

# virotype<sup>®</sup> PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit Handbook

For detection of RNA from *Porcine  
Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome  
Virus* (PRRSV)

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100 reactions (Cat. no. VT282325)



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# Kit contents

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<b>virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit</b>	<b>(100)</b>
<b>Cat. no.</b>	<b>VT282325</b>
<b>Number of reactions</b>	<b>100</b>

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Master Mix (tube with orange cap) includes enzymes, primers, and probes	2 x 850 µl
Positive Control (tube with red cap)	1 x 150 µl
Negative Control (tube with blue cap)	1 x 150 µl
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## Intended use

The virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit is intended for the simultaneous detection of RNA of the European (EU) and the North American (NA) genotypes from *Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus* (PRRSV). The RNA can be detected in swine blood, serum, tissue, bronchial swabs, bronchial lavage, saliva, semen samples, and cell culture supernatant samples.

**For veterinary use only.**

# Symbols



Legal manufacturer



Lot number



Use by date



Temperature limitations for storage



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Catalog number



Material number



Protect from light



For samples from pig

# Quality control

In accordance with INDICAL's ISO-certified Quality Management System, each lot of virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality.

## Storage

The components of the virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit should be stored at -30°C to -15°C and are stable until the expiration date stated on the label. Avoid repeated thawing and freezing (> 3x), as this may reduce assay sensitivity. Freeze the components in aliquots if they will only be used intermittently.

## Safety information

When working with chemicals, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves and protective goggles. For more information, please consult the appropriate safety data sheets (SDSs). These are available from your local sales representative or by Email request under **compliance@indical.com**.

All sample residues and objects that have come into contact with samples must be decontaminated or disposed of as potentially infectious material.

# Introduction

The virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit is a highly sensitive solution for the safe and simultaneous detection of the European (EU, PRRSV1) and the North American (NA, PRRSV2) genotypes of *Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus* (PRRSV) in samples from swine.

Infections with PRRSV in swine are very prevalent and economically very important for the swine industry. PRRSV is an RNA virus that belongs to the order *Nidovirales*, family *Arteriviridae*

PRRS virus infection can cause respiratory disease in piglets and reproductive failure in pregnant sows.

# Principle

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is based on the amplification of specific regions of the pathogen genome. In real-time PCR, the amplified product is identified using fluorescent dyes. These are usually linked to oligonucleotide probes that bind specifically to the amplified product. Monitoring the fluorescence intensities during the PCR run (i.e., in real-time) allows detection of the accumulating product without the need to re-open the reaction tubes afterward.

The virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit contains all of the necessary reagents for the detection of PRRSV RNA, including a Positive and Negative Control. With this kit, both, reverse transcription and PCR are performed in one reaction tube, reducing the risk of contamination.

The virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit uses three specific primer/probe combinations:

- FAM™ fluorescence for RNA of the PRRSV EU genotype
- Cy<sup>®</sup>5 fluorescence for RNA of the PRRSV NA genotype
- HEX™ fluorescence for the endogenous Internal Control (EC;  $\beta$ -actin present within the sample)

A Positive Control serves to verify the functionality of the reaction mix for the amplification of the PRRSV RNA targets.

# RNA extraction

The virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit can be used for the simultaneous detection of PRRSV RNA from swine blood, serum, tissue, bronchial swabs, bronchial lavage, saliva, semen samples, and cell culture supernatant.

Due to the high sensitivity of the test, pools of up to 5 individual samples and collective samples of saliva may be analyzed.

Prior to real-time RT-PCR, viral RNA must be extracted from the starting material.

INDICAL offers a range of validated kits for the extraction of RNA from animal samples.

## Extraction based on magnetic beads:

- **IndiMag® Pathogen Kit** (SP947457)
- **IndiMag Pathogen Kit w/o plastics** (SP947257)
- **IndiMag Pathogen IM48 Cartridge** (SP947654P608, SP947654P224)
- **IndiMag Pathogen KF96 Cartridge** (SP947855P196)

## Extraction based on spin columns:

- **IndiSpin® Pathogen Kit** (SP54104, SP54106)
- **IndiSpin QIACube® HT Pathogen Kit** (SP54161)

If real-time RT-PCR is not performed immediately after extraction, store the RNA at -20°C or at -80°C for longer storage.

