

## Verso™ 2-Step QRT-PCR Low ROX Kit

### Description

Verso™ 2-Step QRT-PCR Low ROX Kit has been developed to quantify RNA in a 2-step QRT-PCR assay. With the exception of primers, template and probes, this kit contains all the components required to generate high yields of cDNA from RNA and perform a sensitive QPCR.

- Verso™ Enzyme Mix includes Verso™ Reverse Transcriptase, which is active at high temperatures, is highly sensitive and can generate long cDNA strands. This mix also contains RNase inhibitor to protect RNA templates from degradation.
- 5X cDNA Synthesis Buffer, a proprietary reaction buffer which has been optimized to improve reverse transcription across a wide range of templates.
- Anchored oligo-dT primers and random hexamers provide flexible RNA priming methods for cDNA synthesis.
- RT Enhancer is included to remove contaminating DNA, eliminating the need for DNase I treatment.
- 2-Step QPCR Low ROX Mix a proprietary reaction buffer which provides highly sensitive, specific and consistent fluorescence readings for real-time and end-point analysis.

Thermo-Start™ DNA Polymerase, a chemically modified hot-start version of Thermoprime Plus DNA Polymerase, which prevents non-specific amplification during cDNA synthesis. Thermo-Start™ requires an **activation step at 95°C for 15 minutes**.

An inert blue dye to assist in the visualization of the 2-Step QPCR Mix after aliquoting into the reaction well.

dTTP to improve reaction sensitivity and efficiency compared to dUTP.

ROX, passive reference dye for normalization of data.

INFORMATION

**Kit Contents**

Vial	Pack Size (cap color)	
	A	B
Verso Enzyme Mix	100µl (black)	2 x 100µl (black)
5X cDNA synthesis buffer	500µl (red)	2 x 500µl (red)
Anchored oligo-dT (500 ng/µl)	100µl (orange)	2 x 100µl (orange)
Random hexamers (400 ng/µl)	100µl (blue)	2 x 100µl (blue)
RT Enhancer	100µl (yellow)	2 x 100µl (yellow)
2-Step QPCR Low ROX Mix (2X)	2 x 1.25ml (clear)	5ml (clear)
dNTP Mix (5 mM each)	200µl (purple)	2 x 200µl (purple)

**Verso™ Reverse Transcriptase**

Verso™ is an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase with a significantly attenuated RNase H activity compared to *Reverse-iT™*. Verso™ can synthesize long cDNA strands, up to 11 kb, at a temperature range of 42°C to 57°C. The recommended amount of total RNA to use is between 1 µg and 1 µg.

**RNA Priming**

It is recommended that RNA primers be added to the final 1X reaction as follows: 1 µl of anchored oligo-dT (orange cap) or 1 µl of random hexamers (blue cap) or 1 µl of a blend of random hexamers and anchored oligo-dT 3:1 (v/v) or gene-specific primer (to final concentration of 0.5 – 2 µM).

Anchored oligo dT is not suitable for use with most prokaryotic RNA. In such cases, random hexamers or gene-specific primers are recommended.

**RT Enhancer**

RT Enhancer is included to remove contaminating DNA, eliminating the need for DNase I treatment. It degrades double stranded DNA during the cDNA synthesis step and is inactivated together with Verso™ at 95°C.

## Thermo-Start™ DNA Polymerase

The enzyme requires an activation step at 95°C for 15 minutes.

Thermo-Start™ has 5' to 3' polymerization and exonuclease activity but lacks 3' to 5' exonuclease activity (proofreading).

## ROX Dye

ROX is an internal passive reference dye used to normalize the fluorescent reporter signal generated in QPCR. The concentration of ROX in the final 1X reaction is 25 nM.

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## Cycler & Probes Compatibility

Verso™ 2-Step QRT-PCR Low ROX Kit is compatible for use with any probe system and with QPCR cyclers requiring low ROX dye level, including ABI PRISM® 7500 and Stratagene Mx4000®, Mx3000P®, Mx3005P™.

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## Storage Conditions

Store at -20°C until ready for use. Verso™ 2-Step QRT-PCR Low ROX Kit is stable for a minimum of 12 months. Avoid repeated freeze thawing. The ROX dye is light sensitive, exposure should be minimized. Shipped on ice within the UK and on dry ice for international and within the US.

