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C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae

Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit

INSTRUCTION FOR USE



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1. INTENDED USE

The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** is an *in vitro* Nucleic Acid Test (NAT) – pathogen-detection-based product. The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** is intended for simultaneous detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* DNA in human biological material (urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from the urogenital tract) by real-time PCR.

Indications for use: symptoms of infectious or inflammatory diseases of the urogenital tract.

Application of the kit does not depend on population and demographic aspects. There are no contradictions for use of the **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit**.

The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** can be used in research practice.

Potential users: personnel qualified in molecular diagnostics methods and working in the clinical and diagnostic laboratory.

It is necessary to apply the kit only as directed in this instruction for use.

2. METHOD

Method: polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with detection of the results in real time; multiplex qualitative analysis.

The implemented PCR method is based on amplification of a target DNA sequence. The process of amplification includes repeating cycles of thermal DNA denaturation, annealing of primers with complementary sequences and their extension by Taq-polymerase.

To increase the sensitivity and specificity of the amplification reaction, the use of a hot start is provided. Hot start is provided by reaction mixture preparation consisting of two layers separated by a layer of paraffin for package S or the use of Taq-polymerase blocked by antibodies for package U. Polymerase chain reaction only starts when paraffin is melted or thermal dissociation of a complex of Taq polymerase and antibodies is happened. It excludes non-specific annealing of primers to targets DNA in the initial heating of the tube.

DNA probes, each containing a fluorescent label and a fluorescence quencher, are introduced into the amplification mixture. When a specific product is formed, the DNA probe is destroyed and the effect of the quencher on the fluorescent label stops, which leads to an increase in the fluorescence level recorded by special devices. The number of destroyed probes (and therefore the fluorescence level) increases in proportion to the number of specific amplicons produced. The fluorescence level is measured at each amplification cycle in real time.

The PCR-mix includes the internal control (IC), which is intended to assess the quality of the polymerase chain reaction.

The DNA probe used to detect the *Chlamydia trachomatis* amplification product DNA includes the fluorescent dye Cy5. The DNA probe used to detect *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* amplification product DNA includes the fluorescent dye Rox.

The DNA probes used to detect the amplification product of an internal control (IC) include the fluorescent dye Hex. Table 1 shows the detection channels of amplification products.

Table 1. Detection channels of amplification products

Fam (Green)	Hex (Yellow, Vic)	Rox (Orange)	Cy5 (Red)	Cy5.5 (Crimson)
-	IC	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	-

Automatic analysis is available on instruments manufactured by “DNA-Technology”: DTlite or DTprime REAL-TIME thermal cyclers for **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** (see the catalogue at <https://www.dna-technology.com> to see available supply options). The current version of the software is available for download at <https://www.dna-technology.com/software>.

C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit is also approved for use with CFX96 (Bio-Rad) and Applied Biosystems QuantStudio 5 (Life Technologies Holdings Pte. Ltd) real-time thermal cyclers.

3. CONTENT

The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** contains PCR-mix, Taq-polymerase solution, mineral oil and positive control. Detailed description of content is represented in Tables 2, 3.

Table 2. The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** content, package S, strips for R1-P115-S3/9EU and package S, tubes for R1-P115-23/9EU

Reagent	Description	Total volume	Amount
Paraffin sealed PCR-mix	Colorless or pink transparent liquid under waxy white fraction	1920 µL (20 µL in each)	tubes, 12 strips of 8 or 96 individual tubes
Taq-polymerase solution	Colorless transparent liquid	1000 µL (500 µL in each)	2 tubes
Mineral oil	Colorless transparent viscous oily liquid	2.0 mL (1.0 mL in each)	2 tubes
Positive control ¹	Colorless transparent liquid	130 µL	1 tube
Strip caps ²	12 strips of 8		

Table 3. The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** content, package U for R1-P115-UA/9EU

Reagent	Description	Total volume	Amount
PCR-mix	Colorless or pink transparent liquid	600 µL	1 tube
TechnoTaq MAX polymerase	Colorless transparent viscous liquid	30 µL	1 tube
PCR-buffer	Colorless transparent liquid	600 µL	1 tube
Positive control ¹	Colorless transparent liquid	130 µL	1 tube

All components are ready for use and do not require additional preparation for operation.

The kit in package S is intended for single use and designed for 96 tests (including one negative control and one positive control in each run). It is recommended to perform no more than 24 runs.

The kit in the package U is intended for 96 tests and requires at least 5 samples in a single run (3 test samples, negative control and positive control).

¹ - marking as C+ is allowed

² - for detection kit packaged in strips **REF** R1-P115-S3/9EU

4. REAGENTS AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

4.1. Specimen collection

- Sterile single use swabs, sterile single use flasks and sterile containers to collect clinical material;
- Sterile tubes containing transport media: “DNA-Technology” made **PREP-RAPID** ([REF](#) P-001/1EU, not applicable to male urethral swabs) or **STOR-M** ([REF](#) P-910-1/1EU) or **STOR-F** ([REF](#) P-901-1/1EU, P-901-N/1EU, P-901-R/1EU) or equivalent or sterile physiological saline solution or sterile PBS for the transportation of the sample.

