

RT-LAMP assay for detecting lentiviruses

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1 Introduction

Tests for known lentivirus retroviruses with a high viral diversity such as HIV are very specific and could miss divergent HIV strains [1][2]. In [3], a number of studies designing degenerate PCR primers for detecting lentiviruses are reviewed. In [4], PCR primers targetting a conserved region of the pol gene across five different lentivirus sequences were designed. The goal of the study was to look for evidence of a lentivirus in patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

2 Design

design constraints balance minimal design/development time, minimal equipment requirements, adequate performance.

2.1 Sample Collection

minimal sample volume, blood drop from lancet

2.2 Lysis

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2.3 Reaction

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