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QIAsymphony[®] RGQ Application Sheet

artus[®] EBV QS-RGQ Kit (sample type: blood)

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4501363 *artus* EBV QS-RGQ Kit, Version 2.



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General Information

Kit	<i>artus</i> EBV QS-RGQ Kit, Version 2 (cat. no. 4501363)
Validated sample material	Human EDTA whole blood
Front-end purification	QIAasymphony DSP DNA Mini Kit (cat. no. 937236)
Sample volume (including excess volume)	300 µl
Assay Parameter Set	artus_EBV_blood200_V4 MA_artus_EBV_blood200_V4*
Default Assay Control Set	VirusBlood200_V5_DSP_artus_EBV
Elution volume	60 µl
Required software version	Version 4.0 or higher
Master mix volume	30 µl
Template volume	20 µl
Number of reactions	6–24
Runtime on AS module	For 6 reactions: approximately 9 minutes For 72 reactions: approximately 35 minutes

* Protocol for multi-assay run with *artus* CMV QS-RGQ Kit to load CMV RG IC for the purification process and assay setup.

Materials Required but Not Provided

Purification kit

- QIASymphony DSP DNA Mini Kit (cat. no. 937236)

Adapters for the QIASymphony SP

- Elution Microtube Rack QS (Cooling Adapter, EMT, v2, Qsym, cat. no. 9020730)
- Transfer frame
- Tube Insert 3B (Insert, 2.0ml v2, samplecarr. (24), Qsym, cat. no. 9242083)

Consumables for the QIASymphony SP

- Sample Prep Cartridges, 8-well (cat. no. 997002)
- 8-Rod Covers (cat. no. 997004)
- Filter-Tips, 1500 µl (cat. no. 997024)
- Filter-Tips, 200 µl (cat. no. 990332)
- Elution Microtubes CL (cat. no. 19588)
- Tip disposal bags (cat. no. 9013395)
- Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type H or Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type I (Sarstedt®, cat. nos. 72.693 and 72.694, www.sarstedt.com) for use with samples and internal controls

Adapters and reagent holders for the QIASymphony AS

- Reagent holder 1 QS (Cooling Adapter, Reagent Holder 1, Qsym, cat. no. 9018090)
- RG Strip Tubes 72 QS (Cooling Adapter, RG Strip Tubes 72, Qsym, cat. no. 9018092)

Consumables for the QIASymphony AS

- Strip Tubes and Caps, 0.1 ml (cat. no. 981103)
- Tubes, conical, 2 ml, Qsym AS (cat. no. 997102) or Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type I (Sarstedt, cat. no. 72.694.005)
- Possibly: Tubes, conical, 5 ml, Qsym AS (cat. no. 997104) or Tubes with flat base from PP (Sarstedt, cat. no. 60.558.001)
- Filter-Tips, 1500 µl (cat. no. 997024)
- Filter-Tips, 200 µl (cat. no. 990332)
- Filter-Tips, 50 µl (cat. no. 997120)
- Tip disposal bags (cat. no. 9013395)

Specimen Handling and Storage

Sample collection	Blood sample 5–10 ml EDTA blood 8x overhead mix — no agitation! Heparinized human samples must not be used.
Sample storage	Transfer into a sterile polypropylene tube The sensitivity of the assay can be reduced if samples are frozen as a matter of routine or stored for longer than 24 h.
Sample transport	Shatterproof transport Shipment within 24 hours Mail shipment according to legal instructions for the transport of pathogen material* Blood samples should be shipped cool (2–8°C)
Interfering substances	Heparin (≥ 10 IU/ml) affects the PCR. Samples collected in tubes containing heparin as an anticoagulant or samples from heparinized patients must not be used.
Sample preparation	Prevent formation of foam in or on the samples Samples should be equilibrated to room temperature (15–25°C) before starting the run.

* International Air Transport Association (IATA). Dangerous Goods Regulations.

Procedure

Addition of the internal control to the samples

Using the QIAasympyony DSP DNA Mini Kit in combination with the *artus* EBV QS-RGQ Kit requires introduction of the internal control (EBV RG IC) into the purification procedure to monitor the efficiency of sample preparation and downstream assay.

