In vitro diagnostic medical device
The kit has been manufactured according to EC Directive 98/79/EC as an in vitro diagnostic medical device and it has been designed for professional use in specialized clinical and research laboratories.

KIT CONTENT

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<th>REF</th>
<th>HCV/ISEX/025 25 rxn</th>
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<td>MasterMix</td>
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<td>HCV</td>
<td>1x1000 µl</td>
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STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS
The kits should be transported and stored at temperatures between -85 °C and -10 °C. The kit will remain stable at least until the expiry date printed on the package, if the storage temperature is kept. Repeated freezing and thawing of the kit components may result in lower detection quality.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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<th>Target sequence</th>
<th>conservative region of 5’UTR sequence</th>
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<td>Specificity</td>
<td>HCV genotype 1-7</td>
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<td>Sensitivity (LOD)</td>
<td>reaches 18.354 IU/ml with the probability of 95 %</td>
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<td>Accuracy of measurement</td>
<td>within the range of 10^6-10^4 IU/ml the detection accuracy is 0.5 log</td>
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<td>Linear range of measurement</td>
<td>10^10-18.354 IU/ml</td>
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<td>Sample types</td>
<td>plasma EDTA, serum</td>
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<td>Reporting units</td>
<td>IU/ml (1 IU/ml = 3.2 copy/ml)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quality Control</td>
<td>regularly tested by QCMD and Instand e.V. External Quality Assessment Panels</td>
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The PCR kit is designed for the Hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA detection by the real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) method. The HCV detection is based on the amplification of a single-copy 5’ UTR RNA sequence and measuring of the amplification product concentration growth using Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) and fluorescence labelled probes. HCV presence is indicated by the FAM fluorophore fluorescence growth. For internal control (IS) the kit uses the mRNA detection of the human gene for GAPDH, which is isolated from the sample together with the RNA virus. Amplification of this control mRNA is visualized in the HEX channel. This type of the PCR kit therefore doesn’t contain an independent tube with the IS (see the chart of the Microbiological RNA Diagnostic Technology). This detection technology of the naturally occurring human mRNA provides control of the whole diagnostic process, specifically: sample quality (sample RNA degradation), efficiency of the RNA extraction from the sample, efficiency of the reverse-transcription step (transcription of RNA into cDNA) and efficiency of the subsequent PCR amplification (PCR inhibition). The detection kit takes advantage of the “hot start” technology, minimizing non-specific reactions and assuring maximum sensitivity. The kit performs very sensitive HCV detection in clinical material (plasma, serum). The kit is designed for in vitro diagnostics and provides qualitative and quantitative detections.

**METHOD PRINCIPLES**

**ISEX version**

Internal Standard is detected from the sample. This PCR kit version enables both PCR inhibition control and nucleic acid purification process efficiency control.

**MICROBIOLOGICAL RNA DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY**

/ SAMPLE

Positive sample contains

- Virus RNA
- Human gene for GAPDH mRNA

/ RNA ISOLATION

After the isolation the extracted sample RNA is added into the Ready to use MasterMix and the tube is inserted into the real-time-device.

/ RT-PCR AMPLIFICATION

In the course of the RT-PCR, viral RNA is amplified from one primer couple and control human mRNA amplified from the other primer couple.

/ EVALUATION

**POSITIVE SAMPLE**
- Exponential fluorescence growth in the FAM fluorophore is evident if the detected viral RNA is present in the sample

**QUALITY CONTROL FOR THE COMPLETE DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS**
- Exponential growth of the HEX fluorophore fluorescence as a result of the control human mRNA amplification, controls the following:

1. **Sample quality** – sample RNA (and therefore also the viral RNA) was not degraded
2. **RNA extraction quality** – sample RNA was isolated with sufficient efficiency
3. **RT-PCR amplification quality** – sample RNA was efficiently amplified, no PCR inhibition
USER MANUAL

SAMPLING AND SAMPLE STORAGE
To demonstrate HCV RNA there should be obtained a serum or plasma sample and it should be transported frozen according to the laboratory instructions. In case of longer storage all samples should be frozen at the temperature between -85°C and -10°C.

