



User Manual

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Residual Vero 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 Vero DNA Quantitation Kit is used to quantitate residual Vero host cell DNA in different stages of biopharmaceutical products, from in-process samples to final products. This kit utilizes quantitative PCR (qPCR) 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
Vero DNA Control	NNA010	50 µL × 1 tube	-20°C
qPCR Reaction Buffer	NNB001	850 µL × 2 tubes	-20°C, protect from light
Vero Primer&Probe MIX	NNC016	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 Real-Time PCR System

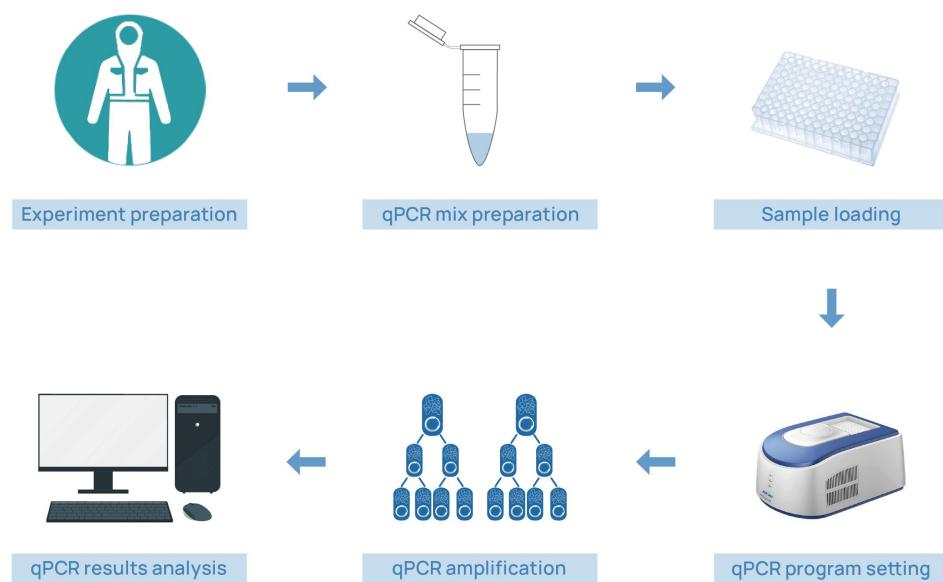
■ Required materials not included in the kit

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

■ Related equipment

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

■ Workflow



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, vortex and spin briefly.

■ DNA Control serial dilutions for the standard curve

Please check the concentration labeled on the tube containing the Vero DNA Control prior to dilution.

1. Thaw Vero DNA Control and DNA Dilution Buffer 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 seven nonstick 1.5 mL microfuge tubes: ST0, ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4 ,ST5 and ST6.
3. Dilute the Vero 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, ST5 and ST6.
5. Perform the serial dilutions according to Table 2:

Table 2. Dilution for Vero 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
ST6	10 µL ST5 + 90 µL DDB	0.003

- *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 concentrations of the standard curve should be included. To select*

appropriate sample dilutions, we recommend performing method validation before sample testing.

■ Sample preparation

➤ Test Sample Preparation

Take 100 μ L of each test sample and add to a new 1.5 mL microfuge tube.

➤ Extraction Reference Control (ERC) samples Preparation

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

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

➤ Negative Control Sample (NCS) Preparation

Add 100 μ L 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.

Number of reaction wells = (6 standard points on the standard curve + 1 NTC + 1 NCS + 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)
qPCR Reaction Buffer	17 μ L	561 μ L
Vero Primer&Probe MIX	3 μ L	99 μ L
Total volume	20 μ L	660 μ L

3. Mix thoroughly and place on ice, aliquot 20 μ L/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 96-well plate layout is shown in Table 5.

Table 4. qPCR Reaction MIX preparation

Tubes	Standard curve	NTC	NCS	Test sample
qPCR MIX	20 μ L	20 μ L	20 μ L	20 μ L
Samples	10 μ L ST1 - ST6	10 μ L DDB	10 μ L purified NCS	10 μ L purified test sample
Total Volume	30 μ L	30 μ L	30 μ L	30 μ L

Table 5. Example of 96-well Plate layout

NTC		S1	S1	S1	S1 ERC	S1 ERC	S1 ERC		ST6	ST6	ST6	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 6 concentration gradients (ST1 to ST6), 1 NTC, 1 NCS, 5 test samples (S1 to S5), and 5 ERC samples (S1 ERC to S5 ERC), with 3 replicates for each sample.
- In specific testing, the plate layout for sample loading can be adjusted based on the sample quantity. Please refer to the example shown in Table 5.

2. Seal the 96-well plate with sealing film. Mix well in microplate shaker, then spin down the reagents for 10 seconds in microcentrifuge 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 Vero-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 Vero-DNA detector for each well.
6. Select Finish, and then set thermal-cycling conditions:
 - a. Set the thermal cycling reaction volume to 30 μ 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
Denaturation	95°C	00:15	
Annealing/extension	60°C*	1:00	40

*Instrument will read the fluorescence signal during this step.

7. 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 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
ST6	Standard	0.003

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, Vero-DNA 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 R² 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. In the Report panel of Results, the 'Mean Quantity' column shows the detection values of NTC, NCS, test sample, and ERC sample, in pg/µL.
11. 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%.

12. The Ct value of NCS should be larger than the mean Ct value of the lowest concentration in the standard curve. If the validated limit of quantitation (LOQ) concentration is less than the lowest concentration in the standard curve, the value of the NCS should be less than the concentration of LOQ.
13. The Ct value of NTC should be no less than 35.00 cycles or undetermined, or set standards based on laboratory validation results.

Note: The parameter settings of the result analysis should be configured on the specific model and the software version, and generally can also be automatically interpreted by the instrument.

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