

Lot-No.

**Ref. FR477**

100 Tests (Ready to use PCR kit)

**MANUAL**

**Real time**

**Expiry time: 1 year**

**STORE AT -20°C**

**-Only for in vitro use-**

**-Only for research use –**

**To be used by a technical person-**

### **Principle and use:**

This amplification kit has been manufactured by *Genekam Biotechnology AG*, Germany to detect *coronavirus 2020 (Wuhan strain specific)*, *related bat coronaviruses* and *MERS (Middle east Respiratory syndrome virus)* in one real time PCR multiplex step, **but in two parts**. It is an absolute quantification in some machines.

This assay carries two parts: Part 1 with Tube A: three different probes in order to cover coronavirus 2020 (Wuhan strain specific) in FAM channel, related bat coronaviruses in HEX channel and MERS in ROX channel. Part 2 with Tube C: it detects twice: FAM and HEX channel

**It means that this assay checks MERS three times**, any of this should be taken positive (once in part 1 with tube A and twice in part 2 with tube C).

Real time PCR is based on fluorogenic dyes. In this kit, there are different probes / dyes, hence user has to program them in your machine:

### **Part 1 with tube A:**

First Probe: they are 6-Carboxy tetramethyl rhodamine (quencher, TAMRA) and Carboxy-fluorescein (reporter, FAM). Up to 40 Ct should be taken positive. Value between 40-45 Ct should be taken as marginal positive (doubtful). **This is for Wuhan strain specific.**

Second probe: they are 6-Carboxy tetramethyl rhodamine (quencher) and HEX (reporter, it is available as VIC in some machines). Up to 40 Ct should be taken positive. Value between 40-45 Ct should be taken as marginal positive (doubtful). **This is for related bat coronaviruses.**

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If each channel is positive for the corresponding pathogen, it is to be considered positive.

### **Part 2 with tube C:**

First Probe: they are 6-Carboxy tetramethyl rhodamine (quencher, TAMRA) and Carboxy-fluorescein (reporter, FAM). Up to 40 Ct should be taken positive. Value between 40-45 Ct should be taken as marginal positive (doubtful). **This is for MERS.**

Second probe: they are 6-Carboxy tetramethyl rhodamine (quencher) and HEX (reporter, it is available as VIC in some machines). Up to 40 Ct should be taken positive. Value between 40-45 Ct should be taken as marginal positive (doubtful). **This is for MERS.**

**If any of channels is positive, it should be taken positive for MERS.**

**Hint:** If you can use only one dye /channel in your machine (some machine can have only one channel), please program only one channel. In case of using one channel, user has to decide which channel is being preferred.

This kit needs RNA which can be isolated from nasal swabs, blood, respiratory swabs, lung tissue, blood, serum, stool, tissue and any body fluid. Kindly use good methods to isolate the RNA.

Safety precautions should be taken as this virus is infectious. Always clean your hands before the test use and clean the hands after the test. Wash your face after the test, if possible. Disinfect your working place.

***IMPORTANT: we added cotton or sponge in the lid of container of the kit, to avoid damage during transportation. Please remove this cotton or sponge from the lid of each container before storage.***

**Composition:**

It contains the following (**WARNING! THAW THE TUBES SLOWLY: NEVER THAW IN HEATING BLOCK OR WITH HEAT FROM HAND**):

- Tube A (2 tubes)
- Tube B (2 tubes)
- Tube Y (1 tube)
- Positive (+Ve) Control (tube D1) (1 tube). **This should be pipetted with sterile filtertip or separate pipettor to avoid cross contamination.**
- Negative (-Ve) Control (tube D2) (1 tube)

Please check them before you start. **Please store them at -20°C and dark.**

**Equipment needed:**

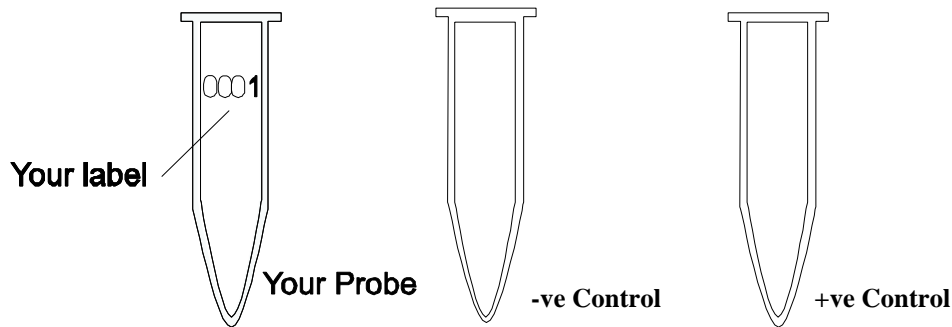
- Laboratory centrifuge
- Microtubes (0.2ml)
- Pipette-tips with and without filter (10-100µl & 1-10µl)
- Pipettes (quality pipettes)
- Paper
- Pen
- Vortexer
- 96 well microplates for PCR
- Real time machine

