

H5N1 (Avian Influenza) Synthetic RNA Fragments Guidance Document

NIST Research-Grade Test Material 10263

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Purpose: NIST Research-Grade Test Material (RGTM) 10263 is being provided on a collaborative basis for recipients to evaluate the material's potential fitness-for-purpose as a reference material for RT-qPCR assay development and evaluation, calibration of RT-qPCR methods and benchmarking other H5N1 control materials. For more details, please visit <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/h5-influenza-positive-controls>.

Description: A unit of RGTM 10263 consists of three components labeled as follows Part A: HA_H5, Part B: NA_N1, Part C: MP. Each component contains approximately 100 µL of target RNA in a background of 5 ng/µL Jurkat RNA in a buffered solution. All target RNA sequences match the A/American Wigeon/South Carolina/22/2021 CVV reassortant virus strain. The target RNA for Part A contains sequence from the H5 hemagglutinin gene, the target RNA for Part B contains sequence from the N1 neuraminidase gene, and the target RNA for Part C contains sequence from the matrix protein gene. The genetic sequence information of the target RNA for each part is listed in the "NIST Additional Information" section of this document.

Period of Use: Recipient may use RGTM 10263 from receipt until the earlier of either completion of the recipient's participation in the evaluation of the material's fitness-for-purpose or the material's nominal expiration date of November 1, 2029.

Reporting of Results: Please return comments and feedback about your experience with RGTM 10263 by email to h5flu@nist.gov no later than 60 days after the material is received.

Safety: RGTM 10263 is FOR RESEARCH USE. This is a human source material. RGTM 10263 is a Biosafety Level 1 material and should be handled according to applicable federal, state, and/or local regulations and according to the policies and procedures of the recipient's organization.

Storage: The material should be stored frozen at -80 °C.

Instructions for Use: Thaw the tube at room temperature. Once thawed, vortex briefly, centrifuge briefly and repeat. Note: multiple freeze-thaws of the material may result in lower concentration estimates.

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NIST Additional Information

Nominal concentration values (Table 1) were obtained using reverse transcription digital polymerase chain reaction (RT-dPCR) with the Bio-Rad One Step RT-ddPCR Advanced Kit for Probes (catalog # 1864021) on the QX200 system. The primer and probe sequences for each assay are listed in Table 2.

Table 1. Target RNA Concentrations

Part	Target RNA	Nominal Concentration (copies/ μ L)
A	HA H5	9.1×10^5
B	NA N1	8.4×10^5
C	MP	6.6×10^5

Table 2. Primer and Probe Sequences for RT-dPCR Assays (5' – 3')

HA-2	Forward Primer	ATCCCAAGTAAACGGGCAAC
	Reverse Primer	TGTTGCAGTGGCCATATTCC
	Probe	ACCAGATGATGCAATCCATTTCGAGA
NA-2	Forward Primer	GTCCAGACAATGGAGCTGTG
	Reverse Primer	CGCATCAGGATAACAGGAGC
	Probe	CAAGCAATGGGCAGGCCTCA
InfA	Forward Primer	CAAGACCAATCYTGTACCTCTGAC
	Reverse Primer	GCATTYTGGACAAAVCGTCTACG
	Probe	CGTGCCCAAGTGAGCGAGGACTGCA

Appendix A. Genetic Sequence Information

Part A: HA_H5

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Part C: MP

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