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S.cerevisiae strain W303 α**

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1. List of abbreviations

mtDNA - Mitochondrial DNA

qPCR - real-time polymerase chain reaction

S.cerevisiae - *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

C. albicans - *Candida albicans*

CsCl - cesium chloride

(EtBr) - ethidium bromide

Ct – threshold cycles

CN – copy number

ddH₂O - Deionized distilled water

EtOH - ethanol

KoAC - Potassium acetate

MgCl₂ - Magnesium chloride

UV-VIS – Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy

i-PrOH – *iso*-propanol

2. Introduction

Mitochondrion is a double phospholipids bilayer membrane-enclosed organelle

found in most eukaryotic cells, contains DNA, and carries out oxidative phosphorylation, The mitochondria are the sites for much of the metabolism necessary for the production of energy in the form of ATP^{1,2}.

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) copy number (molecules or genomes per cell) is believed to be relatively constant. Early reports demonstrated that the control of mtDNA synthesis is independent of the mechanisms controlling mtDNA replication during S phase of the cell cycle. Mitochondrial DNA encodes for a number of respiratory chain peptides and RNA molecules for protein biosynthesis in mitochondria. Therefore, stability of mtDNA copy number is essential to produce fully functional cells.

The regulation of mtDNA synthesis, the defects in oxidative phosphorylation enzymatic machinery during human disease and different fundamental questions concerning DNA cis acting elements can only be understood when the data on correct copy number of mtDNA will be available³.

mtDNA copy number has only been measured in a population of cells and quantitative mtDNA copy number in single cell had not been published. The budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* which is studied as organism model in our lab has been widely used to analyze the mechanisms of mtDNA replication and stability, There are few reports on proteins that could play a role in mtDNA copy number control, mtDNA binding protein Abf2p has been proposed to be a key character in these processes (Zelenaya-Troitskaya et al., 1998); Pif1p is a conserved DNA helicase which occurs both in the nucleus and mitochondria in *S.cerevisiae* (Foury and Lahaye, 1987; Schulz and Zakian, 1994), and previous research postulated that Pif1p plays a role in the repair or tolerance of oxidative mtDNA damage, perhaps by governing the rate of mtDNA replication or regulating mtDNA copy number⁴. However, the fundamental mechanism for maintaining mtDNA copy number has remained a mystery.

The main goal for this thesis was to develop reliable quantitative analysis method to measure mtDNA copy number in yeast *S. cerevisiae* cells. qPCR based system was next used to ask questions that have biological relevance. Gene copy number for

different mitochondrial genomic loci was analyzed. We also discuss the possibilities to use the method for single cell analysis.

3. Literature overview

3.1 Basic concept of yeast

Yeast Serves as a Minimal Model Eukaryote

In order to analyze the internal workings of the eukaryotic cell without the additional problems of multi-cellular development, we usually use a species that is unicellular and as simple as possible. Therefore, the yeast species is a popular choice for this role. *S.cerevisiae* is a small, single-celled member of the kingdom of fungi (Figure 3.1) and thus, according to modern views, at least as closely related to animals as it is to plants⁵.

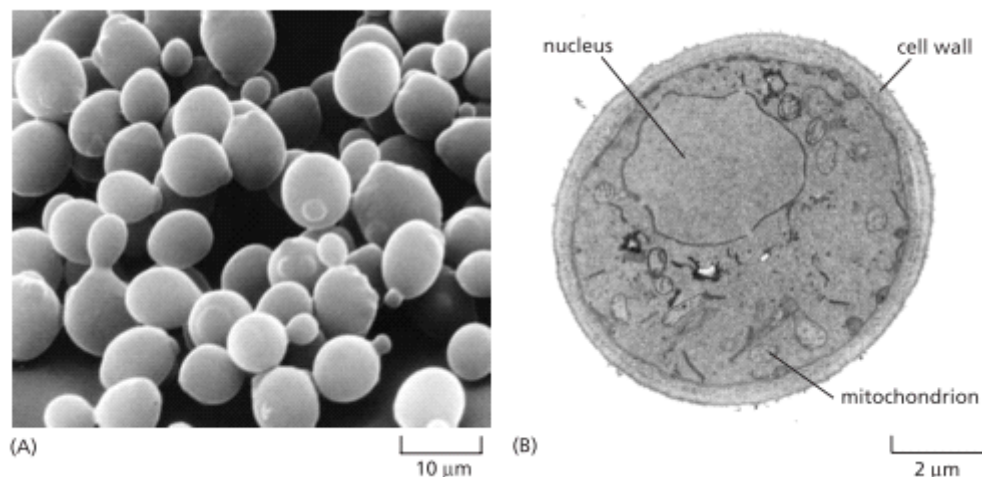


Figure 3.1 The yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. (A) A scanning electron micrograph of a cluster of the cells (B) A transmission electron micrograph of a cross section of a yeast cell, showing its nucleus, mitochondrion and thick cell wall. (Alberts. Molecular Biology Of The Cell.5th.Ed)

3.2 Structure of yeast mitochondrial DNA

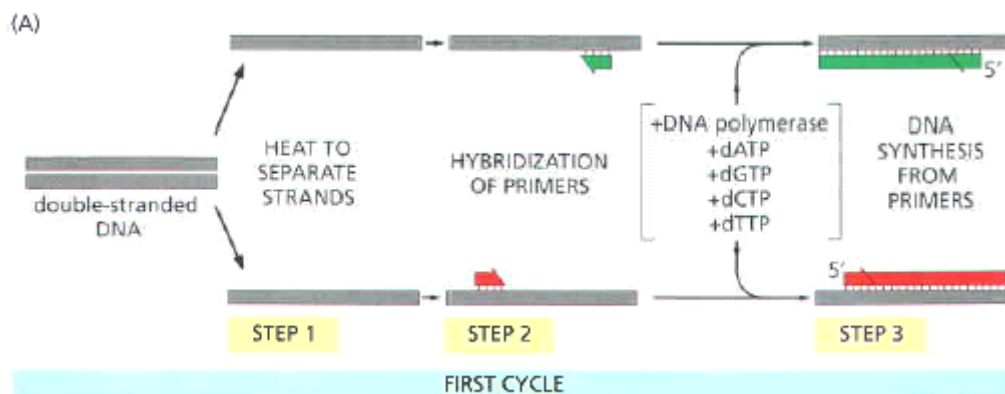
The mtDNA of strain FY1679, an isogenic derivative S288C, is a 85779 kb double-stranded molecule, which contains the following genes: 2 rRNA genes (15s rRNA and 21s rRNA), cytochrome c oxidase subunit I, II and III (cox1, cox2 and

cox3), ATP synthase subunits 6, 8 and 9 (atp6, atp8, and atp9), apocytochrome b (cytb), a ribosomal protein (var1) and several intron-related open reading frames (ORFs)^{6,7,8}.

