

Instruction Manual

KEY TO SYMBOLS USED

	Catalogue number		Contains sufficient for <n> tests
	Batch code		Use-by Date
	Research Use Only		Consult instructions for use
	Version		Keep away from sunlight
	Temperature limit	NCA	Negative control of amplification
	Manufacturer	C-	Negative control of extraction
	Date of manufacture	C+	Positive control of amplification
	Caution	IC	Internal control

1. INTENDED USE

AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT PCR kit is an *in vitro* nucleic acid amplification test for qualitative detection and differentiation of genotypes 6 and 11 of human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA in the biological material (urogenital swabs) using real-time hybridization-fluorescence detection of amplified products.

NOTE: For research use only. Not for diagnostic procedures.

2. PRINCIPLE OF PCR DETECTION

HPV genotypes 6 and 11 detection by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is based on the amplification of the pathogen genome specific region using specific HPV 6/11 primers. In the real-time PCR, the amplified product is detected with the use of fluorescent dyes. These dyes are linked to oligonucleotide probes which bind specifically to the amplified product during thermocycling. The real-time monitoring of fluorescence intensities during the real-time PCR allows the detection of accumulating product without re-opening the reaction tubes after the PCR run.

Principle of testing is based on simultaneous amplification (multiplex PCR) of DNA fragments of HPV and a fragment of β-globin gene which is used as an endogenous internal control. PCR analysis for HPV types 6 and 11 DNA detection is carried out in one tube. The DNA-target selected as an endogenous internal control is a human genome fragment. It must be present in a sample (cervical scrape) in sufficient amount equivalent to the number of cells in the sample (10⁵-10⁷ cells/ml). Thus, the use of an endogenous internal control makes it possible not only to monitor test stages (DNA extraction and amplification) but also to assess the adequacy of sampling and storage of biological material. If epithelial swab was taken incorrectly (the number of epithelial cells is insufficient), the amplification signal of β-globin gene will be weak.

AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT PCR kit uses "hot-start", which greatly reduces the frequency of nonspecifically primed reactions. In variant FRT, "hot-start" is guaranteed by the separation of nucleotides and Taq-polymerase using a wax layer. Wax melts and reaction components mix only at 95 °C. In variant FRT-100 F, "hot-start" is guaranteed by using chemically modified polymerase (TaqF). The chemically modified polymerase (TaqF) is activated by heating at 95 °C for 15 min.

HPV genotypes 6 and 11 are low carcinogenic risk viruses that are not associated with cervical carcinoma. Low-risk HPV types have a productive effect on cells. These viruses are responsible for onset of genital warts (genital pointed condyloma), recurrent respiratory throat papillomatosis; and more than 95% of these pathologies are associated with genotypes 6 and 11.

Necessary to mention, that genotypes 6 and 11 are the part of quadrivalent vaccine which protects from HPV 6/11/16/18 infections. Therefore, detection of HPV types 6 and 11 can help in evaluating of the efficacy of vaccinal prevention from cervical cancer and benign genital tumors.

The results of amplification are registered in the following fluorescence channels:

Table 1

Channel for fluorophore	FAM	JOE	ROX
DNA-target	HPV genotype 6 DNA	HPV genotype 11 DNA	IC DNA
Target gene	gene E6	gene E7	DNA fragment of β-globin gene

3. CONTENT

AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT PCR kit is produced in 3 forms:
variant FRT-100 F, R-V11-Mod(RG,iQ,Mx)-CE;
variant FRT-100 F in bulk¹, R-V11-Mod(RG,iQ,Mx)-CE-B;
variant FRT, R-V11-100-CE.

Variant FRT-100 F includes:

Reagent	Description	Volume, ml	Quantity
PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11	colorless clear liquid	0.3	4 tubes
PCR-mix-2-FRT	colorless clear liquid	0.3	2 tubes
Polymerase (TaqF)	colorless clear liquid	0.03	2 tubes
Positive Control DNA HPV types 6, 11 and human DNA (C+HPV6,11)	colorless clear liquid	0.2	1 tube
DNA-buffer	colorless clear liquid	0.5	1 tube
Negative Control (C-)*	colorless clear liquid	1.2	1 tube

* must be used in the extraction procedure as Negative Control of Extraction (see DNA-sorb-AM protocol).

