

LightCycler® -Primer Set

Ready-to-use amplification primer mix for RT-PCR using the LightCycler® Instrument

Human smooth muscle Actin $\alpha 2$ (ACTA2)

Lot # 201006 Exp.20.10.2008

Kit for 96 reactions

Note: After Thawing keep on ice!

Store the kit at -20°C

1. Kit Contents				
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Kit contents	Vial	Label	Content and use	Sample Preparation
	1	ACTA2 Primer mix Yellow cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 μl ready-to-use primer mix for target specific amplification using the LightCycler® FastStart Master Sybr Green I contains optimal MgCl_2 concentration and amplification primer pair 	
	2	Standard Red cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 μl amplification standard for approximately 25000 copies/μl of ACTA2 cDNA 	
	3	Standard Stabilizer Green cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300 μl Solution for dilution of standard 	
	4	Control cDNA Blue cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 μl contains a cDNA mix from several human cell lines and 20 different tissues. 	
5	H ₂ O, sterile, PCR grade White cap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 ml to adjust the final reaction volume 	Application	
Additional equipment and reagents required	1 st Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit for RT-PCR (Roche Cat. # 1 483 188) LightCycler® FastStart Master SybrGreen I (Roche Cat. # 3 003 230) LightCycler® Instrument (Roche Cat. # 2 011 468) LightCycler® Primer Set Housekeeping genes (Search GmbH)			Assay time
2. Introduction The LightCycler®-Primer Set allows to perform quantitative RT-PCR using the LightCycler® instrument. An optimized primer pair has been selected for specific amplification of targets. The amplicon is detected by fluorescence using the double-stranded DNA binding dye Sybr®Green I.				Number of tests
				Quality Control
				Kit storage/ stability
				Specificity
				cDNA reverse transcribed from human RNA Reliable and reproducible results are achieved with 1 μg total RNA isolated with the HighPure total RNA Isolation Kit (Roche) reverse transcribed with the 1 st Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (AMV) (Roche). ! The resulting cDNA has to be diluted to a final volume of 200-500 μl with PCR-grade water Quantitative evaluation of gene expression in human cells and tissue Set up the PCR amplification 15 min LightCycler® PCR run 50 min The Kit is designed for 96 Reactions The LightCycler®-Primer Set is tested using the LightCycler® FastStart Master Sybr®Green I according to the protocol described below. The unopened kit is stable at -20°C 24 month from date of QC-release. The LightCycler®-Primer Set "ACTA2" is specific for the sequence of human ACTA2. The amplicon overspans an intron of 2693 bp and does, therefore, not specifically amplify genomic ACTA2 sequences. No genomic signal will be generated if RNA or mRNA is generated as directed (DNase treatment). If the sample quality is poor or unknown a no-RT control reaction is strongly recommended.

3. Procedure

Introduction	A fragment of the human ACTA2 cDNA sequence is amplified and monitored with the dsDNA specific Sybr [®] Green I dye						
Additional reagents required	LightCycler [®] FastStart Master Sybr [®] Green I (Cat.# 3 003 230)						
Thawing the solutions	Thaw the following reagents, mix gently, and store on ice: <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">From the ...</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Thaw the...</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LightCycler[®] FastStart Master Sybr[®]Green I</td> <td>vial 1a/b</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LightCycler[®]Primer Set</td> <td>all tubes</td> </tr> </table> <p>It is recommended to define the experimental protocol before preparing the solutions</p>	From the ...	Thaw the...	LightCycler [®] FastStart Master Sybr [®] Green I	vial 1a/b	LightCycler [®] Primer Set	all tubes
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Experimental Protocol	The described protocol consists of four programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program 1: Denaturation of the template and activation of the polymerase • Program 2: Amplification of the target • Program 3: Melting curve analysis for product control • Program 4: Cooling the rotor and thermal chamber 						