4.2. DNA extraction and PCR

Preamplification-specimen and control preparation area:

- Biological safety cabinet class II;
- Refrigerator;
- Vortex mixer;
- High speed centrifuge (RCF(g) at least 12000);
- Solid-state thermostat (temperature range 50-98 °C);
- 1.5 mL tubes;
- Tube rack for 1.5 mL tubes;
- Nucleic acid extraction kit (“DNA-Technology” made **PREP-NA** ([REF](#) P-002/1EU), **PREP-NA-PLUS** ([REF](#) P-002/2EU), **PREP-GS** ([REF](#) P-003/1EU), **PREP-GS-PLUS** ([REF](#) P-003/2EU), **PREP-RAPID** ([REF](#) P-001/1EU, not applicable to male urethral swabs), **PREP-MB RAPID** ([REF](#) P-116-N/4EU, P-116-A/8EU), **PREP-OPTIMA** ([REF](#) P-016-1/2EU, [REF](#) P-016-N/2EU) extraction kits are recommended;
- Physiological saline solution 0.9% NaCl (sterile) (if needed);
- Electric laboratory aspirator with trap flask for the removal of supernatant;
- RNase and DNase free pipette tips for aspirator with trap flask;
- Single channel pipettes (dispensers covering 20-1000 µL volume range);
- RNase and DNase free filtered pipette tips (volume 20 µL ,200 µL, 1000 µL);
- Pipette stand;
- Container for used pipette tips, tubes and other consumables;
- Powder-free surgical gloves;
- Disinfectant solution.

Preamplification-reagent preparation area:

- UV PCR cabinet;
- Refrigerator;
- Freezing chamber (in case of using package U);
- Vortex mixer;
- Vortex rotor for 0.2 mL strips (in case of using package S, strips);
- 1.5 mL tubes;
- Tube rack for 1.5 mL tubes;

- 0.2 mL PCR tubes (in case of using package U);
- PCR tube rack for 0.2 mL tubes or strips;
- Single channel pipettes (dispensers covering 0.5-1000 µL volume range);
- RNase and DNase free filtered pipette tips (volume 10 µL, 20 µL, 200 µL, 1000 µL);
- Pipette stand;
- DTstream *M1 dosing device (“DNA-Technology”, LLC) (only for automated dosing in case of using package U);
- RNase and DNase free filtered pipette tips (volume 200 µL) for DTstream dosing device (only for automated dosing in case of using package U);
- Device for plate sealing DTpack (“DNA-Technology”, LLC) (only for automated dosing in case of using package U);
- Polymer thermal film for microplate sealing (in case of using package U);
- Centrifuge for microplates (RCF(g) at least 100) (only for automated dosing in case of using package U);
- 96-well microplates (only for manual dosing in case of using package U; are not used with DTlite detecting thermal cycler);
- 384-well microplate (only for automated dosing in case of using package U);
- Container for used pipette tips, tubes and other consumables;
- Powder-free surgical gloves;
- Disinfectant solution.

Post-amplification – amplification detection area:

- Real-time PCR thermal cycler.

Software:

The most recent version of the DT thermal cyclers software can be downloaded from <https://www.dna-technology.com/software>.

The OS supported: all versions of Windows starting from 7.

5. TRANSPORT AND STORAGE CONDITIONS

Expiry date – 12 months from the date of production.

All components of **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit**, except TechnoTaq MAX polymerase (package U), shall be stored at the temperature from 2 °C to 8 °C throughout the shelf life of the kit. PCR-mix and paraffin sealed PCR-mix shall be stored at the temperature from 2 °C to 8 °C and out of light throughout the shelf life of the kit. TechnoTaq MAX polymerase (package U) shall be stored at the temperature from minus 18 °C to minus 22 °C throughout the shelf life of the kit.

The excessive temperature and light can be detrimental to product performance.

Transportation of the reagent kit is carried out in thermoboxes with ice packs by all types of roofed transport at the temperature inside the container corresponding to the storage conditions of the components included in the kit.

It is allowed to transport the kit, except TechnoTaq MAX polymerase (package U), in thermoboxes with ice packs by all types of roofed transport at the temperature inside the container from 2 °C to 25 °C for no longer than 5 days.

It is allowed to transport TechnoTaq MAX polymerase (package U) thermoboxes with ice packs by all

types of roofed transport at the temperature inside the container up to 25 °C for no longer than 5 days.

Kit transported with violation of temperature conditions shall not be used.

Shelf-life of the kit following the first opening of the primary container:

- components of the kit, except TechnoTaq MAX polymerase (package U), shall be stored at temperatures from 2 °C to 8 °C throughout the shelf life of the kit;
- TechnoTaq MAX polymerase (package U) shall be stored at temperatures from minus 18 °C to minus 22 °C throughout the shelf life of the kit;
- PCR-mix shall be stored at temperatures from 2 °C to 8 °C and out of light throughout the shelf life of the kit.

