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**CellAmp™ Direct Prep Kit  
for RT-PCR (Real Time)  
& Protein Analysis**

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Product Manual

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## **I. Description**

The CellAmp Direct Prep Kit for RT-PCR (Real Time) & Protein Analysis is for preparation of cell lysate from cultured cells that can be directly utilized for both analysis of gene expression by real time RT-PCR, and protein expression by western blot. Using a simple protocol, cell lysate can be prepared within 10 minutes. The prepared cell lysate can be used as template in Takara Bio real time RT-PCR kits, and as a sample for western blots, without the need for additional steps to purify nucleic acids or extract proteins. The included Loading Buffer does not require the addition of 2-mercaptoethanol to perform a western blot.

Lysate preparations can be used with an easy-to-use one-step real time RT-PCR kit such as One Step TB Green® PrimeScript™ RT-PCR Kit II (Perfect Real Time), and the whole process can be completed in less than two hours. This kit can also be used to prepare template cDNA for real time PCR in only 30 minutes when combined with a reverse transcription kit such as PrimeScript RT reagent Kit (Perfect Real Time). The lysate prepared with this kit combines easily with many Takara Bio real time RT-PCR related products.

## **II. Components (200 reactions)\***

(1) CellAmp Washing Buffer	12.5 ml x 2
(2) CellAmp Processing Buffer	10 ml
(3) DNase I for Direct RNA Prep	200 µl
(4) 5X Loading Buffer	1 ml x 2
(5) 1 M DTT (Dithiothreitol)	100 µl x 2

\* For 200 wells of cultured cells in 96-well plate.

## **III. Storage**      -20°C

### **Note:**

- CellAmp Washing Buffer and CellAmp Processing Buffer can be stored at 4°C after thawing.
- Store 5X Loading Buffer at room temperature after opening.
- Avoid contamination.

## **IV. Materials Required but not Provided**

### **1. Reagents**

- Real time RT-PCR kit (Table 1)
- Reagents for SDS-PAGE and Western Blot analysis

### **2. Materials**

- Equipment for SDS-PAGE and Western Blot analysis

## V. General Considerations

1. This kit may be used in combination with the products listed in Table 1.

**Table 1. Compatible real time RT-PCR products.**

### One-step real time RT-PCR

Cat. #	Product
RR066A/B	One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit (Perfect Real Time)*1,2
RR086A/B	One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit II (Perfect Real Time)*1
RR096A/B	One Step TB Green PrimeScript PLUS RT-PCR Kit (Perfect Real Time)*1,2
RR064A/B	One Step PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit (Perfect Real Time)*2

### Two-step real time RT-PCR

Cat. #	Product
RR037A/B	PrimeScript RT reagent Kit (Perfect Real Time)
RR036A/B	PrimeScript RT Master Mix (Perfect Real Time)
RR820A/B	TB Green <i>Premix Ex Taq</i> ™ II (Tli RNaseH Plus)*1
RR420A/B	TB Green <i>Premix Ex Taq</i> (Tli RNaseH Plus)*1
RR091A/B	TB Green Premix DimerEraser™ (Perfect Real Time)*1,2
RR390A/B	<i>Premix Ex Taq</i> (Probe qPCR)

\*1 We have begun the process of changing the names for Takara Bio's intercalator-based real-time PCR (qPCR) products to the "TB Green series". These products can be used the same way as before, as only the names are changing. Catalog number and product performance are unaffected by this transition.

\*2 Not available in all geographic locations. Check for availability in your area.

2. If precipitate appears during thawing of CellAmp Washing Buffer and CellAmp Processing Buffer, dissolve precipitate completely before using by warming up to room temperature.
3. Perform the lysate preparation quickly.
4. Be careful to prevent contamination between samples by using new disposable tips for dispensing the reagents. If additional reagent must be withdrawn, change the tip first. Do not use the same tip to pipette different reagents.

5. Guidelines for RNA preparation

- a. Sterilized disposable RNase-free plasticware should be used for these experiments. Any plasticware that is not certified RNase-free should be autoclaved before use. When using glass equipment or spatula, perform dry heat sterilization at 160°C for at least 2 hours. If dry heat sterilization cannot be performed, treat with 0.1% Diethylpyrocarbonate (DEPC) at 37°C for 12 hours, then autoclave.
- b. It is important to use separate equipment dedicated to RNA experiments.
- c. Reagents should be prepared with 0.1% DEPC treated water as much as possible, and autoclave before use. If reagents are to be used which cannot be autoclaved, then use sterilized equipment and water to prepare the solution, and then perform filter sterilization before use.
- d. Extra precautions should be taken during sample preparation, including use of clean disposable gloves and avoiding RNase contamination from operator sweat or saliva during assembly.

