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Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) RdRp nested RT-PCR

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ABSTRACT

A nested RT-PCR targeting the RdRp region of the sub-genus *Sarbecovirus*. The primers are modified from the pan-coronavirus RT-PCR published by Hu *et al.* 2017 to be more specific to SARS-CoV-2.

Assay may be used in resource poor settings where real-time cyclers are not available.

Sanger sequencing can be used to confirm SARS-CoV-2 where WGS is not available or where WGS fails due to poor quality sample.

THIS PROTOCOL ACCOMPANIES THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATION

Hu D, Zhu C, Wang Y, Ai L, Yang L, Ye F, et al. Virome analysis for identification of novel mammalian viruses in bats from Southeast China. Scientific Reports. 2017;7(1):10917 . <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-11384-w>

STEPS MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System with Platinum Taq	12574026	Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher
MyFi Mix	BIO-25049	Bioline

Oligonucleotides

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Name	Purpose	5'-3'
Wuhan15283-F	Round 1	ATGGGTTGGGATTATCCTAAATG
Wuhan15887-R	Round 1	TGTTGAGAGCAAAATTCATG
Wuhan15286-F	Round 2	GGTTGGGATTATCCTAAATGTGA
Wuhan15725-R	Round 2	GCATCGTCAGAGAGTATCATCAT

Round 1 amplified products will produce a band of 605bp.

Round 2 amplified products will produce a band of 440bp.



SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System with Platinum Taq

by Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher

Catalog #: 12574026



MyFi Mix

by Bioline

Catalog #: BIO-25049

Round 1 mix

Reagent	Volume x1 (μl)	Final Concentration
Nuclease-free water	3.2	
2 x Reaction mix*	10	1 X
Wuhan15283-F (20pmol/μl)	0.5	500nM
Wuhan15887-R (20pmol/μl)	0.5	500nM
Superscript/Platinum Taq mix*	0.8	
TOTAL	15	

*SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System with Platinum Taq #12574026

Dispense mix in 15μl amounts in 0.2ml PCR tubes suitable for thermocycler.

Mix maybe stored frozen if necessary.

Round 2 mix

Reagent	Volume x1 (μl)	Final Concentration
Nuclease-free water	4	
MyFi 2X mix*	10	1X
Wuhan15286-F (20pmol/μl)	0.5	500nM
Wuhan15725-R (20pmol/μl)	0.5	500nM
TOTAL	15	

*MyFi™ Mix Bioline #BIO-25049

Dispense mix in 15μl amounts in 0.2ml PCR tubes suitable for thermocycler.

Mix maybe stored frozen if necessary.

AMPLIFICATION ROUND 1

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- Thaw required number of tubes with round 1 mix.
- Add 5µl of extract, control, or NTC (nuclease-free water) to round 1 mix above for a final reaction volume of 20µl.
- Label the tubes and record details.

The assay has been used with Eppendorf thermocyclers.

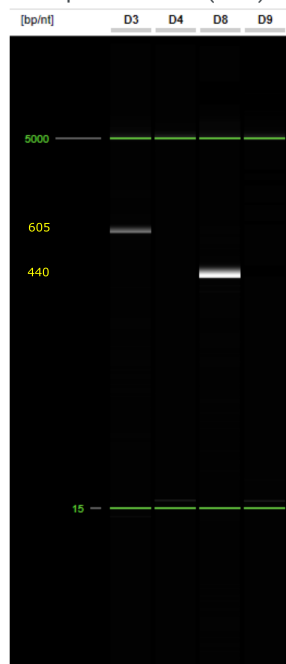
PCR cycling times

AMPLIFICATION ROUND 2

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- Dilute each of the round 1 amplicons 1/100 in nuclease-free water (2ul + 198ul is ideal)
 - Thaw required number of tubes with round 2 mix.
 - Add 5µl of the diluted round 1 amplicon.
 - Total reaction volume is 20µl.

GEL ELECTROPHORESIS

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- Amplified products are analysed by gel electrophoresis or equipment such as a QIAxcel or equivalent.
Round 1 amplified products will produce a band of 605bp.
Round 2 amplified products will produce a band of 440bp.
No template controls (NTC) should be not detected.



Example of result from a QIAxcel.

D3-Round 1 band, D8-round 2 band, D4 and D9 are NTC in round 1 and 2 respectively.



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