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# Hepatitis E and Enterovirus Multiplex Nested RT-PCR

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## Abstract

For multiplex, nested amplification of Hepatitis E (HEV) and Enterovirus (EV) samples.

**Primer sets and target amplicon size**

*Outer HEV: HEV\_38\_f and HEV\_39\_r (538 bps)*

HEV\_38\_f: GARGCYATGGTBGAGAARG

HEV\_39\_r: GCCATRTTCCARACRGTRTTCC

*Inner HEV: HEV\_37\_f and HEV\_27\_r (306 bps)*

HEV\_37\_f: GGTTYCGYGCYATTGARAARG

HEV\_27\_r: TCRCCRGARTGYTTCTTCC

*Outer EV: For1\_5NCR and Rev7\_5NCR (535 bps)*

For1\_5NCR: CGGTACCYTTGTRCGCCTG

Rev7\_5NCR: ATTGTCACCATAAGCAGCC

*Inner EV: For2\_5NCR and Rev6\_5NCR (388 bps)*

For2\_5NCR: CAAGCACTTCTGTTWCCC

Rev6\_5NCR: CCAAAGTAGTCGGTTCCGC



## Materials

 DreamTaq PCR Master Mix (2X) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #K1072**

 SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System with Platinum Taq **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #12457-026**

**Approximate total cost per sample:** £8.01

8 primers required (cost excluded from estimate as primers do not need to be ordered each time)

Superscript cost per sample: ~£7.56

Dreamtaq cost per sample: ~£0.45 per sample

### Extra equipment required:

Vortex, mini centrifuge, thermocycler

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## Hepatitis E and Enterovirus Multiplex Nested PCR

### 1 First round PCR for combined enterovirus and hepatitis E samples

#### 1.1



SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System with Platinum Taq Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #12457-026

Prepare master mix on ice per number of samples/controls + 10%. Flick master mix gently to mix, and spin down. Aliquot 20 ul into each well, then add 5 ul of template.

|  | A                   | B                     |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Reagent             | Volume for 1 rxn (ul) |
|  | 2x reaction mix     | 12.5                  |
|  | HEV_38_f primer     | 0.5                   |
|  | HEV_39_r primer     | 0.5                   |
|  | For1_5NCR primer    | 0.5                   |
|  | Rev7_5NCR primer    | 0.5                   |
|  | Nuclease free water | 4.5                   |
|  | SSIII taq           | 1                     |
|  | Template            | 5 ul                  |
|  | Total volume        | 25 ul                 |

#### 1.2 Cycling conditions for first round PCR

Flick samples gently to mix, spin down tubes. Amplify samples using the following conditions:

| A                | B                | C          |
|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Number of cycles | Temperature (°C) | Time       |
| 1                | 50               | 30 minutes |
| 1                | 94               | 5 minutes  |
| 40               | 94               | 30 seconds |
|                  | 52               | 30 seconds |
|                  | 68               | 45 seconds |
| 1                | 68               | 5 minutes  |
|                  | 10               | Hold       |

### 1.3 Second round PCR

 DreamTaq PCR Master Mix (2X) Thermo Fisher Catalog #K1072

Prepare on ice per number of samples/controls + 10%. Vortex briefly, and spin down. Aliquot 24 ul of master mix into each well, then add 1 ul of template.

| A                   | B                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Reagent             | Volume per 1 reaction (ul) |
| Dreamtaq            | 12.5                       |
| HEV_37_f            | 0.5                        |
| HEV_27_r            | 0.5                        |
| For2_5NCR           | 0.5                        |
| Rev6_5NCR           | 0.5                        |
| Nuclease free water | 9.5                        |

| A                                        | B     |
|------------------------------------------|-------|
| Template (amplicon from first round PCR) | 1     |
| Total                                    | 25 ul |

#### 1.4 Cycling conditions for second round PCR

Vortex samples briefly, spin down, and amplify using the following conditions:

| A                | B                | C          |
|------------------|------------------|------------|
| Number of cycles | Temperature (oC) | Time       |
| 1                | 95               | 10 minutes |
| 40               | 95               | 30 seconds |
|                  | 52               | 30 seconds |
|                  | 72               | 45 seconds |
| 1                | 72               | 5 minutes  |
|                  | 10               | Hold       |

#### 1.5 Check all samples and controls on an agarose gel or a tapestation.

### Protocol references

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