## VI. Protocol

### 1. Preparation of reagents:

- Prepare the Processing Solution in a microcentrifuge tube on ice.

Reagent	Per well (using a 96-well plate)
CellAmp Processing Buffer	49 $\mu$ l
DNase I for Direct RNA Prep	1 $\mu$ l
Total	50 $\mu$ l

**Note:** Please refer to Section VII.3 if other types of plates are to be used.

- Add 1M DTT into 5X Loading Buffer.
  - Aliquot the needed amount of 5X Loading Buffer into microcentrifuge tubes, and add 10  $\mu$ l of 1 M DTT for each 100  $\mu$ l of the 5X Loading Buffer.

**Note:** Use 2.5  $\mu$ l of 5X Loading Buffer, including DTT, for each 10  $\mu$ l of cell lysate sample.

### 2. Preparation of cell lysate from adherent cells cultured on 96-well plates

**Note:** If a different plate is used, please refer to Section VII.3 for recommended cells/well and reagent volumes.

- Dispense  $1 \times 10^4$  -  $1 \times 10^5$  cells in a 96-well plate
- Incubate until cells reach appropriate numbers or confluency.
- Remove as much culture medium as possible.
- Add 125  $\mu$ l of CellAmp Washing Buffer to each well and then remove as much Washing Buffer as possible.
- Add 50  $\mu$ l of the Processing Solution to each well, then incubate for 5 min at room temperature (15 – 28°C).
- Pipette cell lysate in each well several times and then transfer the lysate to a PCR tube or microcentrifuge tube. Incubate for 5 min at 75°C.
- Perform real time RT-PCR using the prepared lysate as a template
  - Follow the protocol described in Section VII.1 (one-step) or Section VII.2 (two-step).
  - For a 25  $\mu$ l reaction volume of one-step real time RT-PCR or 10  $\mu$ l of reverse transcription, use less than 2  $\mu$ l of the lysate.
  - The prepared lysate should be kept on ice and real time RT-PCR should start within 1 hour of lysate preparation. The lysate can also be stored for about 2 weeks at -80°C.
- For western blot, add 2.5  $\mu$ l of 5X Loading Buffer with DTT into 10  $\mu$ l of the obtained cell lysate, heat for 5 min at 95°C, and use for SDS-PAGE and western blot.

**3. Preparation of cell lysate from  $1 \times 10^4$  -  $1 \times 10^5$  non-adherent cells**

**Note:** If preparing a lysate from  $> 1 \times 10^5$  cells, use more reagents (proportionally-you will need to adjust the number of wells used).

- a. Count cells and transfer  $1 \times 10^4$  -  $1 \times 10^5$  cells to a microcentrifuge tube.
- b. Centrifuge at  $300g$  for 5 min.
- c. Remove as much culture medium as possible.
- d. Add  $125 \mu\text{l}$  of CellAmp Washing Buffer.
- e. Centrifuge at  $300g$  for 5 min.
- f. Remove as much CellAmp Washing Buffer as possible.
- g. Add  $50 \mu\text{l}$  of the Processing Solution and incubate for 5 min at room temperature ( $15 - 28^\circ\text{C}$ ).
- h. Pipette cell lysate several times and then transfer the lysate to a PCR tube or microcentrifuge tube. Incubate for 5 min at  $75^\circ\text{C}$ .
- i. Perform real time RT-PCR using the prepared lysate as a template.
  - Follow the protocol described in Section VII.1 (one-step) or Section VII.2 (two-step).
  - For a  $25 \mu\text{l}$  reaction volume of one-step real time RT-PCR or  $10 \mu\text{l}$  of reverse transcription, use less than  $2 \mu\text{l}$  of the lysate.
  - The prepared lysate should be kept on ice and real time RT-PCR should start within 1 hour of lysate preparation. The lysate can also be stored for about 2 weeks at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ .
- j. For western blot, add  $2.5 \mu\text{l}$  of 5X Loading Buffer with DTT into  $10 \mu\text{l}$  of the obtained cell lysate, heat for 5 min at  $95^\circ\text{C}$ , and use for SDS-PAGE and western blot.

## VII. Appendix

### 1. Experimental example of one-step real time RT-PCR using One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit (Perfect Real Time) with Thermal Cycler Dice™ Real Time System //

- Add 1 – 2  $\mu$ l of cell lysate to a PCR reaction tube or 96-well plate and then place the tube/plate on ice.
- Prepare master mixture on ice.
  - Volume recommendations are per reaction.
  - The final concentration of primers can be 0.2  $\mu$ M in most reactions. If the amplification is not satisfactory, then determine the optimal primer concentrations within the range of 0.1 – 1.0  $\mu$ M.

