

PRODUCT NAME

MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR

SPECIFICATION

The testkit includes reagents for 24 reactions.

INTENDED USE

The MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR is a one-step reverse transcription and real-time PCR (rRT-PCR) test intended for the qualitative or quantitative detection of RNA from SARS-CoV-2 in nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal (throat) swabs, oral/ saliva swabs, combined nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal swabs, anterior nasal swabs, mid-turbinate nasal swabs from individuals suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider or for screening of individuals without symptoms or other reasons to suspect COVID-19 infection.

Results are for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 RNA. The SARS-CoV-2 RNA is generally detectable in respiratory specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA; clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine patient infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. The agent detected may not be the definite cause of the disease. Laboratories are required to report all test results to the appropriate public health authorities.

Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for patient management decisions. Negative results must be combined with clinical observations, patient history, and epidemiological information.

The MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR is intended for professional use and in vitro diagnostic procedures only.

TEST PRINCIPLE

The MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR is a real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) test. The SARS-CoV-2 primer and probe sets are designed to detect specific nucleic acids from the SARS-CoV-2.

Detection with the kit is achieved via nucleic acids extraction from respiratory tract samples followed by multiplex real-time RT-PCR targeting the SARS-CoV-2 specific ORF1ab and N genes. Real-time PCR instruments that are equipped with FAM (ORF1ab and N gene) and ROX (Internal control, RNase P) detection channels can be used for specific detection including PCR instruments such as the ultraSBMS24.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Table 1 – Product components included in the kit

Components	Amount
Master Mix with 8 reactions/bag (3 bags/kit)	24 reactions
Negative Control	500 µL
Positive Control	500 µL
Dilution Solution	600 µL
Paraffin Oil*	800 µL
Instructions	1 pc.

Note: The components in the kit should not be mixed with components with different lot numbers or chemicals of the same name but from different manufacturers.

The positive control of SARS-CoV-2 and internal reference were constructed artificially, and therefore they are not infectious.

* Paraffin oil is required if using the PCR Instrument ultraSBMS24. If other PCR instruments are used for PCR detection, please consult the instructions for use of the corresponding manufacturer regarding the use of paraffin oil.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

The kit should be stored under -20 ± 5°C and protected from light. The kit should be stored away from nucleic acid sources and PCR amplicons. The period of validity of the kit is 12 months. Each reagent, when stored at the recommended storage temperature, may be used until the expiration date indicated on the tube.

Products can be shipped at room temperature for 7 days. The transportation time shall not exceed 7 days with a temperature of ≤ 20 °C.

Repeated thawing and freezing should not exceed more than 10 times for all reagents.

Do not use reagents beyond their expiration date.

COMPATIBLE INSTRUMENTS

The kit is applicable with PCR instruments with multi-color fluorescence channels FAM and ROX. The kit was validated with the ultraSBMS24.

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Appropriate Specimen types

Nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal swabs, oral/ saliva swabs, combined nasopharyngeal /oropharyngeal swabs, anterior nasal swabs, and mid-turbinate nasal swabs.

Specimen collection and transportation

Because SARS-CoV-2 is a respiratory virus, biosafety should be carried out in accordance with relevant regulations. It is recommended to use swabs with a breakable shaft to prevent contamination during sampling. Swab specimens and specimen handling should be collected by a healthcare provider in accordance with the updated version of the CDC "Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens for COVID-19" (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Specimens must be packaged, shipped, and transported according to the current edition of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulation. Follow shipping regulations for UN 3373 Biological Substance, Category B when sending potential SARS-CoV-2 specimens.

Specimen preservation

Collected Specimen with the MEDsan® Transfer Set/ MEDsan® Transfer Single Set should be processed immediately, otherwise, it should be stored for 24h at 2-8 °C. Specimens can also be stored for 3 months at -20 °C.

TEST METHOD

Please read this manual carefully before use.

1. Extraction of nucleic acids

Extraction with the MEDsan® Transfer Set/ MEDsan® Transfer Single Set

- Mix vigorously the solution after transferring the swab sample into the nucleic acid-releasing agent for **15 seconds**, ideally with a vortex. Place it vertically at room temperature for incubation for **5 minutes**.
- The released nucleic acid can be directly used as an amplification template for PCR detection. Note: The sample volume added to each PCR reaction is 25 µL.

2. Reagent Preparation

The PCR tubes containing the lyophilized Master Mix need to be thawed at room temperature and centrifuged for 30s before use.

