

For general laboratory use.



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# LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Multiplex RNA Virus Master

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Easy-to-use reaction mix for one-step RT-qPCR using the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480, LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 96, or the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano Real-Time PCR Systems

**Cat. No. 06 754 155 001**

1 kit  
200 reactions of 20 µl final volume each

**Cat. No. 07 083 173 001**

1 kit  
1,000 reactions of 20 µl final volume each

**Store the kit at – 15 to –25°C!**

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# 1. What this Product Does

- Number of Tests** The kit is designed for
- 200 or 1,000 reactions with a final reaction volume of 20  $\mu\text{l}$  each.

## Kit Contents

		<b>Contents/Function</b>
<b>Vial/Cap</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>A) Cat. No. 06 754 155 001 (200 reactions) B) Cat. No. 07 083 173 001 (1,000 reactions)</b>
1 blue cap	RT-Enzyme Solution, 200 $\times$ conc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) 1 vial, 28 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></li> <li>• B) 5 vials, 28 <math>\mu\text{l}</math> each, contains Reverse Transcriptase</li> </ul>
2 red cap	RT-qPCR Reaction Mix, 5 $\times$ conc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) 1 vial, 880 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></li> <li>• B) 5 vials, 880 <math>\mu\text{l}</math> each, contains RT-qPCR Reaction Buffer AptaTaq Polymerase, dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dUTP, <math>\text{MgCl}_2</math>, and proprietary additives</li> </ul>
3 colorless cap	Water, PCR grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A) 3 vials, 1 ml each</li> <li>• B) 15 vials, 1 ml each, to adjust the final reaction volume</li> </ul>

## Storage and Stability

Store the kit at  $-15$  to  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ .

For vial 1, close lid immediately after use.

For vial 2, avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles ( $> 5\times$ ). To avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles either aliquot vial 2 or store at  $+2$  to  $+8^\circ\text{C}$ .

The kit is stable at  $+2$  to  $+8^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 weeks.

The kit is shipped on dry ice.

Kit components are stable at  $-15$  to  $-25^\circ\text{C}$  until the expiration date printed on the label.

Although we recommend working on ice and preparing the reagents right before use, the working solution (everything combined except RNA template) is stable at  $+15$  to  $+25^\circ\text{C}$  up to 4 hours, and is therefore ideal for use in automated workflows.

## Additional Equipment and Reagents Required

- Standard laboratory equipment
  - Nuclease-free pipette tips
  - 1.5 ml RNase-free microcentrifuge tubes to prepare master mixes and dilutions.
  - To minimize risk of RNase contamination, autoclave all vessels.
- Gloves should be worn at all times.

For RT-qPCR:

- Real Time PCR systems such as LightCycler® 480 Instrument\*  
LightCycler® 96 Instrument\* or LightCycler® Nano Instrument\*
  - LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96\* or 384\*
  - LightCycler® 8-Tube Strips\*
  - Standard swing-bucket centrifuge with rotor for multiwell plates
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- For RT-qPCR primer and probe design:  
Universal Probelibrary Assay Design Center at  
[www.universalprobelibrary.com](http://www.universalprobelibrary.com)

### Optional

For Virus RNA purification

- MagNA Pure 96 Instrument\* including Disposables
- MagNA Pure 96 Internal Control Tube\*, optional
- MagNA Pure 96 DNA and Viral NA Kit, Large Volume\* or
- MagNA Pure 96 DNA and Viral NA Kit, Small Volume\*

Alternatively use other nucleic acid purification instruments and manual sample preparation products such as:

- MagNA Pure LC 2.0 instrument\* with MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit - High Performance\*
- MagNA Pure Compact instrument\* with MagNA Pure Compact Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit I
- High Pure Viral Nucleic Acid Kit\*
- Flow Solution\*

### Application

The LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master is designed for fast, highly sensitive and specific real-time one-step RT-qPCR analysis of viral RNA.

The 2-vial composition (separate RT enzyme and qPCR Mix) is ideally suited for use with RT minus controls. The proprietary reaction buffer allows a fast and convenient hot start RT-qPCR without pre-activation of the Taq DNA Polymerase. The kit is optimized for hydrolysis probes, as well as Universal Probelibrary (UPL) probes and does not require optimization with MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

### Assay Time

The LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master can be used for multiplex RT-qPCR protocols. For example, a triplex protocol using 45 cycles including a 10 min reverse transcription step requires 65 minutes, using the LightCycler® 480 System or 67 minutes using the LightCycler® 96 System.