Reagent	Volume	Final conc.
TaKaRa Ex Taq® HS (5U / $\mu$ l)	0.5 $\mu$ l	
2X One Step TB Green RT-PCR Buffer III	12.5 $\mu$ l	1X
PrimeScript RT Enzyme Mix II	0.5 $\mu$ l	
PCR Forward Primer (10 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	0.2 $\mu$ M
PCR Reverse Primer (10 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	0.2 $\mu$ M
RNase Free dH <sub>2</sub> O	8.5 - 9.5 $\mu$ l	
Total	23 - 24 $\mu$ l	

- Start Reaction
  - Add master mix to the cell lysate in PCR tube or 96-well plate and mix well.
  - Centrifuge the PCR tube or plate briefly, set on Thermal Cycler Dice Real Time System // and start reaction.

#### Note:

When using TaKaRa Ex Taq HS, the initial denaturation step prior to PCR should be at 95°C for 10 sec. Enzyme activity decreases with longer heat treatment and the amplification efficiency and quantification accuracy can be affected.



Pattern 1 : Reverse Transcription

Hold  
42°C 5 min  
95°C 10 sec

Pattern 2 : PCR

Cycles : 40  
95°C 5 sec  
60°C 30 sec

Pattern 3 : Dissociation

- Reaction analysis  
After completing reaction, verify amplification curve and dissociation curve.



**2. Experimental example of two-step real time RT-PCR using PrimeScript RT reagent Kit (Perfect Real Time) and TB Green Premix Ex Taq II (Tli RNaseH Plus) with Thermal Cycler Dice Real Time System //**

a. Reverse transcription : PrimeScript RT reagent Kit (Perfect Real Time)

1) Prepare the reaction mixture on ice.

- Volume recommendations are per reaction.
- Prepare a slightly larger amount of master mixture than is required for your number of reactions to compensate for pipetting losses. After dispensing aliquots of this mixture into the microtubes, add the RNA sample.

Reagent	Volume	Final conc.
5X PrimeScript Buffer (for Real Time)	2.0 $\mu$ l	1X
PrimeScript Enzyme Mix I	0.5 $\mu$ l	
Oligo dT Primer (50 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	25 pmol
Random 6 mers (100 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	50 pmol
RNase Free dH <sub>2</sub> O	4.5 - 5.5 $\mu$ l	
Total	8 - 9 $\mu$ l	

**Note:**

- It is possible to scale up the RT reaction as needed.
- Efficient synthesis of cDNA from total RNA can be accomplished using both Oligo dT Primer and Random 6 mers.
- If using only Oligo dT Primer, Random 6 mers or Gene specific primer, refer to the amount of primer below.

Primer	Volume	Total Amount
Oligo dT Primer (50 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	25 pmol
Random 6 mers (100 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	50 pmol
Gene specific primer (2 $\mu$ M)	0.5 $\mu$ l	1 pmol

2) Add the master mixture prepared above to a reaction tube, and then add 1 – 2  $\mu$ l of the cell lysate and mix well. Centrifuge the tube briefly, and then incubate it using the following conditions :

37°C 15 min (Reverse transcription)  
85°C 5 sec (Inactivation of reverse transcriptase with heat treatment)  
4°C

**Note:**

- Up to 2  $\mu$ l of the cell lysate can be reverse transcribed in 10  $\mu$ l of the reaction mixture.
- When using a gene specific primer, perform reverse transcription at 42°C for 15 minutes. If non-specific amplification products are observed at the PCR step, resetting this temperature to 50°C may improve the results.
- When the reaction mixture obtained in step 2 is used for real time PCR, the volume of the mixture should be less than 10% of the total real time PCR reaction volume.

b. Real time PCR : TB Green *Premix Ex Taq II* (Tli RNaseH Plus)

- 1) Add 2  $\mu$ l of the reverse transcription reaction mixture to a PCR reaction tube or 96-well plate and then place on ice.
- 2) Prepare master mixture on ice.
  - Volume recommendations are per reaction.
  - The final concentration of primers can be 0.4  $\mu$ M in most reactions. If the amplification is not satisfactory, then determine the optimal primer concentrations within the range of 0.2 – 1.0  $\mu$ M.

