

MaximoOne.Step RT-qPCR Kit EVA / ROX

For quantitative real-time analyses of RNA templates using EvaGreen as fluorescent dye

Description

The MaximoOne.step RT-qPCR Green with high ROX is designed for quantitative real-time analyses of RNA templates using EvaGreen as Fluorescent Stain. The enzyme mix is based on a with enhanced thermal stability providing increased specificity, high cDNA yield and improved efficiency for highly structured and long cDNA fragments.

The kit contains all reagents required for RT-qPCR (except template, primers) in one set to ensure fast and easy preparation with a minimum of pipetting steps. The premium quality enzyme mix and the optimized complete reaction buffer containing ultrapure dNTPs ensure superior real time PCR results.

RT-qPCR is used to amplify double-stranded DNA from single-stranded RNA templates to allow a rapid real-time quantification of RNA targets. In the reverse transcription step the reverse transcriptase synthesizes single-stranded DNA molecules (cDNA) complementary to the RNA template.

In the first cycle of the PCR step the hot-start DNA polymerase synthesizes DNA molecules complementary to the cDNA, thus generating a double-stranded DNA template. The hot-start polymerase activity is blocked at ambient temperature and switched on automatically at the onset of the initial denaturation. The thermal activation prevents the extension of non-specifically annealed primers and primer-dimer formations at low temperatures during PCR setup.

One.step RT-qPCR Green kit offers tremendous convenience when applied to analysis of targets from multiple samples of RNA and minimizes the risk of contaminations.

Sensitivity

Targets can generally be detected from < 1 pg to 20 ng poly(A) RNA (mRNA) or 10 pg to 1 µg total RNA. Even lower amounts of RNA may be successfully amplified by using highly expressed transcripts.

EvaGreen® Fluorescent DNA Stain

EvaGreen® Fluorescent DNA Stain is a superior DNA intercalator dye specially developed for DNA analysis applications including real-time PCR (qPCR) and high-resolution DNA melting curve analysis(HRM). Upon binding to DNA, the non-fluorescent dye becomes highly fluorescent while showing no detectable inhibition to the PCR process. The dye is extremely stable both thermally and hydrolytically, providing convenience during routine handling. The high quantum yield, excellent stability and lowest inhibition toward PCR makes it the ideal fluorophore in real-time PCR applications and a superior replacement for the widely used SYBR® Green I dye. To perform the EvaGreen-based assay simply select the optical setting for SYBR® Green on the detection instrument.

Spectroscopic data EvaGreen®: Excitation maximum: $\lambda_{Ex} = 500$ nm (bound to DNA); Emission maximum: $\lambda_{Em} = 530$ nm (bound to DNA).

ROX reference dye:

The MaximoOne-Step RT-qPCR Kit contains ROX passive reference dye. The dye does not take part in the PCR reaction but allows to normalize for non-PCR related signal variation and provides a baseline in multiplex reactions. The reaction chemistry of the kit is optimized for real-time cyclers that are compatible with the evaluation of the ROX reference signal.

Platforms: The Kit is suitable for all block-based Thermocycler. Stringent Quality Tests on ABI StepOne plus PCR Cycler

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Components:

Maximo.OneStep RT-qPCR Kit Green with high ROX Enzyme-mix: HotStart Taq Polymerase, Reverse Transcriptase, RNase Inhibitor and enhancers, Reaction buffer (2X) containing extra pure dNTPs, EvaGreen fluorescent DNA stain, ROX and stabilizers

RNase-free water

RT-PCR assay without sample denaturation (standard RNA/primer combinations)

1. Preparation of the RT-PCR Assay

Please note: Sample denaturation is particularly recommended for RNA targets that exhibit a high degree of secondary structure, for self- or cross-complementary primers and for initial experiments with new targets. For many standard combinations of RNA and primers heat treatment may be omitted with no negative effect on results. Add the following components to a nuclease-free micro-tube. Pipette on ice and mix the components by pipetting gently up and down.