The kit stored under undue regime shall not be used.

An expired **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** shall not be used.

We strongly recommend to follow the given instructions in order to obtain accurate and reliable results.

The conformity of **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** to the prescribed technical requirements is subject to compliance of storage, transportation and handling conditions recommended by manufacturer.

6. WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Only personnel trained in the methods of molecular diagnostics and the rules of work in the clinical and diagnostic laboratory are allowed to work with the kit.

Handle and dispose all biological samples, reagents and materials used to carry out the analysis as if they were able to transmit infective agents. The samples must be exclusively employed for certain type of analysis. Samples must be handled under a laminar flow hood. Tubes containing different samples must never be opened at the same time. Pipettes used to handle samples must be exclusively employed for this specific purpose. The pipettes must be of the positive dispensation type or be used with aerosol filter tips. The tips employed must be sterile, free from the DNases and RNases, free from DNA and RNA. The reagents must be handled under a laminar flow hood. The reagents required for amplification must be prepared in such a way that they can be used in a single session. Pipettes used to handle reagents must be exclusively employed for this specific purpose. The pipettes must be of the positive dispensation type or be used with aerosol filter tips. The tips employed must be sterile, free from the DNases and RNases, free from DNA and RNA. Avoid direct contact with the biological samples reagents and materials used to carry out the analysis. Wear powder-free surgical gloves. Wear protective clothing (work clothes and personal protective equipment) working with microorganisms classified as particularly pathogenic. The protective clothing and personal protective equipment must comply with the work to be performed and health and safety requirements. Avoid producing spills or aerosol. Any material being exposed to biological samples must be treated for at least 30 minutes with disinfecting solution or autoclaved for 1 hour at 121 °C before disposal.

Molecular biology procedures, such as nucleic acids extraction, PCR-amplification and detection require qualified staff to avoid the risk of erroneous results, especially due to the degradation of nucleic acids contained in the samples or sample contamination by amplification products.

All oligonucleotide components are produced by artificial synthesis technology according to internal quality control protocol and do not contain blood or products of blood processing.

Positive control is produced by artificial DNA synthesis technology. Positive control does not include parts of infectious agents.

All the liquid solutions are designed for single use and can not be used more than once in amplification reactions. Plastic tubes do not contain phthalates. Do not breathe gas/fumes/vapor/spray produced by the components of the kit. Do not eat/drink components of the kit. Avoid contact with eyes. Only use the reagents provided in the kit and those recommended by manufacturer. Do not mix reagents from

different batches. Do not use reagents from third party manufacturers' kits. All laboratory equipment, including pipettes, test tube racks, laboratory glassware, lab coats, bouffant caps, etc., as well as reagents should be strictly stationary. It is not allowed to move them from one room to another. Equip separate areas for the extraction/preparation of amplification reactions and for the amplification/detection of amplification products. Never introduce an amplification product in the area designed for extraction/preparation of amplification reactions. Wear lab coats, gloves and tools, which are exclusively employed for the extraction/preparation of the amplification reaction and for the amplification/detection of the amplification products. Never transfer lab coats, gloves and tools from the area designed for amplification/detection of the amplification products to the area designed for extraction/preparation of amplification reactions. Amplification products must be handled in such a way as to reduce dispersion into the environment as much as possible, in order to avoid the possibility of contamination. Pipettes used to handle amplification products must be exclusively employed for this specific purpose. Remove PCR waste only in a closed form. Remove waste materials (tubes, tips) only in a special closed container containing a disinfectant solution. Work surfaces, as well as rooms where NA extraction and PCR are performed, must be irradiated with bactericidal irradiators for 30 minutes before and after the work.

Do not open the tubes after amplification. Waste materials are disposed of in accordance with local and national standards. All surfaces in the laboratory (work tables, test tube racks, equipment, etc.) must be treated daily with disinfecting solution.

Emergency actions

Inhalation: Inhalation of the PCR-mix contained within this kit is unlikely, however care should be taken.

Eye Contact: If any component of this kit enters the eyes, wash eyes gently under potable running water for 15 minutes or longer, making sure that the eyelids are held open. If pain or irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

Skin Contact: If any component of this kit contacts the skin and causes discomfort, remove any contaminated clothing. Wash affected area with plenty of soap and water. If pain or irritation occurs, obtain medical attention.

Ingestion: If any component of this kit is ingested, wash mouth out with water. If irritation or discomfort occurs, obtain medical attention.

Do not use the kit:

- When transportation and storage conditions are breached;
- When the reagents' appearance does not correspond to the kit passport;
- When kit components packaging is breached;
- After the expiry date provided.

Significant health effects are **NOT** anticipated from routine use of this kit when adhering to the instructions listed in the current manual.

7. SAMPLES

The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** is designed to detect DNA extracted from urine and scrapes of epithelial cells from the urogenital tract.