Denaturation

Parameter	Value
Cycles	1
Type	Regular
Temp. Targets	Segment 1
Target Temperature	95
Incubation time (h:min:s)	10:00
Temp. Transition Rate (°C/s)	20
Secondary Target Temp.	0
Step Size	0
Step Delay	0
Aquisition Mode	None

Amplification

Parameter	Value		
Cycles	35		
Type	Quantification		
Temp. Targets	Seg.1	Seg.2	Seg.3
Target Temperature	95	68	72
Incubation time (h:min:s)	10	10	16
Temp. Transition Rate (°C/s)	20	20	20
Secondary Target Temp.	0	58	0
Step Size	0	0.5	0
Step Delay	0	1	0
Aquisition Mode	None	None	Single
Gains	F1 = 5		

Melting Curve Analysis

Parameter	Value		
Cycles	1		
Type	Melting Curve		
Temp. Targets	Seg.1	Seg. 2	Seg.3
Target Temperature	95	58	95
Incubation time (h:min:s)	0	10	0
Temp. Transition Rate (°C/s)	20	20	0.1
Secondary Target Temp.	0	0	0
Step Size	0	0	0
Step Delay	0	0	0
Aquisition Mode	None	None	Cont.

Cooling

Parameter	Value
Cycles	1
Type	Regular
Temp. Targets	Segment 1
Target Temperature	40
Incubation time (h:min:s)	30
Temp. Transition Rate (°C/s)	20
Secondary Target Temp.	0
Step Size	0
Step Delay	0
Aquisition Mode	None

Preparation of the master mix	Depending on the total number of reactions place LightCycler® capillaries in pre-cooled centrifuge adaptors. It is recommended to use electronic pipettors with high quality tips (low volume retention). Prepare a master mix by multiplying the amount in the “Volume” column by the number of reactions to be analyzed, plus five additional reactions (Standard).
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Step	Action										
1	Prepare a fresh dilution series of the standard using the standard stabilizer solution 1:10 = 2500 copies/ μ l 1:100 = 250 copies/ μ l 1:1000 = 25 copies/ μ l										
2	In a 1.5 ml light protected reaction tube on ice, add the following components in the order mentioned below: <table border="1" data-bbox="188 981 699 1176"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Vol.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H₂O (white cap)</td> <td>6 μl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LightCycler® Primer Set (yellow cap)</td> <td>2 μl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master Sybr®Green I (premixed)</td> <td>2 μl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Volume</td> <td>10 μl</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Component	Vol.	H ₂ O (white cap)	6 μ l	LightCycler® Primer Set (yellow cap)	2 μ l	LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master Sybr®Green I (premixed)	2 μ l	Total Volume	10 μl
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipet 10 μl PCR mix into the pre-cooled LightCycler® capillary Add 10 μl of cDNA template 										
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipet 10 μl of PCR mix into 4 pre-cooled LightCycler® capillaries Add 10 μl of undiluted and of the freshly diluted standards into each capillary 										
5	Seal each capillary with a stopper and place the adaptors, containing the capillary, into a benchtop microcentrifuge. Centrifuge at 2000 rpm for 30 s.										
6	Place capillaries in the rotor of the LightCycler® Instrument.										
7	Cycle the samples as described above										

Typical results	
Introduction	The analysis of the obtained data is divided into two parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1: Use of the quantification program, followed by Part 2: Specificity control of the amplification reaction by using the melting curve program

Quantification program	The attached amplification curves in the QC sheet were obtained by performing the described procedure with the enclosed standards and control cDNA. The fluorescence values versus cycle number are displayed. The enclosed control cDNA contains approximately 700 copies per μ l of ACTA2 specific cDNA
Melting curve program	Assess the specificity of the amplified PCR product by performing a melting curve analysis. The resulting melting curves allow discrimination between specific and unspecific product The attached melting curves in the QC sheet display the amplification of the control cDNA. As a control for the specificity, 5ng of human genomic DNA was amplified in this experiment.



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