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## Additional Info

- The use of disposable gloves, RNase and DNase free filter tips and plastics is recommended.
- For optimal results, the recommended amplicon length is in the range of 60 to 300 bp.
- As best performance is achieved with dTTP, the 2-Step QPCR Low ROX Mix contains a nucleotide mix with dTTP instead of dUTP.
- RT Enhancer is not required if DNase I treatment is performed prior to cDNA synthesis.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**Tips and Protocol**

Thaw the reagents on ice. Mix and spin down the solutions before use to recover the maximum amount. **Do not vortex the 2-Step QPCR Low ROX Mix or the Verso Enzyme Mix.** Briefly centrifuge to avoid bubbles within the wells, as these will interfere with the fluorescence. Always include a no template control (NTC) and a no enzyme control (NEC).

**First Step**

The volume of each component is for a 20 µl final reaction.

		Volume	Final Concentration
Reaction Mix	5X cDNA synthesis buffer	4 µl	1X
	dNTP Mix	2 µl	500 µM each
	RNA Primer <sup>a</sup>	1 µl	
	RT Enhancer	1 µl	
	Verso Enzyme Mix	1 µl	
	Water (PCR grade) <sup>b</sup>	variable	
	Template (RNA) <sup>c, d</sup>	1 - 5 µl	1 ng
	Total volume	20 µl	

Example of a reverse transcription cycling program:

	Temp.	Time	Number of cycle
cDNA Synthesis <sup>e</sup>	42°C	30 min	1 cycle
Inactivation	95°C	2 min	1 cycle

Proceed to the second step (QPCR) or store cDNA samples at -20°C.

**Notes**

- a – For more information, please refer to the “RNA Priming” section on page 2.
- b – The volume of the total reaction should be completed up to 20 µl with water.
- c – To remove secondary structure, heat at 70°C for 5 minutes and place immediately on ice.
- d – The amount of RNA added as a template should be between 1 pg and 1 µg.
- e – Depending on the length of template and degree of secondary structure, the efficiency of the first strand synthesis may be improved by optimizing temperature and time (42-57°C for 5-60 minutes).

## Second Step

The volume of each component is for a **25 µl final reaction**.

		Volume	Final Concentration
Reaction Mix	2-Step QPCR Low ROX Mix (2X)	12.5 µl	1X
	Forward primer (10 µM) <sup>a</sup>	1 µl	400 nM
	Reverse primer (10 µM) <sup>a</sup>	1 µl	400 nM
	Probe	Variable	100 - 250 nM
	Water (PCR grade) <sup>b</sup>	Variable	
	Template (cDNA) <sup>c</sup>	1 µl	
	Total volume	25 µl	

Example of a QPCR thermal cycling program:

	Temp.	Time	Number of cycle
Thermo-Start activation	95°C	<b>15 min</b>	1 cycle
Denaturation	95°C	15 sec	40 cycles
Annealing/Extension <sup>d</sup>	60°C	60 sec	

## Notes

- a – For optimization, a primer titration should be performed from 100 nM to 500 nM final concentration. Scale up or down the volume and concentration as appropriate.
- b – The volume of the total reaction should be completed up to 25 µl with water.
- c – For standard templates only 1 µl should be added to reduce carryover of PCR inhibitors. This volume can be increased up to 5 µl for low copy number templates.
- d – Separate annealing (50–60°C for 30 sec) and extension steps (72°C for 30 sec) may be necessary with some probe systems (e.g. Molecular Beacons), as the optimal temperature for detecting fluorescence may be different.

## Quality control

Verso Enzyme Mix and 2-Step QPCR Low ROX Mix are tested functionally using QRT-PCR. The product must demonstrate linearity of amplification over a specified serial dilution of human total RNA.

## Ordering Information

Cat. No.	Description	RT Reactions	QPCR Reactions
AB-4117/A	Verso™ 2-Step QRT-PCR Low ROX Kit	100 x 20 µl rxns	200 x 25 µl rxns
AB-4117/B	Verso™ 2-Step QRT-PCR Low ROX Kit	200 x 20 µl rxns	400 x 25 µl rxns

## Related Products

Cat. No.	Description	Quantity
AB-0600/W	Thermo-Fast™ 96 Non-Skirted, white *	25 plates
AB-1100/W	Thermo-Fast™ 96 PCR Detection Plate, white *	25 plates
AB-1400/W	Thermo-Fast™ 96 PCR Detection Plate Mark II, white *	25 plates
AB-1170	ABsolute™ QPCR Seal (adhesive seal)	50 sheets
AB-0812	Clear Seal Diamond (heat seal)	100 sheets
AB-0866	Ultra Clear Cap Strips (8 caps)	120 strips

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## Troubleshooting

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