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## 2. How to Use this Product

### 2.1 Before You Begin

- Precautions** Always use RNase-free techniques. RNase contaminated reagents and reaction vessels will degrade template RNA. Please follow these guidelines to minimize risk of contamination:
- Wear disposable gloves and change them frequently.
  - Avoid touching surfaces or materials that could cause RNase carry-over.
  - Use only reagents provided in this kit. Substitutions may introduce RNases.
  - Clean and decontaminate work areas and instruments, including pipettes, with commercially available decontamination reagents.
  - Use only new RNase-free aerosol-blocking pipette tips and microcentrifuge siliconized reaction tubes.
  - Use a work area specifically designated for RNA work, and if possible use reaction vessels and pipettors dedicated only for work with template RNA.
- Sample Material** Use any viral template RNA suitable for RT-qPCR in terms of purity, concentration, and absence of RT-PCR inhibitors. For reproducible isolation of nucleic acids use:
- either the MagNA Pure LC Instrument\*, the MagNA Pure Compact Instrument\*, or the MagNA Pure 96 Instrument\*, and a dedicated MagNA Pure Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit\* (for automated isolation), or a High Pure Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit\* (for manual isolation).
- Negative Control and RT Minus Control Reactions** Always run a negative control with the samples. To prepare a negative control, replace the template RNA with PCR grade water (Vial 3). A contamination problem can be observed using the negative control.  
For the RT minus control, omit the RT enzyme in the mix. With the RT minus control, you can verify that your signal comes from the RNA target or from DNA contamination.
- Primers** Suitable concentrations of PCR primers range from 0.2 to 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$  (final concentration in RT-qPCR). The recommended starting concentration is 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$  each.

**Probes** Suitable concentrations of hydrolysis probes range from 0.05 to 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$  (final concentration in PCR). The recommended starting concentration is 0.25  $\mu\text{M}$  each.

- Ⓢ The optimal probe concentration is the lowest concentration that results in the lowest quantification cycle value (Cq) and adequate fluorescence dynamics for a given target concentration.
- Ⓢ For a hydrolysis probe hybridization complex, the  $T_m$  of the hydrolysis probe has to be higher than the  $T_m$  of the primers.

**MgCl<sub>2</sub>** The master mix of this kit is optimized with a fixed concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub>, which works with nearly all primer combinations. There is no need for adjustment.

## 2.2 Procedure

**LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480, LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 96, LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano System Protocol** The following procedure is optimized for use with the corresponding LightCycler<sup>®</sup> System you are using.

⚠ Program the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Instrument before preparing the reaction mixes. A LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Instrument protocol that uses the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Multiplex RNA Virus Master contains the following programs:

- **Reverse Transcription** of viral template RNA
- **Denaturation**: of cDNA/RNA hybrid
- **Amplification** of the cDNA
- **Cooling** of the thermal block

For details on how to program the experimental protocol, see the current LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480 Instrument Operator's Manual, the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 96 System Operator's Guide, or the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano System Operator's Guide.

### **A) Protocol for use with the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480 Instrument II (Multiwell Plate 96 or 384)<sup>1)</sup>**

The following table shows the parameters that must be programmed for a RT-qPCR run using the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Multiplex RNA Virus Master on the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480 Instrument II (Multiwell Plate 96 or 384).

<b>Setup</b>					
<b>Detection Format</b>		<b>Reaction Volume</b>	<b>Block Type</b>		
<u>For example:</u>					
Monocolor Hydrolysis Probe /UPL Probe		20 µl (10 µl)	96 (384)		
<b>Programs</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>		<b>Cycles</b>	<b>Analysis Mode</b>		
Reverse Transcription		1	None		
Initial Denaturation		1	None		
Amplification		45 <sup>2)</sup>	Quantification		
Cooling		1	None		
<b>Temperature Targets</b>					
<b>Target [°C]</b>	<b>Acquisition Mode</b>	<b>Hold [hh:mm:ss]</b>	<b>Ramp Rate [°C/s]</b>	<b>Acquisitions [n/°C]</b>	
<b>Reverse Transcription</b>					
50 <sup>3)</sup>	None	00:10:00 <sup>4)</sup>	4.4 (4.8)	-	
<b>Initial Denaturation</b>					
95	None	00:00:30	4.4 (4.8)	-	
<b>Amplification</b>					
95	None	00:00:05	4.4 (4.8)	-	
60 <sup>5)</sup>	Single	00:00:30	2.2 (2.5)	-	
<b>Cooling</b>					
40	None	00:00:30	2.2 (2.5)	-	

<sup>1)</sup> The LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master includes aptamer for hot-start. Anneal / Extend temperatures significantly below 60°C may not be well tolerated because aptamer will inhibit DNA polymerase activity at low temperatures.

