
**ViPrimePLUS Feline Immunodeficiency
Virus RT-qPCR Kit**

Quantitative assay for real-time RT-PCR detection of
Feline Immunodeficiency virus genome

Product Code: QV2009
Pack Size: 150 reactions

INTENDED USE

The ViPrimePLUS Feline Immunodeficiency Virus RT-qPCR Kit is a Taqman probe-based real-time PCR assay for the detection of Feline Immunodeficiency virus genome in blood, saliva and cerebrospinal fluid samples. This assay is intended for research use only.

INTRODUCTION

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a retrovirus of the Lentivirus genus which infects cats and causes illness similar to human AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). Although related, Lentivirus infections are known for being species-specific and for slow disease progression. Therefore neither is FIV transmissible to humans, nor HIV transmissible to cats. FIV is often found in cats that are positive with feline leukaemia virus. FIV are present in the blood, saliva and cerebrospinal fluids. Thus, the mode of transmission is via cat bites or from pregnant female cats to their unborn kittens. Obvious clinical signs do not appear for many years starting with fever, lymph node enlargement, weight loss and probably tumour growth. As the slow depression of immune system takes place, it leads to chronic health problems and opportunistic infections in later years. Diarrhoea, pneumonia, skin disease, sinuses and eye diseases are common in the infected cats. Treatments are provided to cope with the secondary diseases.

PRINCIPLE OF TEST

The kit contains primers and Taqman® probe that target the gag protein (gag) gene. In this one-step real-time RT-PCR, reverse transcription of this viral RNA is combined with the qPCR step in a single tube reaction. This closed-tube assay reduces the chances of contamination and improves the sensitivity of the test.

Based on the Taqman® probe detection principle, the 5'-reporter dye and 3'-quencher dual-labelled oligonucleotide (Taqman® probe) hybridizes on a specific region within the amplified fragment. During amplification, the probe is cleaved and the reporter dye (fluorophore) is released. The fluorescent signal intensity detected is proportional to the number of amplicons. The Ct value (the cycle at which the rise of fluorescent signal from the baseline is first significant) is used for quantification purposes. Target pathogen amplification is detected using FAM channel.

The kit provides the Internal Extraction Control (IEC) as inhibition control. During nucleic acid extraction protocol, IEC RNA template is added in the lysis stage. An IEC specific primers and probe labelled with a different dye is provided to be run in the same reaction with the pathogen-specific primers and probe mix. The IEC amplicons are detected via VIC/HEX channel at Ct value 28±3 depending on the sample dilution.

A positive control with known copy number is provided for standard curve construction and absolute quantification. It can also be used at a single dilution for qualitative analysis control of the experimental set-up. Extra care must be taken to avoid cross-contamination.

QUALITY CONTROL

Each lot of ViPrimePLUS Feline Immunodeficiency Virus RT-PCR Kit has been tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality under ISO 9001:2008 – certified Quality Management System.

SENSITIVITY & SPECIFICITY

The detection limit is tested to 100 copies per reaction. The primers and probe are 100% specific.

STORAGE & STABILITY

Store at -20°C and avoid light exposure. Stable at -20°C up to the expiry date stated. Keep in aliquot to reduce freeze-thaw cycles.

LIMITATION OF TEST

For research use only. Not recommended for diagnosis of disease in humans or animals.

Result is dependent on the yield and quality of the nucleic acids extracted from the method of extraction. Thus, it is important to do spectrophotometric and gel analysis on the extracted samples.

KIT COMPONENTS

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| FIV Primers and Probe Mix (FIV PPM) | Amber Capped Tube |
| Positive Control | Pink Capped Tube |
| Internal Extraction Control Primers and Probe Mix (IEC PPM) | Amber Capped Tube |
| Internal Extraction Control (IEC RNA) | Blue Capped Tube |
| Nuclease Free Water | White Capped Tube |
| Template Preparation Buffer | Yellow Capped Tube |

SAMPLE MATERIAL

The kit is suitable for RNA extracted by most commercial kits, provided the purity, concentration and integrity are within acceptable range. IEC is provided to eliminate doubts of PCR inhibition. Suitable sample types are blood, saliva and cerebrospinal fluids.

PROTOCOLS

Reconstitution of reagents

*Pulse-spin each tube prior to opening.

| Components | Volume | Reagents |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| FIV PPM (Amber) | 165µl | Nuclease Free Water |
| IEC PPM (Amber) | 165µl | Nuclease Free Water |
| IEC RNA | 600µl | Nuclease Free Water |
| Positive Control Template | 500µl | Template Preparation Buffer |



RNA extraction

Add 4µl of IEC RNA into each sample suspended in the lysis/extraction buffer.