In general, water, RNA and primers should be mixed together before the rest of the components are added.

component	stock conc.	final conc.	20 µl assay	25 µl assay
RNase-free water			fill up to 20 µl	fill up to 25 µl
RNA Template ¹⁾		< 100 ng	X µl	X µl
forward Primer	10 µM	400 nM	0.8 µl	1 µl
reverse Primer	10 µM	400 nM	0.8 µl	1 µl
MAXIMO RT-qPCR -Reaction Mix with high ROX ²⁾	2x	1x	10 µl	12.5 µl

¹⁾ up to 100 ng polyA RNA or total RNA

²⁾ MAXIMO RT-qPCR Enzyme Mix with high ROX already contains RNase inhibitor that may be essential when working with low amounts of starting RNA. Continue with reverse transcription and thermal cycling as recommended.

RT-PCR assay with sample denaturation (RNA/primer with a high degree of secondary structure)

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1. Preparation of the RNA / Primer Mix

Add the following components to a nuclease-free microtube and mix by pipetting gently up and down.

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component	stock concentration	final conc.	20 µl assay	25 µl assay
RNase-free water			fill up to 5 µl	fill up to 12,5 µl
RNA Template ¹⁾		< 100 ng	X µl	X µl
forward Primer	10 µM	400 nM	0,8 µl	1 µl
reverse Primer	10 µM	400 nM	0,8 µl	1 µl

¹⁾ up to 100 ng polyA RNA or total RNA

2. Denaturation and primer annealing

Incubate the mixture at 70°C for 5 min and place it at room temperature for 5 min.

3. Preparation of the RT-PCR Mix

Add the following components to a further nuclease-free microtube and mix by pipetting gently up and down.

component	stock conc.	final conc.	20 µl assay	25 µl assay
RNase-free water			fill up to 15 µl	fill up to 20 µl
MAXIMO-RT-qPCR - Mix	2x	1x	10 µl	12.5 µl

²⁾ Maximo.OneStep.-RT-qPCR Mix already contains RNase inhibitor that may be essential when working with low amounts of starting RNA.

4. Complete RT-qPCR Mix

Add 15 µl RT-qPCR Mix to 5 µl RNA / Primer Mix to complete the 20 µl assay. Pipette on ice and mix by pipetting gently up and down.

Reverse transcription and thermal cycling Place the vials in a PCR cycler and start the following program.

Reverse transcription ³⁾	50°C	10-15 min	1x
Initial denaturation ⁴⁾	95°C	5 min	1x
Denaturation	95°C	15 sec	35-45 x
Annealing ⁵⁾	60-65°C	1 min	35-45 x
Elongation ⁶⁾	72°C	1 min	35-45 x

³⁾ A reverse transcription time of 10 min is recommended for optimal amplicon lengths between 100 and 200 bp. Longer amplicons up to 500 bp may require a prolonged incubation of 15 min. Add 3 min for each additional 100 bp. The optimal temperature depends on the structural features of the RNA. Increase the temperature to 55°C for difficult templates with high secondary structure. Note that optimal reaction time and temperature should be adjusted for each particular RNA.

⁴⁾ An initial denaturation time of 5 min is recommended to inactivate the reverse transcriptase

⁵⁾ The annealing temperature depends on the melting temperature of the primers.

⁶⁾ The elongation time depends on the length of the amplicon. A time of 1 min for amplicons up to 1,000 bp is recommended.

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Storage:

@ -20°C, avoid frequent thawing and freezing, store all components with EvaGreen in the dark

Transport:

the product will be shipped with "blue ice"

Ordering information

Cat.-no	Description	Amount
105-530	MaximoOne.Step RT-qPCR Master Mix EVA / ROX (2x)	2x1,25ml
105-532	MaximoOne.Step RT-qPCR Master Mix EVA / ROX (2X)	10x1,25 ml

For optimal specificity and amplification an individual optimization of the recommended parameters may be necessary. Note that optimal reaction times and temperatures should be adjusted for each particular RNA / primer pair.

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