# *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1

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Instructions for use (English)

## 1 Purpose

The *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 is a qualitative in-vitro test for specific detection of the RNA of influenza A virus, influenza B virus and influenza A virus H1N1 in human sputum, swabs, BAL (broncho-alveolar lavage) or tracheal secretions.

## 2 Field of Application

Influenza A virus, influenza B virus and influenza A H1N1 are pathogens that cause seasonal influenza (flu) and belong to the Orthomyxoviridae family. Influenza A H1N1 (known as the pathogen that causes swine flu) is a subtype of influenza A. Other important viral respiratory pathogens such as rhinoviruses, RSV and human metapneumoviruses can induce very similar clinical symptoms. In terms of sensitivity and specificity, detection of influenza RNA is considered the gold standard and a reliable differential diagnosis can be made with *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1.

## 3 Test Principle

The test is a real-time RT-PCR system. It uses specific primers and marked probes for amplifying and detecting RNA from influenza A virus, influenza B virus and influenza A virus H1N1.
To ensure that the nucleic acids isolated from the patient sample do not contain any substances that inhibit RT-PCR, an internal control (IC) is added to the sample during RNA isolation. This IC is reverse transcribed, amplified, and detected in the same RT-PCR reaction. This enables false negative test results due to inhibition of the RT-PCR reaction to be ruled out. At the same time, the IC serves as evidence of nucleic acid extraction from the patient sample.
Probes for detecting pathogen-specific RNA are marked with the reporter dyes FAM (influenza A virus), HEX (influenza B virus) and ATTO Rho12 (influenza A virus H1N1) and the probes for detecting the internal control are marked with ATTO 647N. This allows simultaneous detection of all target sequences in a single reaction mixture.
The Ct value (*cycle threshold*) describes the part of the curve in which the fluorescence rises exponentially above the background value for the first time.

## 4 Reagents

### 4.1 Package contents

The reagents of one pack are sufficient for 50 assays.
Each set of reagents contains:

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| P&P MIX | **150 µl** primer & probe mix for Respiratory Viral Panel 1 and internal control (**green lid**) |
| ENZYME | **600 µl** enzyme mix (**white lid**)<br>Contains reverse transcriptase and DNA polymerase. (**component is stained blue**) |
| CONTROL INT | **250 µl** internal control (**colourless lid**) |
| CONTROL + | **170 µl** positive control (**red lid**) |
| CONTROL - | **2 × 1800 µl** negative control (**blue lid**) |
| INSTRU | **1** instructions for use |

### 4.2 Additionally required reagents, materials and equipment

- MIKROGEN *ampli*Cube Color Compensation for Light Cycler® 480 II (Roche)
- Commercial nucleic acid isolation kit. The following nucleic acid extraction system is recommended:
  MagNAPure® Compact, Total Nucleic Acid Kit I (Roche)
- Real-Time Cycler. The following cycler is recommended:
  Light Cycler® 480 II (Roche)
- 96 well PCR plates and films or reaction tubes (PCR-clean), dependent on the cycler
- Micropipettes with single-use tips with filter 10 µl, 20 µl, 100 µl and 1000 µl
- Vortex mixer
- Mini centrifuge
- Possibly plate centrifuge
- Single-use gloves, powder-free
- Cooling block

## 5 Shelf life and Handling

- Store reagents between -25°C and -18°C before and after use.
- Repeated thawing and freezing of the components (more than ten times) must be avoided. It is recommended to aliquot the test components after the first thawing.
- Always appropriately chill reagents during the working steps (+2°C – +8°C).
- Keep the kit components away from direct sunlight throughout the test procedure.
- Before starting the test, all reagents must be completely thawed, mixed (briefly vortex) and centrifuged.
- The packages have an expiry date, after which no further guarantee of quality can be given.
- The test must only be performed by trained, authorised and qualified personnel.
- Substantial changes made by the user to the product or the directions for use may compromise the intended purpose of the test specified by Mikrogen.
- Cross-contamination can lead to false test results. Add patient samples and controls carefully. Ensure that the reaction mixtures are not transferred to other wells.

## 6 Warnings and Safety Precautions

- Only use for in vitro diagnostics.
- All patient samples must be treated as potentially infectious.
- Suitable single-use gloves must be worn throughout the entire test procedure.
- All reagents and materials coming into contact with potentially infectious samples must be treated with suitable disinfectants or be disposed of according to laboratory guidelines. The concentration specifications and incubation times of the manufacturer must be taken into consideration.
- Do not replace or mix the reagents with reagents from other kit batches, other MIKROGEN PCR kits or with reagents from other manufacturers.
- Read through and carefully follow all instructions before performing the test. Deviations from the test protocol described in the instructions for use can lead to false results.

## 7 Sampling and Reagent Preparation

### 7.1 Sample material

The starting material for the *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 is RNA extracted from sputum, swab, BAL or tracheal secretion of human origin. The quality of the nucleic acid preparation affects the test result. It must be ensured that the extraction method selected is compatible with the real-time PCR technology.

