

An improved rapid and sensitive long amplicon method for nanopore-based RSV whole genome sequencing

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Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. The information for primers used in the modified one-step multiplex RT-PCR. Changes highlighted in green have been made to PCR primer concentration and primers of amplifying fragment 3 and 6 compared to our previous publication (1)

Multiplex Tube	Primer Name	Primer Sequence (5'- 3') ^b	Position of first base ^a	5'	Amplicon length (bp)	Final concentration (μM)
Tube 1	1-1F	ACGCGAAAAAATGCGTACTACAAAC	1			0.16
	1-1R	CTG MACCATAGGCATTCATAAACA	1898		1898 (fragment 1)	0.16
	1-3F3	GCATCACT WACAATATGGG TKCC	3349			0.55
	1-3R6	CAC TTTTGATYTTGTTCACTTCYCC	6201		2876 (fragment 3)	0.55
	1-5F	TGATGCATCAATATCTCAAGTCA	7181			0.6
	1-5R	GRCCTAT DCCTGC ACTCTC	11116		3936 (fragment 5)	0.6
Tube 2	2-2F	ATGGGAGAR GTR GCTCCAGAATA	1562			0.25
	2-2R	CGTGTAGCTG TRTGY TTCCAA	4004		2443 (fragment 2)	0.25
	2-4F	AGCAAATTY TGGCCY TAYTTTAC	4334			0.6
	2-4R1	CTCATAGCAACACATGCTGATTG	7967		3634 (fragment 4)	0.3
	2-4R2	GAGTTTGCTCATGGCAACACAT	7974		3641 (fragment 4)	0.3
	2-6F	TGGACCAT WGAAGCY ATATCA	10912			0.44
	2-6R	AGTGTCAAAAACTA ATRTCTCGT	15265		4354 (fragment 6)	0.44
	2-6R2	ACGAGAAAAA AGTGTC AAAACTAAT	15272		4365 (fragment 6)	0.44

^aPrimer nucleotide numbering was based on a human RSV-B strain (GISAID accession numbers 2584506)

^bDegenerate bases are highlighted in bold.

Supplementary Table 2. Component for multiplex RT-PCR. SuperScript IV One-Step RT-PCR System with ezDNase (Invitrogen) and primers with concentration at 20 μ M are used for the preparation of multiplex PCR mixes below.

Component for multiplex PCR mix 1	Volumes (μ L) per reaction
1-1F	0.2
1-1R	0.2
1-3F3	0.69
1-3R6	0.69
1-5F	0.75
1-5R	0.75
2X Platinum SuperFi RT-PCR Master Mix	12.5
SuperScript IV RT Mix	0.25
template RNA	8.97

Component for multiplex PCR mix 2	Volumes (μ L) per reaction
2-2F	0.31
2-2R	0.31
2-4F	0.75
2-4R1	0.38
2-4R2	0.38
2-6F	0.55
2-6R	0.55
2-6R2	0.55
2X Platinum SuperFi RT-PCR Master Mix	12.5
SuperScript IV RT Mix	0.25
template RNA	8.47

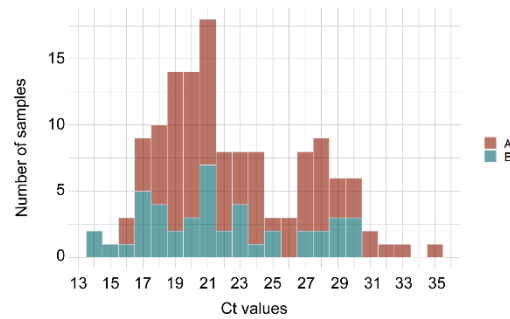
Supplementary Table 3. Comparison of sequencing samples with insufficient amplicons by using rapid barcoding (RBK) and rapid PCR barcoding (RPB) kits. NGS results were characterised into four groups including Full-length (RSV whole genome sequence obtained), G (Full G sequence only), GF (Full F and G sequence obtained) and other (no full G and F sequences obtained).

Sample ID	RSV Ct	RSV type	RPB NGS	RBK NGS
90007809	29	A	GF	Full-length
90007814	30	B	Other	Full-length
90007817	27	B	G	Full-length
90007819	30	B	G	Other
90008162	25	B	G	Full-length
90008175	24	A	GF	Full-length
90008179	26	A	GF	Full-length
90008178	28	A	G	Full-length
90008183	23	B	GF	Full-length
90008191	27	A	GF	Full-length
90008187	27	A	GF	Full-length
90008196	27	A	GF	Full-length
90008203	33	A	G	Other
90008227	28	B	G	G
90008229	32	A	G	G
90008225	27	A	GF	Full-length
90008228	28	A	G	Full-length
90008224	30	A	GF	G
90008231	26	A	G	Full-length
90008380	35	A	Other	Other

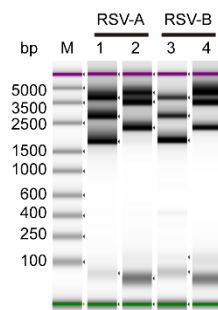
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Supplementary Figure 1

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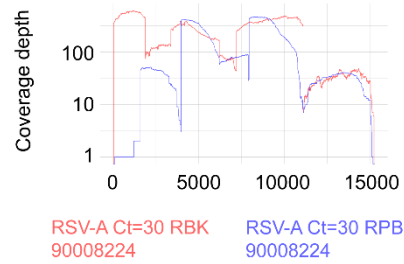


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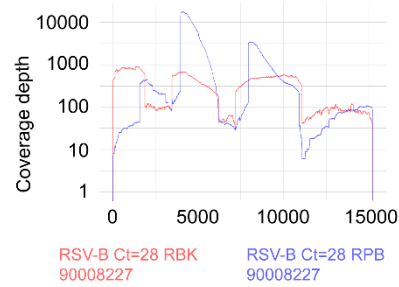


Supplementary Figure 1. The performance of modified RSV mRT-PCR for generating RSV genomic amplicons in 135 clinical samples. (A) Histograms of the Ct value distribution for clinical samples with two RSV subgroups, RSV-A in dark red and RSV-B in dark green. (B) Tapestation images of RSV amplicons generated from one RSV-A and one RSV-B positive clinical samples. DNA marker (M); multiplex RT-PCR products of pool 1 (lane 1) and pool 2 (lane 2) from an RSV-A sample; multiplex RT-PCR products of pool 1 (lane 3) and pool 2 (lane 4) from an RSV-B sample.

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Supplementary Figure 2. RSV NGS achieved by ONT rapid barcoding (RBK) and rapid PCR barcoding (RPB) for samples with insufficient amplicons for NGS library preparation. Coverage depth of sequenced representative RSV-A (A) and RSV-B (B) in genomic position with RBK (red) and RPB (blue) for NGS library preparation

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