Variant FRT-100 F is intended for 110 reactions, including controls.

Variant FRT includes:

Reagent	Description	Volume, ml	Quantity
PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11 ready-to-use single-dose test tubes (under wax)	colorless clear liquid	0.01	110 tubes of 0.2 ml
PCR-mix-2-FL-red	red clear liquid	1.1	1 tube
Positive Control DNA HPV types 6, 11 and human DNA (C+HPV6,11)	colorless clear liquid	0.2	1 tube
DNA-buffer	colorless clear liquid	0.5	1 tube
Negative Control (C-)*	colorless clear liquid	1.2	1 tube

* must be used in the extraction procedure as Negative Control of Extraction (see DNA-sorb-AM protocol).

Variant FRT is intended for 110 reactions (including controls).

4. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Transport medium.
- DNA extraction kit.
- Sterile pipette tips with aerosol filters (up to 200 µl).
- Tube racks.
- Vortex mixer.
- Desktop centrifuge with rotor for 2-ml reaction tubes.
- PCR box.
- Real-time instruments (for example, Rotor-Gene 3000/6000 (Corbett Research, Australia); Rotor-Gene Q (QIAGEN, Germany); iCycler iQ or iCycler iQ5 (Bio-Rad, USA); Mx3000P or Mx3005P (Stratagene, USA)).
- Disposable polypropylene tubes for PCR kit variant FRT-100 F:
 - a) 0.2-ml PCR tubes with domed caps if a plate-type instrument is used;
 - b) 0.2-ml PCR tubes with flat caps or strips of four 0.1-ml Rotor-Gene PCR tubes if a rotor-type instrument is used.
- Pipettes (adjustable).
- Refrigerator for 2–8 °C.
- Deep-freezer at the temperature from minus 24 to minus 16 °C.
- Reservoir for used tips.
- Disposable powder-free gloves and a laboratory coat.

¹ In bulk form contains unlabeled tubes. Tubes with identical reagent are packed in one bag with label.

5. GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

The user should always pay attention to the following:

- Use sterile pipette tips with aerosol filters and use a new tip for every procedure.
- Store all extracted positive material (specimens, controls and amplicons) away from all other reagents and add it to the reaction mix in a distantly separated facility.
- Thaw all components thoroughly at room temperature before starting an assay.
- When thawed, mix the components and centrifuge briefly.
- Use disposable protective gloves and laboratory cloths, and protect eyes while samples and reagents handling. Thoroughly wash hands afterwards.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics, or handle contact lenses in laboratory work areas.
- Do not use a kit after its expiration date.
- Dispose of all specimens and unused reagents in accordance with local regulations.
- Samples should be considered potentially infectious and handled in biological cabinet in compliance with appropriate biosafety practices.
- Clean and disinfect all samples or reagents spills using a disinfectant, such as 0.5 % sodium hypochlorite or another suitable disinfectant.
- Avoid inhalation of vapors, samples and reagents contact with the skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. Harmful if swallowed. If these solutions come into contact, rinse the injured area immediately with water and seek medical advice if necessary.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available on request.
- Use of this product should be limited to personnel trained in DNA amplification techniques.
- Workflow in the laboratory must be one-directional, beginning in the Extraction Area and moving to the Amplification and Detection Area. Do not return samples, equipment and reagents in the area where the previous step was performed.



Some components of this kit contain sodium azide as a preservative. Do not use metal tubing for reagent transfer.

6. SAMPLING AND HANDLING

NOTE: Obtaining samples of biological materials for PCR-analysis, transportation and storage are described in the manufacturer's handbook [1]. It is recommended that this handbook is read before starting work.