For a multi-assay run where both EBV and CMV will be assayed in the same PCR, make sure that the CMV RG IC, from the *artus* CMV QS-RGQ Kit, is used in the purification process. Use a CMV RG IC from the same lot for both sample preparation and for assay setup of the PCR controls. Do not use a CMV RG IC with a different lot number.

Internal controls must be added with Buffer ATE (ATE), and the total volume of the internal control Buffer ATE (ATE) mixture remains 60 µl.

The table represents the addition of internal control to the isolation at a ratio of 0.1 µl per 1 µl elution volume. We recommend preparing fresh mixtures for each run just before use.

Alternatively, the "IC Calculator" Tool in the QIAasympyony Management Console may be used.

Component	Volume (µl) (Sarstedt tubes)*	Volume (µl) (Corning tubes)†
Internal control‡	9	9
Buffer ATE	51	51
Final volume per sample (excluding dead volume)	120	120
Total volume for n samples	$(n \times 60) + 360^{\S}$	$(n \times 60) + 600^{\P}$

* Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type H and Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type I, Sarstedt cat. nos. 72.693 and 72.694.

† Tubes 14 ml, 17 x 100 mm polystyrene round-bottom (Corning® Inc., cat. no. 352051; Becton Dickinson was the previous supplier of this tube and Corning Inc. is now the new supplier).

‡ The calculation of the amount of internal control is based on the initial elution volumes (90 µl). Additional void volume depends on the type of sample tube used.

§ Internal control mixture corresponding to 6 additional samples (i.e., 360 µl) is required. Do not fill more than 1.92 ml total volume (corresponding to a maximum of 13 samples. These volumes are specific for Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type H and Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type I, Sarstedt cat. nos. 72.693 and 72.694).

¶ Internal control mixture corresponding to 10 additional samples (i.e., 600 µl) is required. Do not fill more than 13.92 ml total volume (corresponding to a maximum of 111 samples. These volumes are specific for Tubes 14 ml, 17 x 100 mm polystyrene round-bottom, Corning Inc., cat. no. 352051; Becton Dickinson was the previous supplier of this tube and Corning Inc. is now the new supplier).

QIAsymphony SP setup

“Waste” drawer

Unit box holder 1–4	Empty unit boxes
Waste bag holder	Waste bag
Liquid waste bottle holder	Empty and install liquid waste bottle

“Eluate” drawer

Elution rack	Elution Microtubes CL on Elution Microtube Rack QS and Transfer frame Use slot 1, cooling position
Elution volume*	Preselected elution volume: 60 µl Initial elution volume: 90 µl

* The elution volume is preselected for the protocol. This is the minimum accessible volume of eluate in the final elution tube. The initial volume of elution solution is required to ensure that the actual volume of eluate is the same as the preselected volume.

“Reagents and Consumables” drawer

RC Position 1 and 2	Load 1 reagent cartridge (RC) for up to 96 samples or 2 new reagent cartridges (RC) for up to 192 samples
Tip rack holder positions 1–18	Load sufficient racks of disposable filter-tips, 200 µl and 1500 µl (see “Required plasticware for 1–4 sample batches”, page 7)
Unit box holder position 1–4	Load unit boxes containing sample prep cartridges and 8-Rod Covers (see “Required plasticware for 1–4 sample batches”, page 7)

“Sample” drawer

Sample type	Human EDTA Whole blood
Sample volume (including excess volume)	300 µl
Sample tubes	Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type H or Micro tubes 2.0 ml Type I (Sarstedt, cat. nos. 72.693 and 72.694)
Insert	Tube Insert 3B (cat. no. 9242083)

Required plasticware for 1–4 sample batches

Component	One batch, 24 samples*	Two batches, 48 samples*	Three batches, 72 samples*	Four batches, 96 samples*
Disposable filter-tips, 200 µl†	26	50	74	98
Disposable filter-tips, 1500 µl†	98	188	278	368
Sample prep cartridges§	21	42	63	84
8-Rod Covers¶	3	6	9	12

* Use of more than one internal control tube per batch and performing more than one inventory scan requires additional disposable filter tips.

† There are 32 filter-tips/tip rack.

‡ Number of required filter-tips includes filter-tips for 1 inventory scan per reagent cartridge.

§ There are 28 sample prep cartridges/unit box.

¶ There are twelve 8-Rod Covers/unit box.

