

**Assay: MPX2-RPP30DNA (100 reactions)  
Monkeypox virus with human RPP30 DNA  
control**

**(RUO). Research Use Only.**

**Not for use in Diagnostic Procedures.**

Cat #: MPX2-RPP30DNA-TC-0022



**Kit contents:**

Tube 1: 20× Primers/Probe specific for Monkeypox and  
20× Primers/Probe specific for human RPP30 gene Intron I.

**INTRODUCTION**

The kit MPX2-RPP30DNA is a quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the monkeypox virus. The MPX2 assay detects the gene for the “Ankyrin (Cop-B20R) B17R ankyrin-like protein (MPXVgp178, Protein ID: gb|URK20617.1). The assay has been experimentally verified to detect a synthetic construct of the Monkeypox virus. The assay is specific for Monkeypox and will not detect most other orthopox viruses. This kit is for research use only and should not be used for diagnostic procedures.

The performance of this kit was tested using a standard synthetic DNA construct (monkeypox\_construct2\_DNA) from Twist Biosciences. The limit of detection (LOD) is < 100 copies/reaction.

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A mix of primers/probe targeting the monkeypox virus is provided in a tube as a 20× concentrated working solution. The fluorophore of the probe is FAM™ (Carboxyfluorescein, a trademark of Life Technologies, Inc) and the quencher is BHQ-1™ (Black Hole Quencher, a trademark of Biosearch Technologies, Inc.) A mix of primers/probe targeting human RPP30 DNA Intron I is also provided in the tube (20× concentrated) as a PCR positive control for human samples. The fluorophore of the probe is HEX™ (Hexachloro-fluorescein, a trademark of Life Technologies, Inc), and the quencher is BHQ-1™.

**KIT HANDLING AND CONTAMINATION**

The DNA Software Assay MPX2-RPP30DNA is shipped at ambient temperature, and should be stored at -30 to -15°C. The kit should be kept on ice once thawed.

Any contamination should be avoided by using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), powder free gloves, aerosol barrier pipette tips, and a clean hood.

**EXPERIMENTAL**

Set up your reaction (20 µL) as follows on ice:

Component	Volume (µL)
InhibiTaQ mastermix (2×)	10
MPX2-RPP30DNA mix (20×)	1
Sample	2
Water	7

**Note: The composition of this reaction is calculated based on the user manual of InhibiTaQ PLUS qPCR Master Mix, Empirical™.**

A PCR protocol was used in-house for pre-validation on a Bio-Rad CFX96™ Real-Time System, with the following program:

Step	Thermocycling Protocol:
1	Incubate @ 95 °C for 2 minutes
2	Incubate @ 95 °C for 3 seconds
3	Incubate @ 60 °C for 30 seconds
4	Plate Read
5	Go to Step 2, repeat 44× more

**RESULT INTERPRETATION**

After running the qPCR reaction, perform a regression analysis on the data to determine the quantification cycle, Cq. (Cq is preferred over Ct). Each fluorescence channel with a Cq < 38 cycles and final RFU >200 is considered “positive” or “+” in the Table below.

MPX2 (FAM™)	RPP30 (HEX™)	Recommended Interpretation
–	–	The PCR reaction failed. Please repeat the experiment
–	+	The sample doesn't contain monkeypox DNA
+	–	The sample contains monkeypox DNA. The sample may not contain human DNA (hRPP30 gene Intron I)
+	+	The sample contains monkeypox DNA and human DNA (hRPP30 gene Intron I)

**PRE-VALIDATION EXPERIMENTS**

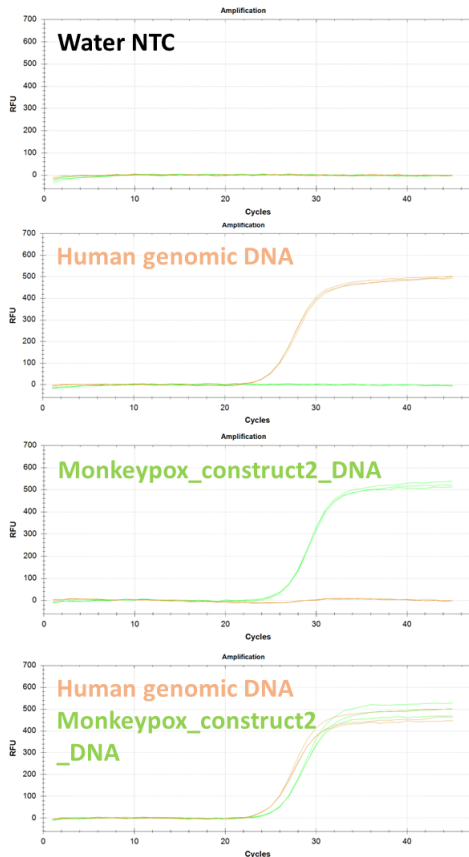
Experiments were performed in triplicate using the experimental procedure given above, but with different samples added to each reaction. The samples used for the validation experiments include water NTC, a 10× diluted human genomic DNA, a water sample spiked with 10000 copies/uL of monkeypox\_construct2\_DNA, and a 10× diluted human genomic DNA spiked with 10000 copies/uL of monkeypox\_construct2\_DNA. The results of these experiments are shown in **Figure 1** below:

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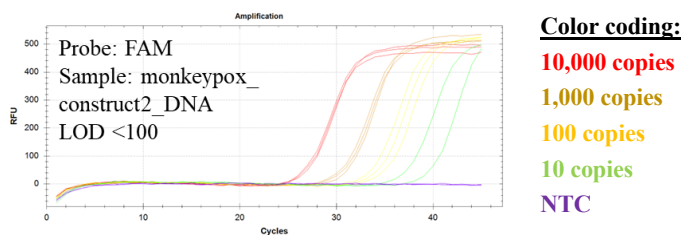
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**Figure 1:** Validation experiments with targets (given in text boxes for each panel). Both monkeypox and RPP30DNA probes and primers are present in every reaction, but positive signal is only observed for one target at a time, indicating that the amplification is specific. The FAM probe detects monkeypox (monkeypox\_construct2\_DNA). The HEX probe detects RPP30 gene Intron I (human genomic DNA).



**Figure 2:** Serial dilution experiments show LOD <100 molecules for monkeypox\_construct2\_DNA.

**Conclusion:** The data in **Figure 1** indicate that the MPX2 primers and probe are compatible with DNAS RPP30DNA positive control primers and probe in a 2-plexing application to detect monkeypox in the matrix of human sample extract.

Limit of detection (LOD) was estimated by performing serial dilution experiments in triplicate (**Figure 2**). For dilution series only the monkeypox\_construct2\_DNA was added. The results show a limit of detection (LOD) <100 copies/reaction.