Yeast mtDNA has often been considered as a circle form during past 40 years. However, this view is probably not correct and instead of circular molecules the mtDNA consists of a phage T4 like network, our previous research found that the *C. albicans* mtDNA forms a complex branched network that does not contain detectable amounts of circular molecules by using conventional and pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, two-dimensional gel electrophoresis and DNA sequence analysis⁹. The aerobic *C. albicans* is a suitable model organism to study mtDNA maintenance in yeast, Unfortunately there are currently no sufficient data on mtDNA isoforms in *S.cerevisiae*. wild type cells

3.3 Theory of DNA amplification

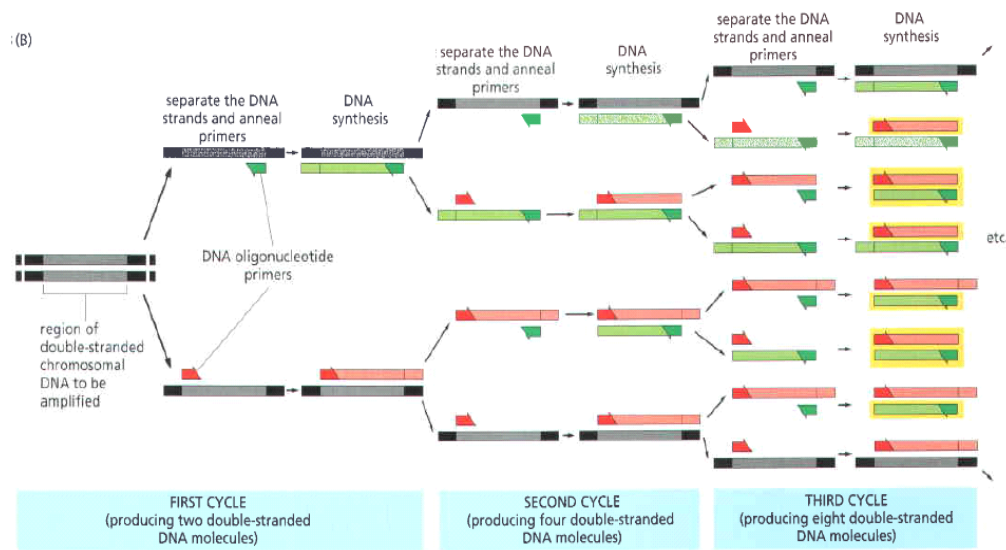
Genes can be selectively amplified by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Conventionally, the PCR amplification reaction is described as at first stochastic, then exponential and finally stagnant¹⁰. The PCR method is extremely sensitive, and even can detect the single DNA molecule.



Scheme 3.2 First cycle of PCR amplification process(Molecular Biology Of The Cell.5th.Ed)

In the first cycle, double-stranded DNA is separated to single strands by heating. Then the pair of DNA oligonucleotides which are chosen to flank the desired nucleotide sequence of the gene are used to prime DNA synthesis on single strands.

The newly synthesized double-stranded DNA is produced in a reaction catalyzed *in vitro* by a purified DNA polymerase⁵.



Scheme 3.3 PCR amplification overview (Molecular Biology Of The Cell.5th)

In principle, every cycle doubles the amount of DNA synthesized in the previous cycle. After strand separation, the two primer DNA oligonucleotides allowed to hybridize to complementary sequences in the two DNA strands by cooling the reaction mixture. The synthesis direction is from 3'-OH terminus to 5' terminus on template strand DNA.

3.3.1. Principle of design primer

Good primer design is essential for successful PCR reactions. The important design has to follow several key principles which are described below.

Primer length: the common length of PCR primers is 18-27bp. It is not suitable to use primers longer than 38bp. Too long primers can lead annealing temperatures higher than 74°C and this is not suitable for TAQ DNA polymerase reaction.

Primer annealing temperature: The primer melting temperature is the estimate of DNA hybrid stability and is a critical parameter of the system. Too high annealing temperature will produce insufficient primer template hybridization, leading low PCR product yield. Too low temperature may lead to non-specific products. Therefore, it is necessary to run melting curve within qPCR experiment and afterwards possibly to check the product by gel electrophoresis.

GC content: the optimal content should be 40% - 60%. Furthermore, there should be no large melting temperature differences between the upstream and the downstream primer.

Avoid non-specificity amplification: It is necessary to avoid regions of homology, in order to improve specificity of primers. Therefore primers designed for a particular sequence must not amplify other genes in the target DNA sequence. Commonly, we tested the primers by BLAST on Saccharomyces GENOME DATABASE (<http://www.yeastgenome.org/>).

3.4 Theory of Plasmid DNA

3.4.1.Principle of recombination plasmid DNA

Plasmids are widely used as vectors to carry the genes into bacterial cells, Plasmids are small circular molecules of double-stranded DNA. In this research work, the pGEM-7Zf which produced by Promega Corporation (USA) has been used as cloning vectors to insert the standard gene fragment that used as reference material for create of the calibration curve. To use as a vector, the purified plasmid DNA has to be cleaved with restriction nuclease to create a liner DNA molecule. The insert gene fragment of interest was amplified with PCR and primers with added the same restriction nuclease sites and after cleavage with restriction enzymes the fragments of the gene of the interest to be cloned are then added into the liner plasmid DNA by annealing via their cohesive ends to form recombinant DNA circles. These recombinant DNA containing interest fragment inserts are then covalently linked with enzyme DNA ligase⁵. The Figure 3.4 demonstrates the process of introducing foreign DNA fragment into plasmid DNA.

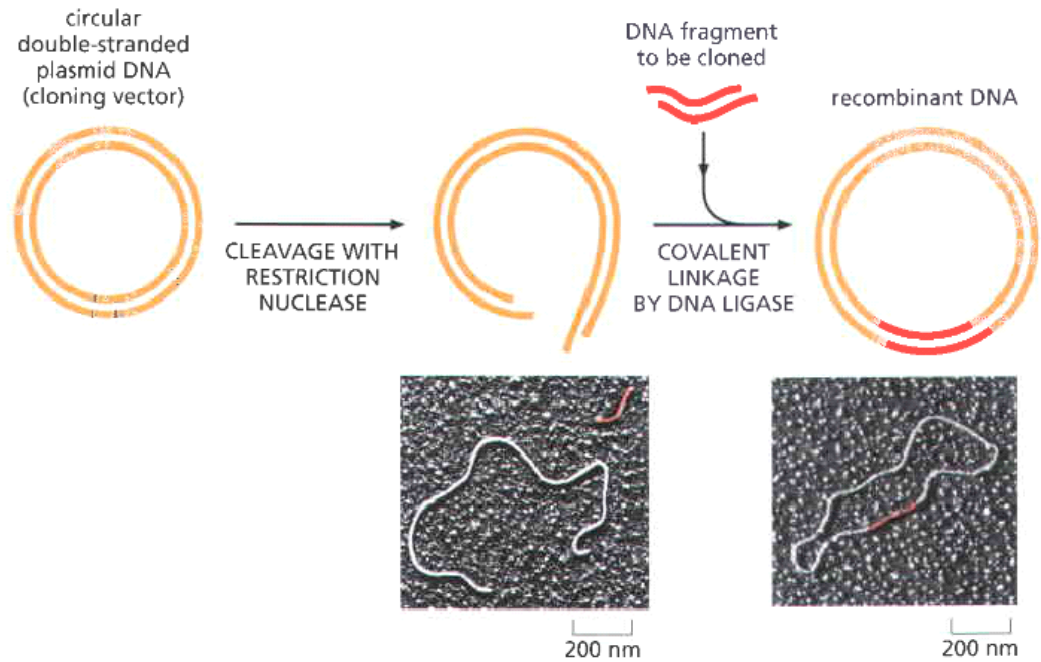


Figure 3.4 the process of introducing foreign DNA fragment into plasmid DNA (Molecular Biology Of The Cell.5th)