<sup>2)</sup> 45 cycles are suitable for most assays. If the assay shows steep amplification curves and early crossing points, 40 cycles should be sufficient. Reducing the number of cycles will improve uniformity of the product and reduce the time required for the assay.

<sup>3)</sup> We recommend running the reverse transcription at +50°C. If necessary, it is also possible to run it at +55°C.

<sup>4)</sup> Ten minutes is the recommended default protocol. Depending on your assay, it should be possible to reduce the time for reverse transcription down to 4 minutes. For best results, run a test with 10, 8, 6, 4 minutes, etc.

<sup>5)</sup> Most available assays are designed for an annealing temperature of +60°C. If the T<sub>m</sub> of the primers and probe indicate using different settings, select an annealing temperature +5°C below the calculated primer T<sub>m</sub> for initial experiments. For assay optimization, choose the highest annealing temperature which still results in a high yield of amplicon with a low C<sub>q</sub> and adequate fluorescence dynamics.

**Color Compensation Protocol for the LightCycler® 480 Instrument II**

For a multicolor measurement, the application of a color compensation file is necessary to compensate for optical crosstalk between the different channels. For the LightCycler® 480 Instrument II, an instrument-specific color compensation file is mandatory for multicolor experiments, and a color compensation object can be generated as shown below:

The LightCycler® 480 Instrument II protocol contains the following programs:

- **Reverse Transcription** of viral template RNA
- **Initial Denaturation** of cDNA/RNA hybrid
- **Amplification** of the cDNA
- **Temperature Gradient Step** to create the Color Compensation file
- **Cooling** of the thermal block

For details on how to program the experimental protocol, see the LightCycler® 480 Software Operator's Manual, version 1.5.

**Programming a Customized Detection Format for the LightCycler® 480 System Filter Combination Selection**

The Detection Format in the LightCycler® 480 Software, version 1.5 setup must be customized for the applied multicolor hydrolysis probe format used in the RT-qPCR Detection. In the "Tool" module, the "Detection Formats" option allows creating a new detection format specified by the user, including a Detection Format list, a Filter Combination Selection area, and a Selected Filter Combination List. Different filter settings for the LightCycler® 480 II Instrument are defined.

**Example for 3-color Hydrolysis Probes**

Detection Formats	Excitation Filter	Emission Filter
FAM	465	510
Red 610	533	610
Cy5	618	660

For the new customized detection format, set for all selected filters in the "Selected Filter Combination List", the following values:

Melting Factor	1
Quantification Factor	10
Integration Time	2

The following table shows the RT-qPCR parameters that must be programmed for a LightCycler® 480 Color Compensation file with a LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96.

<b>Setup</b>			
<b>Detection Format</b>		<b>Block Type</b>	
Customized (see section above)		96	
<b>Programs</b>			
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Cycles</b>	<b>Analysis Mode</b>	
Reverse Transcription	1	None	
Initial Denaturation	1	None	
Amplification	45	Quantification	
Temperature Gradient Step	1	Color Compensation	
Cooling	1	None	
<b>Temperature Targets</b>			
<b>Target [°C]</b>	<b>Acquisition Mode</b>	<b>Hold [hh:mm:ss]</b>	<b>Ramp Rate [°C/s]</b>
<b>Reverse Transcription</b>			
50	None	00:10:00	4.4
<b>Initial Denaturation</b>			
95	None	00:00:30	4.4
<b>Amplification</b>			
95	None	00:00:05	4.4
60	Single	00:00:30	2.2
<b>Temperature Gradient Step</b>			
95	None	00:00:10	4.4
40	None	00:00:10	2.2
95	Continuous		5 Acq. /°C
<b>Cooling</b>			
40	None	00:00:30	2.2

**Preparation of the Color Compensation Run**

Prepare the calibrator RT-qPCR mix for more than one reaction. Multiply the amount in the volume column by the number of reactions you need (minimum of 3 to 5 replicates) plus additional reactions since there will be a slight loss of liquid during the pipetting steps. In order to ensure accuracy, do not pipette volumes less than 1  $\mu$ l.

