

FINNZYMES PowerCut™ Dicer

Product codes:

F-602S, 60 U

F-602L, 300 U

Stable for six months from the assay date. Store at -20°C.

1. Description

PowerCut™ Dicer is a recombinant endoribonuclease originating from *Giardia intestinalis*. It cleaves dsRNA to small interfering RNA (siRNA) with a 100 % efficiency. The produced siRNA fragments have a length of 25–27 nucleotides, and are capable of triggering RNA interference when transfected into cells.

2. Package information

F-602S	60 U (1 U/μl) Material provided: PowerCut™ Dicer 60 U (60 μl), 5x PowerCut™ Dicer Reaction Buffer (1 x 500 μl).
F-602L	300 U (1 U/μl) Material provided: PowerCut™ Dicer 300 U (300 μl), 5x PowerCut™ Dicer Reaction Buffer (1 x 500 μl).

Material safety datasheet (MSDS) is available at www.finnzymes.fi.

3. Guidelines for using PowerCut™ Dicer

3.1 Reaction protocol

Make sure to avoid contaminating RNases when setting up the reactions.

Table 1. Pipetting instructions.

Component	20 μl reaction	Final concentration
H ₂ O (RNase free)	add to 20 μl	
5x PowerCut™ Dicer Reaction Buffer	4 μl	1x
dsRNA	X μl	4 μg
PowerCut™ Dicer 1U/μl	4 μl	4 U

Incubate at 37°C for 16 h, preferably in a heat block. Purify the siRNA using standard methods.

3.2. Agarose gel analysis of the reactions

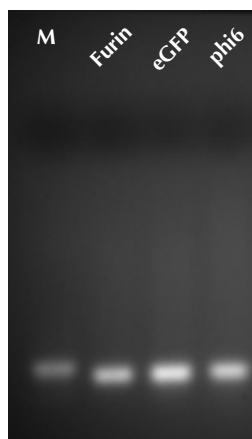


Figure 1. A dicing reaction was performed using dsRNA from 193 bp furin, 812 bp eGFP and phi6 as substrates. The reactions were assembled and incubated according to the standard protocol, and unpurified aliquots were run on a 2 % agarose gel. No uncut substrate is seen in the reactions demonstrating 100 % cleaving efficiency. M denotes a 27-bp RNA marker.

4. Component specifications

PowerCut Dicer enzyme is purified from an *E. coli* strain expressing the cloned PowerCut Dicer gene from *Giardia intestinalis*.

Storage buffer: 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8 (25°C), 50 mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 mg/ml BSA, 50 % glycerol.

Reaction buffer: 5x PowerCut Dicer Reaction Buffer.

Unit definition: One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme that is needed to completely cleave 1 μg of 192 bp double-stranded RNA substrate to siRNA in 16 hours at 37°C.

Exonuclease contamination assay: Incubation of 1 U of PowerCut Dicer (4 h, 37°C, 50 μl) with 1 μg of sonicated [³H]-DNA (3x10⁵ cpm/μg) in the assay buffer released <0.5 % of radioactivity.

Endonuclease contamination assay: Incubation of 1 U of PowerCut Dicer (4 h, 37°C, 50 μl) with 1 μg of ΦX174 RFI DNA in the assay buffer resulted in <10 % conversion to RFI form.

Ribonuclease contamination assay: Incubation of short ssRNA in the presence or absence of 1 U of PowerCut Dicer (1 h, 37°C, 20 μl) in the assay buffer produced similar results.

Shipping and storage

PowerCut Dicer is shipped on gel ice. Upon arrival, store the components at -20°C. PowerCut Dicer is stable for six months from the assay date when stored and handled properly.

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