



User Manual

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Residual *E. coli* 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 *E.coli* DNA Quantitation Kit is used for quantitation of residual *E. coli* host cell DNA in a variety of biopharmaceutical products. This kit uses quantitative PCR to perform rapid and specific quantitation of residual DNA at the femtogram level. The assay is accurate and reliable across a broad range of sample types, from in-process samples to final products.

The kit comes with *E. coli* Control DNA, which is traceable to a primary DNA reference standard. For extraction information, please refer to the SHENTEK® Residual Host Cell DNA Sample Preparation Kit User Guide (Product No. SK030203D100).

■ 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>E. coli</i> DNA Control	NNA002	50 µL×1 tube	-20°C
<i>E. coli</i> qPCR MIX	NNC002	1 mL×2 tubes	-20°C, protect from light
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 9600plus Real-Time PCR System
- Mx3000PTM Real-Time PCR System
- qTOWER3G Real-Time PCR System

■ Required materials not included in the kit

- Nonstick, RNase-free microcentrifuge tubes and 1.5mL
- PCR 8-well strip tubes with caps or 96-well plate with seals
- Low retention filter tips: 1000 μ L, 100 μ L and 10 μ L

■ Related equipment

- Real-Time PCR System
- Vortex mixer
- Benchtop microcentrifuge
- Pipettes: 1000 μ L, 100 μ L and 10 μ L
- Microplate and microtube shaker

■ Workflow

Serial dilutions of the control DNA preparation



Sample preparation



qPCR reaction mix preparation



qPCR amplification



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2. Methods

■ Experiment preparation

1. Wear appropriate protective eyewear, mask, clothing and gloves.
2. Irradiate the tabletop, pipettes 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, vortex and spin briefly.

■ *E. coli* DNA Control serial dilutions for the standard curve

Please check the concentration on the label of the tube containing the *E.coli* DNA Control prior to dilution.

Prepare a series of *E. coli* DNA Control solution with DNA Dilution Buffer (DDB) as follows:

1. Thaw *E. coli* DNA Control and DNA Dilution Buffer completely at 2-8°C or melt on ice. Vortex to mix well and quickly spin down, and repeat 3 times.
2. Label six nonstick 1.5 mL centrifuge tubes as ST0, ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4 and ST5, respectively.
3. Transfer an certain amount of DNA Dilution Buffer and *E. coli* DNA Control to ST0 tube to achieve a 3000 pg/μL control solution. Vortex to mix well and quickly spin down, and repeat 3 times.
4. Add 90 μL DDB to all tubes of ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4 and ST5.
5. Perform the serial dilutions according to Table 2:

Table 2. Dilution for *E. coli* DNA Control

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

- Preparation of Extraction Reference Control (ERC) samples

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

1. Aliquot 100 µL of the test sample to a new 1.5 mL centrifuge tube.
2. Add 10 µL of ST3 solution and mix thoroughly, label as the ERC sample. The ERC sample should be processed in the same procedures as the test sample preparation before testing.

- Preparation of Negative Control Samples (NCS)

Add 100 µL of DDB to a new 1.5 mL centrifuge tube, and label as Negative Control Sample (NCS). The NCS should be processed in the same procedures as test sample preparation before testing.

■ qPCR Reaction MIX preparation

1. After thoroughly mixing *E. coli* qPCR MIX, follow 20 µL each tube is divided into PCR 8-well strip tubes or 96-well plate .
2. Prepare qPCR Reaction MIX according to Table 3 and 96-well plate layout as shown in Table 4.

Table 3. qPCR Reaction MIX preparation

Standard curve	20 µL <i>E. coli</i> qPCR MIX + 10 µL ST1/ST2/ST3/ST4/ ST5
NTC	20 µL <i>E. coli</i> qPCR MIX + 10 µL DDB
NCS	20 µL <i>E. coli</i> qPCR MIX + 10 µL purified NCS
Test sample	20 µL <i>E. coli</i> qPCR MIX + 10 µL purified test sample
ERC sample	20 µL <i>E. coli</i> qPCR MIX + 10 µL purified ERC sample

Table 4. Example of 96-well plate layout

NTC		S1	S1	S1	S1 ERC	S1 ERC	S1 ERC		ST5	ST5	ST5	A
NTC		S2	S2	S2	S2 ERC	S2 ERC	S2 ERC		ST4	ST4	ST4	B
NTC		S3	S3	S3	S3 ERC	S3 ERC	S3 ERC		ST3	ST3	ST3	C
		S4	S4	S4	S4 ERC	S4 ERC	S4 ERC		ST2	ST2	ST2	D
NCS		S5	S5	S5	S5 ERC	S5 ERC	S5 ERC		ST1	ST1	ST1	E
NCS												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 to ST5), 1 NTC, 1 NCS, and 5 test samples (S1 to S5), and 5 ERC sample (S1 ERC to S5 ERC), and 3 replicates for each sample.
- In specific testing, the plate layout for sample loading can be adjusted based on the sample quantity.

3. Seal the 96-well plate with sealing film. Mix it well in microplate shaker, then spin down the reagents for 10 seconds in centrifuge and place it in 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**, then enter *E. coli*-DNA in the Name field.
4. Select **FAM** in the Reporter Dye drop-down list and select **(none)** in the Quencher Dye drop-down list, then click **OK**.

5. Add *E. coli*-DNA to **Detectors in Document**.
6. Select **ROX** as the passive reference dye, then Click **Next**.
7. Select the applicable set of wells for the samples, then select *E. coli*-DNA detector for each well.
8. Select Finish, and then set thermal-cycling conditions:
 - a. Choose the thermal cycling reaction volume to 30 μ L.
 - b. Set up the program as following:

Table 5. qPCR running temperature and time

Step	Temp.	Time(mm:sec)	Cycles
Activation	95°C	10:00	1
Denaturation	95°C	00:15	
Annealing/extension	60°C*	1:00	40

*Instrument will read the fluorescence signal during this step.

9. Save the document, then click **Start** to start the real-time 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, and ERC wells: target DNA detector task = **Unknown**
2. Set up the standard curve as shown in the following table:

Table 6. Settings for Standard curve

Tube label	Task	Conc. (pg/ μ L)
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^2 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**.
10. The recovery rate of ERC samples is calculated based on the results of the test samples and the ERC samples. The recovery rate should be between 50% and 150%.
11. The Ct value of NCS should be larger than the mean Ct value of the lowest concentration in the standard curve.
12. The Ct value of NTC should be Undetermined or no less than 35.00.

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.

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