PerfeCta® SYBR® Green SuperMix for iQ™

Description
PerfeCta SYBR Green SuperMix for iQ is a 2X concentrated, ready-to-use reaction cocktail that contains all components, except primers and template for real-time quantitative PCR on Bio-Rad iCycler iQ® systems. The proprietary buffer and stabilizers have been optimized exclusively for SYBR Green I qPCR to deliver maximum PCR efficiency, sensitivity, and robust fluorescent signal. This supermix provides the highest level of specificity to reduce the occurrence or delay the detection of primer-dimer and other non-specific artifacts. Highly specific amplification is crucial to successful qPCR with SYBR Green I technology because this dye binds to and detects any dsDNA generated during amplification. A key component of this supermix is AccuStart Taq DNA polymerase, which contains monoclonal antibodies that bind to the polymerase and keep it inactive prior to the initial PCR denaturation step. Upon heat activation (2 minutes at 95°C), the antibodies denature irreversibly, releasing fully active, unmodified Taq DNA polymerase. This enables specific and efficient primer extension with the convenience of room temperature reaction assembly.

Instrument Compatibility
Different real-time PCR systems employ different strategies for the normalization of fluorescent signals and correction of well-to-well optical variations. It is critical to match the appropriate qPCR reagent to your specific instrument. PerfeCta SYBR Green SuperMix for iQ contains fluorescein for experimental plate well factor collection on iCycler iQ real-time detection systems or the MyiQ™ single color detection system. Inclusion of fluorescein does not affect the reaction efficiency or sensitivity of detection. Please consult the following table or visit our web site at www.quantabio.com to find the optimal kit for your instrument platform.

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Components
PerfeCta SYBR Green SuperMix for iQ (2X): 2X reaction buffer containing optimized concentrations of MgCl₂, dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP), AccuStart Taq DNA Polymerase, SYBR Green I dye, 20 nM fluorescein, and stabilizers.

Storage and Stability
Store components in a constant temperature freezer at -25°C to -15°C protected from light upon receipt. For lot specific expiry date, refer to package label, Certificate of Analysis or Product Specification Form. protected from light.

Guidelines for SYBR Green qPCR:
- The design of highly specific primers is the single most important parameter for successful real-time PCR with SYBR Green I dye. The use of computer aided primer design programs is encouraged in order to minimize the potential for internal secondary structure and complementation at 3'-ends within each primer and the primer pair. PerfeCta SYBR Green SuperMix for iQ can readily amplify fragments between 400 and 500 bp; however, for best results, amplicon size should be limited to 80 - 200 bp. Optimal results may require titration of primer concentration between 100 and 500 nM. A final concentration of 300 nM for each primer is effective for most reactions. Preparation of a reaction cocktail is recommended to reduce pipetting errors and maximize assay precision. Assemble the reaction cocktail with all required components except sample template (genomic DNA or cDNA) and dispense equal aliquots into each reaction tube. Add the DNA template to each reaction as the final step. Addition of samples as 5 to 10-µL volumes will improve assay precision.
- Suggested input quantities of template are: cDNA corresponding to 1 pg to 100 ng of total RNA; 100 pg to 100 ng genomic DNA
- After sealing each reaction, vortex gently to mix contents. Centrifuge briefly to collect components at the bottom of the reaction tube.

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**Reaction Assembly**

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**Note:** For smaller reaction volumes (i.e. 25-μL reactions), scale all components proportionally.

**Reaction Protocol**

Incubate complete reaction mix in a real-time thermal detection system as follows:

- **Initial denaturation:** 95°C, 2 to 3 min
- **PCR cycling (30-45 cycles):** 95°C, 10 to 15 s
- **Melt Curve (dissociation stage):** 55 – 65°C, 30 to 45 s (collect and analyze data)

Full activation of AccuStart Taq DNA polymerase occurs within 30 seconds at 95°C. Initial denaturation times greater than 3 minutes are usually not required when amplifying cDNA template. However, amplification of genomic DNA or supercoiled plasmid DNA targets may benefit from a prolonged initial denaturation step (5-10 min) to fully denature and fragment the template. This minimizes the potential for renaturation of long fragments and/or repetitive sequence regions that can impair replication of the target sequence by the PCR process.

Some primer sets may require a 3-step cycling protocol for optimal performance. Optimal annealing temperature and time may be empirically determined for any given primer set. A 68 to 72°C extension step of 30 seconds is suitable for most applications. However, amplicons greater than 200 bp may require longer extension times. The use of an elevated temperature (80°C) for data collection is not recommended. While this technique can be used to mask the detection of primer-dimer and/or other non-specific products, it does little to improve assay specificity or sensitivity and is not a substitute for effective primer design.

**Quality Control**

Kit components are free of contaminating DNase and RNase. PerfeCra SYBR Green SuperMix for iQ is functionally tested in qPCR. Kinetic analysis must demonstrate linear resolution over six orders of dynamic range ($r^2 > 0.995$) and a PCR efficiency > 90%.

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