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🌐 Running the Thermo Scientific Arktik Thermal Cycler

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Abstract

Please contact Dr. Steven Wilhelm (wilhelm@utk.edu) for additional information regarding this protocol.

Creating a new protocol

1 Press NEW from the main screen

> **Note**
>
> This will show a DEFAULT protocol, which is a graphical representation of a typical PCR temperature cycling routine.

2 Toggle between the different steps with the cursor keys

3 Press ADD (F1) to add a temperature step to the left of where you want to add it

4 Press DELETE (F2) to delete a highlighted temperature step

5 To add advanced options (temperature increment, extend time or slow ramp rate, and temperature gradient) press OPTION (F3) and follow the instructions on the screen.

> **Note**
>
> INC (F1) = add or subtract a temperature increment
>
> EXT (F2) = add or subtract a time extension
>
> RAMP (F3) = slows the ramp rate (input range = 0.1 - 0.4 degrees C/sec.
>
> GRAD (F4) = sets a gradient

6 Press BACK (F4) to exit without saving

7 Press SAVE (F5) to save the protocol

Running a protocol

8 Highlight a folder and press OPEN (F1)

9   Highlight the protocol and press OPEN again

10   Press START (F1)

11   Press OK (F5)

12   Specify the SAMPLE (F4) or BLOCK (F5) mode

> **Note**
>
> Sample mode is recommended for most protocols

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14   Specify the vessel type by selecting UTW (F4) or COMMON (F5)

15   Specify the sample volume

16   Press YES (F4) to run the protocol