General requirements

- PCR analysis is a direct method of laboratory analysis, and biological material sampling must be carried out from the site in the body where infectious process is localized.
- The quality of biomaterial sampling, transport and storage conditions, and preliminary treatment are important to comply with in order to receive a correct result.
- In case of sampling from several biotopes repeat the procedure using new swabs and tubes for each biotope.
- Incorrect sampling may affect the results, in which case repeated sampling must be performed.
- During biomaterial preparation use RNase and DNase free filtered pipette tips.
- To avoid contamination only open the cap of the tube that is in work (adding sample/reagent, supernatant removal) and close it immediately afterwards.

Interfering substances

The presence of PCR inhibitors in a sample may cause doubtful (uncertain/unreliable) results. The sign of PCR inhibition is the simultaneous absence of internal control and specific product of amplification.

PCR inhibitors are: hemoglobin, medications present in the DNA sample as a result of incomplete removal during the extraction of DNA from the biomaterial sample, isopropyl alcohol and methyl acetate present in the DNA sample as a result of incomplete removal of washing solutions during sample preparation.

The maximum concentrations of interfering substances, that have no effect on the amplification of the laboratory control sample and internal control are: hemoglobin – 0.35 mg/mL of the DNA sample, isopropyl alcohol – 100 µL/mL of the DNA sample, methyl acetate – 100 µL/mL of the DNA sample.

To assess the possible interference of drugs, we selected those potentially present in residual amounts in human biological samples taken from the corresponding biotopes under analysis (Miramistin®, chlorhexidine bigluconate).

For all the drugs under analysis no effect was found in concentration up to 10% in biomaterial sample.

To reduce the count of PCR inhibitors, it is necessary to follow the principles of taking biological material. Suspecting a large count of PCR inhibitors in the sample, it is recommended to choose DNA extraction methods that allow to remove PCR inhibitors from the sample as much as possible. It is not recommended to use express methods of DNA extraction.

Sample collection

WARNING! Before DNA extraction pre-processing of biological material samples may be needed.

Urine

The first portion of morning urine in the amount of 20–30 mL is selected for the analysis. The urine is taken into a special dry sterile container with volume of up to 60 mL, equipped with a hermetical screw-cap.

After the urine collection, container is tightly screwed and marked.

Scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tracts

Sample taking is made with special sterile single-use tools – probes, cytobrushes and swabs depending on the source of biological material according to established procedure.

WARNING!

1. Take material into tubes with PREP-RAPID reagent using a dry swab! Solutions must not contact with skin, eyes and mucous membranes.
2. Before obtaining a scrape of epithelial cells from the urethra, posterior vaginal fornix, and cervical canal, the free-flowing secretion should be removed with a sterile cotton swab.
3. The use of medical devices (including cytobrushes) for scrapes from urogenital tract during pregnancy is carried out according to the instruction to the used medical device, considering the contraindications for use.

The limitation of the method³ is the local use of medicines, transvaginal ultrasound less than 24 hours before the study.

Order of taking:

- 1 Open the tube with a transport medium.
- 2 After sample taking put the swab into the tube with transport medium and rinse it thoroughly for 10-15 seconds. Avoid spraying of solution.
- 3 Remove swab from solution, press it to the wall of tube and squeeze the rest of the liquid. Throw out the swab.
- 4 Close the tube tightly and mark it.

If it is necessary to take biomaterial from several biotopes, repeat the procedure changing the swab and the tube each time.

Transportation and storage of samples

Samples may be transported and stored at temperatures from 2 °C to 8 °C for no longer than 24 hours prior to analysis. When it is impossible to deliver material in the laboratory during the day, a one-time freezing of material is allowed. The frozen material is allowed to be stored at temperatures from minus 18 °C to minus 22 °C for one month (if it does not contradict to requirements of extraction kits used).

In case of usage of transport media, biological material samples are transported and stored according to the instruction for the transport medium used intended for subsequent sample analysis by PCR.

WARNING! Only one freezing-thawing of material is allowed.

Biomaterial pretreatment (if necessary) is performed in accordance with **PREP-RAPID, PREP-NA, PREP-NA PLUS, PREP-GS, PREP-GS PLUS, PREP-MB RAPID and PREP-OPTIMA** extraction kits' instructions for use.

8. PROCEDURE

DNA extraction from biological material

DNA extraction is carried out in accordance with the instruction to the extraction kit. **PREP-RAPID, PREP-NA, PREP-NA-PLUS, PREP-GS, PREP-GS-PLUS, PREP-MB RAPID and PREP-OPTIMA** extraction kits are recommended. **PREP-RAPID** is not recommended for DNA extraction from male urogenital swabs. It is allowed to use any kits of reagents registered as a medical device and recommended by manufacturers for extraction of DNA from corresponding types of biomaterial.

³ If it does not contradict the requirements of the reagent kits being used

Table 4. Reagent kits recommended for DNA extraction for further analysis with **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex Detection Kit**

Reagent kit	Biomaterial	Minimum eluate volume, μL
PREP-NA	Urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	50
PREP-NA-PLUS	Urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	300
PREP-GS	Urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	100
PREP-GS-PLUS	Urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	300
PREP-MB-RAPID	Scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	100
PREP-RAPID	Urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	500
PREP-OPTIMA	Urine, scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	400

WARNING! Independently of DNA extraction kit used, negative control should go through all stages of DNA extraction. Physiological saline solution or negative control from the extraction kit can be used as a negative control in volumes as indicated.