3.4.2. The type of restriction end

The recombinant plasmid DNA was transformed into bacterial cells (*E.coli*), in this work competent strain DH5 alpha competent cell were used as transform host cells to obtain colonies for screening the .the recombinant plasmids and for large-scale plasmid purification. Traditional methods to introduce DNA into bacterial cells involve incubating bacterial cells in calcium salt solution that makes the cell membrane leaky, permeable to the plasmid DNA

3.4.3.Plasmid Isolation

To use plasmid DNA which contains a target gene as a reference material, high purity plasmid must be obtained. Generally, in order to obtain plasmid DNA, the cells are harvested, the bacteria are lysed, and plasmid DNA recovered by alcohol precipitation. The best method for further DNA purification is cesium chloride (CsCl)/ethidium bromide (EtBr) centrifugation¹¹. Although many techniques have been invented for plasmid isolation, Cesium Chloride (CsCl) Density Gradient Centrifugation technique has always been considered as the best method to obtain the highest purity plasmid¹². Therefore Cesium Chloride (CsCl) Density Gradient

Centrifugation technique was applied in this work.

CsCl is highly soluble in water, under high centrifugal force, CsCl molecules will dissociate and the heavy Cs⁺ atoms will be forced towards the outer end of the tube, thus forming a shallow density gradient. DNA molecules placed in this gradient will migrate to the point where they have the same density as the gradient (the neutral buoyancy or isopycnic point). The gradient is sufficient to separate different types of DNA with slight difference in density due to differing G+C content, different isotopic content or due to different EtBr binding. The latter is the basis for separation of plasmid and chromosomal DNA. or physical form. In this work, after 15 hours centrifugation, plasmid DNA separated from chromosomal DNA, was detected under the UV light as a separate heavier band in the CsCl density gradient.

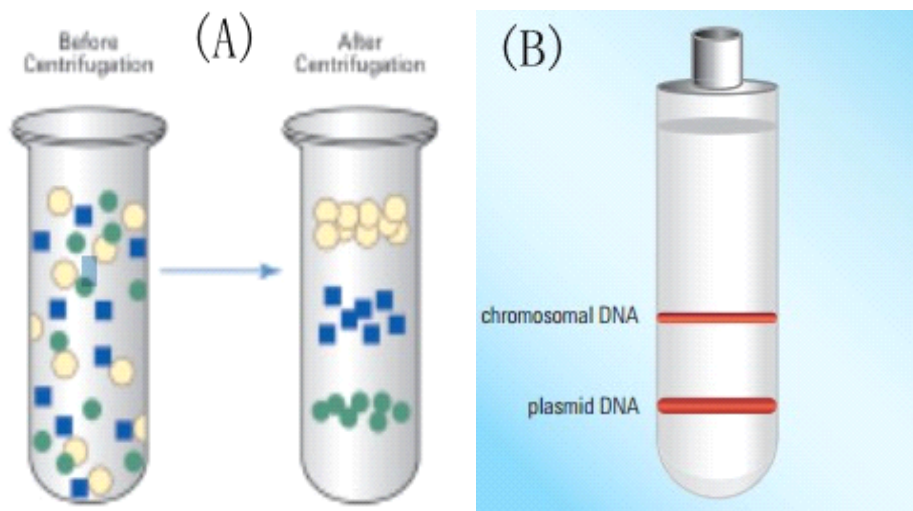


Figure 3.8 The procedure of CsCl Density Gradient Centrifugation. (A) position comparison between initial and final procedure; (B) the position of plasmid DNA after centrifugation.

3.5 Suggestion for plasmid DNA purification

Impure plasmid DNA may impact qPCR amplification, leading inaccurate initial copy number estimation in the reference plasmid material. Hence, in this work the plasmids were treated with 2mg/mL RNase and purified on CsCl Density Gradient Centrifugation to remove large size RNA. However, there was trace amount of RNA in plasmid DNA preparations. Therefore further purification of DNA was performed with gel filtration.

The technique of gel filtration chromatography is used to separate molecules of different sizes and shapes¹³. The process of gel filtration involves letting the mixture of RNA and DNA be carried by an elution buffer through a filtration matrix contained in a glass column. The matrix consists of microscopic beads which are porous¹³. Compact molecules which used in this work were Sephacryl S-400 HR tend to get trapped in the pores for awhile before passing through the matrix¹³. Therefore, a heavier molecule will pass through the matrix faster than a lighter one, meaning the plasmid DNA should pass through the matrix faster than RNA. Hence, plasmid DNA allows to be collect and RNA stays remain in matrix after forcing brief micro-centrifugation.

3.6 Suggestion for plasmid copy number calculation

As the molecular weight of the plasmid and insert gene are know, it is possible to calculate the copy number as follow¹⁴:

$$\text{copy number} = \frac{6.02 \times 10^{23} (\text{copy/mol}) \times \text{DNA amount(g)}}{\text{DNA length(bp)} \times 660(\text{g/mol/bp})} \quad (1)$$

(where: bp = base pairs, weight in Daltons(g/mol)=(bp size of dsDNA product)(330 Da × 2nt/bp, ds = double-stranded, nt = nucleotides)

3.7 Description of used analytical methods

3.7.1. Gel Electrophoresis

Gel electrophoresis separates molecules according to their size and shape, but also according to their charge (JAC Biology NYA Laboratory Outlines, 2001). The samples to be analyzed are placed into a gel bed and when a voltage is applied across the gel bed, the molecules will migrate towards the pole they are attracted to according to their charge. In the case of DNA and RNA the charge-to-mass ratio on the two types of nucleic acids is not a factor, because there are always two negatively charged phosphate groups for each base pair charge (JAC Biology NYA Laboratory Outlines, 2001). Both types of nucleic acid will migrate towards the positive pole, however the RNA will move faster through the gel bed because it is smaller¹⁵. In this

work, gel electrophoresis method mainly used to identify specific DNA fragments.