**Procedure:**

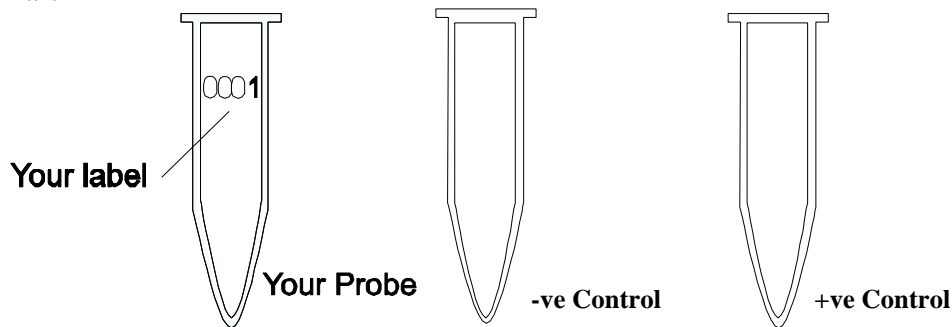
**STEP A**

1. Kindly thaw **one tube** each: A, B, C, Y, D1 and D2. After thaw, kindly put the tubes at 4°C (as it is better). **If the kit is not in use, store them at -20 ° C.**
2. Mark your microtubes with a sample number, +ve Control and –ve Control. You can use 96 well microplate instead of tubes.

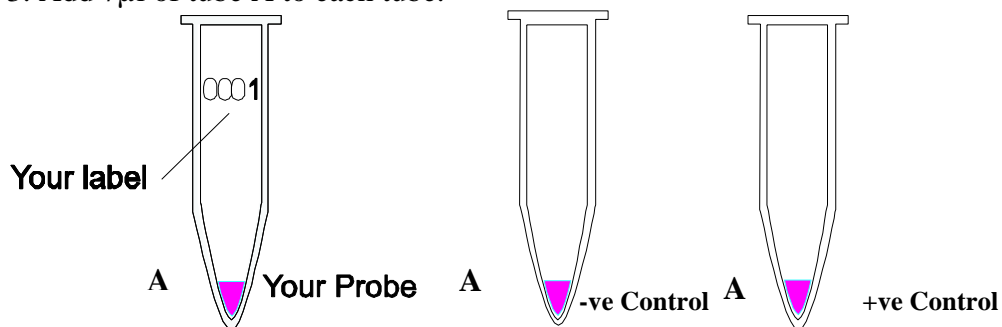
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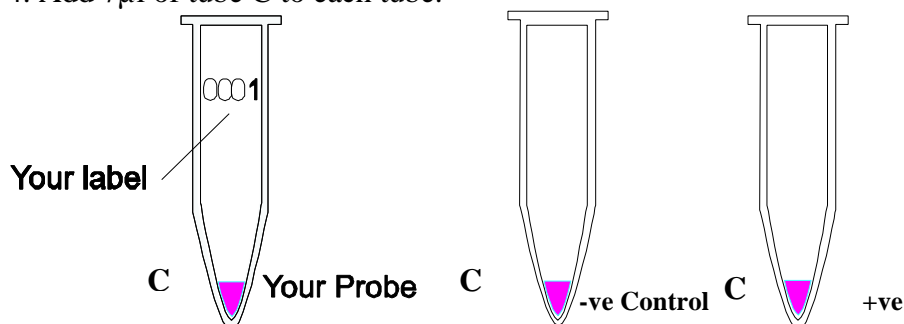
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3. Add 7µl of tube A to each tube.