Reagent	Volume	Final conc.
TB Green <i>Premix Ex Taq II</i> (2X)	12.5 $\mu$ l	1X
PCR Forward Primer (10 $\mu$ M)	1.0 $\mu$ l	0.4 $\mu$ M
PCR Reverse Primer (10 $\mu$ M)	1.0 $\mu$ l	0.4 $\mu$ M
Sterile purified water	8.5 $\mu$ l	
Total	23 $\mu$ l	

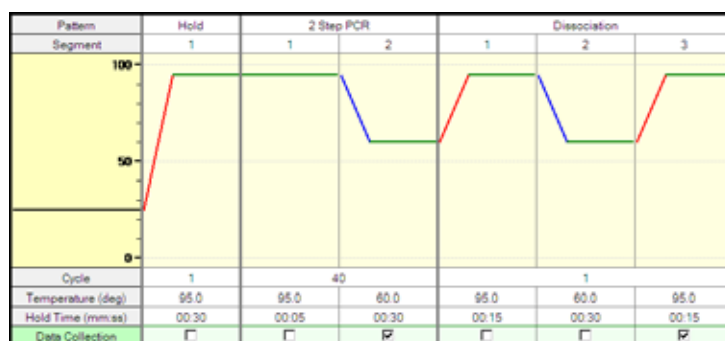
3) Start Reaction

- Add master mix to the cell lysate in PCR tube or 96-well plate and mix well.
- Centrifuge the PCR tube or plate briefly, set on Thermal Cycler Dice Real Time System II and start reaction.

**Note:**

- The recommended PCR conditions (Shuttle PCR standard protocol) are below. Try this protocol first and then change the PCR reaction conditions as needed. 3 Step PCR often works better with primers that have lower T<sub>m</sub> values.
- When using TB Green *Premix Ex Taq II*, the initial denaturation step prior to PCR should be at 95°C for 30 sec. Enzyme activity decreases with longer heat treatments and the amplification efficiency and quantification accuracy can be affected.

[ Shuttle PCR standard protocol ]



Hold (denaturing)  
Cycle : 1  
95°C 30 sec  
2 step PCR  
Cycles : 40  
95°C 5 sec  
60°C 30 sec  
Dissociation

4) Reaction Analysis

After completing reaction, verify amplification curve and dissociation curve, and create standard curve if quantitative analysis is necessary.

### 3. Adherent cell number and reagent volume per well of culture plate used

	96-well	48-well	24-well	12-well	6-well
Dispensed cells/well	1 x 10 <sup>4</sup> - 1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	2 x 10 <sup>4</sup> - 2 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	4 x 10 <sup>4</sup> - 4 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	8 x 10 <sup>4</sup> - 8 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	2 x 10 <sup>5</sup> - 2 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
CellAmp Washing Buffer	125 µl	250 µl	500 µl	1 ml	2.5 ml
CellAmp Processing Buffer	49 µl	98 µl	196 µl	392 µl	980 µl
DNase I for Direct RNA Prep	1 µl	2 µl	4 µl	8 µl	20 µl

**Note:** These recommendations are for commonly used adherent cells and culture conditions. The experimental protocol may need to be optimized for your cell number and culture conditions.

### 4. DNase I (-) protocol (optional)

If DNase I affects the result of the western blot, prepare cell lysates without addition of DNase I for Direct RNA Prep (Please refer to Note on page 15). In this case, design real time primers spanning an exon-exon junction to avoid influence of genomic DNA on real time RT-PCR.

#### a. Preparation of reagents.

Add 1 M DTT into 5X Loading Buffer.

- Aliquot the needed amount of 5X Loading Buffer into microcentrifuge tubes, and add 10 µl of 1 M DTT for each 100 µl of the 5X Loading Buffer.

**Note:** Use 2.5 µl of 5X Loading Buffer, including DTT, for each 10 µl of cell lysate sample.

#### b. Preparation of cell lysate from adherent cells cultured on 96-well plates

**Note:** If a different plate is used, please refer to Section VII. 4. d for recommended cells/well and reagent volumes.