QIAasymphony AS setup

Consumables

During the setup, the appropriate positions for each consumable on the QIAasymphony AS module are indicated on the touchscreen of the instrument.

Consumable	Name on touchscreen	For use with adapter/ reagent holder
Strip Tubes and Caps, 0.1 ml (250)	QIA#981103 *StripTubes 0.1	RG Strip Tubes 72 QS
Tubes, conical, 2 ml, Qsym AS (500) ^{††}	QIA#997102 *T2.0 ScrewSkirt [§]	Reagent holder 1 QS
Tubes, conical, 5 ml, Qsym AS (500) ^{††}	QIA#997104 *T5.0 ScrewSkirt [§]	Reagent holder 1 QS

* Indicates labware that can be cooled using a cooling adapter with bar code.

[†] For master mix components, system-prepared master mix, assay standards, and assay controls.

^{††} Alternatively, the Sarstedt tubes described in "Materials Required but Not Provided" can be used.

[§] The suffix "(m)" in the touchscreen indicates that liquid level calculations for the respective tube have been optimized for reagents forming a concave meniscus.

Adapters and reagent holders

Rack/reagent holder	Name	Number required [†]
Reagent holders	Reagent holder 1 QS	1
Sample racks	RG Strip Tubes 72 QS	1

[†] Calculated for an assay run with 72 reactions.

Filter-tips

Load tip racks starting with tip slots 1, 2 and 3 in the "Eluate and Reagents" drawer, and then load tip racks into tip slots 7, 8, and 9 in the "Assays" drawer.

Consumable	Name on touchscreen	Minimum number for 24 reactions	Minimum number for 72 reactions
Filter-Tips, 1500 µl (1024)	1500 µl	4	6
Filter-Tips, 200 µl (1024)	200 µl	10	9
Filter-Tips, 50 µl (1024)	50 µl	25	73
Tip Disposal Bags	–	1	1

PCR on the Rotor-Gene Q*

Refer to the software-specific protocol sheet *Settings to run artus QS-RGQ Kits* at qiagen.com/products/artus-ebv-pcr-kit-ce for protocol details.

Specific settings for the *artus* EBV QS-RGQ Kit

With Rotor-Gene® software 2.1 or higher, the specific settings are shown below.

Reaction Volume (µl)	50
Hold	Hold Temperature: 95 degrees Hold Time: 10 minutes
Cycling	45 times 95 degrees for 15 seconds 65 degrees for 30 seconds (Acquire on Green, Yellow and activate touchdown function for 10 cycles) 72 degrees for 20 seconds
Auto-Gain Optimisation Setup	65 degrees (Samples: Green; IC: Yellow)

Multi-assay run

The detection range of the fluorescence channels has to be determined according to the fluorescence intensities in the PCR tubes. Click **Gain Optimisation** in the **New Run Wizard** dialog box to open the **Auto-Gain Optimisation Setup** dialog box (see Step 6 and Figure 7 in the protocol sheet *Settings to run artus QS-RGQ Kits*).

For a single assay run, set the calibration temperature to **65** to match the annealing temperature of the amplification program. For a multi-assay run where both EBV and CMV will be assayed in the same PCR, adjust the fluorescence channel intensities manually.

* If applicable, Rotor-Gene Q 5plex HRM instrument with a production date of January 2010 or later. The production date can be obtained from the serial number on the back of the instrument. The serial number is in the format "mmyyynn" where "mm" indicates the production month in digits, "yy" indicates the last two digits of the production year, and "ynn" indicates the unique instrument identifier.

