capped RNA from Step B to 30 µl of the prewashed streptavidin beads and incubate at room temperature with occasional resuspension for 20 minutes. Wash the beads 2 times with 200 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 2 times with 200 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 50 mM NaCl and 1 mM EDTA to remove unbound material.

- D) Elute RNA from the streptavidin beads:
 Resuspend the beads in 30 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl
 pH 7.5, 50 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA and 1 mM
 biotin. Incubate the beads for 20 minutes at room
 temperature with occasional resuspension. Collect
 the biotin-eluted RNA by placing the tube on the
 magnetic rack.
- E) Clean-up eluted RNA:
 Bind the eluted RNA to AMPure XP Beads by adding
 1.8 volumes of AMPure beads to one eluted RNA
 volume. Add 1.5 volumes of 100% ethanol to the
 resulting volume of the AMPure/RNA mix (ie., if
 30 µl of RNA was recovered from the beads, add
 54 µl of AMPure beads and 126 µl of ethanol).
 Wash the beads 2 times with 80% ethanol, air dry
 for 5 minutes on bench, and elute the RNA with
 30 µl low TE.
- F) 2nd Round of streptavidin enrichment:
 Add 30 µl of the RNA eluate to 30 µl of
 prewashed streptavidin beads for a second round
 of enrichment. Wash and elute the streptavidin
 beads as above. Collect and bind the biotin-eluted
 RNA to AMPure beads as above, and elute with
 30 µl low TE.
- G) Decapping (prior to 5' end ligation):
 Remove the desthiobiotin cap to leave a 5'
 monophosphate terminus by adding 3.3 µl of
 10X ThermoPol Buffer (NEB #B9004) and 3 µl
 (15 units) of RppH (NEB #M0356) and incubate
 for 60 minutes at 37°C. Terminate the reaction
 by adding 0.5 µl of 0.5 M EDTA and heat to 94°C
 for 2 minutes. Bind the RNA to AMPure beads
 as described above. Wash and elute in 20 µl low
 TE. The eluted RNA is the starting RNA for library
 preparation using the NEBNext Small RNA Library
 Prep Set for Illumina (NEB #E7330).

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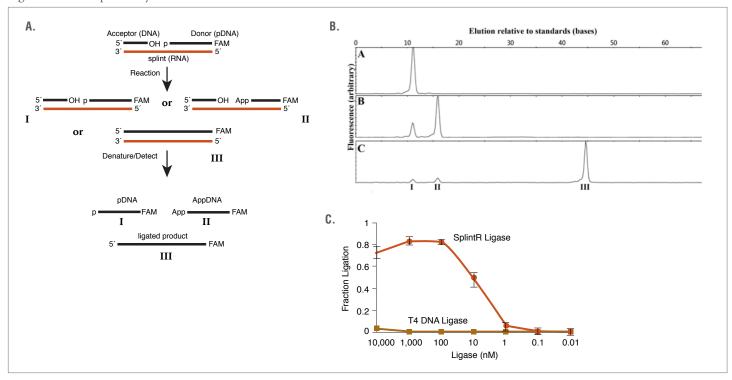
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Our broad portfolio of RNA ligases includes unique specificities such as SplintR Ligase, which efficiently catalyzes the ligation of adjacent, single-stranded DNA splinted by a complementary RNA strand. This previously unreported activity may enable novel approaches for characterization of miRNAs and mRNAs, including SNPs. SplintR is ideally suited for many target enrichment workflows with applications in next-generation sequencing and molecular diagnostics. The robust activity of the enzyme and its affinity for RNA-splinted DNA substrates (apparent $Km=1\,$ nM) enable sub-nanomolar detection of unique RNA species within a complex mixture, making SplintR ligase a superior choice for demanding RNA detection technologies.



Ligation of DNA splinted by RNA



(A) Outline of the ligation assay: a 5´-phosphorylated, 3´-FAM labeled DNA "donor" oligonucleotide and an unmodified DNA "acceptor" oligonucleotide are annealed to a complementary RNA splint. This substrate is reacted with a ligase to form a mixture of unreacted starting material (I), adenylylated DNA (II), and ligated product (III). These products are denatured, separated by capillary electrophoresis and detected by fluorescence. (B) Ligation of the RNA-splinted substrate in SplintR Ligase Reaction Buffer for 15 minutes at 25°C with (a) no enzyme, (b) 1 μΜ Τ4 DNA Ligase and (c) 100 nM SplintR Ligase. Indicated peaks correspond to starting pDNA (I), AppDNA (II) and ligated product (III) as determined by co-elution with synthetically prepared standards. (C) The fraction of ligated product catalyzed by either SplintR Ligase or T4 DNA Ligase was analyzed by performing sets of ligations with both ligases at concentrations between 10 pM and 10 μM for 15 minutes at 25°C. SplintR Ligase is clearly much more efficient at ligating RNA-splinted DNA than T4 DNA Ligase.

