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Abstract

This step-by-step protocol describes the cDNA synthesis, primer pools preparation and multiplex PCR conditions with the main goal to sequence the complete genome of DENV2 serotype strains.

Materials

SuperScript™ IV First-Strand Synthesis System. (200 reactions) Cat: 18091200 Invitrogen
Q5® High-Fidelity 2X Master Mix. Cat: M0492L NEB, H2O Ultrapure, primers described in table 1



Reverse transcription

- 1 Using a 2mL tube prepare the **Mix 1** described below for 96 samples:

A	B	C
Random Hexamers (50μM)	1μL	98μL
dNTPs mix (10mM cada)	1μL	98μL
Mix 1Reverse transcription	Vol. (1x)	96 samples (+2 = 98 to keep some extra due to pipetting issues)
Total	2μL	194μL

- 2 1. Using 0,2mL PCR tubes or 96 wells plates add 11-16μL of extracted RNA from RT-PCR positive samples. Add **2μL** of Mix 1 to the tube/well and take it to the thermocycler with the following set up:

65°C ---- 5 minutes

- 3 Take the tubes/wells to ice for 1 minute. (you can prepare a water bath with ice cubes to have a uniform temperature distribution)

- 4 1. Using a 2mL tube prepare **Mix 2**:

Mix 2Reverse Transcription	Vol. (1x)	96 samples (+2 = 98 to keep some extra due to pipetting issues)
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	5x SSIV Buffer	4 μ L	392 μ L
	100mM DTT	1 μ L	98 μ L
	RNaseOUT ouRNase Inhibitor	1 μ L	98 μ L
	SSIV Reverse Transcriptase	1 μ L	98 μ L
	Total	7 μ L	686 μ L

- 5 1. Add **7 μ L** of **Mix 2** to the tubes containing the **Mix 1** plus RNA and take it to the thermocycler following the set up below:

Step1:

42°C ---- 50 minutes

70°C ---- 10 minutes

4°C ---- Hold

- 6 Store the cDNA at -20°C.

Observation:.. As a suggestion, to improve the final results only samples RT-PCR positive showing a Ct value of < 30 should be used for cDNA conversion and genomic amplification

Pools of primers

- 7 Select two 0,6mL tubes for each pool.
- 8 Using the original 100uM primer solution eluted individually, put them together following the table below containing each primer volume.

TABLE 1: Primers and pool order.

	A	B	C	D	E
	Primer	Sequence	Tm	Concentration inside of the pool *	POOL



	A	B	C	D	E
	DENV2_1_LE FT	CAGTTGACACGCGGTTTC TCTC	0,030uM	10ul	1
	DENV2_1_RI GHT	TTAGGAAACGAAGGAACG CCAC	0,030uM	10ul	1
	DENV2_3_L EFT	TGGCGTTCCATTTAACCA CACG	0,030uM	10ul	1
	DENV2_3_RI GHT	CGTTCCTATGGTGTATGCC AGG	0,030uM	10ul	1
	DENV2_5_L EFT	TGTGTGACGACGATGGCA AAAA	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_5_RI GHT	CCTTGCCATGYTTTCCTG TGTCA	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_7_LE FT	GCACAGGCAATGGTTCCT AGAC	0,0075uM	2,5ul	1
	DENV2_7_RI GHT	AGGGATCTTACATGGAGA ACCGT	0,0075uM	2,5ul	1
	DENV2_9_L EFT	ACAGAAAAAGATAGCCCA GTCAACA	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_9_RI GHT	GTCACGACTCCCACCAAT ACTAG	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_11_L EFT	CTGATGTGGAAACAAATAA CACCAGA	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_11_R IGHT	CATGGACGGCTCTGTTGT CTTT	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_13_L EFT	ACAGACCAGGCTACCATA CACA	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_13_R IGHT	GCATGTTTCGTTCTACTC GGG	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_15_L EFT	TGCAGCTGGACTACTCTT GAGA	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_15_R IGHT	AAAATGCTCACCATCCCG ACTG	0,015uM	5ul	1
	DENV2_17_L EFT	AATCCTGTCAATAACAATA TCAGAAGATGG	0,030uM	10ul	1
	DENV2_17_R IGHT	GCTTCCAGCCTCCTCCAT ATGA	0,030uM	10ul	1
	DENV2_19_L EFT	AGGAAAAGTTGTGGGTCT TTATGGT	0,030uM	10ul	1



A	B	C	D	E
DENV2_19_RIGHT	ACTGGTGATAGCAGCCTC ATAGT	0,030uM	10ul	1
DENV2_21_LEFT	TGGGTCACGGATTTTAA GGGAA	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_21_RIGHT	GCTTCTTTCCAGTGTGCA CAGT	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_23_LEFT	CCTTTGTGGACCTAATGA GAAGAGG	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_23_RIGHT	CGGCAGTTCAGTGTGAGC ATGA	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_25_LEFT	CCACACTGGATAGCAGCT TCAA	0,030uM	10ul	1
DENV2_25_RIGHT	CCCAAGACCCATTAGCAC TGT	0,030uM	10ul	1
DENV2_27_LEFT	GGATGCTACTCACAAGTC AACCC	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_27_RIGHT	GAAAAGAGAAGTCCAGCT CCGG	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_29_LEFT	ACTGAGATGGTTCGTCGA GAGA	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_29_RIGHT	GTGGATTCCTCACTAAGG CTCCT	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_31_LEFT	CGCAACATCGGAATTGAA AGTGA	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_31_RIGHT	CCAAGGCTGCATTGCTTC TCAC	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_33_LEFT	GCTTGGAGCACGCTTCTT AGAG	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_33_RIGHT	TGGGCTTCCATATTGGTGA AAGT	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_35_LEFT	AGAGGATGGAACGATTGG ACACA	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_35_RIGHT	CCACTGGAGTTTTGTCTT CCATCC	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_37_LEFT	GAAGAGGAAGAGGCAGG WGTCC	0,015uM	5ul	1
DENV2_37_RIGHT	CTGGAATGATGCTGAGGA GACAG	0,015uM	5ul	1



