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Abstract

For investigate the presence of YFV genome by quantitative PCR assays in the hydrolysis probe detection format. The target is the 5'-noncoding region (5'-NC) of the YFV genome (Domingo et al., 2012).

Materials

MATERIALS

- Microcentrifuge Tubes
- Filter Tips
- Nuclease-Free Water, 1000ml **Promega Catalog #P1199**
- GoTaq® Probe 1-StepRT-qPCR System **Promega Catalog #A6120**
- Primer
- Probe
- Micropipettors
- Real time PCR instrument
- PCR tubes (for qPCR)
- PCR plate (for qPCR)
- adhesive plate seal

- 1 Each sample is tested at least in duplicate, or triplicate.
- 2 The final reaction volume in this protocol is 20µl.
- 3 Estimate the appropriate amount of each reagent for each test/sample.
- 4 Determine the number of reactions to be set up, including negative control from the RNA extraction, for the non-template control and for the positive control reactions.
- 5 Add 1 or 2 reactions to this number to compensate for pipetting error.
- 6 Prepare the reaction mix (minus the RNA template) by combining the GoTaq® Probe qPCR Master Mix with dUTP, GoScript™ RT Mix for 1-Step RT-qPCR, primers, hydrolysis probe and Nuclease-Free Water as described below. Vortex briefly to mix.

Component	Volume	Concentration
GoTaq® Probe qPCR Master Mix with dUTP*	10 µL	1X
GoScript™ RT Mix for 1-Step RT-qPCR	0,4 µL	1X
Forward primer 20X (Domingos et al, 2012)	1,0 µL	200 nM-1µM
Reverse primer 20X (Domingos et al, 2012)	1,0 µL	200 nM-1µM
Hydrolysis probe (Domingos et al, 2012)	0,5 µL	100-300nM
RNA template	5,0 µL	10pg-1µg
Nuclease-Free Water	To final volume of 20 µL	

*The GoTaq® Probe qPCR Master Mix included in the GoTaq® Probe 1-Step RT-qPCR System is formulated with dUTP. When dUTP is incorporated into the amplification products, the amplicons are susceptible to degradation by uracilDNA glycosylase (UNG); this allows you to incorporate UNG into subsequent reactions to control possible carryover contamination.

- 7 Add the appropriate volume of reaction mix (without the RNA template) to each PCR tube or well of an optical grade PCR plate.



- 8 Add the RNA template (or water for the no-template control reactions) to the appropriate wells of the reaction plate.
- 9 Seal the tubes or optical plate; centrifuge briefly to collect the contents of the wells at the bottom. Protect from extended light exposure or elevated temperatures before cycling. The samples are ready for thermal cycling.
- 10 Run the cycling parameters below:

Step	Cycles	Temperature	Time
Reverse transcription	1	45°C	15 minutes
Reverse transcriptase inactivation and GoTaq® DNA Polymerase activation	1	95°C	2 minutes
Denaturation	40	95°C	15 seconds
Annealing and extension	60°C	1 minutes	

- 11 When the cycling ends, analyze the results according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 12 RNA extraction control and non-template controls must be negative and positive control must be positive.
- 13 To be considered positive a sample must present at least two replicates with amplification equal of bellow the cycle threshold of 37.