1. Click **Edit** (Figure 1) to edit the fluorescence channels.

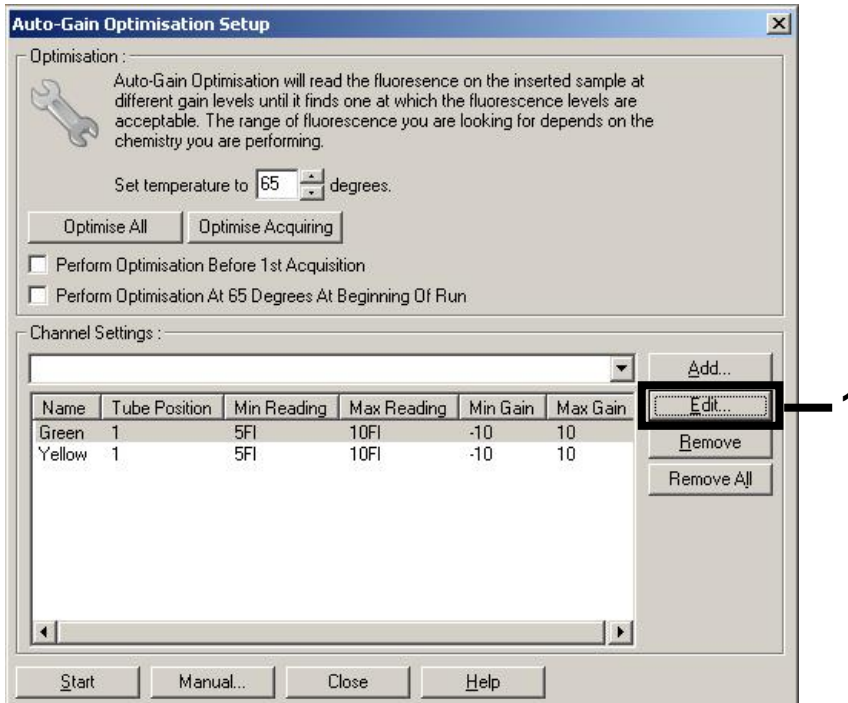


Figure 1. Adjusting the fluorescence channel intensity manually. Adjust the intensity for every fluorescence channel at different tube positions for different assays (CMV and EBV).

2. Set the tube position for a tube for the first *artus* assay (e.g., EBV). Set the tube position for all fluorescence channels, and click **OK** (Figure 2).

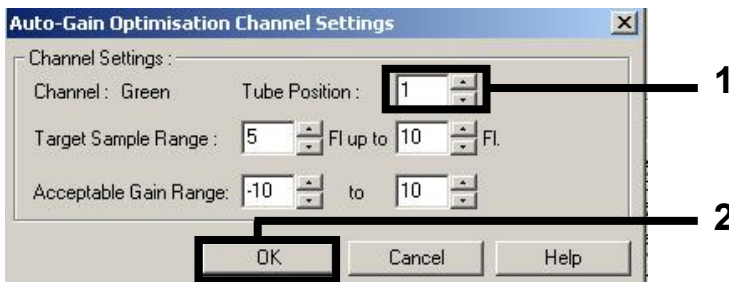


Figure 2. Setting the tube position.

- Click **Start** to begin the gain optimization for the first *artus* assay (Figure 3).

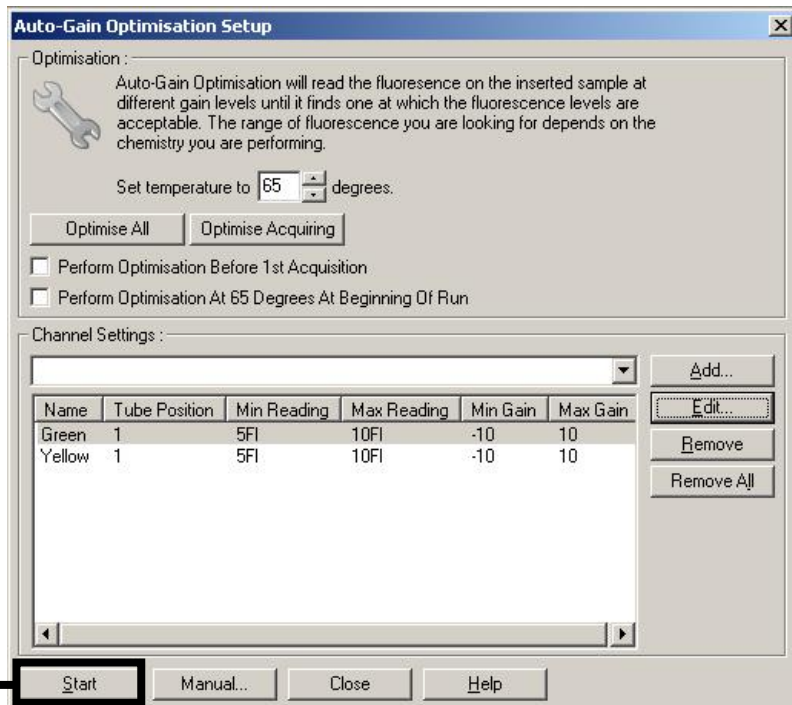


Figure 3. Starting the gain optimization.