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RNA Synthesis

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE
HiScribe T7 Quick High Yield RNA	E2050S	50 reactions
Synthesis Kit	E20303	30 reactions
HiScribe T7 High Yield RNA Synthesis Kit	E2040S	50 reactions
HiScribe SP6 RNA Synthesis Kit	E2070S	50 reactions
HiScribe T7 ARCA mRNA Kit	E2065S	20 reactions
HiScribe T7 ARCA mRNA Kit (with tailing)	E2060S	20 reactions
T3 RNA Polymerase	M0378S	5,000 units
T7 RNA Polymerase	M0251S/L	5,000/25,000 units
SP6 RNA Polymerase	M0207S/L	2,000/10,000 units
Hi-T7 RNA Polymerase	M0658S	5,000 units
E. coli Poly(A) Polymerase	M0276S/L	100/500 units
Poly(U) Polymerase	M0337S	60 units
E. coli RNA Polymerase, Core Enzyme	M0550S	100 units
E. coli RNA Polymerase, Holoenzyme	M0551S	50 units
Ribonucleotide Solution Set	N0450S/L	10/50 µmol of each
Ribonucleotide Solution Mix	N0466S/L	10/50 µmol of each
Pyrophosphatase, Inorganic (E. coli)	M0361S/L	10/50 units
Pyrophosphatase, Inorganic (yeast)	M2403S/L	10/50 units
Thermostable Inorganic Pyrophosphatase	M0296S/L	250/1,250 units
Vaccinia Capping System	M2080S	400 units
Anti-Reverse Cap Analog 3´-O-Me-m ⁷ G(5´)ppp(5´)G	S1411S/L	1/5 µmol
Standard Cap Analog m ⁷ G(5') ppp(5')G	S1404S/L	1/5 µmol
Unmethylated Cap Analog G (5') ppp(5')G	S1407S/L	1/5 µmol
Methylated Cap Analog for A + 1 sites m ⁷ G(5')ppp(5')A	S1405S/L	1/5 µmol
Unmethylated Cap Analog for A + 1 sites G(5')ppp(5')A	S1406S/L	1/5 µmol
mRNA Cap 2´-O-Methyltransferase	M0366S	2,000 units
3´-Desthiobiotin-GTP	N0761S	0.5 µmol

cDNA Synthesis

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE
ProtoScript II Reverse Transcriptase	M0368S/L/X	4,000/10,000/40,000 units
M-MuLV Reverse Transcriptase	M0253S/L	10,000/50,000 units
AMV Reverse Transcriptase	M0277S/L	200/1,000 units
WarmStart RTx Reverse Transcriptase	M0380S/L	50/250 reactions
ProtoScript II First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit	E6560S/L	30/150 reactions
ProtoScript First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit	E6300S/L	30/150 reactions
Template Switching RT Enzyme Mix	M0466S/L	20/100 reactions

RNA Quantitation

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE
Luna Universal qPCR Master Mix	M3003S/L/X/E	200/500/1,000/2,500 reactions
Luna Universal Probe qPCR Master Mix	M3004S/L/X/E	200/500/1,000/2,500 reactions
Luna Universal One-Step RT-qPCR Kit	E3005S/L/X/E	200/500/1,000/2,500 reactions
Luna Universal Probe One-Step RT-qPCR Kit	E3006S/L/X/E	200/500/1,000/2,500 reactions
LunaScript RT SuperMix Kit	E3010S/L	25/100 reactions

RNA Ligases & Modifying Enzymes

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE	
T4 RNA Ligase 1 (ssRNA Ligase)	M0204S/L	1,000/5,000 units	
T4 RNA Ligase 1 (ssRNA Ligase), high concentration	M0437M	5,000 units	
T4 RNA Ligase 2 (dsRNA Ligase)	M0239S/L	150/750 units	
T4 RNA Ligase 2, truncated	M0242S/L	2,000/10,000 units	
T4 RNA Ligase 2, truncated K227Q	M0351S/L	2,000/10,000 units	
T4 RNA Ligase 2, truncated KQ	M0373S/L	2,000/10,000 units	
RtcB Ligase	M0458S/L	25 reactions	
Thermostable 5´ AppDNA/RNA Ligase	M0319S/L	10/50 reactions	
5´ DNA Adenylation Kit	E2610S/L	10/50 reactions	
SplintR Ligase	M0375S/L	1,250/6,250 units	
RNA 5´ Pyrophosphohydrolase (RppH)	M0356S	200 units	
5´ Deadenylase	M0331S	1,000 units	
RNase I _f	M0243S/L	5,000/25,000 units	
RNase H	M0297S/L	250/1,250 units	
RNase HII	M0288S/L	250/1,250 units	
Quick Dephosphorylation Kit	M0508S/L	100/500 units	
Antarctic Phosphatase	M0289S/L	1,000/5,000 units	
Alkaline Phosphatase Calf Intestinal (CIP)	M0290S/L	1,000/5,000 units	
Shrimp Alkaline Phosphatase (rSAP)	M0371S/L	500/2,500 units	
T4 Polynucleotide Kinase	M0201S/L	500/2,500 units	
ShortCut RNase III	M0245S/L	200/1,000 units	
XRN-1	M0338S/L	20/100 units	
Exonuclease T	M0265S/L	250/1,250 units	

sgRNA Synthesis

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE
EnGen sgRNA Synthesis Kit, S. pyogenes	E3322S	20 reactions

