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# User Manual

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**SHENTEK**

**Residual *Saccharomyces cerevisiae***  
**DNA Quantitation Kit**  
**User Guide**

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Reagents for 100 Reactions

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*(IMPORTANT: Please read this document carefully before experiment.)*

## 1. Product information

### ■ Product description

SHENTEK® Residual *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA Quantitation Kit is used to quantitate *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA residues at different stages of biopharmaceutical products, from in-process samples to final products.

This kit utilizes fluorescent quantitative PCR technique to perform a rapid, specific, and reliable quantitation assay at the femtogram (fg) level. For extraction information, please refer to the SHENTEK® Residual Host Cell DNA Sample Preparation Kit User Guide (Product No. 1104191).

### ■ Kit contents and storage

*WARNING: Please read the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and follow the handling instructions. Wear appropriate protective eyewear, mask, clothing, and gloves.*

Table 1. Kit components and storage

Reagent	Part No.	Quantity	Storage
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> DNA Control	NNA009	50 µL × 1 tube	-20°C
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> qPCR Reaction Buffer	NNB006	850 µL × 2 tubes	-20°C, protect from light
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> Primer&Probe MIX	NNC039	300 µL × 1 tube	
DNA Dilution Buffer (DDB)	NND001	1.5 mL × 3 tubes	-20°C

The kit components can be stored at appropriate conditions for up to 24 months. Please check the expiration date on the labels.

### ■ Applied instruments, including but not limited to the following

- SHENTEK-96S Real-Time PCR System
- 7500 Real-Time PCR System
- CFX96 Real-Time PCR System

- LineGene 9600 plus Real-Time PCR System
- Mx3000PTM Real-Time PCR System
- StepOne Plus Real-Time PCR System

## ■ Required materials not included in the kit

- Nonstick, DNase-free, Low Retention Microfuge Tubes of 1.5 or 2.0 mL
- Nonstick, Low Retention Tips: 1000 µL, 100 µL and 10 µL
- 96-well qPCR plates with sealing film or PCR 8-strip tubes with caps

## ■ Related equipments

- Benchtop microcentrifuge
- Vortex mixer
- Micropipettes 1000 µL, 100 µL and 10 µL
- Real-time PCR system
- Microplate shaker

## ■ Workflow

Serial dilution of control DNA



Sample preparation



PCR reaction mix preparation



PCR amplification



Data analysis

## 2. Methods

### ■ Experiment preparation

1. Wear appropriate protective eyewear, mask, clothing and gloves.
2. Irradiate the tabletop, micropipettes and tubes with UV for 30 minutes, and disinfect with 75% ethanol.
3. Thaw the kit completely at 2-8°C or melt on ice.

### ■ DNA Control serial dilutions for the standard curve

Please check the concentration on the label of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA Control prior to dilution.

1. Thaw *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA Control and DDB completely at 2-8°C or melt on ice. Vortex to mix well and quickly spin down the reagents for 3-5 seconds in microcentrifuge, and repeat 3 times.
2. Label six nonstick 1.5 mL centrifuge tubes: ST0, ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4 and ST5.
3. Dilute the DNA Control to 3000 pg/μL with DDB in the ST0 tube. Vortex to mix well and quickly spin down the reagents for 3-5 seconds in microcentrifuge, and repeat 3 times to mix thoroughly.
4. Add 90 μL DDB to each tube of ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4 and ST5.
5. Perform the serial dilutions according to Table 2:

Table 2. Dilution for *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA Control

Serial dilution tube	Dilution	Conc. (pg/μL)
ST0	Dilute the DNA Control with DDB	3000
ST1	10 μL ST0 + 90 μL DDB	300
ST2	10 μL ST1 + 90 μL DDB	30
ST3	10 μL ST2 + 90 μL DDB	3
ST4	10 μL ST3 + 90 μL DDB	0.3
ST5	10 μL ST4 + 90 μL DDB	0.03

- The remaining unused DDB need to be stored at 2-8°C. If the solution is cloudy or contains precipitates, heat at 37°C until it clear.

- *At least five concentration of standard curve should be included. To select appropriate sample dilutions, we recommend to perform method validation before sample testing.*

## ■ Sample preparation

### ➤ Test Sample Preparation

Take 100 µL of test sample and add to a new 1.5 mL microfuge tube.

### ➤ Extraction Reference Control (ERC) samples Preparation

According to the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA spike concentration in ERC samples (Take the samples containing 30 pg of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA as example), the specific preparation procedure is as follows:

- (1) Take 100 µL of test sample and add to a new 1.5 mL microfuge tube.
- (2) Add another 10 µL of ST3, mix thoroughly and label as the ERC sample.

### ➤ Negative Control Sample (NCS) Preparation

Add 100 µL of DDB to a new 1.5 mL microfuge tube, and label as NCS.

NCS and samples should be prepared in same way for DNA extraction.