For each dye, set up the following reactions:

<b>Component</b>	<b>1× Buffer</b>	<b>1× for each Dye</b>
RT-Enzyme Solution, 200× conc. (Vial 1)	0.1 $\mu$ l	0.1 $\mu$ l
RT-qPCR Reaction Mix, 5× conc. (Vial 2)	4.0 $\mu$ l	4.0 $\mu$ l
Detection mix for each dye	-	X $\mu$ l (depending on the assay)
Water, PCR grade (Vial 3)	15.9 $\mu$ l	Y $\mu$ l (depending on the assay)
Template, such as viral RNA or positive samples eluates	-	5.0 $\mu$ l
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>20.0 <math>\mu</math>l</b>	<b>20.0 <math>\mu</math>l</b>

- ① Pipette the three replicates of each different calibrator mix into a pre-cooled LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96.
- ② Seal the LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate with a LightCycler® 480 Sealing Foil.
- ③ Place the Multiwell Plate in a standard swing-bucket centrifuge containing a rotor for multiwell plates with suitable adaptors. Balance it with a suitable counterweight (e.g., another plate), and centrifuge for 2 minutes at 1,500 × g.

Load the Multiwell Plate into the LightCycler® 480 Instrument and start the program.

**Create Color Compensation Object**

When the experiment is finished, open the **Sample Editor**. Select workflow **Color Comp** and designate the used positions of the Multiwell Plate as "Water" for Buffer replicates, and the appropriate dyes respectively (e.g., FAM, Red610, Cy5 for the example mentioned above).

Open the **Analysis** module Color Compensation, click on **Calculate**, and save the color compensation object in the database.

From this point on, you can apply this 'CC Object' to each multicolor experiment performed with FAM, Red610, and Cy5 on the same instrument.

**B) Protocol for use with the LightCycler® 96 Instrument<sup>1)</sup>**

<b>Run Editor</b>			
<b>Detection Format</b>			<b>Reaction Volume</b>
For example: Dyes 1: FAM			20 µl
<b>Programs</b>			
<b>Temp. [°C]</b>	<b>Ramp Rate [°C/s]</b>	<b>Hold [s]</b>	<b>Acquisition Mode</b>
<b>Preincubation (Reverse Transcription)</b>			
50 <sup>2)</sup>	4.4	600 <sup>3)</sup>	None
<b>Preincubation (Initial Denaturation)</b>			
95	4.4	30	None
<b>2-Step Amplification</b>			
No. of Cycles: 45 <sup>4)</sup>			
95	4.4	5	None
60 <sup>5)</sup>	2.2	30	Single

<sup>1)</sup> The LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master includes aptamer for hot-start. Anneal / Extend temperatures significantly below 60°C may not be well tolerated because aptamer will inhibit DNA polymerase activity at low temperatures.

<sup>2)</sup> We recommend running the reverse transcription at +50°C. If necessary, it is also possible to run it at +55°C.

<sup>3)</sup> Ten minutes is the recommended default protocol. Depending on your assay, it should be possible to reduce the time for reverse transcription down to 4 minutes. For best results, run a test with 10, 8, 6, 4 minutes, etc.

<sup>4)</sup> 45 cycles are suitable for most assays. If the assay shows steep amplification curves and early crossing points, 40 cycles should be sufficient. Reducing the number of cycles will improve uniformity of the product and reduce the time required for the assay.

<sup>5)</sup> Most available assays are designed for an annealing temperature of +60°C. If the T<sub>m</sub> of the primers and probe indicate using different settings, select an annealing temperature +5°C below the calculated primer T<sub>m</sub> for initial experiments. For assay optimization, choose the highest annealing temperature which still results in a high yield of amplicon with a low C<sub>q</sub> and adequate fluorescence dynamics.