	A	B	C	D	E
	DENV2_2_L EFT	ATGCTGAAACGCGAGAGA AACC	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_2_RI GHT	CATGGCCATGAGGGTACA CATG	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_4_L EFT	CATGGATGTCATCAGAAGG GGC	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_4_RI GHT	TCTGTTGTTGTGTTGGTCA GCT	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_6_L EFT	GGCATTGTGACCTGTGCT ATGT	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_6_RI GHT	GGGGATTTTTGAAAGTGA CCAATGT	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_8_L EFT	ACAGCTCAAAGGAATGTC ATACTCT	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_8_RI GHT	TCCTCCCAGGGATCCAAA ATCC	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_10_L EFT	AGTGGGGTCTCATGGACT ATGA	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_10_R IGHT	GATCGTTTTCTGCCTGC ATGA	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_12_L EFT	CCCAACACAAACAGAGCT TGGA	0,0075uM	2,5ul	2
	DENV2_12_R IGHT	TTTCCACAGTCCTCAGTC ACCA	0,0075uM	2,5ul	2
	DENV2_14_L EFT	CGGACATGGGCAGATTGA CAAC	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_14_R IGHT	CCAAGGCTAACGCATCAG TCAG	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_16_L EFT	GCAGAAAGCGGATTGGAT ACCA	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_16_R IGHT	ATGCTGCTGCCGTGATTG GTAT	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_18_L EFT	AGATCGGAGCCGGAGTTT ACAA	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_18_R IGHT	TGTCATCTTCGATCTCTGG ATTGTC	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_20_ LEFT	ATACCAAACCCCAGCCAT CAGA	0,015uM	5ul	2

	A	B	C	D	E
	DENV2_20_RIGHT	CCTACTGAGTTGTATCACT TTCTTTCCA	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_22_LEFT	ATGCCAGTGACCCACTCT AGTG	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_22_RIGHT	CCTTTCCCCTTCTTTTGT CCAGA	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_24_LEFT	TCCAACCTTTCATGACTCAG AAGGC	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_24_RIGHT	GGAAACCCATCTCGTTTG CCAT	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_26_LEFT	ACATCCTGGACATAGATCT ACGTCC	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_26_RIGHT	AGGTCAATCACTGTTATTC CATCGAC	0,030uM	10ul	2
	DENV2_28_LEFT	TGTGGGAAGGAAATCCAG GGAG	0,0075uM	2,5ul	2
	DENV2_28_RIGHT	CCCCACAATAGTATGACCA GCC	0,0075uM	2,5ul	2
	DENV2_30_LEFT	AAGCAGGACGAACACTCA GAGT	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_30_RIGHT	CCCACGTTTTGTATGGGT GGTC	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_32_LEFT	GGCAGAGTGGCTTTGGAA AGAA	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_32_RIGHT	CCTTCTCCTTCCACTCCA CTCA	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_34_LEFT	AAAGACCAACACCAAGAG GCAC	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_34_RIGHT	CAGTTCATCTTGGTTTCTG CATGG	0,015uM	5ul	2
	DENV2_36_LEFT	GAACAACCTGGTCCATAC ACGC	0,0075uM	2,5ul	2
	DENV2_36_RIGHT	GGGGCTCACAGGTAGCAT AGTT	0,0075uM	2,5ul	2

*approximate concentration of each primer in the 25µl PCR reaction.



Note: The primers were designed using the <https://primalscheme.com> based on the FJ467493, KY923048, KX274130, MG189962, KT187556, KU365903, KU517845, KY794785, KU948303, KU517847, KX372564, KX452038, KX380815, KU509277, KY627762, KY427085, KJ830750, MG779196, KY937188, EU660415, KF955402, MF459663, KU509273, FJ906969, KU094070, KM587709, HQ891023, HQ541799, HQ541798, KJ734727, KU509267, KJ189308, KY474331, KX702404, JX286526, KP188554, KP188555, JX669479, KP188551, KP188550 reference genomes.

- 9 Pool 1 will have a final volume of 230µl and pool 2 of 190µl.
- 10 In order to prepare the solution to use in the Multiplex PCR, dilute each pool 1:10. That is, 10µl of pool 1 and 90µl of ultrapure water.

Multiplex PCR

- 11 1. Prepare the **Mix 1** for a Multiplex PCR for each **Pool 1** e **Pool 2** using a Falcon tube of 15mL (~96 amostras) or a 2mL tube.

Mix 1Multiplex PCR	Vol. Pool 1(1x)	Vol. Pool 2(1x)	96 amostras (+2) (pool1 ou pool2)
Q5 Master Mix High fidelity 2X	12,5 µl	12,5 µl	1.225 µl
Conjunto de primers (Pool1 ou Pool2) /concentração de uso/	1,5 µl	1,5 µl	147 µl
Água Ultra Pura	8,5 µl	8,5 µl	833 µl
Total	22,5µl	22,5µl	2205µl

- 12 1. Add **2,5µl of cDNA** (totalling 5µl) in 22,5µl of the pool1 and pool2 reaction and take it to the thermocycler following the conditions bellow:



Step1:

98°C ---- 30 seconds

Step2: (45 cycles)

98°C ---- 15 seconds

58°C ---- 30 seconds

72°C ---- 5 minutes

Step3:

72°C ---- 2 minutes

Hold 4°C