## ■ qPCR MIX preparation

1. Determine the number of reaction wells based on your selected standard curve, with the number of test samples and control samples. Generally, triplicates are tested for each sample.

$$\text{Number of reaction wells} = (\text{standard curve of 5 concentration gradients} + 1 \text{ NTC} + 1 \text{ NCS} + \text{test samples}) \times 3$$

2. Prepare qPCR MIX according to the number of reaction wells in Table 3.

Table 3. qPCR MIX preparation

Reagents	Volume/reaction	Volume for 30 reaction (includes 10% overage)
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> qPCR Reaction Buffer	17 µL	561 µL
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> Primer&Probe MIX	3 µL	99 µL
Total volume	20 µL	660 µL

3. Mix thoroughly and place on ice, aliquot 20 µL/well into 96-well qPCR plate or PCR 8-strip tubes.

### ■ qPCR Reaction MIX preparation

1. Prepare qPCR Reaction MIX according to Table 4, and a 96-well plate layout template is shown in Table 5.

Table 4. qPCR Reaction MIX preparation

Tubes	Standard curve	NTC	NCS	Test sample
qPCR MIX	20 µL	20 µL	20 µL	20 µL
Samples	10 µL ST1 - ST5	10 µL DDB	10 µL purified NCS	10 µL purified test sample
Total Volume	30 µL	30 µL	30 µL	30 µL

Table 5. Example of 96-well plate layout

NTC		S1	S1	S1	S1 ERC	S1 ERC	S1 ERC					A
NTC		S2	S2	S2	S2 ERC	S2 ERC	S2 ERC		ST5	ST5	ST5	B
NTC		S3	S3	S3	S3 ERC	S3 ERC	S3 ERC		ST4	ST4	ST4	C
		S4	S4	S4	S4 ERC	S4 ERC	S4 ERC		ST3	ST3	ST3	D
NCS		S5	S5	S5	S5 ERC	S5 ERC	S5 ERC		ST2	ST2	ST2	E
NCS									ST1	ST1	ST1	F
NCS												G
												H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

- This example represents the assay for a standard curve with 5 concentration

*gradients (ST1-ST5), 1 NTC, 1 NCS, 5 test samples (S1-S5) and 5 ERC samples (S1 ERC- S5 ERC), with 3 replicates for each sample.*

- *The plate layout for sample loading can be adjusted based on the sample quantity.*

2. Seal the 96-well plate with sealing film. Mix well in microplate shaker, then spin down the reagents for 10 seconds in centrifuge and place it on the qPCR instrument.

## ■ qPCR program setting

*NOTE: The following instructions apply only to the ABI7500 instrument with SDS v1.4. If you use a different instrument or software, refer to the applicable instrument or software documentation.*

1. Create a new document, then in the Assay drop-down list, select **Standard Curve (Absolute Quantitation)**.
2. In the Run Mode drop-down list, select **Standard 7500**, then click Next.
3. Click **New Detector**:
  - a. Enter *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* DNA in the Name field.
  - b. Select **FAM** in the Reporter Dye drop-down list and select **(none)** in the Quencher Dye drop-down list, then click **OK**.
  - c. Select a color for the detector, then click **Create Another**.
4. Select **ROX** as the passive reference dye, then Click **Next**.
5. Select the applicable set of wells for the samples, then select the corresponding detector for each well.
6. Select Finish, and then set thermal-cycling conditions:
  - a. Set the thermal cycling reaction volume to 30  $\mu$ L.
  - b. Set the temperature and time as follow in Table 6:



Table 6. qPCR running temperature and time

Step	Temp.	Time(mm:sec)	Cycles
Activation	95°C	10:00	1
Denature	95°C	00 :15	40
Anneal/extend	60°C*	01 :00	

\*Instrument will read the fluorescence signal during this step.

7. Save the document, then click **Start** to start the qPCR run.

## ■ Results analysis

1. Select **Set up** tab, then set tasks for each sample type by clicking on the Task Column drop-down list:


a. NTC: target DNA detector task = **NTC**

b.NCS, test samples= **Unknown**

2. Set up the standard curve as shown in the following table 7:

Table 7. Settings for Standard curve

Tube label	Task	Quantity (pg/μL)
ST1	Standard	300
ST2	Standard	30
ST3	Standard	3
ST4	Standard	0.3
ST5	Standard	0.03

3. Select the **Results** tab, then select Amplification Plot.
4. In the Data drop-down list, select **Delta Rn vs Cycle**.
5. In the Analysis Settings window, enter the following settings :
  - a. Select **Manual Ct**.
  - b. In the Threshold field, enter 0.02.
  - c. Select **Automatic Baseline**.
6. Click the button  in the toolbar, then wait the plate analyzing.
7. Select the **Result** tab> >**Standard curve** tab, then verify the Slope, Intercept and R<sup>2</sup> values .

8. Select the Report tab, then achieve the mean quantity and standard deviation for each sample.
9. Select **File > > Export > > Results**. In the Save as type drop-down list, select **Results Export Files**, then click **Save**.  
*Note: The parameter settings of the result analysis should be based on the specific model and the software version, and generally can also be automatically interpreted by the instrument.*
10. The Ct value of NTC should be no less than 35.00 cycles or undetermined, or set specific standards based on the laboratory's own validation results.
11. The Ct value of NCS should be larger than the mean Ct value of the lowest concentration in the standard curve, and if the proven limit of quantification concentration is lower than the lowest standard curve concentration, the detected value of NCS should be less than the limit of quantification concentration.
12. The recovery rate of ERC samples is calculated based on the value of test samples and the ERC samples. The recovery rates should be between 50% and 150%.

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