Analysis procedure

8.1. Preparing PCR for package S

WARNING! Reagents and tubes should be kept away from direct sunlight.

WARNING! When using package S (R1-P115-S3/9EU), strips, strictly observe the completeness of strips and caps for them. Do not use caps to the strips from other kits!

8.1.1. Mark tubes with paraffin sealed PCR-mix for each test sample, negative control (C-) and positive control (C+).

WARNING! The amount of reagents in the kit is intended for no more than 24 runs considering a variable number of test samples, 1 negative control and 1 positive control for each run.

Example: to test 4 samples, mark 4 tubes for samples, 1 tube for “C-” and 1 tube for “C+”. The resulting number of tubes is 6.

8.1.2. Shake the tube with Taq-polymerase solution for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down for 1-3 seconds.

8.1.3. Add 10 μL of Taq-polymerase solution into each tube. Avoid paraffin layer break.

8.1.4. Add one drop (~20 μL) of mineral oil into each tube. Close the tubes.

8.1.5. Shake the tube with positive control for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.

WARNING!

1. In case of using **PREP-RAPID, PREP-NA, PREP-NA-PLUS, PREP-OPTIMA** DNA extraction kits, shake the tubes with DNA-preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
2. In case of using **PREP-GS and PREP-GS-PLUS** DNA extraction kits, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and centrifuge at RCF(g) 12,000–16,000 for one minute to precipitate the sorbent. If, after extraction, the supernatant containing extracted DNA was transferred to new tubes, shake the tubes with DNA preparation

and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.

3. In case of using **PREP-MB RAPID** extraction kit, without shaking centrifuge the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control for 1-3 seconds, then put the tubes with DNA preparation into magnetic rack. If, after extraction, the supernatant containing extracted DNA was transferred to new tubes, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
4. To prevent contamination, open the tube, add DNA sample (or control sample), then close the tube before proceeding to the next DNA sample to prevent contamination. In case of using tubes in strips, close the strip after introducing samples before proceeding to the next strip to prevent contamination. Close the tubes/strips tightly. Use filter tips.
- 8.1.6. Add 5.0 µL of DNA preparation, extracted from DNA, into corresponding tubes. Do not add DNA into the "C+", "C-" tubes. Avoid paraffin layer break.
- 8.1.7. Add 5.0 µL of negative control (C-) which passed whole DNA extraction procedure into corresponding tube. Avoid paraffin layer break.
- 8.1.8. Add 5.0 µL of positive control (C+) into corresponding tube. Avoid paraffin layer break.
- 8.1.9. Spin tubes/strips for 1-3 seconds.
- 8.1.10. Set the tubes/strips into the real-time thermal cycler.
- 8.1.11. For DT thermal cycler:

Launch the operating software for DT instrument⁴. Add corresponding test⁵, specify the number and IDs of the samples, negative and positive controls. Specify the position of the tubes/strips in the thermal unit (8.1.9) and run PCR. See tables 5.

For use with CFX (Bio-Rad) and Applied Biosystems QuantStudio 5 (Life Technologies Holdings Pte. Ltd) real-time thermal cyclers consult user manual for devices. See Tables 6, 7.

Table 5. The PCR program for DTlite and DTprime thermal cyclers for package S

Step	Temperature, °C	Min.	Sec.	Number of cycles	Optical measurement	Type of the step
1	80	0	30	1		Cycle
	94	1	30			
2	94	0	30	5		Cycle
	64	0	15		√	
3	94	0	10	45		Cycle
	64	0	15		√	
4	94	0	5	1		Cycle
5	10 ¹	Holding		Holding
√ - optical measurements						
¹ – holding at 25 °C is allowed						

⁴ Please, apply to Operation Manual for DTprime and DTlite real-time PCR instruments PART II.

⁵ Instructions for uploading "files with test parameters" can be found on "DNA-Technology's" website <https://www.dna-technology.com/assaylibrary>.

Table 6. Amplification program for CFX96 thermal cycles for packages S, U

No of block (Step)	Temperature, °C	Time min:sec	Number or cycles (repeats)
1	80	01:00	1
2	94	01:30	1
3	94	0:15	50
4	64 v	0:20	
v — optical measurements (Plate Read), set measurement of fluorescence on Hex, Rox, and Cy5 channels at 64 °C			

Table 7. Amplification program for Applied Biosystems QuantStudio 5 thermal cycles for packages S, U

Stage	Step no.	Temperature, °C	Time min:sec	Number of cycles (repeats)
Hold	1	80	01:00	1
	2	94	01:30	1
PCR	1	94	0:20	50
	2	64 v	0:20	
v - necessary fluorophores data collection (Vic (Hex), Rox, Cy5) included				

8.2. Preparing PCR for package U, manual dispensing

WARNING!