For further information on automated and manual extraction of PRRSV RNA from different sample types, refer to the respective handbook or contact INDICAL Support at [support@indical.com](mailto:support@indical.com).

## Equipment and reagents to be supplied by user

When working with chemicals, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves and protective goggles. For more information, consult the appropriate safety data sheets (SDSs), available from the product supplier.

- Pipets
- Nuclease-free, aerosol-resistant pipet tips with filters
- Sterile 1.5 ml Eppendorf® tubes
- Nuclease-free (RNase/ DNase-free) consumables. Special care should be taken to avoid nuclease contamination of all reagents and consumables used to set up PCR for sensitive identification of viral nucleic acids
- Cooling device or ice
- Benchtop centrifuge with rotor for 1.5 ml tubes
- Real-time cycler with appropriate fluorescent channels
- Appropriate software for chosen real-time cycler
- Appropriate strip tubes and caps or 96-well optical microplate with optical sealing film or cover for chosen real-time cycler

# Important notes

## General precautions

The user should always pay attention to the following:

- Use nuclease-free pipet tips with filters.
- Store and extract positive materials (specimens, positive controls and amplicons) separately from all other reagents and add them to the reaction mix in a spatially separated facility.
- Thaw all components on ice before starting as assay.
- When thawed, mix the components by inverting and centrifuge briefly.
- Do not use components of the test kit past the expiration date.
- Keep samples and controls on ice or in a cooling block during the setup of reactions.

## Negative control

At least one negative control reaction should be included in each PCR run, containing all the components of the reaction except for the pathogen template. This enables assessment of contamination in the reaction.

## Positive control

When performing PCR on unknown samples, it is recommended to perform a positive control reaction in the PCR run, containing a sample that is known to include the targeted viral RNA. A positive control serves to prove the functionality of the pathogen assay, e.g., the correct setup of the reaction mix. Use 8 µl of the Positive Control provided with

the virotype PRRSV 2.0 RT-PCR Kit to test for successful amplification of the target.

## Extraction and amplification control

For increased process safety and convenience, one extraction and amplification control assay is included in the test kit.

An endogenous Internal Control (EC) detects the  $\beta$ -actin gene present within the sample. This allows extraction and amplification to be monitored.

# Protocol: Real-time RT-PCR for detection of RNA from *Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome Virus* (PRRSV)

## Important points before starting

- Please read „Important notes“ on page 10 before starting.
- Include at least one positive control (Positive Control) and one negative control (Negative Control) per PCR run.
- Before beginning the procedure, read through the protocol and ensure that you are familiar with the operation of the chosen real-time PCR cycler.
- RNA is unstable. Perform the protocol without interruption.

## Things to do before starting

- Thaw all reagents on ice and protect from light.
- Before use, spin the reagents briefly.
- Maintain reagents on ice or in a cooling block during PCR setup.

## Procedure

1. Before use, mix the Master Mix by inverting 5 times or until mixed thoroughly, then centrifuge briefly to collect the fluids.
2. Pipet 17  $\mu\text{l}$  of the Master Mix into each reaction tube. Then add 8  $\mu\text{l}$  of the sample RNA (Table 1).

Include positive and negative control reactions.

Positive Control: Use 8  $\mu\text{l}$  of the positive control (Positive Control) instead of sample RNA.

Negative Control: Use 8  $\mu\text{l}$  of the negative control (Negative Control) instead of sample RNA.

Table 1. Preparation of reaction mix

<b>Component</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Master Mix	17 $\mu\text{l}$
Sample	8 $\mu\text{l}$
<b>Total volume</b>	<b>25 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>

3. Close the reaction tubes or seal the plate and **invert vigorously at least 5 times**. Then centrifuge briefly to collect the fluids.

- Set the filters for the reporter dyes in the software of your thermal cycler according to Table 2.

Table 2. Filter settings for the reporter

<b>Pathogen/ Internal Control</b>	<b>Reporter</b>
PRRSV EU genotype	FAM
PRRSV NA genotype	Cy5
Endogenous Internal Control (EC)	HEX/ JOE™ <sup>1</sup>
Passive reference <sup>2</sup>	ROX™

<sup>1</sup> Use the option appropriate for your thermal cycler.