- 1) Dispense 1 x 10<sup>4</sup> - 1 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells in a 96-well plate
- 2) Incubate until cells reach appropriate numbers or confluency.
- 3) Remove as much culture medium as possible.
- 4) Add 125 µl of CellAmp Washing Buffer to each well.
- 5) Remove as much CellAmp Washing Buffer as possible.
- 6) Add 50 µl of CellAmp Processing Buffer to each well, then incubate for 5 min at room temperature (15 – 28°C).
- 7) Pipette cell lysate in each well several times and then transfer the lysate to a PCR tube or microcentrifuge tube. Incubate for 5 min at 75°C.
- 8) Perform real time RT-PCR using the prepared lysate as a template
  - Follow the protocol described in Section VII.1 (one-step) or Section VII.2 (two-step).
  - For a 25 µl reaction volume of one-step real time RT-PCR or 10 µl of reverse transcription, use less than 2 µl of the lysate.
  - The prepared lysate should be kept on ice and real time RT-PCR should start within 1 hour of lysate preparation. The lysate can be also stored for about 2 weeks at -80°C.
- 9) For western blot, add 2.5 µl of 5X Loading Buffer containing DTT into 10 µl of the cell lysate preparation, heat for 5 minutes at 95°C, and use for SDS-PAGE and western blot.

**c. Preparation of cell lysate from  $1 \times 10^4$  -  $1 \times 10^5$  non-adherent cells**

**Note:** If preparing a lysate from  $> 1 \times 10^5$  cells, use more reagents (proportionally).

- 1) Count cells and transfer  $1 \times 10^4$  -  $1 \times 10^5$  cells to a microcentrifuge tube.
- 2) Centrifuge at 300g for 5 min.
- 3) Remove as much culture medium as possible.
- 4) Add 125  $\mu$ l of CellAmp Washing Buffer.
- 5) Centrifuge at 300g for 5 min.
- 6) Remove as much CellAmp Washing Buffer as possible.
- 7) Add 50  $\mu$ l of CellAmp Processing Buffer and incubate for 5 min at room temperature (15 – 28°C).
- 8) Pipette cell lysate in each well several times and then transfer the lysate to a PCR tube or microcentrifuge tube. Incubate for 5 min at 75°C.
- 9) Perform real time RT-PCR using the prepared lysate as a template.
  - Follow the protocol described in Section VII.1 (one-step) or Section VII.2 (two-step).
  - For a 25  $\mu$ l reaction volume of one-step real time RT-PCR or 10  $\mu$ l of reverse transcription, use less than 2  $\mu$ l of the lysate.
  - The prepared lysate should be kept on ice and real time RT-PCR should start within 1 hour of lysate preparation. The lysate can be also stored for about 2 weeks at –80°C.
- 10) For western blot, add 2.5  $\mu$ l of 5X Loading Buffer containing DTT into 10  $\mu$ l of the cell lysate preparation, heat for 5 min at 95°C, and use for SDS-PAGE and western blot.