**Color Compensation Protocol for the LightCycler® 96 Instrument**

The LightCycler® 96 Instrument does not require the creation of a color compensation object,

**C) Protocol for use with the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano Instrument<sup>1)</sup>**

<b>Run Settings</b>			
<b>Optics Settings</b>		<b>Reaction volume</b>	
<u>For example:</u>			
Hydrolysis Probes Normal Quality		20 µl	
<b>Profile</b>			
<b>Programs</b>			
<b>Temp. (°C)</b>	<b>Ramp Rate [°C/s]</b>	<b>Hold [s]</b>	<b>Acquire</b>
<b>Hold (Reverse Transcription)</b>			
50 <sup>2)</sup>	5	600 <sup>3)</sup>	-
<b>Hold (Initial Denaturation)</b>			
95	5	30	-
<b>2-Step Amplification</b>			
No. of Cycles: 45 <sup>4)</sup>			
95	5	10 <sup>5)</sup>	
60 <sup>6)</sup>	4	30	✓

<sup>1)</sup> The LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Multiplex RNA Virus Master includes aptamer for hot-start. Anneal / Extend temperatures significantly below 60°C may not be well tolerated because aptamer will inhibit DNA polymerase activity at low temperatures.

<sup>2)</sup> We recommend running the reverse transcription at +50°C. If necessary, it is also possible to run it at +55°C.

<sup>3)</sup> Ten minutes is the recommended default protocol. Depending on your assay, it should be possible to reduce the time for reverse transcription down to 4 minutes. For best results, run a test with 10, 8, 6, 4 minutes, etc.

<sup>4)</sup> 45 cycles are suitable for most assays. If the assay shows steep amplification curves and early crossing points, 40 cycles should be sufficient. Reducing the number of cycles will improve uniformity of the product and reduce the time required for the assay.

<sup>5)</sup> Note that for the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano Instrument, it is not possible to program hold times shorter than 10 seconds. Program 10 seconds instead of 5 seconds for LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano Instruments.

<sup>6)</sup> Most available assays are designed for an annealing temperature of +60°C. If the T<sub>m</sub> of the primers and probe indicate using different settings, select an annealing temperature +5°C below the calculated primer T<sub>m</sub> for initial experiments. For assay optimization, choose the highest annealing temperature which still results in a high yield of amplicon with a low C<sub>q</sub> and adequate fluorescence dynamics.

**Color Compensation Protocol for the LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano Instrument**

The LightCycler<sup>®</sup> Nano Instrument does not require the creation of a color compensation object.

**Setup of the PCR Reaction**

Follow the procedure below to prepare at least ten 20  $\mu$ l standard reactions:

- ③ Do not touch the surface of the LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate or the LightCycler® 8-Tube Strips.

- ① Thaw the solutions and, to ensure recovery of all the contents, briefly spin vials in a microcentrifuge before opening. Mix carefully by pipetting up and down or vortex briefly. Place samples on ice.
- ② Prepare a 20 $\times$  conc. solution of your primers and a 20 $\times$  conc. solution of your probes.
- ③ In a 1.5 ml reaction tube, prepare the RT-qPCR Mix and put on ice. For best results, prepare not less than 10 reactions in order to reduce pipetting errors. To prepare more reactions, multiply the amount in the "Volume 1 Reaction" column below by the number of reactions to be run, plus at least one additional reaction.

Component	Volume 1 Reaction	Volume 10 Reactions	Final Conc.
Water, PCR grade (Vial 3)	8.9 $\mu$ l (4.45 $\mu$ l)	89 $\mu$ l (44.5 $\mu$ l)	-
RT-qPCR Reaction Mix, 5 $\times$ (Vial 2)	4 $\mu$ l (2 $\mu$ l)	40 $\mu$ l (20 $\mu$ l)	1 $\times$
Primer Mix, 20 $\times$ <sup>1)</sup>	1 $\mu$ l (0.5 $\mu$ l)	10 $\mu$ l (5 $\mu$ l)	1 $\times$
Probe Mix, 20 $\times$	1 $\mu$ l (0.5 $\mu$ l)	10 $\mu$ l (5 $\mu$ l)	1 $\times$
RT-Enzyme Solution, 200 $\times$	0.1 $\mu$ l (0.05 $\mu$ l)	1 $\mu$ l (0.5 $\mu$ l)	1 $\times$
<b>Total volume</b>	<b>15 <math>\mu</math>l (7.5 <math>\mu</math>l)</b>	<b>150 <math>\mu</math>l (75 <math>\mu</math>l)</b>	

<sup>1)</sup> Due to possible primer/primer interactions that occur during storage, it may be necessary to preheat the PCR primer mix for 1 minute at +95°C before pipetting the complete mixture. This extra step will ensure optimum sensitivity.