### 7.2 Extraction of nucleic acids

Extract the nucleic acids from the patient sample and the negative control (NC). We recommend a starting volume for the extraction of 200 µl and an elution volume of 50 µl. Extractions from 400 µl starting material eluted into 100 µl showed comparable results. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer of the extraction kit.

1. Thaw the internal control (IC) (colourless lid) and the negative control (NC) (blue lid).
   **Ensure that the IC and the NC are completely thawed. Mix the IC and the NC before use by briefly vortexing and then briefly centrifuge.**
2. For the extraction, add 5 µl (for 50 µl eluate) IC to each patient sample and the NC. The IC should be added to the sample/lysis buffer mix and not directly to the sample material. (Note: the IC cannot be used in the PCR without extraction!)
3. Extract the patient sample and the NC. (Note: the NC cannot be used in the PCR without extraction!)
4. The positive control is not extracted.

The following nucleic acid extraction system is recommended and was used for the performance assessment:

| Extraction system | Sample volume | Elution volume |
|---|---|---|
| MagNAPure Compact (Roche) Total Nucleic Acid Kit I | 200 µl | 50 µl |

If you would prefer to use other extraction methods, please contact the manufacturer to clarify the compatibility.

### 7.3 Preparing the master mix

1. Thaw the primer & probe mix (green lid) and the enzyme mix (white lid). Protect the reagents from light while doing so. **Ensure that the reagents are completely thawed. Mix the reagents before use by briefly vortexing and then briefly centrifuge.**
2. Prepare the master mix using the following pipetting scheme:

| Components | Master mix for 1 reaction |
|---|---|
| Primer & probe mix | 3 µl |
| Enzyme mix | 12 µl |
| Total volume | 15 µl |

3. Mix the entire master mix by vortexing and then briefly centrifuge.
4. Introduce 15 µl master mix for each PCR reaction.

### 7.4 Preparing the PCR reaction

1. Thaw the positive control (PC) (red lid). **Ensure that the reagents are completely thawed. Mix the reagents before use by briefly vortexing and then briefly centrifuge.**

| Components | 1 reaction |
|---|---|
| Master mix from 7.3 | 15 µl |
| Sample eluate or eluate of the NC or the PC | 10 µl |

2. Pipette 10 µl of the sample eluate into the master mix.
3. Pipette 10 µl of the positive control (not prepared) into the master mix.
4. Pipette 10 µl of the eluate of the negative control into the master mix.

Every run must include a positive and a negative control.
Seal the PCR plate with an adhesive optically clear film or the reaction tube with the lid provided.

⚠ **PCR plates and tubes must be vortexed for at least 10 sec at maximum speed, followed by brief centrifugation.**

## 8 Programming the real-time cycler

The *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 was evaluated with the LightCycler® 480 Instrument II (Roche).

### 8.1 Setting the detection channels

| | Influenza A virus | Influenza B virus | Influenza A virus H1N1 | Internal control (IC) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Reporter dye** | FAM | HEX | ATTO Rho12 | ATTO 647N |
| **Colour** | Green | Yellow | Orange | Red |
| **Emission** | 510 nm | 580 nm | 610 nm | 660 nm |
| **Quencher** | [none] | [none] | [none] | [none] |

Details of the wavelengths for the detection channels refer to the LightCycler® 480 II.
For the LightCycler® 480 II, it is necessary to first use colour compensation, which is provided by Mikrogen.

### 8.2 PCR program

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Reverse transcription | 50°C | 8 minutes |
| Denaturation | 95°C | 3 minutes |
| **Amplification** | **45 cycles** | |
| • Denaturation | 95°C | 10 seconds |
| • Annealing/elongation | 60°C | 45 seconds |

Essential information about programming the different real-time cyclers can be found in the instructions for the cycler used. For specific information about programming the real-time PCR cycler when using the *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1, please contact the manufacturer.

## 9 Results

The data analysis for the LightCycler® 480 II uses the *Abs Quant/2nd Derivative Max* method.

### 9.1 Validation

1. The negative control must be below the *threshold*. If this control is contaminated (positive curve), the test run cannot be evaluated.
2. The positive control must have a positive curve.
   The Ct value for the positive control must be < 33. A positive control outside this range indicates there is a problem with the amplification.
3. The internal control must have a positive curve for negative samples and the negative control. A deviation in the curve progression of the IC in negative samples in comparison with the negative control indicates that there is a problem in the extraction of the nucleic acids or inhibition of the RT-PCR.

### 9.2 Evaluation

Signals above the *threshold* are evaluated as positive results. Empty fields in the table are considered a negative result.

| | Influenza A virus | Influenza B virus | Influenza A virus H1N1 | Internal control (IC) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Colour** | | | | |
| Green | Positive | | Positive** | |
| Yellow | | Positive | | |
| Orange | | | Positive** | |
| Red | | | | Positive* |

*In the case of positive signals in the detection channels for the pathogens, the signal for the internal control is not required for the test interpretation. A high pathogen load in the patient sample can lead to a reduced or missing signal for the internal control.
**The FAM-labeled probe (specific for the influenza A virus) detects the influenza A virus and the influenza A virus H1N1. The pathogens are differentiated by the ATTO Rho12-labeled probe in the orange channel, which is only specific for influenza A virus H1N1.

