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I. Identification

Product name

T7 Digoxigenin RNA Labeling Kit

RNA Synthesis with Modified Nucleotides 30 reactions RS024

2. Description

Cat. No.

Digoxigenin (DIG) is a steroid hapten derived from plants of the genus Digitalis (*D. lanata*, and the purple foxglove *D. purpurea*). It is widely used for generating non-radioactive probes and is an alternative to biotinylation. Like biotin, DIG-labeled probes support both chromogenic and chemiluminescence detection formats.

RNA probes are synthesized by in vitro transcription with **DIG-11-UTP**. These nucleotides are linked via a spacer arm to DIG. The resulting DIG-labeled molecules then function as hybridization probes in much the same manner as any other type of probe.

T7 Digoxigenin RNA Labeling Kit is designed to generate randomly Digoxigenin-modified RNA probes by in vitro transcription with Dioxigenin-11-UTP

3. Kit components

Item	Volume
T7 RNA Polymerase mix *	2x 40 µl
T7 10X Reaction Buffer **	200 µl
ATP (100 mM)	100 µl
GTP (100 mM)	100 µl
CTP (100 mM)	100 µl
UTP (100 mM)	100 µl
DIG-11-UTP (10mM)	25 µl
DTT (100 mM)	100 µl
Control template 1 (200 ng/µl)	10 µl
Nuclease-Free Water	1.2 ml

*Include RNase inhibitor

**HEPES-based

4. Recommended Storage Condition

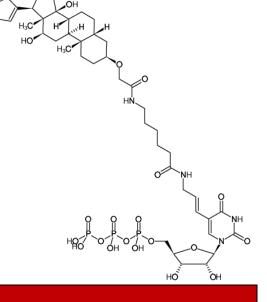
Store all kit components at -20 °C. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.

T7 Digoxigenin RNA Labeling Kit components are stable up to the expiry date specified with the product.

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5. Applications

- > In situ hybridization
- > Southern blots
- Microarray hybridization
- > Chromosome mapping

6. Further information

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IN VITRO TRANSCRIPTION PROTOCOL

Materials to Be Supplied by the User:

- > T7 Promotor-containing DNA template
- RNA purification tools
- RNAse-free DNAse I

Important Notes before starting:

- Take all precautions to avoid RNase contamination during the whole process. We strongly recommend wearing gloves and using nuclease-free tubes and reagents to avoid RNase contamination.
- > Reactions are typically 20 μ L but can be scaled up as needed.
- > All reagents should be spin briefly before opening to prevent loss and/or contamination.
- > The quality and purity of input RNA and resulting cDNA determine the yield of DOG-labeled RNA.
- > The recommended molar ratio of T7 Digoxigenin RNA Labeling Kit to standard NTP is 1:3 or 1:2.
- The kit contains sufficient reagents for 30 labeling reactions of 20 μl each (35 % DIG-11-UTP substitution, 1 mM ATP, GTP, CTP, 0.65 mM UTP, 0.35 mM DIG-11-UTP).

Preparation of working solutions:

A. Preparation of 10 mM ATP/CTP/GTP working solution

- > Thaw 100 mM ATP, 100 mM CTP and 100 mM GTP solutions on ice, vortex and spin-down briefly.
- Prepare a 1:10 dilution with Nuclease-Free Water to achieve a final concentration of 10 mM (e.g. 5 µl 100 mM ATP + 5 µl 100 mM CTP + 5 µl 100 mM GTP + 35 µl Nuclease-Free Water).
- ▶ 10 mM ATP/CTP/GTP working solution can be stored at -20°C. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.

B. Preparation of 10 mM UTP working solution

- > Thaw 100 mM UTP solution on ice, vortex and spin-down briefly.
- Prepare a 1:10 dilution with Nuclease-Free Water to achieve a final concentration of 10 mM (e.g. 5 µl 100 mM UTP + 45 µl Nuclease-Free Water).
- ▶ 10 mM UTP working solution can be stored at -20 °C. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.

Transcription Reaction Setup (20µl):

- 1. Place T7 RNA Polymerase Mix on ice.
- **2.** Thaw all remaining components at room temperature (RT), mix and pulse-spin in microfuge to collect solutions to bottom of tubes.
- 3. Assemble the reaction at room temperature in the following order:

Component	Volume	Final conc.
1. Nuclease-Free Water	X μl	



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2.	T7 10X Reaction Buffer (10x)	2 µl	1x
3.	DTT (100 mM)	2 µl	10 mM
4.	10 mM ATP/CTP/GTP	2 µl	1 mM
5.	10 mM UTP	1.3 µl	0.65 mM
6.	10 mM DIG-11-UTP	0.7 µl	0.35 mM
7.	Template DNA	X µl	0.5-1 μg
8.	T7 RNA Polymerase Mix	2 µl	

- 4. Mix thoroughly, pulse-spin in microfuge. Incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes in the dark. Depending on the RNA probe individual optimization may increase product yield (2h – 4h at 37 °C). Note that, modified ribonucleotides reduce transcription efficiency; therefore, lower transcription yields should be expected as compared to transcription using unmodified NTP.
- 5. Optional: Once the in vitro transcription reaction is finished, treat the sample with RNase-Free DNase I to remove template DNA and purify the RNA. *For many applications it may not be necessary*. Proceed with a DNase digestion as following:

Add RNase-free DNase I (not provided) plus the respective reaction buffer directly to the transcription reaction; mix and incubate for 15 minutes at 37 °C. Stop DNase activity by adding 1 μ L of EDTA at 0.5 M.

6. Proceed with purification of synthesized RNA or analysis of transcription products by gel electrophoresis.