- ④ Mix carefully by pipetting up and down or vortex briefly. Place on ice. Although we recommend working on ice and preparing the reagents right before use, the working solution (everything combined except RNA template) is stable at +15 to +25°C up to 4 hours, and is therefore ideal for use in automated workflows.
- ⑤ Prepare sample concentration of the viral RNA and/or DNA.
- ⑥ Pipette 15  $\mu$ l (7.5  $\mu$ l) RT-qPCR Mix into a precooled multiwell plate or precooled LightCycler® 8-Tube Strip. Add 5  $\mu$ l (2.5  $\mu$ l) of the RNA and/or DNA template. Seal multiwell plate with LightCycler® 480 Sealing Foil or LightCycler® 8-Tube Strips using the corresponding lid.
- ⑦ Place the Multiwell Plate 96 into a standard swing-bucket centrifuge with a suitable adapter and balance it with a suitable counterweight (e.g., another multiwell plate), or place the 8-Tube Strips into a standard Multiwell Plate 96 and balance them in the centrifuge. Centrifuge at 1,500  $\times$  g for 0.5 - 2 minutes.

- 8 Load the reaction vessels into the LightCycler® 480, LightCycler® 96, or LightCycler® Nano Instrument.
  - 9 Start the PCR program described above.  
If you use reaction volumes other than 20 µl, be sure to adapt the right volume in the running protocol. To start, we recommend using the same hold times as for the 20 µl volume.
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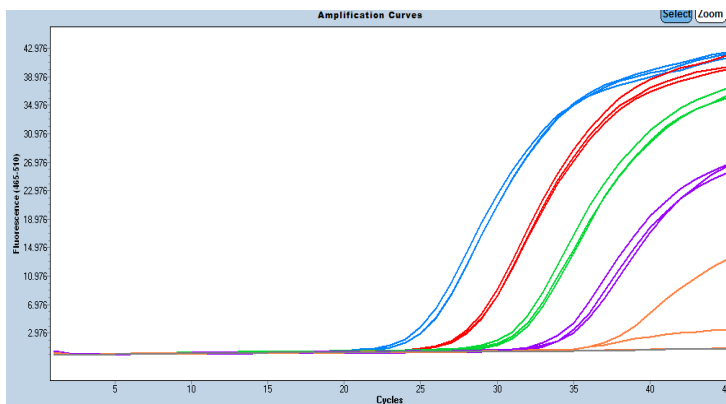
### 2.3 Quality Control

Each lot of LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master is tested to meet specifications of the RT-qPCR using a duplex RT-qPCR assay on the LightCycler® 480 Instrument II.

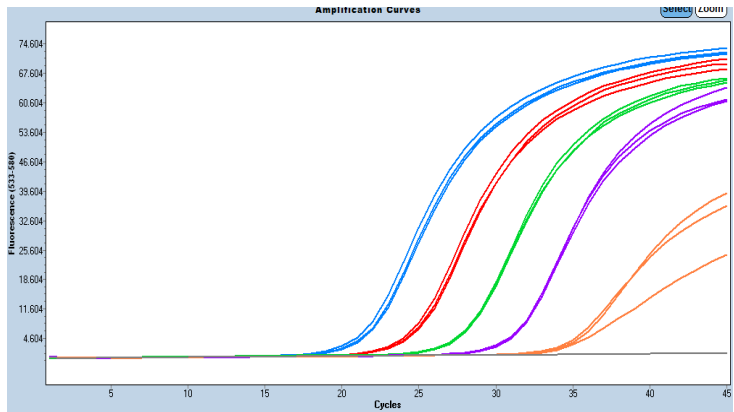
### 3. Results

The following results were obtained using the LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master on the LightCycler® 480 Instrument. A duplex reaction using primers and UPL probes specific for G6PD (FAM) and  $\beta$ 2M (Yellow555) was run. Human total RNA served as the template. Total RNA from different tissues in a dilution series [50 ng, 5 ng, 500 pg, 50 pg, and 10 pg and a no template control (NTC)] was analyzed using real-time PCR.

