

Instructions for Use

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1. Application

The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 is a reagent system, based on real-time PCR technology, for the detection and quantification of varicella-zoster virus (VZV) specific DNA.

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2. Kit Components

Lid Color	Component	Number of Vials	Volume [µl/Vial]
Blue	Master A	4	60
Purple	Master B	4	120
Green	Internal Control	1	1000
Red	QS1-4*	4	250
White	Water (PCR grade)	1	500

* The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 contains four different Quantification Standards.

3. Storage

- The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 is shipped on dry ice. The components of the kit should arrive frozen. If one or more components are not frozen upon receipt, or if tubes have been compromised during shipment, contact Altona Diagnostics GmbH for assistance.
- All components should be stored between -25°C and -15°C upon arrival.
- Repeated thawing and freezing of Master reagents (more than twice) should be avoided, as this might affect the performance of the assay. The reagents should be frozen in aliquots, if they are to be used intermittently.
- Storage between +2°C and +8°C should not exceed a period of two hours.
- Protect Master A and Master B from light.

4. Product Description

The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 is a reagent system, based on real-time PCR technology, for the detection and quantification of varicella-zoster virus (VZV) specific DNA. The assay includes a heterologous amplification system (Internal Control) to identify possible PCR inhibition and to confirm the integrity of the reagents of the kit.

Real-time PCR technology utilizes polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for the amplification of specific target sequences and target specific probes for the detection of the amplified DNA. The probes are labelled with fluorescent reporter and quencher dyes.

Probes specific for VZV DNA are labelled with the fluorophore FAM™. The probe specific for the Internal Control (IC) is labelled with a fluorophore showing similar characteristics to Cy®3.

Using probes linked to distinguishable dyes enables the parallel detection of VZV specific DNA and the Internal Control in corresponding detector channels of the real-time PCR instrument.

The test consists of two processes in a single tube assay:

- PCR amplification of target DNA and Internal Control
- Simultaneous detection of PCR amplicons by fluorescent dye labelled probes

The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 consists of:

- Two Master reagents (Master A and Master B)
- Internal Control (IC)
- Four Quantification Standards (QS1 - QS4)
- PCR grade water

Master A and Master B contain all components (buffer, enzymes, primers and probes) to allow PCR mediated amplification and target detection of VZV specific DNA and Internal Control in one reaction setup.

The Quantification Standards contain standardised concentrations of VZV specific DNA. The Quantification Standards can be used individually as positive controls, or together to generate a **standard curve**, which can be used to determine the concentration of VZV specific DNA in the sample.

The Quantification Standards have the following concentrations:

Quantification Standard	Concentration [copies/μl]
QS1	1.00E+04
QS2	1.00E+03
QS3	1.00E+02
QS4	1.00E+01

4.1 Real-Time PCR Instruments

The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 can be used with the following real-time PCR instruments:

- SmartCycler® II (Cepheid)
- LightCycler® 1.2/1.5/2.0 Instruments (Roche)

NOTE



Please ensure that all instruments used have been installed, calibrated, checked and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.

5. Procedure

5.1 Sample Preparation

Extracted DNA is the starting material for the RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2.

The quality of the extracted DNA has a profound impact on the performance of the entire test system. It has to be ensured that the system used for nucleic acid extraction is compatible with real-time PCR technology. The following kits and systems are suitable for nucleic acid extraction:

- QIAamp® DNA Mini Kit (QIAGEN)
- QIASymphony® (QIAGEN)
- NucliSENS® easyMag® (bioMérieux)
- MagNa Pure 96 System (Roche)
- m2000sp (Abbott)
- Maxwell® 16IVD Instrument (Promega)
- VERSANT® kPCR Molecular System SP (Siemens Healthcare)

Alternative nucleic acid extraction systems and kits might also be appropriate.

If using a spin column based sample preparation procedure including washing buffers containing ethanol, it is highly recommended to perform an additional centrifugation step for 10 min at approximately 17000 x g (~ 13000 rpm), using a new collection tube, prior to the elution of the nucleic acid.