***DO NOT** add IEC directly into unprocessed biological sample.



Real-time PCR reaction set-up

Recommended real-time PCR reaction set-up:

| Reagents | 1 reaction (µl) |
|---|-----------------|
| 2x RT-PCR Mastermix | 10 |
| FIV PPM | 1 |
| IEC PPM (not required when preparing standards' reaction mix) | 1 |
| Nuclease-free water | 3 |
| Sample RNA | 5 |

*Suggested sample concentration 5-20ng/µl.

*Adjust nuclease-free water to make up the final reaction volume of 20µl.

*Prepare an extra reaction to accommodate for pipetting error.

Negative control

Set aside one tube/well as negative control where 5µl of nuclease-free water is used as the template. This is also known as no template control.

Positive control

For qualitative analysis, set aside one tube as positive control where 5µl of the positive control is used as the template.

Positive control (optional)

For quantitative analysis only, prepare 6 serially diluted positive control templates for standard curve construction.

- Pipette 90µl of nuclease-free water into 5 clean microtubes and label 2-6 accordingly.
- Pipette 10µl of Positive Control into tube 2.
- Vortex thoroughly and spin down.
- Change pipette tip and pipette 10µl from tube 2 to tube 3. Vortex and spin down.
- Repeat steps d) to complete the dilution series.
- Pipette 5µl of standard template into each tube/well accordingly.

| Standards | Copy number/µl |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Tube 1 Positive Control | 2×10^5 |
| Tube 2 | 2×10^4 |
| Tube 3 | 2×10^3 |
| Tube 4 | 2×10^2 |
| Tube 5 | 20 |
| Tube 6 | 2 |

Set the thermal cycler parameters as follows:

| Step | Time | Temp | Cycles | Scan |
|-----------------------|--------|------|--------|------|
| Reverse transcription | 10mins | 55°C | | |
| Enzyme activation | 8mins | 95°C | | |
| Denaturation | 10secs | 95°C | 50 | |
| Anneal/Elongation | 1min | 60°C | | √* |

*FAM or VIC/HEX

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Pathogen specific amplification signal is detected via FAM channel, while IEC amplification is detected via VIC/HEX channel. The signal is positive if the amplification curve crosses the threshold line. The result is relevant provided both positive and negative controls give valid results.

Summary of interpretation:

| Target | IEC | Negative Control | Positive Control | Interpretation |
|--------|-----|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| + | + | - | + | Valid, positive |
| + | - | - | + | Valid, positive |
| - | + | - | + | Valid, negative |
| - | - | - | - | Invalid |
| + | + | + | + | Invalid |

Internal Extraction Control

When used accordingly and assuming 100% extraction efficiency, a Ct value of 28±3 is within normal range. A high Feline Coronavirus genome copy amplification may out compete the IEC amplification. Thus, the latter may not produce an amplification signal. The positive result is still valid in this case.

TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem | Possibility | Suggestion |
|---|--|---|
| Negative control / No template control gives positive result | Carry over contamination | Change nuclease-free water. Use fresh aliquots of reagents. Use filtered tips. Load positive control last. |
| No signal detected from positive control | Incorrect programming of instrument | Check program. |
| | Reagents expired | Check the expiry date of reagents before repeat. |
| | Storage condition not complying with instructions | Check storage condition properly and store at correct storage condition to avoid the degradation of reagents. |
| | Pipetting error | Pipette the correct volume of reagents to reconstitute the components of kit and mix well. |
| Internal extraction control does not give a signal in apparently negative samples | Inhibitors in the samples extracted | Repeat the extraction. |
| | Low recovery of RNA extracted | Repeat the extraction by enlarge the sample size. |
| | IEC added directly into unprocessed biological sample – lead to degradation and loss of signal | Add IEC into each sample suspended in the lysis/extraction buffer. |

DEVIATION OF MASTERMIX FORMULATION

Manufacturers use varying methods to calibrate a real-time PCR reaction. For this reason, we provide several Mastermix formulations for those platforms.

| Master Mix | Compatible Hardware |
|------------------------------|--|
| Original | Biometra qTower, Cepheid SmartCycler®, Eppendorf Mastercycler, Fluidigm BioMark™, Illumina Eco, MJ Chromo4, Opticon, PCRMax Eco™, Roche lightcycler® 480, lightcycler® LC96 and lightcycler® Nano Platforms, RotorGene, Thermo PikoReal™ |
| Low Rox (-LR) | Applied Biosystems 7500 and 7500 FAST platform, QuantStudio™, ViiA7. |
| Rox (-R) | Applied Biosystems 7000, 7300, 7700, 7900 and 7900HT FAST platforms, GeneAmp® 5700, StepOne™, StepOne™ PLUS |
| iCycler platform (-iC) | BioRad iCycler, IQ4 AND IQ5 platforms |
| Stratagene platform (-SG) | Stratagene MX, MX4000P®, MX3000P® and MX3005® platforms |
| Capillary lightcyclers (-CL) | Roche Capillary Lightcycler 1.0-2.0. |

WARRANTY & LIMITED LIABILITY

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