3.7.2. UV-Vis Spectrophotometer

Spectrophotometer is the instrument for quantitative measurement of the reflection or transmission properties of a material as a function of wavelength¹⁶. The most common spectrophotometers are used in the UV and visible region of the spectrum.

Analysis of nucleic acids is regularly performed to determine the average concentrations of DNA or RNA present in a mixture, as well as their purity. The Beer-Lambert law is used to determine unknown concentrations without the need for standard curves. In essence, the Beer Lambert Law makes it possible to relate the amount of light absorbed to the concentration of the absorbing molecule.

Usually A₂₆₀ (ultraviolet light absorption at the wavelength of 260 nm) is used as a quantitative measure for nucleic acids.

The secondary benefit of using spectrophotometric analysis for nucleic acid quantitation is the possibility to determine sample purity using the 260 nm/280 nm ratio calculation. A pure DNA sample will yield an A₂₆₀/280 of approximately 1.8. The pure RNA should have an A₂₆₀/280 ratio of approximately 2.0. These ratios are commonly used to assess the amount of protein contamination that is left from the nucleic acid isolation process since proteins absorb at 280 nm¹⁷.

The spectrophotometer which used in this study was “NanoDrop 2000” produced by Thermo scientific company.

3.7.3. Real-time polymerase chain reaction

Real-time polymerase chain reaction also called real-time quantitative PCR (qPCR) offers fast and reliable quantification of any target sequence in a DNA sample. The quantity can be either an absolute copy number or relative amount of target DNA when the housekeeper gene is being used as a reference in mRNA quantifications performed on cDNA¹⁸. Nowadays, many qPCR assays have been widely used in several applications such as environmental, clinical, forensic analysis. Real-time qPCR assays are being used in those applications due to high levels of sensitivity, specificity and precision. The technique allows for the continuous collection

fluorescence signal of PCR products during the reaction process. Ideally, these products will be exponentially amplified, which means their quantities double with each thermal reactions cycles. Hence, qPCR can be applied to determine a threshold where the accumulation of amplified product is first significantly visible in the data. The fractional cycle number where PCR product accumulation passes this fixed threshold is called the threshold cycles (Ct)¹⁹. A basic PCR run can be broken up into three phases: Exponential, Linear and Plateau.

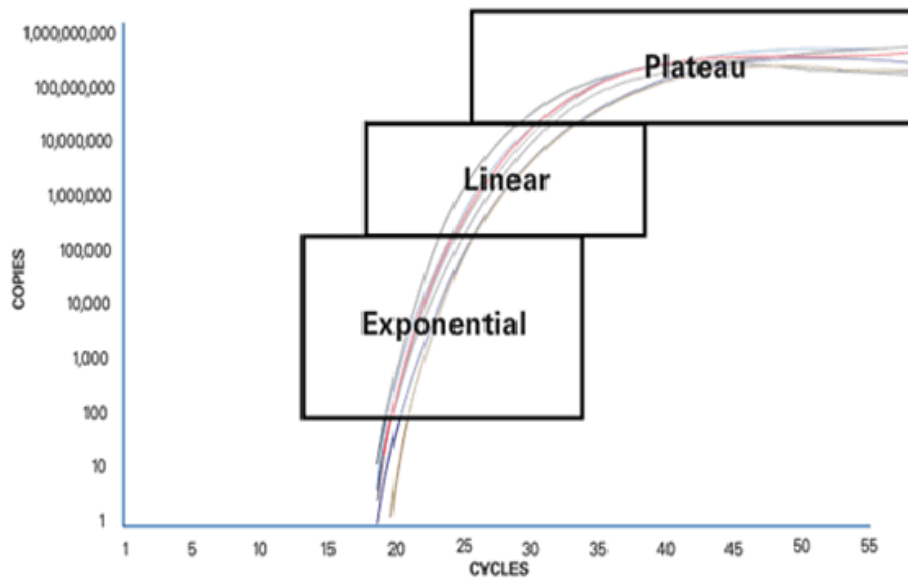
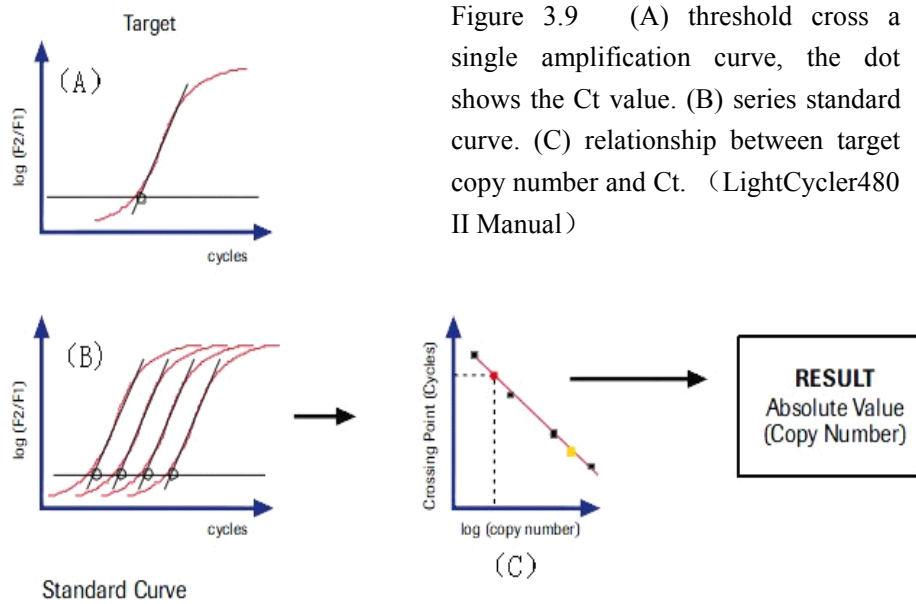


Figure 3.8 PCR phase (source: <http://www.invitrogen.com>)

At the linear phase, some of reagents are being consumed up as a result of amplification. The reactions start to slow down and the PCR product is no longer being doubled at each cycle, which means this phase generates high variable copy number. By contrast, the reaction in the exponential phase is very specific and precise, because all of the reagents are fresh and available, the kinetics of the reaction lead the reaction to favor doubling of the amplicon. Therefore, the noise baseline has to be set up as lower as possible, the threshold line should cross the exponential phase.



In an Absolute Quantification analysis, a standard curve is used to determine the concentration of unknown samples. In a standard curve, the concentrations of standard samples are plotted against the Ct of the samples. There is a log-linear relationship between the initial amount of DNA target in the reaction and the Ct value that is obtained.

