

Amplicon quantification

Using QuantiFLuor dsDNA system from Promega on Qubit or Roche LightCycler 480II

Prep:

- 01 Thaw the QuantiFluor dye. Quick vortex and quick spin. Keep it in the dark.
- 02 Quick vortex and quick spin the Standard DNA.
- 03 Prepare standards for quantification from the concentrated DNA standard.
You will need just 2 μL per standard. Don't waste it. Use a two-fold serial dilution.

100 ng/ μL \rightarrow 50 ng/ μL \rightarrow **25 ng/ μL** \rightarrow **12.5 ng/ μL** \rightarrow **6.25 ng/ μL** \rightarrow **3.125 ng/ μL** \rightarrow **0 ng/ μL**

- 04 Calculate how much of the working solution you need for your samples. Don't forget to include the five standards.
 - For **Qubit**, you need **200 μL** total per sample or standard.
 - For **LightCycler**, you need **50 μL** total per sample or standard.
- 05 Prepare the working solution – **QuantiFluor Dye 1:400 in 1 \times TE** buffer.
e.g. To measure 10 samples and 5 standards on LightCycler, you will need 15 \times 50=750 μL total, meaning you need 2 μL of the QF Dye, 40 μL of TE and 758 μL of water.
- 06 Mix the working solution properly. Vortex and quick spin.
- 07 Combine the working solution and samples/standards.
 - For **Qubit**, you need **198 μL** of working solution and **2 μL** of sample/standard.
You must use the optical grade 0.5 mL tubes.
 - For **LightCycler**, you need **48 μL** working solution and **2 μL** of sample/standard.
You must use white plates or white strips and optical grade foils or caps.
- 08 Vortex the samples. Do a quick spin.
- 09 Incubate at RT for **3 minutes**. Should be kept in dark.
- 10 Measure the samples and standards. Write down the relative fluorescence.
- 11 Construct the calibration curve in Excel and calculate the concentration of samples.