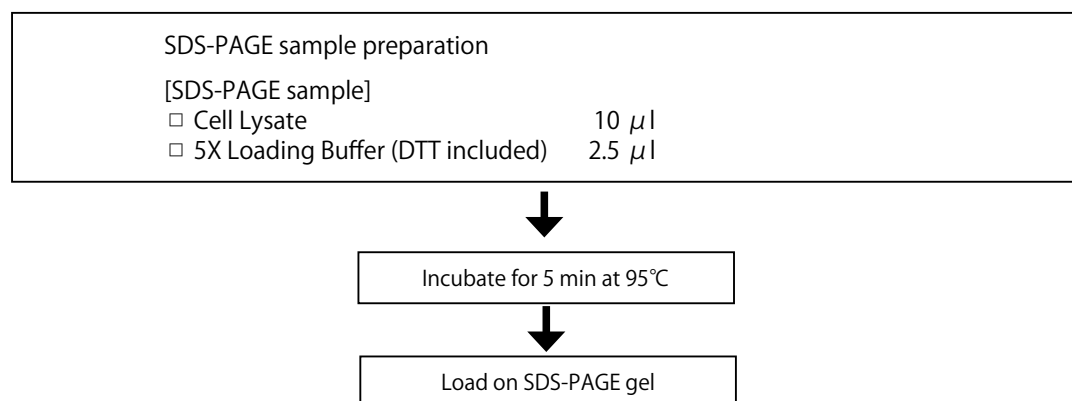
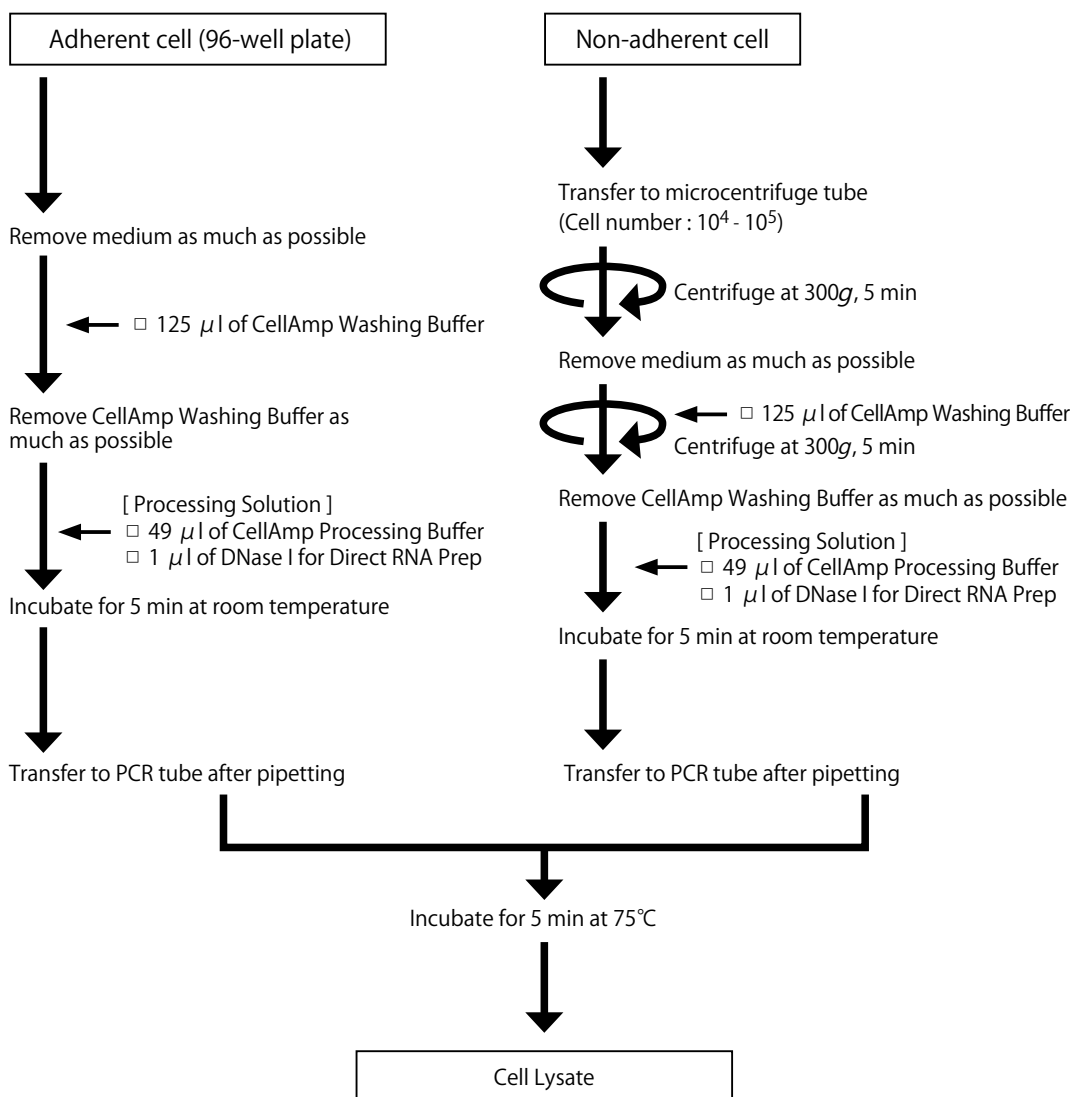
**d. Adherent cell number and reagent volume per well of culture plate used**

**[DNase I (-) protocol]**

	96-well	48-well	24-well	12-well	6-well
Dispensed cells/well	$1 \times 10^4$ - $1 \times 10^5$	$2 \times 10^4$ - $2 \times 10^5$	$4 \times 10^4$ - $4 \times 10^5$	$8 \times 10^4$ - $8 \times 10^5$	$2 \times 10^5$ - $2 \times 10^6$
CellAmp Washing Buffer	125 $\mu$ l	250 $\mu$ l	500 $\mu$ l	1.0 ml	2.5 ml
CellAmp Processing Buffer	50 $\mu$ l	100 $\mu$ l	200 $\mu$ l	400 $\mu$ l	1,000 $\mu$ l

**Note:** These recommendations are for commonly used adherent cells and culture conditions. The experimental protocol may need to be optimized for your cell number and culture conditions.