- For amplification, use 0.2 mL amplification tubes or 96-well sealed PCR microplates⁶. The use of strips is not recommended due to post-amplification contamination.
- Reagents and tubes should be kept away from direct sunlight.

8.2.1 Mark the required number of 0.2 mL amplification tubes or a 96-well microplate for each test sample, negative control (C-) and positive control (C+).

Note — It is recommended to test at least 5 samples per analysis (3 test samples, negative and positive controls).

Example: to test 4 test samples, mark 4 tubes for samples, 1 tube/well for “C-” and 1 tube/well for “C+”. The resulting number of tubes/wells is 6.

8.2.2 Shake the tube with PCR-mix for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down for 1-3 seconds.

8.2.3 Add 6.0 µL of PCR-mix to each tube/microplate, including “C-” and “C+”.

8.2.4 Shake the tubes with PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down for 1-3 seconds.

WARNING! Take TechnoTaq MAX polymerase out from the freezer immediately prior to use.

8.2.5 Prepare a mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase. Add into one tube:

6.0 x (N+1) µL of PCR-buffer,

0.3 x (N+1) µL of TechnoTaq MAX polymerase,

where N is the quantity of marked tubes/ necessary microplate wells considering “C-”, “C+”.

Example: for simultaneous testing of 4 test samples, “C-” and “C+” in one PCR run, mark 6 tubes.

Prepare a mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase for 7 (6+1) tubes/wells. Mix 42 µL of PCR-buffer and 2.1 µL of TechnoTaq MAX polymerase.

8.2.6 Shake the tube with the mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase

⁶ 96-well microplates are not used with DTlite detecting thermal cyclers

for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down for 1-3 seconds.

WARNING! Mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase must be prepared immediately prior to use.

8.2.7 Add 6.0 µL of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase mixture into each tube/well with PCR-mix.

WARNING! Follow the steps listed in pp. 8.2.8 – 8.2.14 within two hours after adding PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase mixture to PCR-mix.

8.2.8 Shake the tubes with positive control for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.

WARNING!

1. In case of using **PREP-RAPID, PREP-NA, PREP-NA-PLUS, PREP-OPTIMA** DNA extraction kits, shake the tubes with DNA-preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
2. In case of using **PREP-GS** and **PREP-GS PLUS** DNA extraction kits, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and centrifuge at RCF(g) 12,000–16,000 for one minute to precipitate the sorbent. If, after extraction, the supernatant containing extracted DNA was transferred to new tubes, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
3. In case of using **PREP-MB RAPID** extraction kit, without shaking centrifuge the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control for 1-3 seconds, then put the tubes with DNA preparation into magnetic rack. If, after extraction, the supernatant containing extracted DNA was transferred to new tubes, shake the tubes with DNA preparation on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
4. To prevent contamination, open the tube, add DNA sample (or control sample), then close the tube before proceeding to the next DNA sample. Close the tubes tightly. Use filter tips.

8.2.9 Add 6.0 µL of DNA preparation samples into marked tubes/microplate wells. Do not add DNA into the "C-", "C+" tubes.

8.2.10 Add 6.0 µL of negative control (C-) which passed whole DNA extraction procedure into the corresponding tube/well.

8.2.11 Add 6.0 µL of positive control (C+) into the corresponding tube/well.

8.2.12 In case of using a 96-well microplate:

8.2.12.1. Place the microplate into the plate carrier of DTpack microplate sealing instrument.

8.2.12.2. Seal PCR microplate with polymer thermal film in accordance with DTpack operation manual.

8.2.12.3. Spin PCR microplate at RCF(g) 100 for 30 seconds.

8.2.13 In case of using tubes:

Spin the tubes for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer.

8.2.14 Set the tubes into real-time thermal cycler.

8.2.15 For DT thermal cyclers:

Launch the operating software for DT instrument⁷. Add corresponding test⁸, specify the number and ID's of the samples, negative and positive controls. Specify position of the tubes in thermal

⁷ Please, apply to Operation Manual for DTprime and DTlite real-time PCR instruments PART II.

⁸ Instructions for uploading "files with test parameters" can be found on "DNA-Technology's" website <https://www.dna-technology.com/assaylibrary>.

unit (see 8.2.12) and run PCR. The volume of reaction mixture is 18 µL. See Table 8.

For use with CFX (Bio-Rad) and QuantStudio 5 (Life Technologies Holdings Pte. Ltd) real-time thermal cyclers consult user manual for devices. See Tables 6, 7.

Table 8. The PCR program for DTlite and DTprime thermal cyclers for package U

Step	Temperature, °C	Min	Sec	Number of cycles	Optical measurement	Type of the step
1	80	0	05	15		Cycle
	94	0	05			
2	94	5	00	1		Cycle
3	94	0	30	5		Cycle
	64	0	15		√	
4	94	0	10	45		Cycle
	64	0	15		√	
5	94	0	5	1		Cycle
6	10 ¹	Holding		Holding
√ - optical measurements						
¹ – holding at 25 °C is allowed						

8.3. Preparing PCR for package U, using DTStream (only for DTprime thermal cyclers)

WARNING!

