DSQ Alert™ GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent

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≤ -10°C

Intended Use

The **DSQ Alert™ GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent** is intended for use in a nucleic acid amplification test in a research laboratory setting, to detect and distinguish DNA from *Haemophilus ducreyi* and *Chlamydia trachomatis* serotypes L1, L2, and L3 in a nucleic acid sample. This product is intended for use with a real-time PCR system with appropriate optical specifications.

Assay Principle

The **DSQ Alert GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent** is a multiplex real-time PCR reagent designed with DSQ hydrolysis probe chemistry, the next generation of MGB hydrolysis probes, to detect and distinguish ***H. ducreyi*** **and** ***C. trachomatis*** **L1-L3 DNA**. For each target in the multiplex, the reagent contains a primer set and probe, labeled with a fluorophore and a **duplex stabilizing quencher (DSQ)**, to generate a fluorescent signal during PCR. During each cycle of PCR, the primers and probe anneal to their target template, if present, and DNA is synthesized from the primers by a polymerase. During synthesis, the polymerase encounters the probe annealed to the template downstream of the primer, and the exonuclease activity of the polymerase hydrolyzes the probe, releasing the fluorophore from the proximity of the DSQ and allowing fluorescence emission. The PCR cycles result in exponential amplification of the target DNA and fluorescence levels.

Product Description

The **DSQ Alert GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent** is a ready-to-use 20X mix of primer and probe sets specific to the DNA of each of the target pathogens, and to a synthetic sequence that serves as an internal control (IC) to monitor assay performance. (The IC DNA template is sold separately, see below.) Probes are labeled with FAM or an **AquaPhluor® (AP) fluorophore** (Table 1), and a DSQ that serves as a combined fluorescence quencher and DNA double helix stabilizer.

Table 1. DSQ Alert GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent components description. Each number in the AP fluorophore name indicates its peak excitation wavelength.

Target template	DSQ probe fluorophore	Analogous fluorophore (for optical channel selection)
H. ducreyi 16S rRNA gene	AP593	ROX, Texas Red
C. trachomatis L1, L2, L3 autotransporter domain-containing protein gene	FAM	FAM
Internal control IC1	AP639	Cy5, Quasar 670

The **DSQ Alert GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent** is provided at a volume of 120 µL, and designed to be combined with a master mix containing the necessary components for PCR (not provided). The 20X concentration is relative to the optimal final concentration of the primers and probes in the PCR.

For optimal performance, protect all reagents from light, store at ≤ -10°C while not in use, and limit the number of freeze-thaw cycles.

Recommended Materials Not Provided

Table 2. Additional materials recommended for real-time PCR not provided in the DSQ Alert GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent.

Material	Use	Manufacturer	Part Number
Internal Control IC1 DNA	Internal control DNA template to monitor nucleic acid extraction and PCR performance	ELITechGroup	M800735
PCR master mix	Contains DNA polymerase with exonuclease activity, buffers, dNTPs, excipients for PCR	NA	NA
Molecular biology grade water	Reaction mix preparation, negative controls	NA	NA
Positive controls	Positive control DNA for each pathogen target primer/probe set	NA	NA

Recommended Reaction Setup

The following are examples of how to set up a real-time PCR using the DSQ Alert GUD-2 H. ducreyi, C. trachomatis (L1, L2, L3) RUO Detection Reagent for 25 µL reactions. Preparation of the reaction mix should be done in an area separate from preparation and addition of samples and controls.

Table 3. Example recipes for real-time PCR reaction mix.

	Example 1 with 2X PCR master mix		**Example 2 with 5X PCR master mix**	
Reagent	**Stock concentration**	**Volume per reaction (µL)**	**Stock concentration**	**Volume per reaction (µL)**
PCR master mix	2X	12.50	5X	5.0
Molecular biology grade water	--	6.25	--	13.75
DSQ Alert RUO Detection Reagent	20X	1.25	20X	1.25
Total reaction mix	--	20.0	--	20.0
Sample/control template	--	5.0	--	5.0

1. Prepare reaction mix as above (Table 3), or adjust volumes per reaction based on PCR master mix stock concentration and final reaction volume, multiplying the volumes per reaction by the number of samples + controls being run and an appropriate overage to add the needed dead volume.
2. Prepare positive and negative controls as appropriate.

3. Pipette 5 µL of sample or control into the appropriate well or PCR tube containing reaction mix.
4. Seal the plate with optical adhesive film or cap PCR tubes.
5. Load the plate or tubes onto the real-time PCR instrument and program the thermal cycling as below (Table 4). Start the run.

Table 4. Recommended thermal cycling conditions. Adjustments may be required to optimize the PCR for various real-time PCR instruments. Refer to the instrument manual to set up the real-time PCR.

Stage		Temperature	Time
UNG activation*	Hold	50°C	10:00 min
Denaturation	Hold	95°C	5:00 min
PCR (45 cycles)	Denaturation	95°C	10 sec
	Annealing and extension**	63°C	45 sec

* The UNG activation step is optional and recommended when using a PCR master mix with UNG.
** Read fluorescence at the end of this cycle.

Warnings and Precautions

- **This product is for Research Use Only, and not for use in diagnostic procedures.**
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- This product shall not be used after its expiration date.
- This product shall be used in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations or accreditation requirements.
- Disposal of all waste material shall be done in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations or accreditation requirements.

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