Female: samples of epithelial cells should be obtained as for cytological examination: **Method 1.** The sampling kit with one/two cervical cytobrushes and 2-ml tube with 0.5 ml of **Transport Medium with Mucolytic Agent** are used.

Place the cervical epithelial scrape (endocervix) taken with the first cervical cytobrush and/or the superficial cervical scrape (ectocervix) taken with the second cervical cytobrush to the tube with transport medium. Break the lower part of the cytobrush and leave it in the tube with transport medium.

Method 2. The Digene cervical sampler (USA), which contains cervical cytobrush and a tube with 1.0 ml of Digene transport medium, is used.

Place the cervical epithelial scrape (endocervix) obtained with cytobrush into the tube with Digene transport medium.

Method 3. The sampling kit, which contains the combined gynecological probe for simultaneously taking epithelium from endocervix and ectocervix and 5-ml tube with 2.0 ml of **Transport Medium with Mucolytic Agent**, is used.

Place the endocervix and ectocervix into the tube with transport medium. Break the lower part of the probe and leave it in the tube with transport medium.

Method 4. The sampling kit, which contains the combined gynecological probe for simultaneously taking epithelial samples from endocervix and ectocervix and a liquid-based cytology vial with CytoScreen (Italy) or PreservCyt (USA) transport medium, is used.

Place the endocervical and exocervical into the tube with transport medium. Break the lower part of the probe and leave it in the vial with transport medium.

Male: Obtain urethral epithelial scrape by universal probe, place it into the 2-ml tube with 0.5 ml of **Transport Medium with Mucolytic Agent**.

Storage conditions:

- at the temperature from 18 to 25 °C – no more than 5 days;
- at the temperature from 2 to 8 °C – no more than 20 days;
- at the temperature from minus 24 to minus 16 °C – for 1 year. Only one freeze-thawing cycle is allowed;
- in the transport medium for liquid-based cytology at room temperature – for 1 year.

7. WORKING CONDITIONS

AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT PCR kit should be used at 18–25 °C

8. PROTOCOL

8.1. DNA Extraction

It is recommended to use the following nucleic acid extraction kit:

— **DNA-sorb-AM**.

In the extraction procedure it is necessary to carry out the control reactions as follows:

C– — Add **100 µl of Negative Control (C–)** to the tube labelled C– (Negative Control of Extraction).

NOTE: Extract DNA according to the manufacturer's protocol.

It is possible to transfer the whole volume of homogenized Universal Sorbent to the tube with Lysis Solution (2 ml of Universal Sorbent per 30 ml of Lysis Solution). Prepared mix can be stored at room temperature for up to 2 days. Stir thoroughly before use. Transfer 320 µl of prepared mixture to each tube.

NOTE:

8.2. Preparing PCR

8.2.1. Preparing tubes for PCR

Variant FRT-100 F

The total reaction volume is **25 µl**, the volume of DNA sample is **10 µl**.

1. Prepare the mixture of **PCR-mix-2-FRT** and **polymerase (TaqF)**. To do this, transfer the content of one tube with **polymerase (TaqF) (30 µl)** to the tube with **PCR-mix-2-FRT (300 µl)**. Vortex carefully to avoid foaming. Indicate the date of mixture preparation on the tube.

NOTE: The prepared mixture is intended for analysis of 60 samples. The mixture can be stored at 2–8 °C for up to 3 month and used as required.

2. Prepare the reaction mixture (see Table 2). When calculating the volume of the mixture, take into account the necessity to run three control reactions. Do not forget to add extra volumes for one more reaction.

Each PCR reaction requires:

- **10 µl** of **PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11**
- **5 µl** of the mixture of **PCR-mix-2-FRT** and **polymerase (TaqF)**.

Scheme of reaction mixture preparation

Table 2

Number of test samples	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11, µl	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220
Mixture of PCR-mix-2-FRT and polymerase (TaqF), µl	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110
Number of test samples	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11, µl	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320	330	340	350	360	370
Mixture of PCR-mix-2-FRT and polymerase (TaqF), µl	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	185

Note – The calculation scheme for samples is given according to formula **n + 4**, where **n** is the number of test samples for analysis; **4** is the controls of PCR analysis (**1** Control of Extraction, **2** Controls of amplification, and **1** extra tube).