Real-time PCR employs fluorescent dyes or probes that interact with the PCR products. The two primary types of fluorescent detection are DNA binding dyes, such as SYBR Green, or fluorescently tagged sequence specific probes, such as TaqMan or Molecular Beacon probes²⁰. SYBR Green dye was used in this study. SYBR Green is a dye that binds the Minor Groove of double stranded DNA. When SYBR Green dye binds to double stranded DNA, the intensity of the fluorescent emissions increases. As more double stranded amplicons are produced, SYBR Green dye signal will increase. SYBR Green dye will bind to any double stranded DNA molecule, Since detection of fluorescent signal from these dyes is not sequence specific, melting temperature analysis must be performed to ensure the production of a single PCR product²¹.

4. Experiment part

4.1 Reference plasmid preparation

Plasmid which contains specific sequence of analyte was used in qPCR

measurement to set up the calibration curve to calculate sample's copy number.

pGEM-7Zf plasmid vector (Promega, Madison, Wisconsin, USA) was used in this study. Specific fragments of yeast mitochondrial DNA were amplified with PCR. The oligonucleotides used for amplification were also used to introduce restriction sites for cloning at the fragment end. The fragments were purified from agarose gel by UltraClean®15 DNA purification kit (MO BIO, Carlsbad, CA USA). Fragments of 15S rRNA, COX3, COX1-exon1, COX1-exon4, Scd1 and ATP9 genes were inserted between the restriction sites XbaI and EcoRI. A fragment of COB4 was inserted between XbaI and SmaI, SmaI was used to create a blunt end, because the insert COB4 fragment sequence contains a restriction site EcoRI (confirmed by WebCutter program). Therefore COB4 could not be cloned by using EcoRI.

The list of oligonucleotides used for amplification of mitochondrial DNA fragments is presented in the Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Oligonucleotides for amplification of mitochondrial DNA fragments			
Name	Sequences (5'→3')	Product size (bp)	Unavailable enzyme
15S rRNA	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA TCAAGCCAATAATGGTTTAGGT R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC AACTGGATCAATCTTTCGATCA	169	
COX3	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA TCCATTCAGCTATGAGTCCTGA R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC TGAACCATAAACACCATCAGAGA	281	
COX1-exon1	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA TGATTATATTCAACAAATGCAAAAAGA R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC CCATGTAACACTTAACTCCACCT	325	
COX1-exon4	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA CTACACGTGTTGCACCCATT R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC GGCCTGAATGTGCCTGAAT	266	
ATP9	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA GCAGCTAAATATATTGGAGCAGGTA R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC TGAAACCATTAAACAGAATAAACCTG	192	
COB4	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA AAATAGGATTAAGATATAGTCCGAACA	246	EcoRI

	R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC TGAATGCATTGGAATTCTATCTAAA		
	L-Xba: CTATCTAGA ATTTACCCCCTTGTCCCATT		
SceI	R-EcoRI: CTGAATTC CCTCCATCATCTATAAATCAATATGC	736	HindIII

The list of constructed plasmid is presented in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 List of constructed plasmid			
Name	Upstream site	Downstream site	Plasmid size(bp)
15S rRNA	Xbal	EcoRI	3166
COX3	Xbal	EcoRI	3278
COX1-exon1	Xbal	EcoRI	3322
COX1-exon4	Xbal	EcoRI	3263
ATP9	Xbal	EcoRI	3189
COB4	Xbal	SmaI	3230
SceI	Xbal	EcoRI	3733
(Plasmid size = pGEM7/Zf size + inserter size)			

The reference plasmids were purified from 100-200ml bacterial cultures by alkaline lysis, Ribonuclease A treatment (20 mkg RNase A in 1 ml, 56 °C, for 30 min) and CsCl Density Gradient Centrifugation. The traces of low-molecular RNA were removed by additional purification step on Sephacryl S-400 HR gel filtration column. The plasmid preparations were inspected by agarose gel electrophoreses.

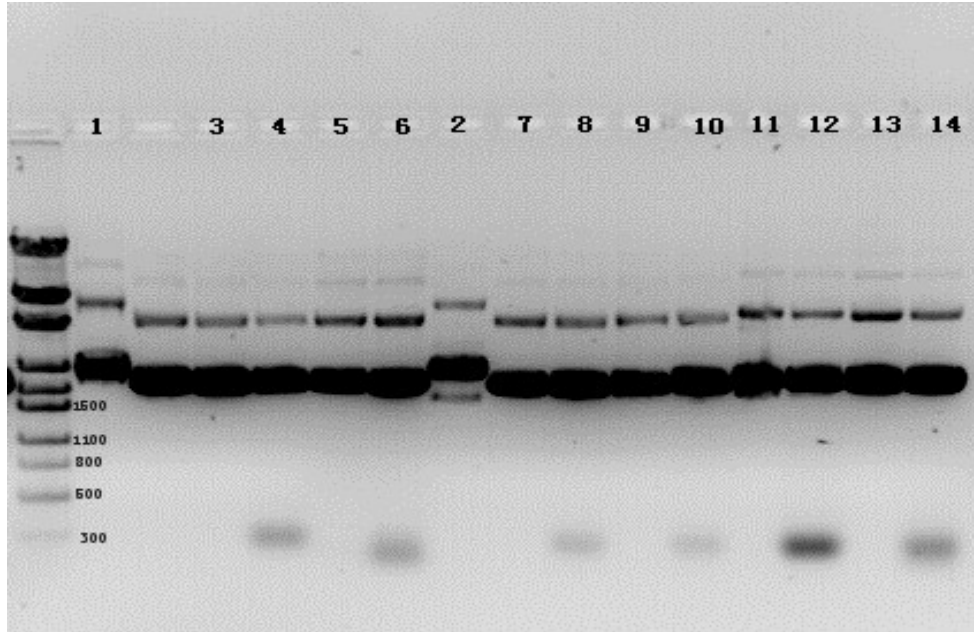


Figure 4.1 Inspection of plasmid purification of plasmid by agarose gel electrophoreses. Lane 1,3,5,7,9,11,13 corresponds SceI,cox3,cox1-1,ATP9,Cob4,15s,cox1-4 after gel filtration treatment, respectively. Column 2,4,6,8,10,12,14 corresponds SceI,cox3,cox1-1,ATP9,Cob4,15s,cox1-4 before gel filtration, respectively. The result demonstrated that there was no residual RNA remains in the Plasmid preparations.