CAUTION



If your sample preparation system is using washing buffers containing ethanol, make sure to eliminate any traces of ethanol prior to elution of the nucleic acid. Ethanol is a strong inhibitor of real-time PCR.

CAUTION



The use of carrier RNA is crucial for extraction efficiency and stability of the extracted nucleic acid.

For additional information and technical support regarding pre-treatment and sample preparation please contact our Technical Support (see chapter 8. Technical Assistance).

5.2 Master Mix Setup

All reagents and samples should be thawed completely, mixed (by pipetting or gentle vortexing) and centrifuged briefly before use.

The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 contains a heterologous Internal Control (IC), which can either be used as a PCR inhibition control or as a control of the sample preparation procedure (nucleic acid extraction) and as a PCR inhibition control.

- ▶ If the IC is used as a PCR inhibition control, but not as a control for the sample preparation procedure, set up the Master Mix according to the following pipetting scheme:

Number of Reactions (rxns)	1	12
Master A	5 µl	60 µl
Master B	10 µl	120 µl
Internal Control	1 µl	12 µl
Volume Master Mix	16 µl	192 µl

- ▶ If the IC is used as a control for the sample preparation procedure and as a PCR inhibition control, add the IC during the nucleic acid extraction procedure.
- ▶ No matter which method/system is used for nucleic acid extraction, the IC **must not** be added directly to the sample. The IC should always be added to the sample/lysis buffer mixture. The volume of the IC which has to be added, always and only depends on the elution volume. It represents 10% of the elution volume. For instance, if the nucleic acid is going to be eluted in 60 µl of elution buffer or water, 6 µl of IC per sample must be added into the sample/lysis buffer mixture.
- ▶ If the IC was added during the sample preparation procedure, set up the Master Mix according to the following pipetting scheme:

Number of Reactions (rxns)	1	12
Master A	5 µl	60 µl
Master B	10 µl	120 µl
Volume Master Mix	15 µl	180 µl

CAUTION

If the IC (Internal Control) was added during the sample preparation procedure, the Master Mix for the controls must be prepared including the IC.

CAUTION

No matter which method/system is used for nucleic acid extraction, never add the IC directly to the sample.

5.3 Reaction Setup

- ▶ Pipette 15 µl of the Master Mix into each required LightCycler® capillary or reaction tube for the SmartCycler® II.
- ▶ Add 10 µl of the sample (eluate from the nucleic acid extraction) or 10 µl of the controls (Quantification Standard, Positive or Negative Control).

Reaction Setup	
Master Mix	15 µl
Sample or Control	10 µl
Total Volume	25 µl

- ▶ Make sure that at least one Positive Control (QS) and one Negative Control is used per run.
- ▶ For quantification purposes all Quantification Standards (QS1 to QS4) should be used.
- ▶ Thoroughly mix the samples and controls with the Master Mix by pipetting up and down.
- ▶ Close the capillaries or the tubes using appropriate lids.
- ▶ Centrifuge the LightCycler® capillaries or reaction tubes of the SmartCycler® II using an appropriate centrifuge for 30 seconds at approximately 400 x g (~2000 rpm).

6. Programming the Real-Time PCR Instrument

For basic information regarding the setup and programming of the different real-time PCR instruments, please refer to the user manual of the respective instrument. For detailed programming instructions regarding the use of the RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 on specific real-time PCR instruments please contact our Technical Support (see chapter 8. Technical Assistance).

6.1 Settings

- Define the following settings:

Settings	
Reaction Volume	25 µl*
Ramp Rate	Default

* The reaction volume has to be defined as 20µl, if using a LightCycler® 2.0 Instrument (Roche).

6.2 Fluorescence Detectors (Dyes)

- Define the fluorescence detectors (dyes):

Target	LightCycler® 1.2/1.5	LightCycler® 2.0	SmartCycler® II
VZV specific DNA	F1	530	FAM™
Internal Control	F2	610	Cy®3

CAUTION



For accurate data analysis on the LightCycler® Instruments a specific Color Compensation File might be needed. Please contact altona Diagnostics GmbH for assistance.