- Wait until **Completed** appears in the **Running Auto-Gain Optimisation** window (Figure 4). Write down the selected gain values for both channels, and then click **Close** (Figure 4).

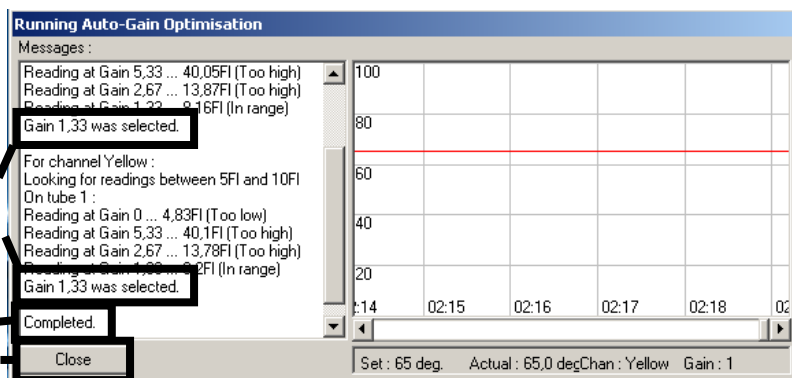


Figure 4. Gain optimization completed. Note gain values (in this case, 1.33 for both fluorescence channels).

- Repeat steps 1–4 for a tube position for the second *artus* assay (e.g., *CMV*).

6. Click **Edit Gain** to edit the gain values manually (Figure 5).

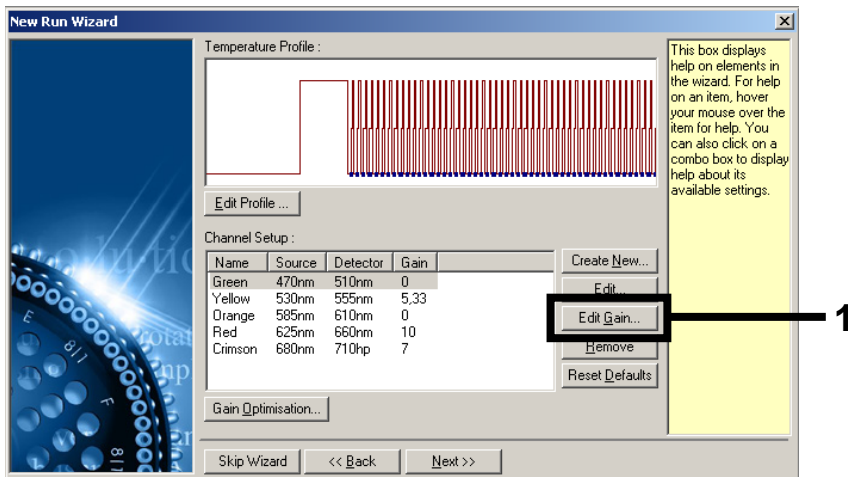


Figure 5. Editing the gain values manually.

7. Select the lowest gain value for Cycling Green noted in step 4, and enter this value manually in the **Gain for Green** window (Figure 6). Select the lowest gain value for Cycling Yellow noted in step 4, and enter this value manually in the **Gain for Yellow** window (Figure 6).

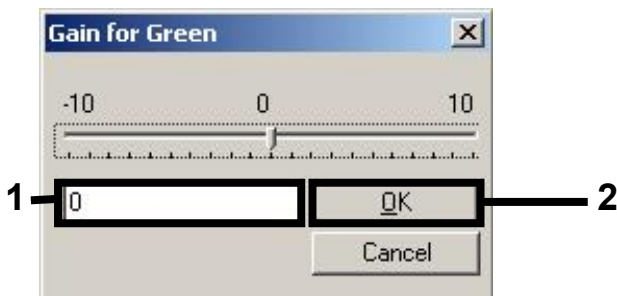


Figure 6. Manually entering the lowest gain values.

Note: The gain values determined by the channel calibration (or manually assigned) are saved automatically and are listed in the last menu window of the programming procedure (Figure 7).