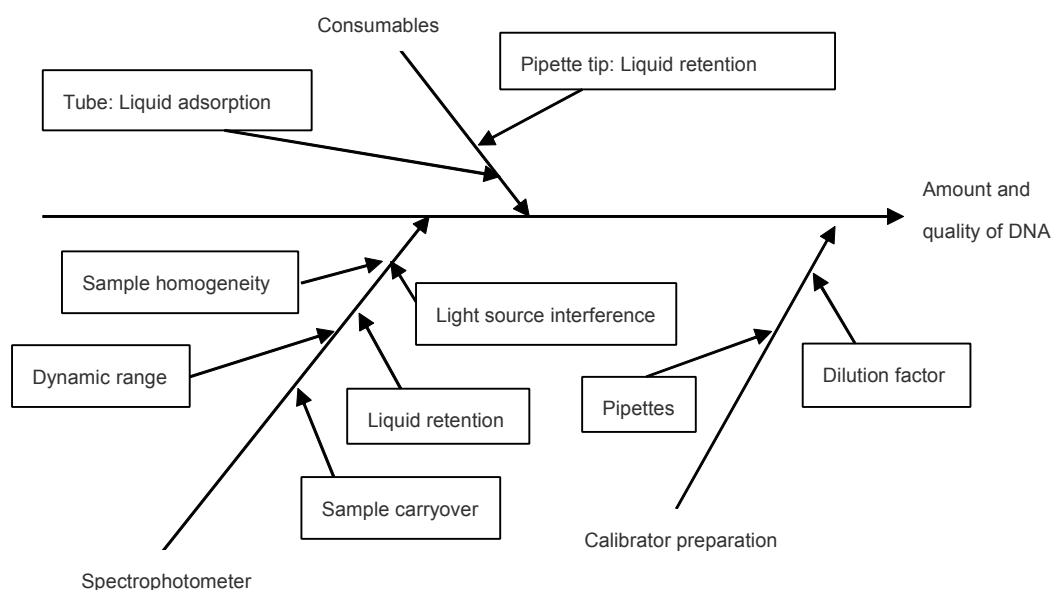
Chromosome reference gene was FIT2. FIT2 was amplified by PCR, and then fragment purified from agarose gel by UltraClean®15 DNA purification kit (MO BIO, Carlsbad, CA USA).

The stocks of reference plasmid were stored in T₁₀E_{0.1} at +4 °C.

4.2 Reference plasmid copy number calculation and uncertainty estimate

The copy number calculation formula was given by (1). In order to calculate the copy number of plasmid, concentration of plasmid was measured by Nanodrop 2000 spectrophotometer by 5 replications. The uncertainty source flow is presented in Figure 4.2. If the DNA is not of sufficient quality, the downstream PCR efficiency may be affected. The quality of DNA can be affected by its size, stability, level of degradation, structural integrity, and presence of inhibitors and modifications, which may be inherent in the sample matrix²²

Fig4.2 uncertainty source flow



It is important to ensure that the sample was mixed well before quantification, and that the spectrophotometer has been cleaned to ensure no sample carryover between readings. Based on manufacturer’s guidelines, a 2µl drop is used for measurements. The blank sample was T₁₀E_{0.1} which was also used to dissolve plasmid DNA.

The plasmid DNA was diluted to a proper concentration, keep in T₁₀E_{0.1} at +4 °C for routine use.

The series dilution process is presented in Table 4.3

Table 4.3 Series dilution process									
Name	Initial concentration	Dilution No.1 concentration		Dilution No.2 concentration		Final concentration			
15S	147.82ng/µl	5µl	68.91µlTE	10ng/µl	5µl	45µlTE			1ng/µl
COX1-1	970.18 ng/µl	5µl	43.509µlTE	100 ng/µl	5µl	45µlTE	5µl	45µlTE	1ng/µl

COX1-4	2394.16 ng/μl	5μl	114.71μlTE	100 ng/μl	5μl	45μlTE	5μl	45μlTE	1ng/μl
COX3	1705.12 ng/μl	5μl	80.25μlTE	100 ng/μl	5μl	45μlTE	5μl	45μlTE	1ng/μl
ATP9	1474.4 ng/μl	5μl	68.72μlTE	100 ng/μl	5μl	45μlTE	5μl	45μlTE	1ng/μl
COB4	2473.5 ng/μl	5μl	118.68μlTE	100 ng/μl	5μl	45μlTE	5μl	45μlTE	1ng/μl
SCEI	2173.14 ng/μl	5μl	103.66μlTE	100 ng/μl	5μl	45μlTE	5μl	45μlTE	1ng/μl
FIT2	18.52 ng/μl	10μl	8.52μlTE	10 ng/μl	5μl	45μlTE			1ng/μl

The pipette was set at the proper volume to calculate dilution uncertainty by 5 replications. The measurement data is presented in Appendices Table 4.

Uncertainty is associated with dilution procedures prior the calibrator using in the work. The exactly uncertainty of the dilution factor depends on the series dilution process. The numerator and denominator in the formula for calculating the dilution factor are correlated (same a). Therefore, it is not completely correct to apply the rules of combining independent components of uncertainty when estimating the uncertainty of a dilution factor²³. The uncertainty variance of a dilution step is obtained from:

$$u_f^2 = \frac{a^2 u_b^2 + b^2 u_a^2}{a^4} = \frac{u_b^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2 u_a^2}{a^4} \quad (2)$$

And the RSD squared from:

$$w_f^2 = \frac{1}{(a+b)^2} \left[\frac{a^2 u_b^2 + b^2 u_a^2}{a^2} \right] = \frac{b^2}{(a+b)^2} (w_b^2 + w_a^2) \quad (3)$$

a = suspension transfer volume

b = diluton blank volume

u_a = standard uncertainty of a

u_b = standard uncertainty of b

w_a = relative standard uncertainty of a

w_b = relative standard uncertainty of b

If the total dilution contains of k similar steps the combined RSD squared of the dilution factor is calculated from:

$$w_F^2 = k w_f^2 \quad (4)$$

If the total dilution contains several different steps, like each time different volume to perform dilution, the relative uncertainty of each step should be separately estimated, the combined RSD squared of the dilution factor is calculated from:

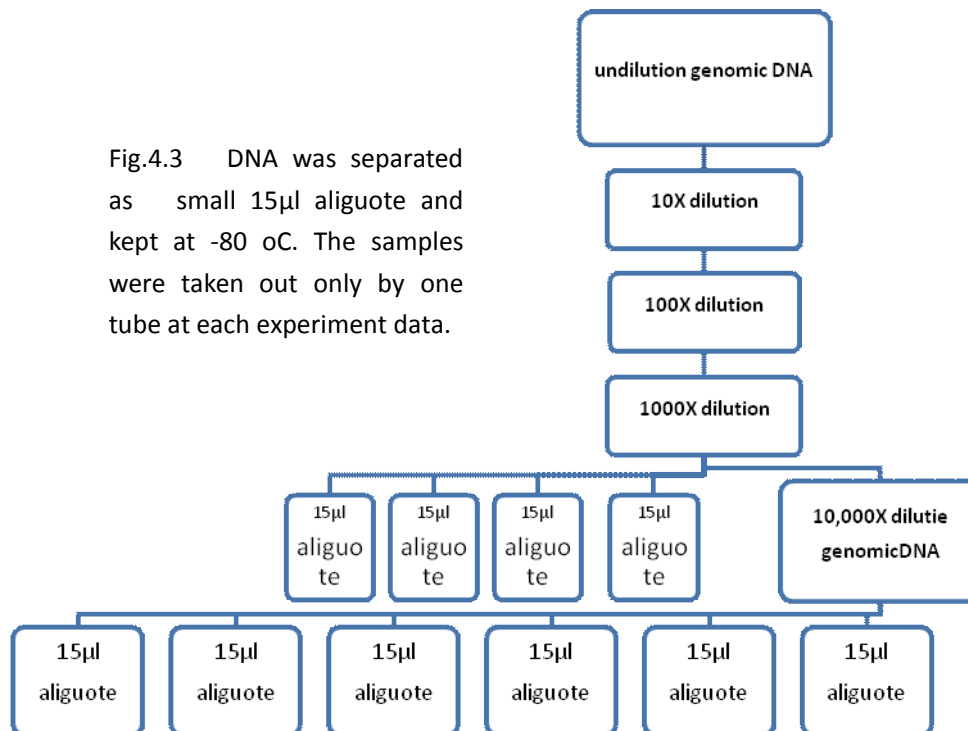
$$w_F^2 = w_{f_1}^2 + w_{f_2}^2 + \dots + w_{f_k}^2 \quad (5)$$