CAUTION



If using the LightCycler® 2.0 Instrument, only the detection channels 530 and 610 should be activated for color compensation.

6.3 Temperature Profile and Dye Acquisition

- Define the temperature profile and dye acquisition:

	Analysis Mode	Cycle Repeats	Acquisition	Temperature [°C]	Time [min:sec]
Denaturation	None	1	-	95	02:00
Amplification	Quantification	45	None	95	00:05
			Single	60	00:30
			None	72	00:10
Cooling	None	1	-	40	00:30

7. Data Analysis

For basic information regarding data analysis on specific real-time PCR instruments, please refer to the user manual of the respective instrument.

For detailed instructions regarding the analysis of the data generated with the RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 on different real-time PCR instruments please contact our Technical Support (see chapter 8. Technical Assistance).

7.1 Interpretation of Results

7.1.1 Qualitative Analysis

Detection Channel		Result Interpretation
FAM™/F1/530	Cy®3/F2/610	
+	++	VZV specific DNA detected.
-	+	No VZV specific DNA detected. Sample does not contain detectable amounts of VZV specific DNA.
-	-	PCR inhibition or reagent failure. Repeat testing from original sample or collect and test a new sample.

* Detection of the Internal Control in the Cy®3/F2/610 detection channel is not required for positive results in the FAM™/F1/530 detection channel. A high VZV DNA load in the sample can lead to a reduced or absent Internal Control signal.

7.1.2 Quantitative Analysis

The RealStar® VZV PCR Kit 1.2 includes four Quantification Standards (QS). In order to generate a **standard curve** for quantitative analysis, these have to be defined as **standards** with appropriate concentrations (see chapter 4. Product Description). Using **standards** of known concentrations a standard curve for quantitative analysis can be generated.

$$C_t = m \cdot \log(N_0) + b$$

C_t = Threshold Cycle
 m = Slope
 N_0 = Initial Concentration
 b = Intercept

Derived from the standard curve positive samples of unknown concentrations can be quantified.

$$N_0 = 10^{\frac{(C_t - b)}{m}}$$

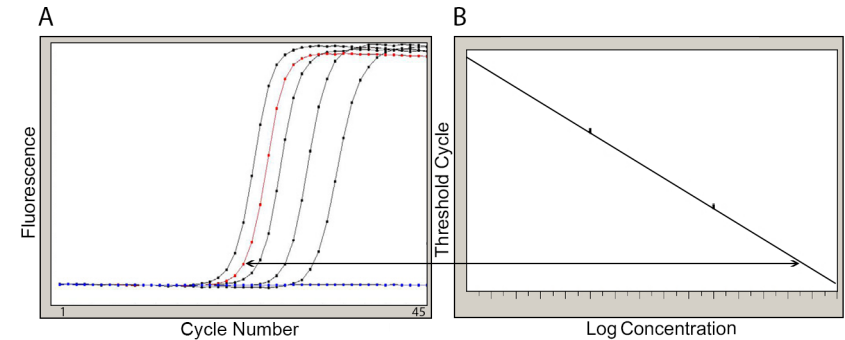


Figure 1: Quantification Standards (black), a positive (red) and a negative sample (blue) displayed in the Amplification Plot [A] and Standard Curve analysis [B]

To determine the **viral load of the original sample**, the following formula has to be applied:

$$\text{Viral load (Sample) [copies/ml]} = \frac{\text{Volume (Eluate) [\mu l]} \cdot \text{Viral load (Eluate) [copies/\mu l]}}{\text{Sample Input [ml]}}$$

NOTE



The concentration of the "Sample" is displayed in copies/μl and refers to the concentration in the eluate.

8. Technical Assistance

For technical advice, please contact our Technical Support:

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10. Explanation of Symbols

	For research use only
	Batch code
	Cap color
	Product number
	Content
	Number
	Component
	Version
	Consult instructions for use
	Contains sufficient for "n" tests/reactions (rxns)
	Temperature limit
	Use-by date
	Manufacturer
	Caution
	Note

always a drop ahead.

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