8. Click **Start Run**.

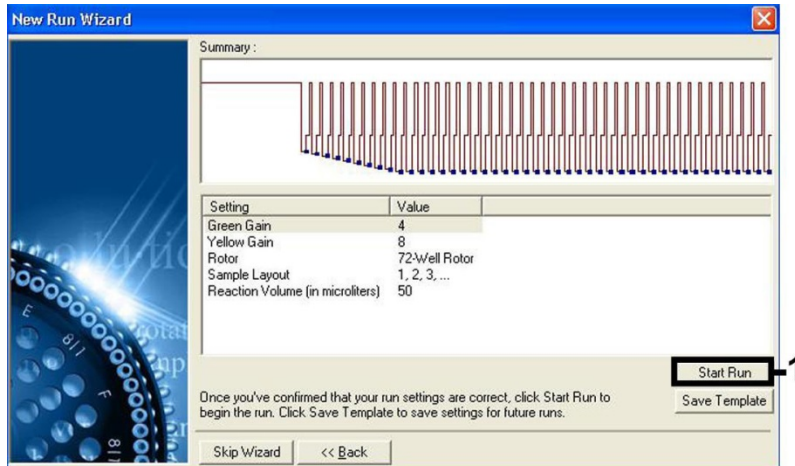


Figure 7. Starting the run.

Interpretation of results

This section describes interpretation of results on the Rotor-Gene Q. Review also the sample status information from the QIAasymphony SP/AS result files for analysis of the complete sample-to-result workflow. Only samples with a valid status should be used.

The *artus* EBV QS-RGQ Kit can be run on the Rotor-Gene Q using manual analysis with Rotor-Gene Q software 2.1 or higher. The following sections describe interpretation of results using Rotor-Gene Q software 2.1 or higher.

Signal detection and conclusions — blood

Signal in channel Cycling Green	Signal in channel Cycling Yellow	Quantitative result (copies/ml)	Interpretation
Yes	Yes	<288.3	Valid result: EBV DNA detected, <1000 copies/ml. Quantitation not possible since the quantitative result is below limit of detection. Reproducibility of the positive result is not assured.
Yes	Yes	≥288.3 and <1000	Valid result: EBV DNA detected, <1000 copies/ml. Quantitation not possible since the quantitative result is below the linear range of the assay.
Yes	Yes/No**	≥1000 and ≤5 x 10 ⁷	Valid result: EBV DNA detected at the calculated concentration. Quantitative result is within the linear range of the assay.
Yes	Yes/No**	>5 x 10 ⁷	Valid result: EBV DNA detected, >5 x 10 ⁷ copies/ml. Quantitation not possible since the quantitative result is above the linear range of the assay.*
No	Yes	–	Valid result: No EBV DNA is detectable.†
No	No	–	Invalid result: No result can be concluded.‡

* If quantitation is desired, dilute the sample with EBV-free blood and reprocess. Multiply the quantitative result from the reprocessed sample by the dilution factor.

† If the C_T value for the internal control of a negative sample is more than 3 cycles higher than the C_T value for the internal control of the no template control in the run (C_T IC_{Sample} – C_T IC_{NTC} >3), then the sample should be treated as invalid. No result can be concluded.

‡ Information regarding error sources and their solution can be found in “Troubleshooting Guide” of the *artus EBV QS-RGQ Kit Handbook*.

** In this case, the detection of a signal in the Cycling Yellow channel is dispensable, since high initial concentrations of EBV DNA (positive signal in the Cycling Green Channel) can lead to a reduced or absent fluorescent signal of the internal control in the Cycling Yellow channel (competition).

Threshold setup for the PCR analysis

The optimal threshold settings for a given combination of Rotor-Gene Q instrument and *artus* QS-RGQ Kit should be set empirically by testing each individual combination since it is a relative value depending on the overall diagnostic workflow. The threshold can be set at a preliminary value of 0.04 for the analysis of the first PCR run, but this value should be fine-tuned in a comparative analysis of the next runs of the workflow. The threshold should be set manually just above the background signal of the negative controls and negative samples. The mean threshold value calculated from these experiments will most likely work for the majority of future runs, but the user should nevertheless review the generated threshold value at regular intervals. The threshold value will usually be in the range of 0.03–0.05 and should be rounded to no more than three decimal places.