#### FAM channel (465/510)



**Fig. 1:** The FAM channel shows the results for G6PD. Amplification curves shown were obtained from dilutions of 50 ng (blue), 5 ng (red), 500 pg (green), 50 pg (purple), and 10 pg (orange) human total RNA per well, including a no template control (grey). Duplex RT-qPCR was performed in a reaction volume of 20  $\mu$ l per well in a LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96.

**Yellow555 channel (533/580)**

**Fig. 2:** The Yellow555 channel shows the results for  $\beta$ 2M. Amplification curves shown were obtained from dilutions of 50 ng (blue), 5 ng (red), 500 pg (green), 50 pg (purple), and 10 pg (orange) human total RNA per well, including a no template control (grey). Duplex RT-qPCR was performed in a reaction volume of 20  $\mu$ l per well in a LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480 Multiwell Plate 96.

## 4. Troubleshooting

	Possible Cause	Recommendation
<b>Increase Specificity</b>		Some assays show higher specificity when using a higher reverse transcription temperature and/or higher annealing temperature.
<b>Fluorescence intensity varies</b>	Some of the reagent is still in the upper part of the microwell/8-tube strip, or an air bubble is trapped in microwell/8-tube strip.	Repeat centrifugation, but allow sufficient centrifugation time so all reagent is at the bottom of the microwell/8-tube strip and air bubbles are expelled.
	Skin oils or dirt on the surface of the microwell/8-tube strip.	Always wear gloves when handling the multiwell plate/8-tube strip.
<b>Fluorescence intensity is very low</b>	Low concentration or deterioration of dyes in the reaction mixtures because dye was not stored properly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep dye-labeled reagents away from light.</li> <li>• Store the reagents at <math>-15</math> to <math>-25^{\circ}\text{C}</math> and avoid repeated freezing and thawing.</li> </ul>
	Poor PCR efficiency (reaction conditions not optimized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primer concentration should be in the range of <math>0.2</math> to <math>0.5\ \mu\text{M}</math>, probe concentration should be in the range of <math>0.2</math> to <math>0.5\ \mu\text{M}</math> and half of the primer concentration.</li> <li>• Check annealing temperature of primers and probes.</li> <li>• Check experimental protocol.</li> <li>• Optimize annealing temperature in the reverse transcription step or in the PCR reaction.</li> <li>• Always run a positive control along with your samples.</li> </ul>
	Chosen imaging time is too low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose the appropriate detection format in combination with “dynamic” detection mode or</li> <li>• Increase imaging time when using “manual” detection mode.</li> </ul> <p>For details see LightCycler® 480 Software Instrument Operator’s Manual.</p>
	RT-qPCR primers and probes are not optimized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check sequence and location of the hydrolysis probe on the PCR product.</li> <li>• Check RT-qPCR product on an agarose gel</li> </ul>
	PCR has not been optimized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check primer design (quality).</li> <li>• Check RT-qPCR product on an agarose gel</li> </ul>

	RNA is degraded during isolation or improper storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If possible check RNA quality.</li> <li>• Check RNA with an established RT-qPCR primer when available</li> </ul>
	Pipetting errors and omitted reagents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for missing reagents</li> <li>• Check the pipetting procedure</li> </ul>
	Impure sample material inhibits reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dilute sample 1:10 and repeat the analysis.</li> <li>• Repurify the nucleic acids to ensure removal of inhibitory agents.</li> </ul>
<b>Negative control sample gives a positive signal</b>	Contamination	Remake all critical reaction mixes. Please use special RT-qPCR setup working areas.

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## 5. Additional Information on this Product

**How this Product Works** The LightCycler® Multiplex RNA Virus Master consists of 3 different vials:

- Vial 1: Reverse Transcriptase
- Vial 2: RT-qPCR Reaction Mix
- Vial 3: Water, PCR grade

The separate vial of Reverse Transcriptase makes it possible to prepare a RT-qPCR reaction mix for running RT minus controls (lacking reverse transcriptase). This is important for verifying that the obtained results are derived from RNA transcripts or from residual (contaminating) genomic DNA. The kit also provides sufficient numbers of vials containing PCR grade water to ensure that fresh (unopened) vials can be used. This minimizes the risk of contamination of RT-qPCR reaction mixes with RNases and other substances.

The Reverse Transcriptase provided in this kit is a recombinant reverse transcriptase with higher stability than native reverse transcriptase. This feature allows for higher reverse transcription temperatures up to +55°C. This Roche recombinant Reverse Transcriptase also has lower affinity for DNA than other commonly used reverse transcriptases.