1. For amplification, use 384-well sealed PCR microplates.
2. Tube with PCR-mix should be kept away from direct sunlight.

Note — It is recommended to test at least 5 samples per analysis (3 test samples, negative and positive controls).

- 8.3.1 Shake the tube with PCR-mix for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
- 8.3.2 Shake the tube with PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.

WARNING! TechnoTaq MAX polymerase should be got out from the freezer immediately prior to use.

- 8.3.3 Prepare the mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase according to the user manual for dosing device DTstream.
- 8.3.4 Shake the tube with the mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer, then spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
- 8.3.5 Shake the tube positive control for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.

WARNING!

1. In case of using **PREP-RAPID**, **PREP-NA**, **PREP-NA-PLUS**, **PREP-OPTIMA** DNA extraction kits, shake the tubes with DNA-preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
2. In case of using **PREP-GS** and **PREP-GS PLUS** DNA extraction kits, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer and centrifuge at RCF(g)

- 12,000–16,000 for one minute to precipitate the sorbent. If, after extraction, the supernatant containing extracted DNA was transferred to new tubes, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control on vortex mixer for 3-5 seconds and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
3. In case of using **PREP-MB RAPID DNA Extraction Kit**, without shaking centrifuge the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control for 1-3 seconds, then put the tubes with the DNA preparation into magnetic rack. If, after DNA extraction, the supernatant containing extracted DNA was transferred to new tubes, shake the tubes with DNA preparation and negative control for 3-5 seconds on vortex mixer and spin down the drops for 1-3 seconds.
- 8.3.6 Set the tubes with PCR-mix, the mixture of PCR-buffer and TechnoTaq MAX polymerase, DNA preparations, positive and negative controls and PCR microplate on the DTstream working table and perform dispensing of the components according to DTstream user manual.
- 8.3.7 After the end of dispensing program on DTstream put the PCR microplate without shaking on the plate carrier of DTpack sealing instrument.
- 8.3.8 Run sealing of PCR microplate according to DTpack user manual.
- 8.3.9 Spin the microplate on RCF(g) 100 for 30 seconds.
- 8.3.10 Set the PCR microplate into real-time thermal cycler.
- 8.3.11 Launch the operating software for DT instrument⁹. Add corresponding test¹⁰, specify the number and ID's of the samples, negative and positive controls. Specify position of the tubes in thermal unit (see 8.3.10) and run PCR. The volume of reaction mixture is 18 µL. See Table 8.

9. CONTROLS

The **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** contains positive control. It is produced with genetic engineering techniques and characterized by automatic DNA sequencing.

The PCR-mix from the kit includes the internal control (IC). IC is an artificial plasmid intended to assess quality of PCR performance.

To reveal possible contamination, a negative control is required.

WARNING! A negative control should go through all stages of DNA extraction. Physiological saline solution or negative control from an extraction kit can be used as a negative control in volumes indicated in supplied instructions.

For **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** the test result is considered valid when:

- exponential growth of fluorescence level for specific product is present, in this case the internal control is not considered;
- exponential growth of fluorescence level is absent for specific product and is present for internal control.

For **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** the test result is considered invalid when exponential growth of fluorescence level for specific product and for internal control is not observed.

If positive control (C+) does **not** express growing fluorescence of specific product or positive result, it is required to repeat the whole test. It may be caused by operation error or by violation of storage and handling.

If negative control (C-) expresses growing fluorescence of specific product or positive result, all tests of

⁹ Please, apply to Operation Manual for DTprime and DTlite real-time PCR instruments PART II.

¹⁰ Instructions for uploading "files with test parameters" can be found on "DNA-Technology's" website <https://www.dna-technology.com/assaylibrary>.

the current batch are considered false. Decontamination is required.

10. DATA ANALYSIS

- 10.1.** Registration of the results is carried out automatically during amplification by the software provided with detecting thermal cyclers.
- 10.2.** When using CFX96 (Bio-Rad) detecting thermal cyclers, use regression type analysis (Cq Determination Mode: Regression); in the “Baseline Subtraction” tab choose “Baseline Subtraction Curve Fit”.
- 10.3.** Result interpretation is performed in accordance with Table 9. Run results are valid, if the result interpretation conditions for controls are observed.

