Amplification: PCR Reagents





Reagents For Reverse Transcription, PCR, and Real-Time PCR



iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit

Preblended Primers for Optimal Performance With only three tubes, the iScript cDNA synthesis kit is the easiest to use and most sensitive system available for first-strand cDNA synthesis. This rigorously optimized kit features a 5x iScript reaction mix containing a blend of oligo(dT) and random primers for unbiased representation over a broad range of input RNA amounts. With the iScript cDNA synthesis kit, achieving great results has never been easier.

- MMLV RNase H⁺ reverse transcriptase delivers the highest sensitivity for real-time RT-PCR
- Optimized blend of oligo(dT) and random primers enables complete and unbiased RNA sequence representation
- Easy reaction assembly and streamlined protocol greatly simplify reverse transcription reactions

iScript Select DNA Synthesis Kit

Superior Performance Using a Flexible Selection of Primers

Appropriate for a variety of applications, including real-time RT-PCR and creation of cDNA fragments >6 kb, this sensitive cDNA synthesis kit offers simplified handling and superior performance. With a flexible format designed to accommodate a variety of priming strategies, this kit provides optimized reagents and protocols for oligo(dT), random, or custom-designed gene-specific primers.

- MMLV RNase H⁺ reverse transcriptase for sensitive detection using 1 µg to 1 pg of input total RNA
- Sensitive and consistent performance using your choice of oligo(dT), random, or gene-specific primers
- Quality controlled for reliable synthesis of cDNA >6 kb

iScript One-Step Quantitative RT-PCR Kits

Convenient One-Step qRT-PCR for Any Detection Chemistry

The iScript one-step RT-PCR kits are optimized to deliver maximum RT-PCR efficiency, sensitivity, and specificity. Both kits contain a proprietary reaction buffer that has been specifically formulated to optimize activity of both iScript reverse transcriptase and iTaq DNA polymerase, while minimizing the potential for primer-dimer formation and other nonspecific PCR artifacts. Thus, with these kits, clean detection of low-copy targets is easy to achieve.

- Highly specific amplification over a broad dynamic range, using either SYBR Green or probe-based detection chemistries
- Extremely sensitive detection, down to 100 fg of input RNA
- Convenient one reaction setup that minimizes handling and contamination risk



The iScript cDNA synthesis kit performs across a broad range of concentrations. Input RNA was reverse transcribed, amplified using iQ SYBR Green supermix, and detected on the iCycler iQ[®] real-time PCR detection system. Bio-Rad's iScript cDNA synthesis kit delivered a dynamic range of 6 orders of magnitude while maintaining optimum sensitivity with limited amounts of input RNA. Standard curve had r = 0.998 and efficiency = 96.5%.



The iScript Select cDNA synthesis kit facilitates synthesis of cDNA longer than 6 kb. First-strand cDNA was produced from 1 µg total RNA

using the iScript Select cDNA synthesis kit and the provided oligo(dT) primer mix. A 2 µl aliquot

of the 20 µl cDNA synthesis reaction was subjected to 35 PCR cycles using a proofreading high-fidelity polymerase and human adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) primer sets. From a 50 µl PCR reaction, 10 µl was analyzed on a 1% agarose gel. Lane 1, 1 kb ladder; lanes 2 and 3, 6.4 kb APC PCR product; lanes 4 and 5, 8.2 kb APC PCR product.



The iScript one-step RT-PCR kit with SYBR Green provides high sensitivity across a broad range of concentrations. One-step RT-PCR reactions were performed in triplicate, along with no-template controls, using GAPDH primers and 100 ng to 100 fg of total HeLa RNA. Reactions were carried out on the iCycler iQ real-time detection system. Standard curve had r = 1.000 and efficiency = 95%.

iQ Supermixes

Sensitive Supermixes for Real-Time PCR Our versatile iQ supermixes provide the ultimate convenience in preblended solutions for a wide array of real-time PCR applications. The iQ SYBR Green supermix also contains fluorescein for the collection of well factors on most Bio-Rad real-time PCR detection systems.

- iTaq hot-start DNA polymerase allows sensitive and accurate detection of as few as 10 copies of template
- 2 unique formulas afford compatibility with any fluorescent detection chemistry, including both sequence-specific probes and SYBR Green I
- Robust supermixes provide precise linear detection over 6 orders of magnitude

iTaq Supermixes With ROX

Supermixes for All ROX-Dependent Real-Time Thermal Cyclers

The iTaq supermixes with ROX are formulated to easily achieve optimal results in real-time quantitative PCR assays. These mixes yield high performance over a broad dynamic range, achieving sensitive and specific amplification over at least 6 orders of magnitude.