The resulting RT-qPCR reaction mix also has Apta Taq DNA Polymerase, nucleotides, and additives ensuring a hot start amplification system with high specificity. The mix contains an optimized concentration of MgCl<sub>2</sub>, eliminating the need for additional adjustments. For greater convenience, the RT-qPCR mixture, including Reverse Transcriptase, can be used for both RNA and/or DNA templates in parallel.

## 6. Supplementary Information

### 6.1 Conventions



#### 6.1.1 Text Conventions

To make information consistent and easier to read, the following text conventions are used in this document:

Text Convention	Usage
Numbered instructions labeled <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> etc.	Steps in a procedure that must be performed in the order listed.
Asterisk *	Denotes a product available from Roche Diagnostics.

#### 6.1.2 Symbols

In this document, the following symbols are used to highlight important information:

Symbol	Description
	Information Note: Additional information about the current topic or procedure.
	Important Note: Information critical to the success of the procedure or use of the product.

### 6.2 Changes to Previous Version

- Editorial changes.

### 6.3 Ordering Information

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- LightCycler® 96 System: [www.lightcycler96.com](http://www.lightcycler96.com)
- Automated Sample Preparation (MagNA Pure LC System and MagNA Pure Compact System): [www.magnapure.com](http://www.magnapure.com)
- Manual Sample Preparation of Nucleic Acids: [www.lifescience.roche.com/shop/en/us/products/manual-sample-preparation-of-nucleic-acids](http://www.lifescience.roche.com/shop/en/us/products/manual-sample-preparation-of-nucleic-acids)

#### Instrument and Accessories

Product	Pack Size	Cat. No.
LightCycler® 480 Instrument II, 96 well	1 instrument (96 well)	05 015 278 001
LightCycler® 480 Instrument II, 384 well	1 instrument (384 well)	05 015 243 001
LightCycler® 480 Block Kit 96 Silver	1 block kit for 96-well PCR Multiwell Plates	05 015 219 001
LightCycler® 480 Block Kit 384 Silver	1 block kit for 384 -well PCR Multiwell Plates	05 015 197 001
LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96, white	5 × 10 plates with sealing foils	04 729 692 001
LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 384, white	5 × 10 plates with sealing foils	04 729 749 001
LightCycler® 480 Sealing Foil	50 foils	04 729 757 001
LightCycler® 480 Software, Version 1.5	1 software package	04 994 884 001
LightCycler® 96 Instrument	1 instrument	05 815 916 001
LightCycler® 8-Tube Strips (white)	10 × 12 white strips and clear caps.	06 612 601 001
LightCycler® 8-Tube Strip Adapter Plate		06 612 598 001
MagNA Pure 96 Instrument	1 instrument plus accessories	06 541 089 001
MagNA Pure 96 Internal Control Tube		06 374 905 001
MagNA Pure LC 2.0 Instrument	1 instrument plus accessories	05 197 686 001

	<b>Product</b>	<b>Pack Size</b>	<b>Cat. No.</b>
<b>RNA Virus Isolation Kits</b>	MagNA Pure Compact Instrument	1 instrument plus accessories	03 731 146 001
	MagNA Pure 96 DNA and Viral NA Small Volume Kit		06 543 588 001
	MagNA Pure 96 DNA and Viral NA Large Volume Kit		06 374 891 001
	MagNA Pure 96 Cellular RNA Large Volume Kit	3 sets for 96 isolations each	05 467 535 001
	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit - High Performance	1 kit for up to 288 isolations	05 323 738 001
	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit	1 kit (192 isolations)	03 038 505 001
	MagNA Pure LC Total Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit - Large Volume	1 kit (192 isolations)	03 264 793 001
	MagNA Pure LC RNA Isolation Kit - High Performance	1 kit (192 isolations)	03 542 394 001
	MagNA Pure Compact Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit I	1 kit for 32 isolations	03 730 964 001
	MagNA Pure Compact RNA Isolation Kit	1 kit for 32 isolations	04 802 993 001
	High Pure Viral RNA Kit	1 kit for up to 100 purifications	11 858 882 001
	High Pure Viral Nucleic Acid Kit	1 kit for up to 100 purifications	11 858 874 001
	<b>Associated Kits</b>	LightCycler® Multiplex DNA Master	1 kit 200 reactions of 20 µl final volume each

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