**CellAmp Direct Prep Kit for RT-PCR (Real Time) & Protein Analysis Work Flow**



**1 step real time**

Add 1 – 2  $\mu$ l of cell lysate to reaction tube or a well

One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit  
(Cat. #RR066A/B)

[ Master Mix ]

< per reaction >

- ☐ RNase Free dH<sub>2</sub>O 8.5 – 9.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ 2X One Step TB Green RT-PCR Buffer III 12.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ PCR Forward Primer (10  $\mu$ M) 0.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ PCR Reverse Primer (10  $\mu$ M) 0.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ PrimeScript RT Enzyme Mix II 0.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ TaKaRa Ex Taq HS 0.5  $\mu$ l

Start reaction



Pattern 1 : Reverse transcription

- Hold
- 42°C 5 min
- 95°C 10 sec

Pattern 2 : PCR

- Cycles : 40
- 95°C 5 sec
- 60°C 30 sec

Pattern 3 : Dissociation

Analyze after reaction is completed.

**2 step real time**

PrimeScript RT reagent Kit (Cat. #RR037A/B)  
[ Master Mix ]

< per reaction >

- ☐ RNase Free dH<sub>2</sub>O 4.5 – 5.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ 5X PrimeScript Buffer (for Real Time) 2.0  $\mu$ l
- ☐ Oligo dT Primer (50  $\mu$ M) 0.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ Random 6 mers (100  $\mu$ M) 0.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ PrimeScript RT Enzyme Mix I 0.5  $\mu$ l

Add 1 – 2  $\mu$ l of cell lysate to reaction tube or a well

- 37°C 15 min (reverse transcription)
- 85°C 5 sec (Inactivation)
- 4°C

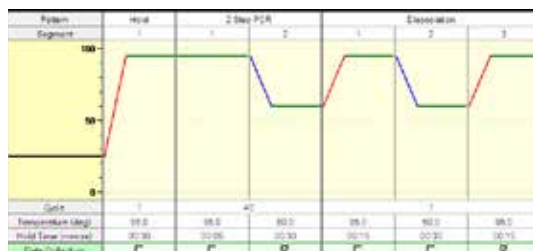
Add 2  $\mu$ l of reaction mixture of reverse transcription to a tube or a well.

TB Green Premix Ex Taq II (Cat. #RR820A/B)  
[ Master Mix ]

< per reaction >

- ☐ Sterile purified water 8.5  $\mu$ l
- ☐ PCR Forward Primer (10  $\mu$ M) 1.0  $\mu$ l
- ☐ PCR Reverse Primer (10  $\mu$ M) 1.0  $\mu$ l
- ☐ TB Green Premix Ex Taq II (2X) 12.5  $\mu$ l

Start reaction



Pattern 1 : (Initial denaturing)

- Hold
- 95°C 30 sec

Pattern 2 : PCR

- Cycles : 40
- 95°C 5 sec
- 60°C 30 sec

Pattern 3 : Dissociation

Analyze after reaction is completed.

## **VIII. Experimental Example**

### **Time-dependent change of both mRNA and protein expression of heme oxygenase decycling 1 (Hmox1) by drug-stimulation**

#### **Methods :**

1. RAW 264.7 cells were dispensed in a 24-well plate ( $4 \times 10^5$  cells per well), cultured for about 16 hours, and treated with an Hmox1 inducing drug. Cell lysates (200  $\mu$ l each) were prepared using this kit at 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 hours after adding the drug. Control lysate samples were also prepared without the addition of the inducing drug.
2. Analysis of Hmox1 mRNA expression by real time RT-PCR  
2  $\mu$ l of undiluted cell lysate, and 2  $\mu$ l of lysate diluted 10-fold with CellAmp Processing Buffer were used as templates for analysis of Hmox1 mRNA expression by real time RT-PCR using One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit (Perfect Real Time). Gene expression of the reference gene, Gapdh, was used as a control.
3. Analysis of Hmox1 protein expression by western blot  
2.5  $\mu$ l of 5X Loading Buffer (with DTT) was added into 10  $\mu$ l of undiluted cell lysate. SDS-PAGE was conducted after heating the samples at 95°C for 5 min. Hmox1 protein was probed with Anti-Heme Oxygenase-1 (GST-1), Monoclonal, POD, and chemiluminescent SuperSignal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate (ThermoFisher Scientific, Cat. #34095). Signals were detected by a luminometer, LuminoShot 400Jr, with an exposure time of 1 min.

#### **Results :**

It was confirmed that the Ct values of Hmox1 decreased and the expression level of Hmox1 mRNA increased in a time-dependant manner after stimulation as shown in the results of real time RT-PCR using both undiluted and diluted cell lysates (Figure 1). In addition, it was also confirmed that the expression level of Hmox1 protein increased corresponding to its mRNA expression level as higher signal intensity of Hmox 1 protein was detected.