4.3 Total DNA preparation

The cultures of yeast *S.cerevisiae* strain W303 α were grown in 12ml YPG at 25 °C to OD600 = 0.70 (logarithmic growth phase), then transformed to 70ml YPG and grown to OD600 = 1.02, 10ml of the culture was spun down at that moment and used for DNA preparation. YPG contains yeast extract, peptone and glycerol(C₃H₈O₃).

DNA was extracted with the following protocol that minimizes damage to high molecular weight molecules. And then keep DNA at -80 °C in small aliquotes. Once DNA was resuspended in the T₁₀E_{0.1} (PH7.5), tips with cut end were used to handle DNA solution. The concentration of total DNA was 147.8ng/μl. Then DNA was diluted to 1000 and 10,000 times, separated in 6 tubes (15μl per tube). The protocol details are presented in Appendices 3.

Fig.4.3 DNA was separated as small 15µl aliquote and kept at -80 oC. The samples were taken out only by one tube at each experiment data.



4.4 Real-time polymerase chain reaction experiment

The calibration curves consisted each 5 calibration points: 10^5 , 10^4 , 10^3 , 10^2 , 10^1 copies of target gene per PCR assay. The copies of calibration plasmid were calculated based on formula (1). qPCR measurements were performed in MicroAmp® Optical 96-Well Reaction plates (Applied Biosystems, Lennik, Belgium) on a Roche LightCycler® 480 Real-Time PCR System using DNA binding dyes SYBR Green PCR MasterMix. Briefly, PCR cycling conditions were as follows: activation of DNA polymerase and initial denaturation for 15 mins at 95 °C; 50-60 cycles of denaturation for 10 s at 95 °C, annealing for 10s at 53 °C and extension for 15s at 72 °C, followed by a melting curve program, 1s quick denaturation at 95 °C, cooling down to 53 °C for 30s, followed by continued detection at 95 °C. All PCR assays were performed in triplicate using 10µl reaction system.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	A1	A1	A1	B1	B1	B1	C1	C1	C1	D1	D1	D1
B	A2	A2	A2	B2	B2	B2	C2	C2	C2	D2	D2	D2
C	A3	A3	A3	B3	B3	B3	C3	C3	C3	D3	D3	D3
D	A4	A4	A4	B4	B4	B4	C4	C4	C4	D4	D4	D4
E	A5	A5	A5	B5	B5	B5	C5	C5	C5	D5	D5	D5
F	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
G	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
H	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Fig. 4.4 Schematic representation of the PCR plate design used in this study. The wells are marked with the following numeric coding for the respective series dilution of plasmid DNA (A = plasmid A, B = plasmid B, C = plasmid C, D = plasmid D). The rectangles represent triplicates for each point of the different calibration curves. The wells labelled X contain the genomic DNA samples, Y was stochastic variables, ie, 10x dilution of previously loaded genomic DNA, spiked plasmid DNA etc. The wells were marked N is negative control point (there was no DNA in it).

qPCR reaction components		
Chemical	volume per reaction (μ l)	final concentration
10X homemade PCR buffer	1	1x
2mM dNTPs	1	0.2mM
20μM primers	0.3+0.3	600nM
20mM MgCl₂	0/0.25-0.5	3-4mM
1:10,000 SYBR Green dye	1	1/10 of reaction volume
Genomic DNA	1	
Hot TAQ	0.1	1/10 of reaction volume
Deionized distilled water	4.8-5.3	

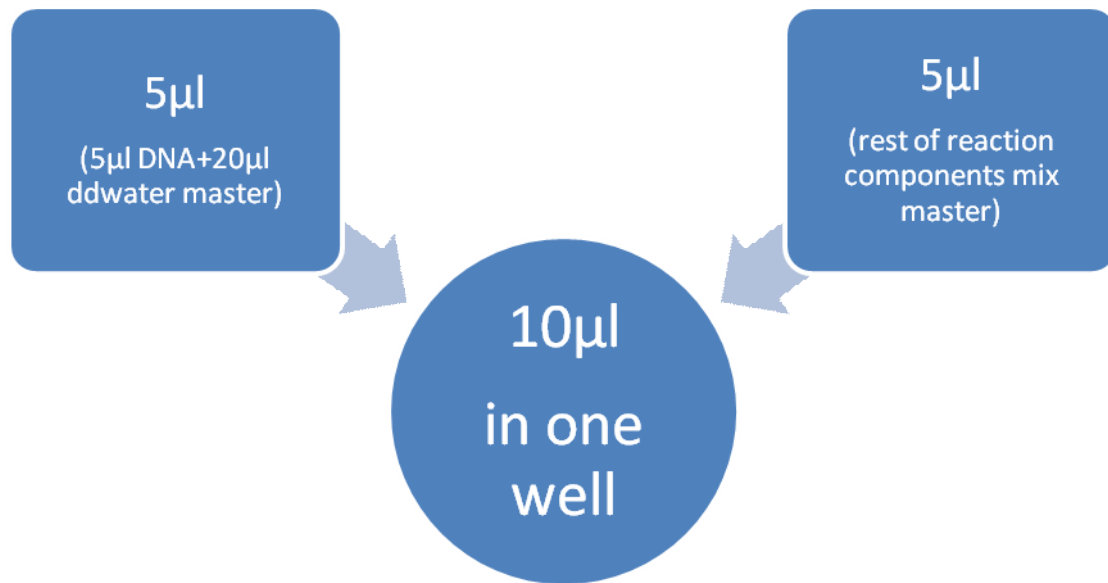
◆ 10x Homemade Core PCR Buffer consists 30mM MgCl₂, 200mM KCl, 100mM Tris HCl (pH8.5), 1% Triton X-100

◆ MgCl₂ concentration was fluctuated for different genes, decision made by

reaction efficiency, As a rule, higher $MgCl_2$ concentration can significantly raise efficiency, but can also lead to non-specificity amplification²⁴.