RNase Control

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE
RNase Inhibitor, Murine	M0314S/L	3,000/15,000 units
RNase Inhibitor, Human Placenta	M0307S/L	2,000/10,000 units
Ribonucleoside Vanadyl Complex	S1402S	10 ml (200 mM)

RNA Library Preparation for Next Generation Sequencing

PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE
NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input RNA Library Prep		
Kit for Illumina	E6420S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Single Cell/Low Input cDNA Synthesis & Amplification Module	E6421S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina	E7760S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Ultra II Directional RNA Library Prep with Sample Purification Beads	E7765S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina	E7770S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Ultra II RNA Library Prep with Sample Purification Beads	E7775S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina (Set 1)	E7300S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina (Set 2)	E7580S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (Index Primers 1-48)	E7560S	96 reactions
NEBNext Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina (Multiplex Compatible)	E7330S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Human/Mouse/Rat)	E6310S/L/X	6/24/96 reactions
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Human/Mouse/Rat) with RNA Sample Purification Beads	E6350S/L/X	6/24/96 reactions
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Bacteria)	E7850S/L/X	6/24/96 reactions
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Bacteria) with RNA Sample Purification Beads	E7860S/L/X	6/24/96 reactions
NEBNext Globin & rRNA Depletion Kit (Human Mouse Rat)	E7750S/L/X	6/24/96 reactions
NEBNext Globin & rRNA Depletion Kit (Human Mouse Rat)	E7755S/L/X	6/24/96 reactions
NEBNext Poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module	E7490S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Library Quant Kit for Illumina	E7630S/L	100/500 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Index Primers Set 1)	E7335S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Index Primers Set 2)	E7500S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Index Primers Set 3)	E7710S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Index Primers Set 4)	E7730S/L	24/96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (96 Index Primers)	E6609S/L	96/384 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Dual Index Primers Set 1)	E7600S	96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (Dual Index Primers 2)	E7780S	96 reactions
NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (96 Unique Dual Index Primer Pairs)	E6440S/L	96/384 reactions
NEBNext Singleplex Oligos for Illumina	E7350S/L	12/60 reactions
DNase I	S1402S	10 ml (200 mM)

RNA Purification, Cleanup & Detection

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PRODUCT	NEB #	SIZE	
Monarch Total RNA Miniprep Kit	T2010S	50 preps	
Monarch RNA Lysis Buffer	T2012L	100 ml	
Monarch RNA Priming Buffer	T2013L	56 ml	
Monarch RNA Wash Buffer	T2014L	50 ml	
Monarch Collection Tubes II	T2018L	100 tubes	
Monarch RNA Purification Columns	T2007L	100 columns	
Monarch DNA/RNA Protection Reagent	T2011L	56 ml	
Monarch Total RNA Miniprep Enzyme Pack (contains DNase I, Prot K, and associated buffers)	T2019L	1 pack	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (10 µg)	T2030S/L	10/100 preps	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (50 μg)	T2040S/L	10/100 preps	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Kit (500 μg)	T2050S/L	10/100 preps	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Binding Buffer	T2041L	80 ml	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Wash Buffer	T2042L	40 ml	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Columns (10 µg)	T2037L	100 columns and tubes	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Columns (50 µg)	T2047L	100 columns and tubes	
Monarch RNA Cleanup Columns (500 μg)	T2057L	100 columns and tubes	
Magnetic mRNA Isolation Kit	S1550S	25 isolations	
Epimark N6-Methyladenosine Enrichment Kit	E1610S	20 reactions	
Oligo d(T) ₂₅ Magnetic Beads	S1419S	25 mg	
Oligo d(T) ₂₅ Cellulose Beads	S1408S	250 mg	
Streptavidin Magnetic Beads	S1420S	5 ml (20 mg)	
Hydrophilic Streptavidin Magnetic Beads	S1421S	5 ml (20 mg)	
polyA Spin mRNA Isolation Kit	S1560S	8 isolations	
p19 siRNA Binding Protein	M0310S	1,000 units	

RNA Markers & Ladders

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dsRNA Ladder	N0363S	25 gel lanes
microRNA Marker	N2102S	100 gel lanes
ssRNA Ladder	N0362S	25 gel lanes
Low Range ssRNA Ladder	N0364S	25 gel lanes
RNA Loading Dye (2X)	B0363S	4 ml
Universal miRNA Cloning Linker	S1315S	0.83 nmol

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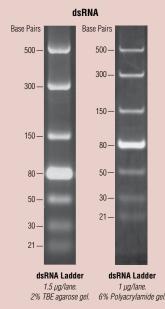
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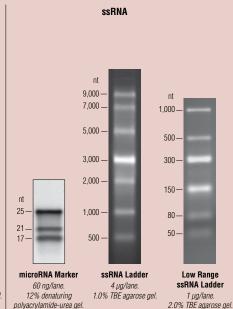
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