## 10 Limitations and Restrictions of the Method

- Test results must always be viewed in the context of the clinical situation. Therapeutic consequences of the findings must be linked to the clinical data.
- A negative influenza A virus, influenza B virus and/or influenza A virus H1N1 test result cannot rule out an infection with the particular pathogen.

## 11 Performance Characteristics

### 11.1 Diagnostic sensitivity and specificity

The sensitivity and specificity were determined using defined positive and defined negative samples.

**Table 1:** Defined positive samples

| *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 | Influenza A virus (n=20) | Influenza B virus (n=20) | Influenza A virus H1N1 (n=18) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Negative | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Positive | 20 | 20 | 18 |
| **Sensitivity** | **100%** | **100%** | **100%** |

**Table 2**: Defined negative samples

| *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 | Influenza A virus (n=20) | Influenza B virus (n=38) | Influenza A virus H1N1 (n=40) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Negative | 20 | 38 | 40 |
| Positive | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Specificity** | **100%** | **100%** | **100%** |

### 11.2 Analytical sensitivity

The limit of detection (LoD) of the *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 was determined using a dilution series of plasmid DNA of known concentration on a LightCycler® 480 II System (Roche). The 95% limit of detection was determined using probit analysis with CombiStats™ Version 5.0 software (Council of Europe).

**Table 3:** Limit of detection (LoD)

| | Influenza A virus | Influenza B virus | Influenza A virus H1N1 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **LoD** 95% limit of detection Genome/PCR | 6.04 (3.14 – 17.98) | 7.32 (4.11 – 19.83) | 8.89 (5.61 – 17.76) |

### 11.3 Analytical specificity

The BLAST trial (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/) shows that the selected primers and probes of the *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 specifically detect the selected pathogens.
Furthermore, the specificity was determined by studying genomic DNA/RNA of other human pathogenic bacteria and viruses.

**Table 4:** Bacteria and viruses that were tested to demonstrate the analytical specificity of the *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1.

| **Bacteria** |
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| *Bordetella holmesii* |
| *Bordetella parapertussis* |
| *Bordetella pertussis* |
| *Chlamydia pneumoniae* |
| *Escherichia coli* |
| *Haemophilus influenzae* |
| *Klebsiella pneumoniae* |
| *Legionella pneumoniae* |
| *Moraxella catarrhalis* |
| *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* |
| *Neisseria meningitidis* |
| *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* |
| *Staphylococcus aureus* |
| *Streptococcus pneumoniae* |

| **Viruses** |
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| Adenovirus A |
| Adenovirus Serotype 1 (C) |
| Adenovirus Serotype 3 (B) |
| Bocavirus |
| Coronavirus 229 E |
| Coronavirus HKU1 |
| Coronavirus MERS |
| Coronavirus NL63 |
| Coronavirus OC43 |
| Coxsackievirus |
| Cytomegalievirus |
| Enterovirus 68 |
| Epstein-Barr virus |
| Human metapneumovirus A |
| Measles Virus |
| Mumps Virus |
| Parainfluenza 1 |
| Parainfluenza 2 |
| Parainfluenza 3 |
| Parainfluenza 4 |
| Paechovirus |
| Respiratory syncytial virus A |
| Respiratory syncytial virus B |

None of these samples generated a positive signal. The primers and probes used in the *ampli*Cube Respiratory Viral Panel 1 showed no cross-reaction with the pathogens listed in Table 4. The internal control (IC) was valid in all tests.

### 11.4 Equivalence of different sample material

The coefficient of variation (CV) was determined for the Ct value between water and the extract of the particular sample material after the addition of plasmid DNA of known concentration.

**Table 5:** Equivalence of different sample material

| | **Influenza A virus** | **Influenza B virus** | **Influenza A virus H1N1** |
|---|---|---|---|
| CV [%] (BAL, $H_2O$) | 1.06 | 1.44 | 1.42 |
| CV [%] (sputum, $H_2O$) | 2.16 | 1.44 | 1.88 |
| CV [%] (swab, $H_2O$) | 1.16 | 0.75 | 0.91 |

The coefficient of variation (CV), based on the Ct value (*cycle threshold*) between water and the nucleic acid extracts (obtained for the various sample materials), was ≤ 2.16% for all target genes.

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We will be pleased to send you additional literature on request.

## 13 Explanation of symbols

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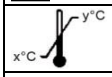
|  | Content is sufficient for <n> formulations<br>Number of formulations |
| P&P MIX | Primer & Probe mix |
| ENZYME | Enzyme mix |
| CONTROL INT | Internal control |
| CONTROL + | Positive control |
| CONTROL - | Negative control |
| INSTRU | Instructions for use |
|  | Follow the instructions for use |
| CONT | Contents, contains |
| IVD | In vitro diagnostic agent |
| LOT | Batch/version number |
| REF | Order number |
|  | Use by<br>Expiry date |
|  | Store between x°C and y°C |
|  | Manufacturer |

## 14 Manufacturer and version data

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