

# CleanCap® AG

CleanCap Reagent AG for Co-transcriptional Capping of mRNA Catalog No. N-7113

## Description

CleanCap Reagent AG is designed for the co-transcriptional capping of mRNA to produce an mRNA with naturally occurring Cap 1. Cap 1 mRNAs have superior in vivo activity compared to Cap 0 mRNA produced by legacy capping methods such as mCap or anti-reverse cap analog (ARCA). CleanCap can be used in conjunction with TriLink's catalog of modified NTPs.

CleanCap Reagent AG may be ordered using the following catalog numbers:

N-7113-1 (1 μmole)

N-7113-5 (5 µmole)

N-7113-10 (10 μmole)

For larger quantities, please visit our website for a bulk quote.

H<sub>2</sub>N NH<sub>2</sub> NH<sub>2</sub>

Using the conditions described here, transcription with CleanCap AG and CleanCap AG (3' OMe) results in 95%+1 capped material, generating a Cap 1 structure and gives crude yields of 4 to 5 mg per mL of transcription.

## **Use & Handling**

100 mM in  $H_2O$  | Store at or below-20°C. | Upon first use, prepare single use aliquots. | Use only certified RNase-free reagents and consumables with proper RNase-free technique.

## **QC** Analysis

AX-HPLC Mass Spec

31P NMR Conductivity

1H NMR

Product released by Quality Assurance.

<sup>1</sup>Final capping is dependent upon the CleanCap Reagent, DNA template and final mRNA sequence. Secondary structure due to RNA length and base composition can affect final capping efficiency.

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## **Template Design**

Template design is an integral part of any transcription. CleanCap AG is to be used with the initiating sequence 5' AG 3'. The figure below shows the correct T7 promoter sequence (underlined) and initiator sequence (italics) for CleanCap AG.



## **Customer Supplied Materials**

NOTE: All reagents must be RNase free. Use recommended source or equivalent grade.

#### **Required Reagents**

- DNA Template
- Nucleoside-5'-Triphosphate (NTP) Set (TriLink cat. no. N-1505)
  Also available individually for use with modified NTPs. See Related Products for commonly used modified NTPs.
- T7 RNA polymerase (New England BioLabs cat. no. M0251S)
- Yeast Inorganic Pyrophosphatase (New England BioLabs cat. no. M2403S)
- Murine RNase Inhibitor (New England BioLabs cat. no. M0314S)
- 1M Tris-HCL (pH 8.0), RNase Free (Thermo Fisher Scientific cat. no. AM9856)
- Dithiothreitol (DTT) (EMD Millipore cat. no. 3860-5GM)
- Spermidine (Sigma Aldrich cat. no. 85558-1G)
- Triton X-100 (VWR cat. no. 80503-490)
- 1M Magnesium Acetate (Sigma Aldrich cat. no. 63052)
- UltraPure™ DNase/RNase-Free Distilled Water (Thermo Fisher Scientific cat. no. 10977015)

#### **Optional Reagents**

• RNaseZap™ RNase Decontamination Solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific cat. no. AM9780)

## **Protocol**

#### **RNase Free Techniques**

It is essential that all reagents be rigorously RNase free. Use disposable RNase free tubes and bottles. Surfaces and pipettes can be wiped down with RNaseZap to destroy RNases. When possible, use dedicated RNase free pipettes. Avoid using pipettes that have been used for plasmid preparation using RNase A.

## 10X Transcription Buffer

400 mM Tris-HCL (pH 8) 100 mM DTT 20 mM Spermidine 0.02% Triton 165 mM Magnesium Acetate DNase/RNase-Free Water

#### **Protocol**

#### **Transcription Reaction**

Add reagents in the proscribed order to ensure efficient transcription and capping. Store thawed enzymes on ice.

- 1. Add RNase free water and NTPs to reaction tube.
- 2. Add CleanCap AG to tube and vortex to mix. Spin briefly to collect liquid.
- 3. Add 10X Transcription Buffer. Vortex. Spin briefly to collect Liquid.
- 4. Add DNA template.
- 5. Add Murine RNase Inhibitor, Yeast Inorganic Pyrophosphatase, and T7 RNA Polymerase.
- 6. Mix well by flicking or inverting tube 10 times and spin briefly to collect liquid.
- 7. Incubate at 37°C for 2-3 hours.

Table 2: Reaction Components

Component	Final Concentration	100 μL Rxn
DNase/RNase-Free Water	Up to 100 μL	Up to 100 μL
ATP (100 mM)	5 mM	5 μL
CTP <sup>1</sup> (100 mM)	5 mM	5 μL
GTP (100 mM)	5 mM	5 μL
UTP <sup>1</sup> (100 mM)	5 mM	5 μL
CleanCap AG (100 mM)	4 mM	4 μL
10X Transcription Buffer	1X	10 μL
DNA template	50 or 25 μg/mL <sup>2</sup>	5 μg or 2.5 ug²
Murine RNase Inhibitor (40 units/μL)	1 unit/μL	2.5 μL
Yeast Inorganic Pyrophosphatase (0.1 units/μL)	0.002 units/μL	2 μL
T7 RNA Polymerase (50 units/μL)	8 units/μL	16 μL
Total Volume	100 μL	100 μL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Modified NTP can be used in place of wild-type. If using a modified NTP, use at the same concentration as the replaced wild-type NTP.

### **Related TriLink Products**

Nucleoside-5'-Triphosphate (NTP) Set (cat. no. N-1505)

Adenosine-5'-Triphosphate, ATP (cat. no. N-1510)

Cytidine-5'-Triphosphate, CTP (cat. no. N-1511)

Guanosine-5'-Triphosphate, GTP (cat. no. N-1512)

Uridine-5'-Triphosphate, UTP (cat. no. N-1513)

5-Methylcytidine-5'-Triphosphate (cat. no. N-1014)

Pseudouridine-5'-Triphosphate (cat. no. N-1019)

N¹-Methylpseudouridine-5′-Triphosphate (cat. no. N-1081)

5-Methoxyuridine-5'-Triphosphate (cat. no. N-1093)

TriLink offers several CleanCap derivatives. For optimal yield and capping, TriLink recommends using CleanCap AG or CleanCap AU whenever possible. CleanCap AG typically provides 95%+ capped material, and gives crude yields of 4 to 5 mg per mL of transcription. CleanCap GG results in 70-90% capped material and gives crude yields of ~1.5 mg per mL of transcription.

CleanCap Reagent AU (cat. no. N-7114)

CleanCap Reagent AG (3' OMe) (cat. no. N-7413)

CleanCap Reagent GG (cat. no. N-7133)

CleanCap Reagent GG (3' OMe) (cat. no. N-7433)

#### **Related TriLink Services**

TriLink offers custom and stocked CleanCap Cap 1 mRNA in addition to the CleanCap Reagents. Please visit our website to learn more.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Final Concentration of DNA template should be 50  $\mu g/mL$  for a plasmid template or 25  $\mu g/mL$  for a PCR template.

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