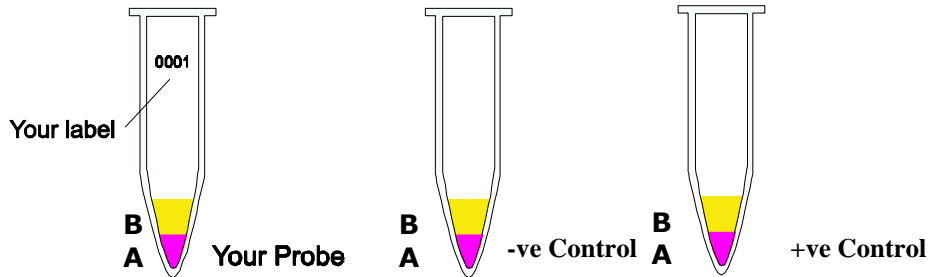


4. Add 7µl of tube C to each tube.

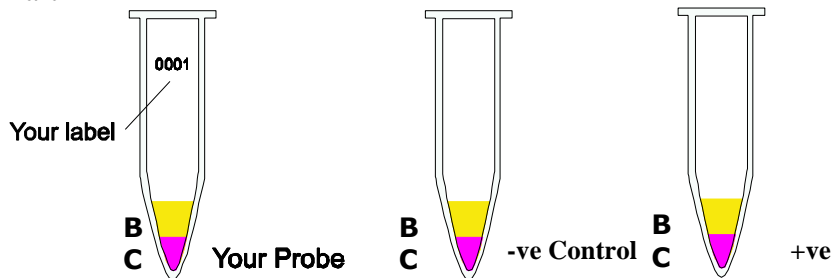


5. Add 10µl of B to each micro tube. Avoid to touch the wall of the microtubes.

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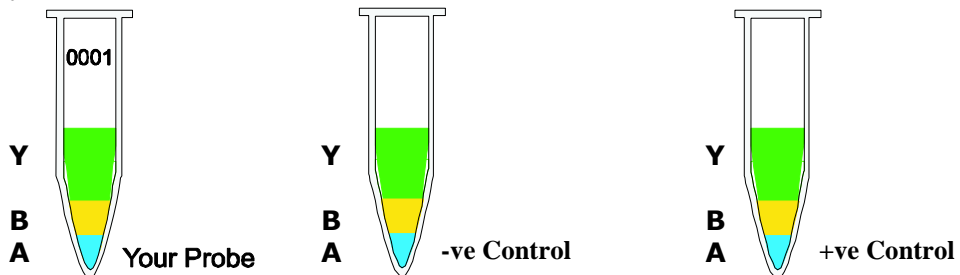


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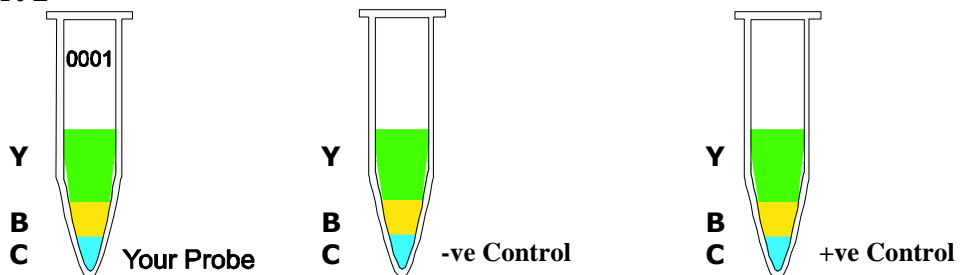


5. Add 1µl of Y to each tube (avoid to touch the wall of the microtubes).

Part 1



Part 2

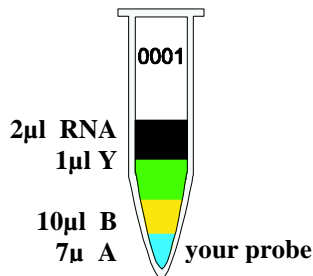


**TIP for Part 1: Add 7µl A + 10µl B + 1µl Y = 18µl per reaction. In case you want to run 10 reactions i.e. you need total 180µl, therefore you should mix 70µl of A + 100µl of B + 10µl of Y = 180µl from which you can take 18µl and add to each tube. This way you save time and hardware.**

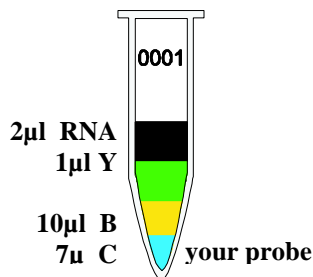
**TIP for Part2: Add 7µl C + 10µl B + 1µl Y = 18µl per reaction. In case you want to run 10 reactions i.e. you need total 180µl, therefore you should mix 70µl of C + 100µl of B + 10µl of Y = 180µl from which you can take 18µl and add to each tube. This way you save time and hardware.**

6. Add 2µl of your RNA with sterile pipette-tip with filter to each micro tube according to your label except +Ve and -Ve (Avoid touching the wall). **Use every time a new pipette tip** (for each sample)!