3. Sample Adding

Add 25 µL of the following into the appropriate tubes according to your setup: Negative Control, Sample(s), and Positive Control. Make sure to mix thoroughly with the pipette at least 5 times or until the solution is homogenous. Add 25 µL paraffin oil into each tube. change the pipette-tip for each one.

After adding the samples and the paraffin oil, close the lid immediately. Spin down briefly using a centrifuge to remove air bubbles. Transfer the mixture to the amplification area.

4. PCR Amplification Set Up

Place the tubes on the sample holder in the instrument. Set up of the test panel according to the positions of negative control, positive control, and your samples.

Select the detection channels:

- Select FAM (ORF1ab gene and N gene) channel to detect SARS-CoV-2 RNA.
- Select ROX channel to detect the human internal control (RNase P).

5. PCR amplification

PCR amplification protocol details are set as depicted in table 2:

Table 2 – RT PCR program details

Step	Cycle Nr.	Temperature	Time
Reverse Transcription	1	50°C	3 min
Hold	1	95°C	10 s
Denature		95°C	1 s
Anneal/ Elongation	40	55°C	1 s (collection of fluorescence)

Instrument detection channel: FAM and ROX.

6. Result Interpretation

After the reaction is completed, the results are automatically saved. The amplification curves of the detected target RNA and the internal control are analyzed separately.

Certain devices have the function of automatically adjusting the threshold value of the Baseline. Users can also adjust the values based on the actual situation and PCR instrument. (Adjustment of the amplification curve of negative control can be linear or below the threshold line). Click "Analyze" to perform the analysis and the parameters should meet the following requirements mentioned in "Section 7. Quality Control". At last, record the qualitative results in the Plate window.

7. Quality Control

Quality control procedures are intended to monitor reagent and assay performance. Test all positive controls prior to running diagnostic samples with each new kit lot to ensure all reagents and kit components are working properly. Always include a negative control and the appropriate positive control in each amplification and detection run.

Both controls must meet the described results in one run as shown in table 3. Otherwise, the run is invalid and should be repeated.

Table 3 – Positive and Negative Control interpretation

Quality Control	Fluorescence Channel	Results
Negative Control	FAM	No Ct or Ct > 38
	ROX	No Ct or Ct > 38
Positive Control	FAM and ROX	Ct ≤ 30

8. Interpretation of test results

First, analyze the amplification curve of the internal control ROX channel. If Ct ≤ 38, it indicates that the detection is valid, and users can continue the subsequent analysis:

If a typical sigmoidal amplification curve is detected by the FAM channel, with Ct ≤ 38, it indicates that SARS-CoV-2 is positive.

If the FAM channel does not detect a typical S-type amplification curve (No Ct) or Ct > 38, it indicates that no genetic material of SARS-CoV-2 was detected, the result is negative.

If the internal control ROX channel failed to detect Ct or Ct > 38, it indicates that the concentration of the tested sample is too low or there is an inhibitory reaction from the interfering substance. Users have to repeat the experiment.

In case a sample or the positive control are very concentrated with a very low Ct, the dilution solution can be used to dilute the sample before running the RT PCR.

For positive samples and virus cultures, there is no requirement of the internal control results. For negative samples, the internal control should be positive. If the internal control is negative, the test result of the sample is invalid. The reason for failed testing should be determined and eliminated. Users should redo the sampling and repeat the experiment. (If the retest result is still invalid, please contact the manufacturer). For better understanding, all possible results and the corresponding interpretation are summarized in the table below:

Table 4 – Interpretation of patient specimen results

Channel		Result Interpretation
FAM (ORF1ab gene and N gene)	ROX (RNase P gene)	
Ct ≤ 38		Positive
No Ct or Ct > 38	Ct ≤ 38	Negative
No Ct or Ct > 38	No Ct or Ct > 38	Invalid

If the fluorescence signal of a sample has a significant increase in the FAM channel, but the Ct value is greater than 38, the sample should be re-examined. If the retest result still shows a Ct value above 38, it is recommended to re-collect a new swab sample.

ASSAY EXPLANATION

- Assessment of clinical specimen test results must be performed after the positive and negative controls have been examined and determined to be valid and acceptable. If the controls are not valid, the patient results cannot be interpreted.
- In case the internal standard result is negative as

well as the results in FAM and ROX channels, the reaction is inhibited or the operation procedure is not properly conducted, showing that the experiment is invalid, and the specimen should be rechecked.

- If the result is out of the specified range, this indicates that the specimen should be re-tested or re-collected for a new test. If there is an obvious sigmoidal curve, the result is positive; if there is no sigmoidal curve, then the result is negative.

