Protocol for Real-Time RT-PCR assay with Lyoph P&P<u>SFTSV Yoshikawa</u> (adapted to TaqMan platform)

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Vial content

Lyoph P&P SFTSV Yoshikawa contains lyophilized primers and probe (P&P) for detection of severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome virus (SFTSV). It must be used in combination with a generic RT-qPCR kit.

Probe: FAM-QSY

Design

RT-qPCR system included in Lyoph P&P SFTSV Yoshikawa:

• Sensitive and Specific PCR Systems for Detection of Both Chinese and Japanese Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Virus Strains and Prediction of Patient Survival Based on Viral Load. Yoshikawa et al., J Clin Microbiol, 2014. <u>DOI</u>: 10.1128/JCM.00742-14

Caution

Vials containing primers and probe mix (Lyoph P&P) must be stored at -20°C in the dark after reception. Stable 4 years under the described conditions.

Instructions

This protocol is adapted to the following kit and RT-qPCR platform:

- SuperScript[™] III Platinum[™] One-Step qRT-PCR Kit (ThermoFisher)
- CFX (BIORAD) RT-qPCR thermal cycler

Use of other kits or RT-qPCR platforms may require adaptation of the protocol.

- I. <u>Rehydration of Lyoph-P&P</u>
 - Write the date on the vial before opening
 - Resuspend Lyoph P&P as follows (these steps are critical to ensure adequate homogenization):
 - ✓ Add nuclease-free water or RE buffer as described in Table 1
 - \checkmark Homogenize by pipetting 10 to 20 times the volume up and down in the glass vial
 - ✓ Incubate rehydrated P&P at room temperature for 10 min
 - ✓ Perform a second series of 10-times pipetting.

 Table 1. Lyoph-P&P regeneration; the number of tests/vial is indicated on the Lyoph P&P vial label.

Packaging (number of tests/vial)	8+1	16+2	24+2	32+3	48+3	96+5
H₂O or RE buffer (μL)	63	126	182	245	357	707

II. <u>Preparation of the PCR reaction mix (for SuperScript™ III Platinum™ One-Step qRT-PCR</u> <u>Kit - ThermoFisher)</u>

 Table 2. Preparation of the PCR mix. *Rehydration performed as indicated in Table 1.

	Volume/PCR test (µL)
2X Reaction mix	12.5
Rehydrated Lyoph P&P*	7
SSIII/Taq enzyme mix	0.5
Total (1 PCR test)	20
Template RNA (H ₂ O for Ctrl-)	5
Final volume	25

III. Cycling program and RT-qPCR (for SuperScript[™] III Platinum[™] One-Step qRT-PCR Kit -<u>ThermoFisher</u>)

50°C	15min		
95°C	2min		
95°C	15sec	45 cycles	
60°C	45sec (plate read)		

Read: FAM-QSY

Lyoph-P&P can be aliquoted and stored at -20°C. Each aliquot can be thawed only once and then discarded.