<sup>2</sup> Internal reference for use with ABI PRISM® Sequence Detection Systems (Applied Biosystems®)

- Run the real-time PCR protocol according to Table 3.

Table 3. Real-time RT-PCR protocol for PRRSV 2.0

<b>Step</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Number of cycles</b>
<b>Reverse Transcription</b>	50°C	10 min	1
<b>Initial Activation</b>	95°C	2 min	1
<b>2-step cycling</b>			
Denaturation	95°C	5 s	40
Annealing/ Extension*	60°C	30 s	

\* Fluorescence data collection, approximate run time 67 min ( Mx3005P®, Agilent Technologies, Inc.)

# Data analysis and interpretation

## Interpretation of results

For the assay to be valid the Positive Control must give a signal in the FAM, Cy5 and HEX channels with a  $C_T^1 < 35$ . The Negative Control must give no signal.

The following results are possible if working with unknown samples. The possible sample results are also summarized in Table 4 on page 18.

**The sample is positive for PRRSV EU genotype, and the assay is valid, if the following criteria are met:**

- The sample yields a signal in both, the FAM and HEX channel.
- The Positive Control yields a signal in all channels.
- The Negative Control yields no signal in any of the channels.

Note that very high concentrations of PRRSV RNA in the sample may lead to a reduced HEX signal or no HEX signal due to competition with the Internal Control.

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<sup>1</sup> Threshold cycle ( $C_T$ ) — cycle at which the amplification plot crosses the threshold, i.e., there is the first clearly detectable increase in fluorescence

**The sample is positive for PRRSV NA genotype, and the assay is valid, if the following criteria are met:**

- The sample yields a signal in the Cy5 and HEX channel.
- The Positive Control yields a signal in all channels.
- The Negative Control yields no signal in any of the channels.

Note that very high concentrations of PRRSV RNA in the sample may lead to a reduced HEX signal or no HEX signal due to competition with the Internal Control.

**The sample is positive for both, PRRSV EU and NA genotypes, and the assay is valid, if the following criteria are met:**

- The sample yields a signal in the FAM, Cy5, and HEX channels.
- The Positive Control yields a signal in all channels.
- The Negative Control yields no signal in any of the channels.

Note that very high concentrations of PRRSV RNA in the sample may lead to a reduced HEX signal or no HEX signal due to competition with the Internal Control.

**The sample is negative for PRRSV, and the assay is valid, if the following criteria are met:**

- The sample yields a signal in the HEX channel only.
- The Positive Control yields a signal in all channels.
- The Negative Control yields no signal in any of the channels.

A positive HEX signal means that extraction and amplification were successful as the housekeeping gene within the sample is amplified.

**The sample results are inconclusive, and the assay is invalid, if the following criteria are met:**

- The sample yields no signal in any of the fluorescence channels.

If no signal is detected in the FAM (PRRSV EU), Cy5 (PRRSV NA) and the HEX (endogenous Internal Control, EC) channels, the result is inconclusive. The absence of a signal for the housekeeping gene indicates strong PCR inhibition and/or other malfunctions, e.g., during extraction.

To check for inhibition, we recommend 1:5 dilution of the sample RNA in nuclease-free water, to repeat the RNA extraction procedure, or repeat the whole test procedure starting with new sample material.

Check that there is a fluorescence signal in all the channels for the positive control reaction (Positive Control). Absence of a signal for the Positive Control indicates an error, which could be due to incorrect setup of the reaction mix, or incorrect cycling conditions.

Table 4. Results interpretation table\*

<b>Sample result</b>	<b>FAM (PRRSV EU)</b>	<b>Cy5 (PRRSV NA)</b>	<b>HEX (EC)</b>
PRRSV EU positive	X		X
PRRSV EU strong positive	X		
PRRSV NA positive		X	X
PRRSV NA strong positive		X	
PRRSV EU and NA positive	X	X	X
PRRSV EU and NA strong positive	X	X	
PRRSV negative			X
Inconclusive			

\* Interpretation of sample results can be determined provided positive and negative control reactions are performed. The Positive Control must yield a signal in the FAM, Cy5 and HEX/JOE channels. The Negative Control must yield no signal in any channel. For a complete explanation of possible sample results please refer to “Data analysis and interpretation” on page 15.

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