Part 1

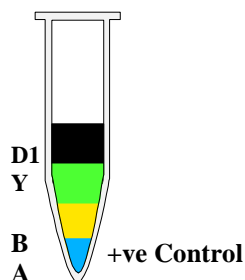


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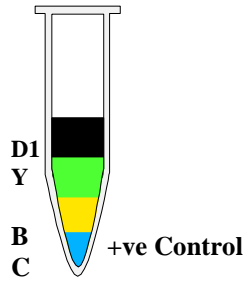


7. Use new pipette tip with filter. Add 2µl of tube D1. This is the positive control supplied with our kit.

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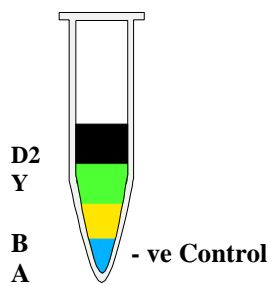


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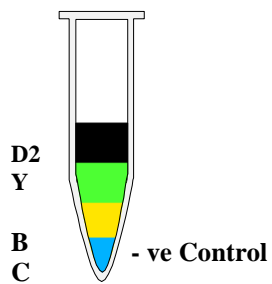


8. Use a new pipette tip. Add 2µl of –Ve (tube D2) to –Ve Control (don't touch the wall).

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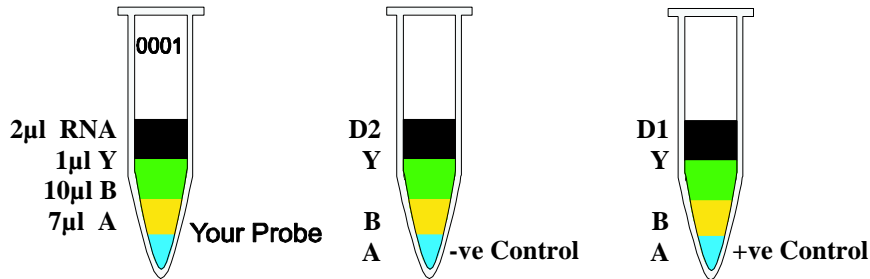
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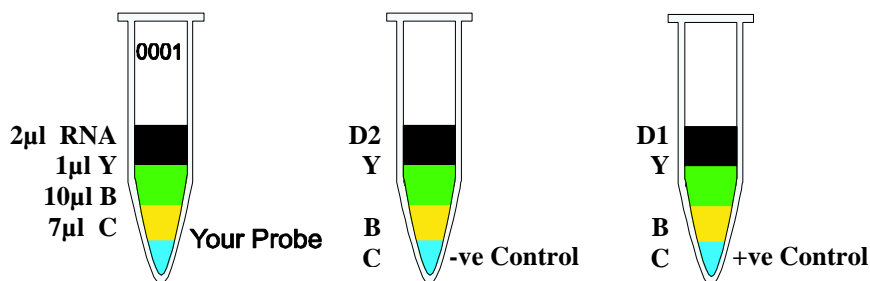
9. Centrifuge all tubes for 20 sec. for 8000 rpm (this is not necessary but it is better).

10. Run the program of your thermocycler as followings: Kindly check whether you have added everything correctly as the level of the volume of each micro tube must be almost the same.

Part 1



Part 2



**You must use quencher and reporter dye to setup your software (see FAQ) and run the following program:**

1. 60 minutes at 42°C  
10 minutes at 70°C
2. 15 seconds at 95°C } x 45 cycles  
60 seconds at 60°C }

Before you start the PCR program, kindly check whether tubes are closed properly. **Microtubes must be in contact with metal block** (important!). There should be no air or lose contact with metal block of thermocycler.

11. After step 10 is finished take out the microtubes.

**STEP B**

Once the program will be finished one can see the graphics. The negative control should run along with the bottom and positive control must give a curve in the software graphics. Use your software to analyse the results.

**If you should find any mistakes, please let us know. Thank you.**

**Suggestion:**

This manual has been written specifically for beginners, hence persons with experience in PCR must use their experience to keep each step as small as possible e.g. you should calculate the amount of the needed chemicals, before starting with testing.

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**FAQ:**

- 1) Q: I cannot find quencher and reporter dye in my software:  
A: Much software has got the words: FAM (as reporter) and TAM (as quencher).  
Therefore select both in your software.  
If your machines has only one word (for some machines only use the word FAM) you should select this one. For HEX, there may be another channel available in some machines like VIC.

Hint: Trade names are the property of their owners.