3. Prepare the required number of tubes for amplification of DNA from test and control samples. Transfer **15 µl** of the prepared mixture into each tube.

4. Add **10 µl** of the **DNA samples** obtained at the DNA extraction stage.

5. Carry out the control amplification reactions:

- NCA** — Add **10 µl** of **DNA-buffer** to the tube labeled NCA (Negative Control of Amplification).
- C+** — Add **10 µl** of **Positive Control DNA HPV types 6, 11 and human DNA (C+HPV6,11)** to the tube labeled C+ (Positive Control of Amplification).
- C–** — Add **10 µl** of the sample extracted from the **Negative Control (C–) reagent** to the tube labeled C– (Negative Control of Extraction).

Variant FRT

The total reaction volume is **30 µl**, the volume of DNA sample is **10 µl**.

1. Prepare the required number of tubes with **PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11** for amplification of DNA from test and control samples.

2. Add **10 µl** of **PCR-mix-2-FL-red** to the surface of the wax layer into each tube ensuring that it does not fall under the wax and mix with **PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11**.

3. Add **10 µl** of **DNA samples** obtained at the DNA extraction stage.

4. Carry out the control amplification reactions:

- NCA** — Add **10 µl** of **DNA-buffer** to the tube labeled NCA (Negative Control of Amplification).
- C+** — Add **10 µl** of **Positive Control DNA HPV types 6, 11 and human DNA (C+HPV6,11)** to the tube labeled C+ (Positive Control of Amplification).
- C–** — Add **10 µl** of the sample extracted from the **Negative Control (C–) reagent** to the tube labeled C– (Negative Control of Extraction).

8.2.2. Amplification

1. Create a temperature profile on your instrument as follows (see Table 3):

Table 3

Step	Rotor-type instruments ²			Plate-type instruments ³			
	Temperature, °C	Time	Cycles	Temperature, °C	Time	Cycles	
Hold	95	15 min	1	95	15 min	1	
Cycling	95	5 s	5	95	5 s	5	
	60	20 s		60	20 s		
	72	15 s		72	15 s		
Cycling 2	95	5 s	40	95	5 s	40	
	60	20 s		60	30 s		fluorescent signal detection
		fluorescent signal detection			15 s		
	72	15 s		72	15 s		

Fluorescent signal is detected in channels for FAM, JOE, and ROX fluorophores (other channels are enabled if several tests are simultaneously performed in a single run).

NOTE: The unified amplification program for rotor-type instruments (see Table 4) and for plate-type instruments (see Tables 5 and 6) can be used in case of simultaneous use of this PCR kit and AmpliSens® HPV HCR screen-FRT PCR kit.

Table 4

Step	Rotor-type instruments ¹		
	Temperature, °C	Time	Cycles
Hold	95	15 min	1
Hold2	65	2 min	1
Cycling	95	20 s	5
	64	25 s	
	Touchdown: 1 deg. per cycle	55 s	
Cycling 2	95	15 s	40
	60	25 s	
	65	25 s	
		fluorescent signal detection	

² For example, Rotor-Gene 3000, Rotor-Gene 6000, Rotor-Gene Q.

³ For example, iCycler iQ, iQ5, Mx3000P, Mx3005P.

Table 5

Step	Plate-type instruments: iCycler iQ, iCycler iQ5		
	Temperature, °C	Time	Cycles
Hold	95	15 min	1
Cycling	95	15 s	6
	65	55 s	
	Touchdown: 1 deg. per cycle	25 s	
Cycling2	95	15 s	41
	60	55 s	
	65	25 s	
		fluorescent signal detection	

Table 6

Step	Plate-type instruments: Mx3000P, Mx3005P		
	Temperature, °C	Time	Cycles
Hold	95	15 min	1
Hold2	65	2 min	1
Cycling	95	20 s	5
	64	25 s	
	Touchdown: 1 deg. per cycle	55 s	
	65	20 s	
Cycling2	95	20 s	40
	60	25 s	
	65	55 s	
		fluorescent signal detection	

Fluorescent signal is detected in the channels for the FAM, JOE, and ROX fluorophores (other channels are enabled if several tests are simultaneously carried out in a single run).