Quantitation

The quantitation standards (EBV QS 1–4) in the *artus* EBV QS-RGQ Kit are treated as previously purified samples and the same volume is used (20 µl). To generate a standard curve on Rotor-Gene Q instruments, all 4 quantitation standards should be used and defined in the **Edit Samples** dialog box on the Rotor-Gene Q instrument as standards with the specified concentrations (see the instrument user manual).

Note: The quantitation standards are defined as copies/µl in the eluate. The following equation has to be applied to convert the values determined using the standard curve into copies/ml of sample material.

$$\text{Result in sample material (copies/ml)} = \frac{\text{Result in eluate (copies/}\mu\text{l)} \times \text{Initial Elution Volume (90 }\mu\text{l)}^*}{\text{Sample Volume (ml)}}$$

As a matter of principle, the initial sample volume should be entered in the equation above. This has to be considered when the sample volume has been changed prior to the nucleic acid extraction (e.g., reducing the volume by centrifugation or increasing the volume by adding to the volume required for the isolation).

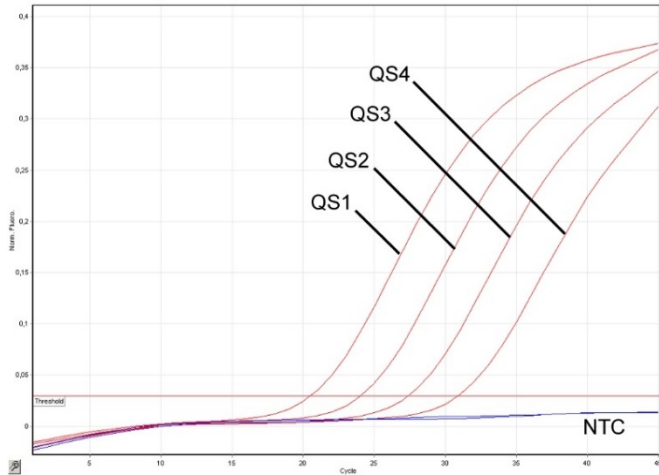
For a multi-assay run where both CMV and EBV were assayed in the same PCR, make sure that samples are analyzed separately for CMV and EBV, with the corresponding quantitation standards.

Conversion factor

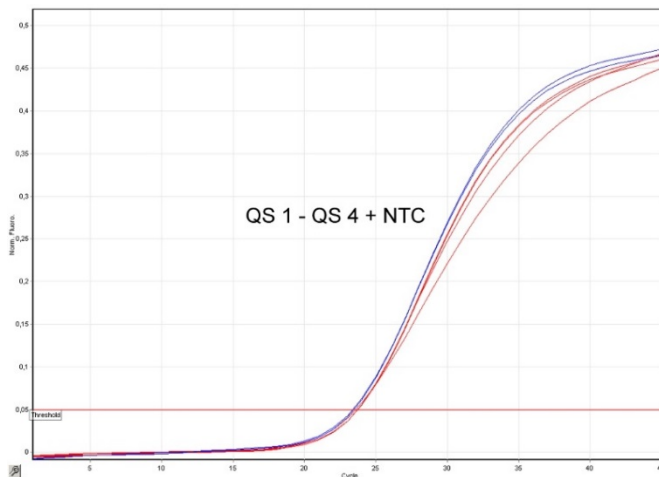
1 copy/ml corresponds to 0.140 IU/ml for detection of EBV DNA derived from human EDTA whole blood on the Rotor-Gene Q. This conversion factor applies when adhering to the validated workflow as stated on this Application Sheet. The conversion factor is an approximation based on an average factor across the assay's dynamic range.

* The calculation is based on the initial elution volumes (90 µl).

Examples of positive and negative PCR reactions



Detection of the quantitation standards (EBV QS 1–4) in fluorescence channel Cycling Green.
NTC: No template control (negative control).



Detection of the internal control (IC) in fluorescence channel Cycling Yellow with simultaneous amplification of the quantitation standards (EBV QS 1–4). NTC: No template control (negative control).

Notes

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R1 11/2019	Updated <i>artus</i> EBV QS-RGQ Kit version from Version 1 to Version 2; Layout updates.

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