

# ACE Script II 1st Strand cDNA RT Kit (+gDNA wiper)

Cat# EP2012 50 rxn  
EP2013 100 rxn

Storage at -20 °C for one year

## INTRODUCTION

The ACE Script II Reverse Transcriptase (+gDNA Wiper) is designed for the 1st strand cDNA synthesis with genomic DNA removal treatments. The ACEScript II Reverse Transcriptase is a new generation reverse transcriptase optimized from the M-MLV (RNase H-) Reverse Transcriptase. The half-life of ACE Script II RTase at 50°C is > 240 min. Even at 55°C, the ACE Script II RTase can stay stable for a long time, which significantly benefits the transcription of RNA templates with complex secondary structures. In addition, the ACE Script II RTase has a improved template affinity and cDNA synthesis efficiency. It has a good resistance to most RT PCR inhibitors and is suitable for long-fragment cDNA amplification (as long as 20 kb).

The residual genomic DNA in RNA template can be removed rapidly and completely after a treatment (42°C for 2 min) with the 4x gDNA Wiper. The 10x RT Mix contains an optimized buffer and dNTPs. The ACE Script II Enzyme Mix contains the ACE Script II Reverse Transcriptase and the RNase inhibitor. The Oligo- (dT)<sub>23</sub>VN has a better affinity to Ploy A<sup>+</sup> RNA than Oligo-(dT)<sub>18</sub>. In addition, random hexamers and gene-specific primers (GSP) are also optional.

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No	Component	EP2012 50rxn	EP2013 100rxn
FA	RNase-free ddH <sub>2</sub> O	1 ml	1 ml
FB	4X gDNA Wiper Mix	200 µl	400 µl
FC	2X RT buffer Mix <sup>a</sup>	120 µl	240 µl
FD	ACE Script II Enzyme Mix <sup>b</sup>	100 µl	200 µl
FE	Oligo-(dT) <sub>23</sub> VN (50 µM)	50 µl	100 µl
FF	Random Hexamers (50ng/µl)	50 µl	100 µl

a. Contains dNTPs

b. Contains RNase inhibitor

## PROTOCOL

**Note:** 1. Use high quality total RNA with high integrity for reverse transcription.  
2. To avoid RNase contamination, please keep the experiment area clean, wear clean gloves and masks, and use RNase-free tubes and tips.

Primer selection (Oligo-(dT)<sub>23</sub> VN, Random hexamers, or GSP)

A. If the cDNA product will be used for **PCR**

- For eukaryotic RNA templates, generally, use Oligo-(dT)<sub>23</sub> VN to obtain the highest yield of full-length cDNA.
- Use gene-specific primer (GSP) to obtain the highest specificity. However, switch to Oligo-(dT)<sub>23</sub> VN or random

hexamers if GSP fails in the 1st-strand cDNA synthesis.

■ Random hexamers with the lowest specificity can be used for RNA templates, including mRNA, rRNA, and tRNA. Use random hexamers when Oligo-(dT)<sub>23</sub> VN or GSP fails in cDNA synthesis due to complex secondary structure, high GC content, or prokaryotic RNA template.

B. If the cDNA product will be used for **qPCR**

■ Use the mixture of Oligo-(dT)<sub>23</sub> VN or random hexamers.

#### A. **If the cDNA product will be used for PCR**

A.1: RNA Denaturation : incubate 65°C for 5 min and then chill on ice immediately for 2 min.

##### **Mix components in a RNase-free PCR tube**

Oligo-(dT) <sub>23</sub> VN (50 μM)	1 μl
or Random Hexamers (50ng/ul)	
or Gene Specific Primer (2 μM)	
Total RNA	10 pg - 5 μg
or Poly A+ RNA	10 pg - 500 ng
RNase-free ddH <sub>2</sub> O	To 12 μl

Note: RNA denaturation benefits the cDNA yield. However, for cDNA <3 kb, please skip the denaturation step.

A.2 Removal of Genomic DNA : Add 4 μl of 4X gDNA Wiper to the mixture of Step 1.1 (12 μl), mix thoroughly, and incubate at 42°C for 2 min.

#### A.3 1<sup>st</sup> Strand cDNA synthesis

##### **Mix components in a RNase-free PCR tube**

Mixture of step A.2	16 μl
10X RE Buffer Mix	2 μl
ACE Script II Enzyme Mix	2 μl

##### **Condition**

25°C <sup>a</sup>	5 min
50°C <sup>b</sup>	45 min
85°C	2 min

c. Only necessary when using random hexamers. Please skip this step when using Oligo-(dT)<sub>23</sub> VN or Gene Specific Primers (GSP).

d. For templates with complex secondary structure or high GC-content, the temperature can be increased to 55°C, which will benefit the yield.

A.4 The products can be used for PCR immediately or be stored at -20°C for 6 months. However, it is recommended to stored at -80°C and make aliquots to avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

## B. If the cDNA product will be used for qPCR

B.1 Removal of Genomic DNA : Mix the following components in a RNase-free microtube by pipetting, and incubate at 42°C for 2 min.

<b>Mix components in a RNase-free PCR tube</b>	
4X gDNA Wiper Mix	4 µl
Oligo-(dT) <sub>23</sub> VN (50µM)	1 µl
Random Hexamers (50ng/µl)	1 µl
Total RNA	10 pg – 1 µg
or Poly A+ RNA	10 pg- 100 ng
RNase-free ddH <sub>2</sub> O	To 16 µl

### B.2

<b>Mix components in a RNase-free PCR tube</b>	
Mixture of Step B.1	16 µl
10X RT Buffer Mix	2 µl
ACE Script II Enzyme Mix	2 µl

### B.3 1st Strand cDNA synthesis

<b>Condition</b>	
25°C	5 min
50°C *	15 min
85°C	2 min

\*For templates with complex secondary structure or high GC-content, the temperature can be increased to 55°C, which will benefit the yield.

B.4 The products can be used for PCR immediately or be stored at -20°C for 6 months. However, it is recommended to stored at -80°C and make aliquots to avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

## **PRODUCT USE LIMITATION**

These products are intended for research use only.