NUCLEIC ACID PURIFICATION
Nucleic acid isolation should be performed by isolation kits available at the market according to protocols for the particular clinical material isolation. The manufacturer recommends the following isolation kits:
GeneProof PathogenFree RNA Isolation Kit
croBEE NA16 Nucleic Acid Extraction System

PCR SETUP
1. Add 40 µl of MasterMix into PCR tubes.

2. Add 10 µl of the isolated nucleic acid sample or 10 µl of Positive Control into the individual PCR tubes. The final reaction mix volume will be 50 µl.
*It is necessary to keep all components at +2°C to +8°C during the PCR preparation.*

3. Close the tubes, centrifuge shortly, insert them into the device and let them amplify according to the following PCR profile.
*Be very careful when handling the Positive Control or the clinical material, incorrect handling could result in contamination and the consequent impairment of the kit components or the MasterMix! The manufacturer is not responsible for the kit impairment due to incorrect handling.*

AMPLIFICATION PROFILE

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<th>Temperature</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Data Collection</th>
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<td>Hold</td>
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<td>58 °C</td>
<td>40 s</td>
<td>FAM+HEX</td>
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<td>72 °C</td>
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VALIDATED INSTRUMENTS
GeneProof PCR kits are designed for use with real-time devices from various manufacturers. This PCR kit has been validated with the following devices:
Applied Biosystems 7300/7500 Real-Time PCR System
AriaMx Real-Time PCR System
Dx/CFX96™/CFX Connect™ Real-Time PCR Detection System
LightCycler ® 480
LineGene 9600
Rotor-Gene 3000, Rotor-Gene 6000, Rotor-Gene Q
SLAN® Real-Time PCR System

GeneProof diagnostic kits are continually validated with various types of devices. Please request the current list at support@geneproof.com.
**CLINICAL SAMPLE ANALYSIS EVALUATION**

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<th>Result</th>
<th>Interpretation</th>
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**QUANTITATIVE DETECTION EVALUATION**

Use the following formula to calculate the virus concentration in IU/ml while taking into account the volume of material entering the isolation:

\[
\text{IU/ml} = \frac{\text{SC} \times \text{EV}}{\text{IV}}
\]

Where:
- SC - Sample concentration (IU/µl)
- EV - Elution volume (µl)
- IV - Isolation volume (ml)

You can use the calculator for pathogen concentration conversion at www.geneproof.com to make the calculation easier.

**WARNING**

A single valid package insert for a specific kit is included in the package or to be requested for the particular lot from the manufacturer. The kit should be disposed of after use according to the current legal regulations considering the fact that the kit doesn’t contain any dangerous, infectious or toxic components that would be subject to special safety regulations, and the packaging materials are made of paper and polypropylene. If you have any questions please contact our Customer Service.
Instrument wise manual sheet for Catalog No. HCV/ISEX/025, HCV/ISEX/050, HCV/ISEX/100

- **Applied Biosystems 7300 Real-Time PCR System**
- **Applied Biosystems 7500 Real-Time PCR System**
- **CFX Connect™ Real-Time PCR Detection System**
- **CFX96™ Real-Time PCR Detection System**
- **Dx Real-Time System**
- **LightCycler® 2.0**
- **LightCycler® 480**
- **LightCycler® 480 Instrument II**
- **LineGene 9600 Real-Time PCR Detection System**
- **LineGene 9600 Plus Real-Time PCR Detection System**
- **LineGene K Plus Real-Time PCR Detection System**
- **Rotor-Gene™ 3000**
- **Rotor-Gene™ 6000**
- **Rotor-Gene™ Q**
- **SLAN® Real-Time PCR System**