Table 9. Interpretation of PCR results

Detection channel			Result interpretation
Hex/Vic, Cp/Cq/Ct	Rox, Cp/Cq/Ct	Cy5, Cp/Cq/Ct	
Test samples			
Is not considered	Is specified	Is not specified	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> DNA is detected
Is not considered	Is not specified	Is specified	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> DNA is detected
Is not considered	Is specified	Is specified	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> DNA is detected <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> DNA is detected
Is specified	Is not specified	Is not specified	DNA of the sought microorganisms is not detected
Is not specified	Is not specified	Is not specified	Invalid result
Negative control			
Is specified Is not specified	Is not specified	Is not specified	Negative result Run results are valid
Positive control			
Is specified	Is specified	Is specified	Positive result Run results are valid

- 10.4.** Unreliable result may be due to inhibitors in DNA preparation obtained from biological material; incorrect analysis protocol performance; non-compliance of amplification temperatures etc. In this case, either a repeated PCR with the available DNA preparation is required, or a repeated biological material sampling (performed sequentially).
- 10.5.** If Cp/Cq/Ct values obtained for biomaterial sample are less than 24 on Rox or Cy5 detection channels, this indicates a high initial DNA concentration of the corresponding microorganism. In this case, it is possible to obtain a false negative result for a microorganism whose DNA is present at a low concentration. To exclude false negative results, it is recommended to repeat PCR of the extracted DNA preparation using the ***Chlamydia trachomatis* REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit** and ***Neisseria gonorrhoeae* REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit**.
- 10.6.** If a positive result is obtained for negative control, results of the whole run are considered invalid. In this case special measures for identification and elimination of a possible contamination are necessary.
- 10.7.** If a negative result is obtained for positive control, results of the whole run are considered invalid. In this case repeated amplification for all samples is required.

11. SPECIFICATIONS

a. Analytical specificity

In human biomaterial samples containing the DNA of *Chlamydia trachomatis* or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, the detection thermal cycler software registers positive amplification results for the specific product on the corresponding detection channel.

In human biomaterial samples not containing the DNA of *Chlamydia trachomatis* or *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, the detection thermal cycler software registers negative amplification results for the specific product and positive result for the internal control (IC).

ATTENTION! If the initial DNA concentration of one of the sought microorganisms is high, the false negative results is possible for the microorganism whose DNA concentration is low (see p.10. DATA ANALYSIS).

The absence of nonspecific positive amplification results has been shown in high DNA concentrations of closely related microorganisms or microorganisms potentially present in the test samples: *Trichomonas vaginalis*, *Ureaplasma urealyticum*, *Gardnerella vaginalis*, *Mycoplasma genitalium*, *Mycoplasma hominis*, *Ureaplasma parvum*, *Candida albicans*, *Streptococcus* spp., *Staphylococcus* spp., and human DNA in concentration up to 1.0×10^8 copies/mL of the sample.

There was no viable inhibition when studying samples containing non-specific DNA in concentration of up to 1.0×10^8 copies/mL of the sample and *Trichomonas vaginalis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* DNA in concentrations of up to 1.0×10^3 copies/mL of the sample.

b. Limit of detection (LOD)

LOD is 5 copies of each microorganism DNA per amplification tube.

LOD is determined by analysis of serial dilutions of laboratory control (LC).

LOD for test sample depends on the used DNA extraction kit and the volume of obtained DNA preparation:

Biomaterial	DNA extraction kit	Preparation volume, μL	Limit of detection, copies per sample
Scrapes of epithelial cells in 500 μL of transport medium, urine (1.0 mL)	PREP-NA	50	50
	PREP-NA-PLUS	300	300
	PREP-GS	100	100
	PREP-GS-PLUS	300	300
	PREP-RAPID	500	500
	PREP-MB-RAPID ¹¹	300	300
	PREP-OPTIMA	400	400

ATTENTION! The claimed specifications are guaranteed when DNA extraction is performed with PREP-RAPID (REF P-001/1EU), PREP-NA (REF P-002/1EU), PREP-NA-PLUS (REF P-002/2EU), PREP-GS (REF P-003/1EU), PREP-GS-PLUS (REF P-003/2EU), PREP-MB RAPID (REF P-116-N/4EU, REF P-116-A/8EU), PREP-OPTIMA (REF P-016-1/2EU, REF P-016-N/2EU) extraction kits.

c. Diagnostic characteristics

Biomaterial	Target analyte	Diagnostic specificity	Diagnostic sensitivity
Urine	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)
	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)

¹¹ - only for scrapes of epithelial cells

Scrapes of epithelial cells from urogenital tract	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)
	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)	100% (95 CI 86.3-100 %)

12. TROUBLESHOOTING

Table 11. Troubleshooting

	Result	Possible cause	Solution
C+	-	Operation error PCR inhibition Violation of storage and handling requirements	Repeat whole test Dispose of the current batch
C-	+	Contamination	Dispose of the current batch Perform decontamination procedures
IC	Invalid	PCR inhibition	Repeat whole test Resample

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13. QUALITY CONTROL

“DNA-Technology Research&Production”, LLC declares that the abovementioned products meet the provision of the Council Directive 98/79/EC for *in vitro* Diagnostic Medical Devices. The quality control procedures performed in accordance with ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 13485:2016:

- observation of quality management in manufacturing of IVDD products;
- creation of values for customers;
- maintenance of the best service quality and customer management.

Contact our customer service with quality issues of **C.trachomatis/N.gonorrhoeae Multiplex REAL-TIME PCR Detection Kit**.

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14. KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Temperature limit		Date of manufacture
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests		Consult instructions for use
	Use-by date		Catalogue number
	Batch code		Manufacturer
	Version		Keep away from sunlight
	Do not reuse		Caution
	Non-sterile		

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