- Sensitive and accurate detection of low-abundance targets
- Convenient 1-tube formulation, preblended with ROX to correct for interwell signal variation
- Unique formulas afford compatibility with any fluorescent detection chemistry on ROX-dependent platforms, including fast-cycling instruments

iQ Multiplex Powermix

Detect Multiple Targets Without Optimization Bio-Rad has applied its expertise in multiplex real-time PCR to create a robust mix that greatly simplifies real-time detection of multiple targets in a single tube. Finding a set of reaction conditions that amplifies all targets with equal efficiency in both singleplex and multiplex reactions can be a challenge. To help simplify multiplex real-time PCR, we have developed the iQ multiplex powermix. This mix makes multiplex real-time PCR easier by removing the need to optimize buffer, enzyme, or primer concentrations.

- Reliable real-time multiplex detection of up to 5 targets
- Detection of up to 4 targets, when one differs in expression up to 10⁶-fold relative to the others
- Linearity over 6 orders of magnitude of input cDNA and 4 orders of magnitude of input genomic DNA



An accurate one-cycle spacing in C_T is precisely maintained in a series of 2-fold dilutions. Human genomic DNA was amplified with iQ supermix, using primers and a probe specific to the IL-1 β gene. Eight replicates at each template concentration were amplified along with no-template controls on the MyiQ real-time system. Standard curve had r = 0.999, slope = -3.378, efficiency = 97.7%.







Linearity of four-target detection using the iQ5 real-time PCR detection system. A series of 10-fold dilutions of human genomic DNA (500 ng–50 pg per 50 µl reaction) was amplified using IQ multiplex powermix. Targets were α -tubulin (detected with a FAM-labeled probe; efficiency = 96.4%, r² = 0.998); GAPDH (HEX-labeled probe; efficiency = 94.9%, r² = 0.999); IL-1 β (Texas Red-labeled probe; efficiency = 101.8%, r² = 0.999); and factor VIII (Cy5-labeled probe; efficiency = 101.6%, r² = 0.997).

iProof High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase

iProof high-fidelity DNA polymerase consists of a unique *Pyrococcus*-like proofreading enzyme fused to a dsDNA binding protein, Sso7d. This novel technology results in a thermostable polymerase capable of amplifying long products from a variety of DNA templates while providing the highest fidelity of any available polymerase (52-fold more accurate than *Taq*). iProof polymerase is available in three convenient formulations: a stand-alone enzyme, an easy-to-use master mix, and a PCR kit complete with controls.

- Fidelity novel proofreading enzyme is the most accurate thermostable polymerase (52-fold more accurate than Taq)
- Speed increased processivity dramatically reduces extension steps (15–30 sec/kb) and overall reaction times
- Length large fragments (up to 37 kb) are amplified in less time and with less enzyme (0.25–1.0 U/reaction)

iTaq DNA Polymerase

iTaq DNA polymerase is a hot-start DNA polymerase suitable for many PCR applications. The iTaq DNA polymerase kit contains enough PCR reagents for up to 200 x 50 µl reactions using 1.25 U of iTaq DNA polymerase per reaction. The hot-start attribute is mediated through a highly specific antibody. The enzyme is activated after an initial 3 minute denaturation step at 95°C to ensure ease of use and high specificity.

- Antibody-mediated hot-start DNA polymerase for sensitive and specific amplification, with simple 3 minute activation
- Performance tested over a broad range of genomic and plasmid DNA targets
- Qualified for use in both conventional and real-time PCR

dNTP Mix

Bio-Rad's dNTP mix is formulated for optimal performance in real-time PCR applications and is also qualified for use in conventional PCR applications. This robust dNTP solution withstands multiple rounds of freeze-thawing and temperature cycling, ensuring consistent and high-yield amplification performance.

ROX Passive Reference Dye

Many real-time thermal cyclers require an internal reference dye for fluorescent signal normalization and correction of well-to-well optical variations. ROX passive reference dye allows seamless integration of non-ROX-containing PCR reagents on all ROXdependent real-time instrument systems. An internal reference is not required for use with any Bio-Rad real-time detection system.



