

# From Dwyer 2019 correspondence

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In the original method, replace **First Strand Synthesis** with the following:

## Primer Annealing:

1. Make a primer/template mix for each sample as detailed below:

| Reagent                        | Volume (uL) |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 5x SSIV Buffer                 | 4           |
| 1 ug primer (80 nM per primer) | 2           |
| 10 ug                          |             |
| ddH <sub>2</sub> O             | to 20 uL    |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>20</b>   |

2. Place samples in thermo-cycler and run the following cycle: **70°C 1 min, 65°C 5 min, 55°C Hold**
3. Make the enzyme dNTP mix for each sample as detailed below (this is following the Invitrogen Superscript IV protocol):

| Reagent  | Volume (uL) |
|--|-------------|
| 5X RT Buffer   | 4 uL        |
| 0.1 M DTT  | 2 uL        |
| low-dTTP mix [10 mM dATP, 10 mM dCTP, 10 mM dGTP, 6 mM dTTP] | 2 uL        |
| 1 mM biotin-11-dUTP  | 8 uL        |
| SSIV MMLV enzyme   | 2 uL        |
| ddH <sub>2</sub> O   | 2 uL        |

- Here the biotin-11-dUTP + TTP concentration is at 10 mM combined.
4. Heat dNTP Enzyme mix to **55°C** by placing it in the thermo-cycler containing the template/primer mix
  5. Directly add 20uL dNTP mix to the template/primer mix, ensuring that both samples are kept at **55°C**
    - **Note:** Maintaining a temperature of **50-55°C** is crucial for minimizing non-specific primer

annealing and thus off-target 1st strand products.

6. Allow the 1st strand synthesis reaction to proceed for 10 min at **55°C**

7. Incubate sample at **80°C** for 10 min to inactivate the enzyme

- **Note:** Sample volume is now 40uL
- This is a good stopping point for Day 1- put samples at -20°C (or you can go through the RNA hydrolysis step as well and then freeze at -20°C).
- **Everything else is the same, except the coupling step is unnecessary. Therefore, during the column clean-up after RNA hydrolysis we elute with 50 µL and go straight into the bead purification.**