- Adjust the fluorescence channel sensitivity according to the *Important Product Information Bulletin* and Guidelines [2].
- Insert tubes into the reaction module of the device.
- Run the amplification program with fluorescence detection.
- Analyze results after the amplification program is completed.

9. DATA ANALYSIS

Analysis of results is performed by the software of the real-time PCR instrument used by measuring fluorescence signal accumulation in three channels:

- The signal of the HPV type 6 DNA amplification product is detected in the channel for FAM fluorophore.
- The signal of the HPV type 11 DNA amplification product is detected in the channel for JOE fluorophore.
- The signal of the internal endogenous control (IC) β -globin DNA amplification product is detected in the channel for ROX fluorophore.

Channel	FAM	JOE	ROX
Result	HPV 6	HPV 11	IC

Results are interpreted by the crossing (or not-crossing) the fluorescence curve with the threshold line set at the specific level that corresponds to the presence (or absence) of a Ct value of the DNA sample in the corresponding column of the results grid.

Principle of interpretation is the following (see Table 6):

- HPV genotype 6 DNA is detected** if the Ct value determined in the channel for the FAM fluorophore is less than the boundary Ct value specified in the *Important Product Information Bulletin*.
- HPV genotype 11 DNA is detected** if the Ct value determined in the channel for the JOE fluorophore is less than the boundary Ct value specified in the *Important Product Information Bulletin*.
- HPV genotypes 6 and 11 DNA are not detected** if the Ct value of a sample is not determined (absent) in the result grid in the channel for the FAM and JOE fluorophore, or greater than the boundary Ct value specified in the *Important Product Information Bulletin*; whereas the Ct value determined in the result grid in the channel for the ROX fluorophore is less than the Ct value specified in the *Important Product Information Bulletin*.
- The result is **invalid** if the Ct value of a sample in the channel for the ROX fluorophore is absent or greater than the boundary Ct value specified in the *Important Product Information Bulletin*.

NOTE: Boundary Ct values are specified in the *Important Product Information Bulletin* enclosed to the PCR kit. See also Guidelines [2]

Table 7

Interpretation of results			
FAM (HPV 6)	JOE (HPV 11)	ROX (IC)	Result
-	-	+	HPV genotypes 6 and 11 are not detected
+	-	+	HPV genotype 6 is detected
+	-	-	
-	+	+	HPV genotype 11 is detected
-	+	-	
+	+	+	HPV genotypes 6 and 11 are detected
+	+	-	
-	-	-	Invalid result

The result of the analysis is considered reliable only if the results for the Positive and Negative Controls of Amplification as well as for Negative Control of Extraction are correct (see Table 8).

Table 8

Results for controls				
Control	Stage for control	Ct value in the channel		
		FAM	JOE	ROX
C-	DNA extraction	Absent	Absent	Absent
NCA	PCR	Absent	Absent	Absent
C+	PCR	< boundary value	< boundary value	< boundary value

10. TROUBLESHOOTING

Results of analysis are not taken into account in the following cases:

- If any Ct value is present for the Negative Control of Amplification (NCA) and/or for Negative Control of Extraction (C-) in the channels for the FAM, JOE and/or ROX fluorophores in the results grid, it indicates reagent or sample contamination. In this case, the results of analysis must be considered invalid. The analysis should be repeated starting from DNA extraction stage for all samples in which HPV DNA was detected and measures for detecting and eliminating the contamination source must be taken.
- If the Ct value determined for the Positive Control of Amplification (C+) in the channels for the FAM, JOE and/or ROX fluorophores is greater than the boundary Ct value specified in the bulletin or absent, the amplification should be repeated for all samples in which HPV DNA was not detected.
- If the Ct value of a sample is not determined or exceeds the boundary value in the channels for the FAM and/or JOE fluorophores, while Ct value determined in the channel for the ROX fluorophore is greater than the boundary value, PCR should be repeated starting from DNA extraction stage. It can be caused by a failure in biological material preparation that led to DNA loss or presence of inhibitors.