For long 1–15 kb targets, use of iProof polymerase reduces run times 3- to 4-fold. Targets of 1, 8, or 15 kb were amplified using three different polymerases. A two-step PCR protocol was used with iProof polymerase; three-step protocols using the shortest recommended extension times were used with other polymerases. Because iProof polymerase requires an annealing temperature 5–8°C above typical annealing temperatures, two-step protocols often can be run without redesigning primers.



iTaq DNA polymerase performs better than supplier A, even at low target concentrations. Different amounts (indicated above) of a 510 bp target in human genomic DNA were amplified with iTaq DNA polymerase or another supplier's hot-start DNA polymerase according to manufacturers' recommendations. Lane M, EZ Load[™] 100 bp molecular ruler.



Bio-Rad's dNTP mix remains stable after precycling. dNTP

mix was precycled for 25 rounds of thermal cycling, then incubated with additional reaction components for 25 cycles of PCR. Genomic DNA template (20 ng) was amplified with ITaq DNA polymerase using primers to the HFE gene. Two products, one of 500 bp and the other of 2 kb, were both produced in similar amounts regardless of whether the dNTPs were precycled (lanes 2 and 4) or not (lanes 1 and 3). Lane M, 500 bp FZ L oad molecular ruler.

Our Reagents Can Improve Your Reverse Transcription and PCR

Bio-Rad's reagents help you achieve success in all your nucleic acid amplification applications. These reagents are specially formulated for use in reverse transcription, as well as both conventional and real-time PCR applications, with minimal optimization. All reagents are suitable for use in our entire line of thermal cyclers and real-time PCR detection systems. Additionally, all reagents demonstrate high performance over a wide dynamic range for input RNA, cDNA, genomic DNA, and plasmid DNA.



Amplification Reagents Selection Guide

Application	Reagents
High-Fidelity, Long, or Fast PCR	iProof high-fidelity DNA polymerase
Hot-Start PCR or Quantitative PCR	iTaq [™] DNA polymerase, dNTP mix
Quantitative PCR SYBR Green I-based detection on non-ROX-dependent thermal cyclers	iQ™ SYBR® Green supermix
Probe-based detection on non-ROX-dependent thermal cyclers	iQ™ supermix
SYBR Green I-based detection on ROX-dependent thermal cyclers	iTaq $^{\mbox{\tiny TM}}$ SYBR Green supermix with ROX or iTaq fast SYBR Green supermix with ROX
Probe-based detection on ROX-dependent thermal cyclers	iTaq supermix with ROX or iTaq fast supermix with ROX
Probe-based multi-target detection	iQ multiplex powermix
Two-Step RT-PCR cDNA synthesized using a blend of random and oligo(dT) primers cDNA synthesized using random or gene-specific primers	iScript [™] cDNA synthesis kit; iTaq DNA polymerase; dNTP mix iScript [™] Select cDNA synthesis kit; iTaq DNA polymerase; dNTP mix
Two-Step Quantitative RT-PCR Non-ROX-dependent thermal cyclers ROX-dependent thermal cyclers	iScript Select cDNA synthesis kit or iScript cDNA synthesis kit; iQ supermix, iQ SYBR Green supermix, or iQ multiplex powermix iScript select cDNA synthesis kit or iScript cDNA synthesis kit; iTaq supermix with ROX, iTaq SYBR Green supermix with ROX, iQ multiplex powermix, or ROX passive reference dye
One-Step Quantitative RT-PCR SYBR Green I-based detection Probe-based detection	iScript [™] one-step RT-PCR kit with SYBR [®] Green iScript one-step RT-PCR kit for probes