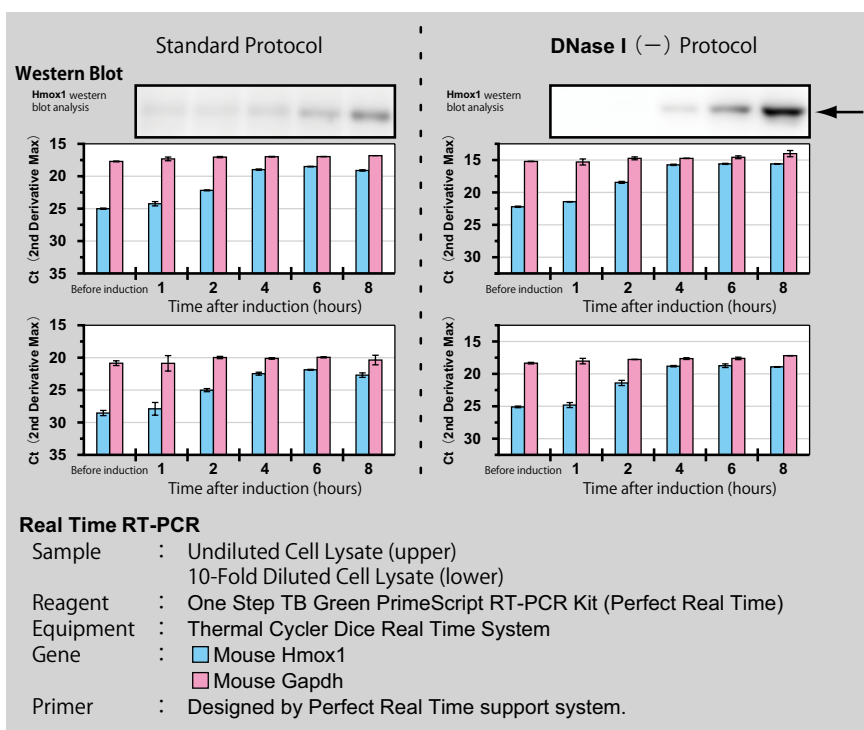


Figure 1. Comparison between western blot and real time RT-PCR results.



## IX. Troubleshooting

### 1. No amplification with real time RT-PCR

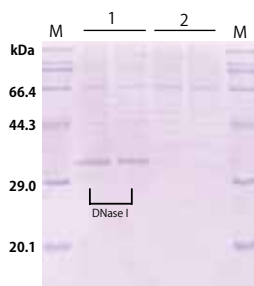
- Reconsider PCR primer design. Refer to the One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit (Perfect Real Time) (Cat. #RR066A/B) or One Step TB Green PrimeScript RT-PCR Kit II (Perfect Real Time) (Cat. #RR086A/B) protocol.
- Depending on cell species or culture conditions, the number of cells or experimental protocol may need to be optimized.
- Wash cells with CellAmp Washing Buffer and remove contaminants in the culture medium. Remove as much of the culture medium and CellAmp Washing Buffer as possible.
- Prepare real time RT-PCR reaction mixture on ice and protect from light until starting the reaction.
- When too much cell lysate volume is used in reverse transcription or one-step RT-PCR, reaction efficiency might be reduced. Reduce the cell lysate volume.

### 2. Signals cannot be detected on western blot

- Signals cannot be detected by analysis on western blots because the amount of cells used is too small. In this case, adjust the experimental protocol to use more cells than are listed in Section VII.4.d. However, this might inhibit RT-PCR. In that case, dilute the cell lysate for real time RT-PCR using CellAmp Processing Buffer.

#### Note:

This kit can effectively remove genomic DNA using DNase I for Direct RNA Prep. Therefore, it is a very powerful tool for analyzing gene expression using real time RT-PCR and overcomes the problems associated with contaminating genomic DNA (e.g., the primer cannot be designed to span to an exon-exon junction complex, or analyzing genes with low expression). In the standard protocol, because DNase I for Direct RNA Prep is added when preparing cell lysate, a 31 kDa band of DNase I will appear on SDS-PAGE gels as shown in Figure 2. If you find that DNase I for Direct RNA Prep has influenced the result of the western blot, please prepare cell lysate using the DNase I (-) protocol (Section VII.4). In addition, design primers to span an exon-exon junction to prevent genomic DNA from influencing the results of the real time RT-PCR.



M : Protein Molecular Weight Marker (Broad) (Cat. #3452)

Sample : HeLa cell lysate 10  $\mu$ l  
(8 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/well, prepared from a 24-well plate)

1 : Standard Protocol  
2 : DNase I (-) Protocol

Figure 2. SDS-PAGE of Cell Lysate (CBB Stained).

## **X. Related Products**

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