



**First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix, 4x  
(FSDMM)**

Catalog #MB6008

50 reactions

**Introduction**

ScienCell's First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix, 4x (FSDMM) is optimized to synthesize the first strand cDNA from total RNA or mRNA. ScienCell's engineered reverse transcriptase has mutations which increase sensitivity and thermostability, improve specificity, and reduce RNase H activity. The ready-to-use 4x master mix contains dNTPs, buffer, ScienCell's engineered reverse transcriptase, RNase inhibitor and both random hexamer and anchored oligo (dT) primers in only one tube. Simply mix template RNA and water with FSDMM to begin the reaction.

**Kit Components**

Cat #	Item	Quantity	Storage
MB6008a	First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix, 4x	250 $\mu$ l	-20°C
MB6008b	Nuclease-free water	1 ml	4°C

**Quality Control**

Function is tested using a two-step RT-PCR on a conventional thermal cycler, as well as using a two-step RT-qPCR on the Roche LightCycler® 96 Instrument. DNase or RNase activity is NOT detected by incubating each component of FSDMM with single-stranded DNA and human total RNA samples at 37°C for 4 hours.

**Product Use**

FSDMM is for research use only. It is not approved for human or animal use, or for application in clinical or *in vitro* diagnostic procedures.

**Shipping and Storage**

Dry ice. Upon receipt, store First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix, 4x (Cat #MB6008a) at -20°C in a manual defrost freezer and nuclease-free H<sub>2</sub>O (Cat #MB6008b) at 4°C. Aliquot after the first thawing.

**Procedure:**

**Important:** Only use nuclease-free reagents in first-strand synthesis reaction and downstream applications.

1. Thaw RNA samples and 4x First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix and place on ice. Prepare first strand synthesis reactions as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Final concentration</b>
First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix, 4x	5 $\mu$ l	1x
Template RNA	variable	up to 4 $\mu$ g
Nuclease-free water	variable	-
<b><i>Total volume per reaction</i></b>	20 $\mu$ l	-

2. Gently mix tube contents and incubate at 25°C for 10 minutes
3. Incubate tube at 45°C for 1 hour.
4. Terminate the reaction by incubating at 85°C for 5 minutes.
5. Use diluted or undiluted cDNA in downstream applications, or store at -20°C until needed.