Ordering Information

Catalog #	Description
Products for Re	everse Transcription
170-8890	iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit, 25 x 20 µl reactions,
	includes 5x iScript reaction mix, iScript enzyme, nuclease-free water
170-8891	iScript cDNA Synthesis Kit, 100 x 20 µl reactions
170-8896	iScript Select cDNA Synthesis Kit, 25 x 20 µl
	reactions, includes 5x iScript select reaction mix,
	iScript reverse transcriptase, oligo(dT) mix, random
	primer mix, gene-specific primer (GSP) enhancer
170 9907	iSorint Soloot oDNA Synthesia Kit
170-0097	100 x 20 ul reactions
170-8892	iScript One-Step BT-PCB Kit With SYBB Green
110 0002	50 reactions
170-8893	iScript One-Step RT-PCR Kit With SYBR Green,
	200 reactions
170-8894	iScript One-Step RT-PCR Kit for Probes,
170-8895	iScript One-Step BT-PCB Kit for Probes
110 0000	200 reactions
Core Reagents	
170-8870	iTaq DNA Polymerase, 5 U/µl, includes 250 U
	polymerase, 1.25 ml of 10x PCR buffer, 1.25 ml
	of 50 mM MgCl ₂ solution
170-8875	iTaq DNA Polymerase, 5 U/µl, includes 5,000 U
	50 mM MaCL solution
172-5300	iProof High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase 211/ul
172-0000	20 U enzyme, includes 5x reaction buffers.
	MgCl ₂ solution, DMSO
172-5301	iProof High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase,
	2 U/µl, 100 U
172-5302	iProof High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase,
172-5310	iProof HE Master Mix, 100 x 50 ul reactions
172-0010	includes 2x master mix, DMSO (for highest
	fidelity with most templates)
172-5311	iProof HF Master Mix, 500 x 50 µl reactions
172-5320	iProof GC Master Mix, 100 x 50 µl reactions,
	includes 2x master mix, DMSO (for GC-rich
	templates)
172-5321	iProof GC Master Mix, 500 x 50 µl reactions
172-5330	iProof High-Fidelity PCR Kit, 2 U/µl, 50 U,
	DNA 1.3 and 10 kb primers, DNA standard
172-5331	iProof High-Fidelity PCB Kit 211/ul 20011
172-5391	5x iProof HE Buffer
172-5392	5x iProof GC Buffer
172-5393	5x iProof HPI C HE Buffer detergent-free
172-5304	5x iProof HPLC GC Buffer, detergent free
170-8872	MaCl Solution 50 mM 1.25 ml
172-5859	ROY Passive Reference Dvo. 0.5 ml
170 9974	dNTP Mix 200 ul promived solution contains
110-00/4	10 mM each dNTP (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP)

Catalog # Description Real-Time PCR Supermixes iQ Multiplex Powermix, 50 x 50 µl reactions, 2x mix 172-5848 contains dNTPs, 11 mM MgCl₂, iTaq DNA polymerase, stabilizers 172-5849 iQ Multiplex Powermix, 200 x 50 µl reactions 172-5850 iTag SYBR Green Supermix With ROX, 200 x 50 µl reactions, 2x mix contains 0.4 mM each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP, 50 U/ml iTaq DNA polymerase, 6 mM Mg²⁺, SYBR Green I, ROX reference dye, stabilizers 172-5851 iTaq SYBR Green Supermix With ROX, 500 x 50 µl reactions 172-5854 iTaq Supermix With ROX, 200 x 50 µl reactions, 2x mix contains 0.4 mM each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP, 50 U/ml iTag DNA polymerase, 10 mM Mg2+, ROX reference dye, stabilizers 172-5855 iTag Supermix With ROX, 500 x 50 µl reactions 170-8860 iQ Supermix, 100 x 50 µl reactions, 2x mix contains 100 mM KCl, 40 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.4, 0.4 mM each dNTP (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP), 50 U/ml iTaq DNA polymerase, 6 mM MgCl₂, stabilizers 170-8862 iQ Supermix, 500 x 50 µl reactions 170-8880 iQ SYBR Green Supermix, 100 x 50 μl reactions, 2x mix contains 100 mM KCl, 40 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.4, 0.4 mM each dNTP (dATP, dCTP, dGTP dTTP), 50 U/ml iTaq DNA polymerase, 6 mM MgCl,, SYBR Green I. 20 nM fluorescein. stabilizers 170-8882 iQ SYBR Green Supermix, 500 x 50 µl reactions iTaq Fast SYBR Green Supermix With ROX, 172-5100 200 x 20 µl reactions, 2x mix contains dNTPs iTaq DNA polymerase, 6 mM Mg2+, SYBR Green I, ROX passive reference dye, stabilizers 172-5101 iTag Fast SYBR Green Supermix With ROX, 500 x 20 µl reactions 172-5105 iTaq Fast Supermix With ROX, 200 x 20 µl reactions, 2x mix contains dNTPs, iTaq DNA polymerase, 6 mM Mg2+, ROX passive reference dye, stabilizers 172-5106 iTaq Fast Supermix With ROX, 500 x 20 µl reactions

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