11. TRANSPORTATION

AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT PCR kit should be transported at 2-8 °C for no longer than 5 days.

12. STABILITY AND STORAGE

All components of the **AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT** PCR kit are to be stored at 2-8 °C when not in use (except for PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11, PCR-mix-2-FRT, and polymerase (TaqF) included in variant FRT-100 F). All components of the **AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT** PCR kit are to be stable until the expiration date on the label. The shelf life of reagents before and after the first use is the same, unless otherwise stated.

NOTE: PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11, PCR-mix-2-FRT, and polymerase (TaqF) included in variant FRT-100 F are to be stored at the temperature from minus 24 to minus 16 °C.

NOTE: PCR-mix-1-FL HPV 6/11 is to be kept away from light.

13. SPECIFICATIONS

13.1. Sensitivity

Biological material	Transport medium	DNA extraction kit	PCR kit	Analytical sensitivity, GE/ml ⁴
Cervical epithelial swab	Transport Medium with Mucolytic Agent	DNA-sorb-AM	variant FRT	1x10 ³

13.2. Specificity

The analytical specificity of **AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT** PCR kit is ensured by the selection of specific primers and probes as well as stringent reaction conditions. The primers and probes have been checked for possible homologies to all sequences published in gene banks by sequence comparison analysis.

AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT PCR kit detects a fragment of DNA of HPV genotypes 6 and 11. The analytical specificity of the PCR kit was investigated by adding to the reaction DNA/RNA of different microorganisms (*adenovirus* types 2, 3 and 7; *cytomegalovirus*; *Epstein-Barr virus*; *Varicella-Zoster virus*; *hepatitis B and C*; *human immunodeficiency virus* type 1; *human herpes virus* type 6 and 8; *herpes simplex virus*; *Chlamydia trachomatis*; *Mycoplasma hominis*, *M.genitalium*; *Ureaplasma urealyticum*; *Gardnerella vaginalis*; *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*; *Trichomonas vaginalis*; *Candida albicans*; *Streptococcus pyogenes*; *Staphylococcus aureus*; the DNA of human papillomavirus genus β , γ , μ (1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 37, 38, 65, 20, 24, 49, 50, 15), genus α of low and unknown carcinogenicity risk (26, 53, 7, 27, 10), and genus α of high carcinogenicity risk (16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68) at a concentration of 10⁸ copies of HPV DNA per ml). Cross-reactivity was not observed.

14. REFERENCES

- Handbook "Sampling, Transportation, and Storage of Clinical Material for PCR Diagnostics", developed by Federal Budget Institute of Science "Central Research Institute for Epidemiology" of Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumers' Rights Protection and Human Well-Being.
- Guidelines to **AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT** PCR kit for qualitative detection and differentiation of genotypes 6 and 11 of *human papillomavirus (HPV)* DNA in biological material by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with real-time hybridization-fluorescence detection developed by Federal Budget Institute of Science "Central Research Institute for Epidemiology".

15. QUALITY CONTROL

In compliance with Federal Budget Institute of Science "Central Research Institute for Epidemiology" ISO 13485-Certified Quality Management System, each lot of the **AmpliSens® HPV 6/11-FRT** PCR kit has been tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality.

List of Changes Made in the Instruction Manual

VER	Location of changes	Essence of changes
13.07.23 EM	3. Content Footer Through the text	REF R-V11-Mod(RG,iQ,Mx)-CE and REF R-V11-100-CE were added

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⁴ Number of genome equivalents of microorganism (GE) per 1 ml of test sample placed in the specified transport medium.