LIMITATION OF TEST METHODS

- The test results are only for supporting clinical diagnosis.
- Test results are related to the collection, preservation, and transportation conditions of the specimens, in which any linked error can lead to false negative results; if cross contamination occurs in the process of specimen processing, false positive results may occur.
- Mutations within the target regions of the MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR could affect primer and/or probe binding resulting in failure to detect the presence of virus and false negative results.
- Inhibitors or other types of interference may produce a false negative result.
- False negative results may also occur if an inadequate amount of material for detection is present in the specimen.
- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA may be affected by factors related to the patient (e.g., presence of symptoms), and/or stage of infection.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF PRODUCT

1. Specificity

The detection results of this kit have no cross reaction with endemic human coronavirus (HKU1, OC43, NL63 and 229E), SARS coronavirus, MERS coronavirus, H1N1 (influenza A (2009), seasonal H1N1 influenza virus), H3N2, H5N1, H7N9, influenza B (Yamagata, Victoria), respiratory syncytial virus (type A,B), Parainfluenza virus (type 1,2,3), rhinovirus (group A,B,C), adenovirus (type 1,2,3,4,5,7,55), Enterovirus (group A,B,C,D), Human pneumovirus, human partial pneumovirus, EB virus, measles virus, human cytomegalovirus, rotavirus, Norovirus, mumps virus, varicella-zoster virus, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Legionella pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae, Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus pyogenes, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Aspergillus fumigatus, Candida albicans, Candida glabrata, Cryptococcus neoformans.

2. Limit of Detection:

500 copies/mL.

3. Precision:

The coefficient of variation (CV) of Ct values of within-run precision is ≤5%.

4. Clinical Evaluation:

In this study, 300 oropharyngeal swab specimens and 305 nasal swab specimens were obtained in the clinical study to compare the performance of MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR Kit with a PCR Comparator. The results of sensitivity and specificity are depicted in table 5 and 6 for the tested specimen types.

Table 5 – Performance of the MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR on oropharyngeal swab samples

Oropharyngeal swab samples	PCR Comparator		
	Positive	Negative	Total
MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR	78	1	79
	1	220	221
	79	221	300
Positive Percent Agreement (Sensitivity)	(78/79) x 100 = 98.73%		
Negative Percent Agreement (Specificity)	(220/221) x 100 = 99.55%		

Table 6 – Performance of the MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR on nasopharyngeal swab samples

Nasopharyngeal swab samples	PCR Comparator		
	Positive	Negative	Total
MEDsan® SARS-CoV-2 Double Gene RT PCR	83	2	85
	0	220	220
	83	222	305
Positive Percent Agreement (Sensitivity)	(83/83) x 100 = 100%		
Negative Percent Agreement (Specificity)	(220/222) x 100 = 99.10%		

ATTENTIONS & PRECAUTIONS

- This product is for in vitro diagnostic use only.
- Users should be familiar with the operation procedures and precautions for each instrument before test. Please make sure to conduct a quality control for each test.
- Laboratory management shall strictly follow management practices of PCR gene amplification laboratory. Laboratory personnel must receive professional training. Test processes must be performed in separated regions. All consumables should be for single use only. After sterilization, special instruments and devices should be used for every process, all lab devices used in different processes and regions should not be cross used.
- All specimens for detection should be handled as if infectious. Wear laboratory coats, and protective disposables. Change the gloves often to avoid cross-contamination between specimens. Handling of specimens and waste must meet the relevant requirements outlined in local, state, and national regulations.
- Note: Improper operation during the storage, transportation, and use of the reagent may affect the test results. For example, improper storage and transportation, specimen collection, specimen processing, and test process are not standardized, please strictly follow the instructions. Due to the characteristics of the swab and other specimen collection processes and the viral infection process itself, false negative results may be caused by insufficient specimen volume, which should be combined with other clinical diagnosis and treatment information for comprehensive judgment, re-test when necessary.
- Specimens shall be tested within a short time after sampling.
- Follow standard precautions. All patient specimens and positive controls should be considered potentially infectious and handled accordingly.

Index of Symbols

Symbol	Meaning
IVD	In vitro diagnostic medical device
📅	Use by date
🌡️	Temperature Limit
☀️	Keep away from sunlight
☢️	Protect from heat and radioactive sources
☔	Keep dry
CONTROL+	Positive control
CONTROL-	Negative control
🚫	Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use
LOT	Lot Number/Batch Code
REF	Catalog Number/Reference Number
🏭	Manufacturer
📦	Contains sufficient for <n> tests
📖	Consult instructions for Use
CE	European Conformity

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