10 fold series plasmid dilution made from $1ng/\mu l$ stock solution to $0.0001pg/\mu l$ by a standard scheme ($5\mu l$ DNA solution mix with $45\mu l$ ddwater).

Fig. 4.5 A example for mixing reaction components



★ The loading sample for each individual well was $1\mu l$.

Suggestion for avoiding contamination

- △ **Keep your stock solution in the safe place**
- △ **Use new tips for each experiment**
- △ **Prepare several gloves for experiment, change them frequently**
- △ **Keep working environment sterile**

5. Results and discussion

5.1 Absolute quantitative analysis of 15S rRNA

Uncertainty estimate

15S rRNA copy number was measured 4 times at 2 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was $147.82ng/\mu l$ with 0.25% relative

uncertainty. According to dilution process, following the formula (1), (3) and (5), the 5 series 10 fold calibration points had 1.24%, 1.38%, 1.51%, 1.63% and 1.74% relative uncertainty, respectively.

However, the concentration or copy number of the calibrator does not correspond to the Ct value, but the $\log_{10}(\text{copy number})$ was used to establish the calibration curve with Ct. The uncertainty of $\log_{10}(\text{copy number})$ was calculated from formula:

$$f_{(x)} = \log_{10}(CN) \quad (6)$$

$$u_{f_{(x)}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f_{(x)}}{\partial CN} \times u_{CN}\right)^2} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{(x)}}{\partial CN} = \frac{1}{x \times \ln 10} \quad (8)$$

CN = copy number

$u_{f_{(x)}}$ = uncertainty of \log_{10} copy number

Hence, the uncertainty of \log_{10} copy number of plasmid standard DNA was 0.0054, 0.0060, 0.0066, 0.0071, and 0.0076, respectively.

The uncertainty of the Ct was observed by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach. The formula is presented as following:

$$\log_{10}(CN) = \frac{Ct - b}{a} \quad (9)$$

CN = copy number

Ct = threshold cross value

b = the intercept of the calibration function

a = the slope of the calibration function

The sample initial copy number and its uncertainty were calculated by following formula:

$$CN_{IN-run} = f_{(Ct)} = 10^{\frac{Ct-b}{a}} \quad (10)$$

$$CN_{IN-run} = 10^{\log_{10}(CN)}$$

$$STDVEV_{IN-run} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f_{(y)}}{\partial \log_{10}(CN)} \times STDVEV_{\log_{10}(CN)}\right)^2} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{(y)}}{\partial \log_{10}(CN)} = \ln 10 \times 10^{\log_{10}(CN)}$$

The recovery factor was measured by spiking same amount of plasmid DNA. The result was 1.03, which was close to 1, and considering this it is not necessary to correct the result.

The the copy number was converted to its undiluted a smple copy number by correcting with the dilution factor:

$$CN_{undiluted} = CN_{IN-run} \times d \quad (12)$$

$$u_{CN_{undiluted}} = CN_{undiluted} \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{u_{CN_{IN-run}}}{CN_{IN-run}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{u_d}{d}\right)^2}$$

$d = \text{dilution factor}$

$CN_{IN-run} = \text{copy number of loading sample}$

$CN_{undiluted} = \text{copy number of undiluted sample}$

The result are presented in following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R ²	E
15s RNA	1	1-1	241851756	11.64%	0.9872	99.51%
	2	1-2	229206668	13.17%	0.9832	96.89%
	3	2	260983230	12.47%	0.9961	97.73%
	4	3	208288676	27.74%	0.9945	99.21%
E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$						

Linearity

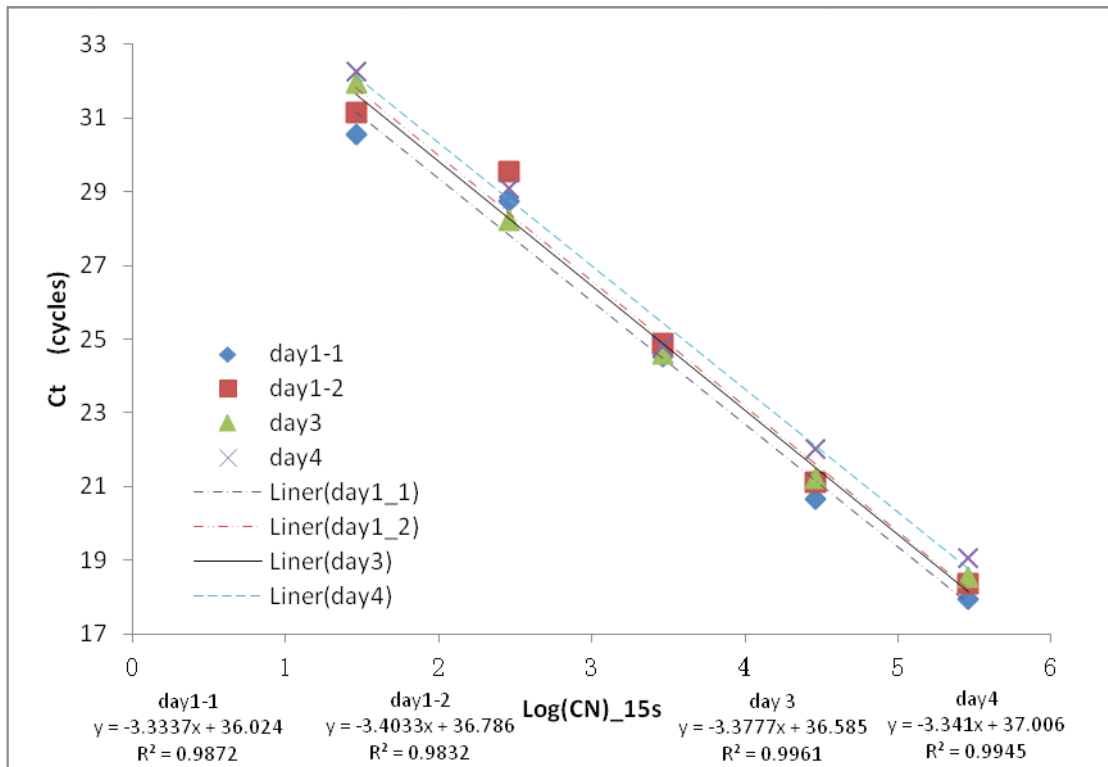


Fig.5.1 15S rRNA calibration curve comparison in different days. R² was less than 0.99, the linearity should be caution.

For each of the 4 platforms independently, a two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA, “GraphPad Prism 5”) was used to test for significant differences. The results from both platforms showed that at the 95% level of confidence, there was a non-significant interaction (P>0.005) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. However, the P value of Ct less than 0.05. Considering it is significant. The calibration curve also was compared by 95% confidence interval as following Fig.5.1.2. There are no extreme result which is out of 95% CI occurred . (The statistical result form is presented in Appendices)

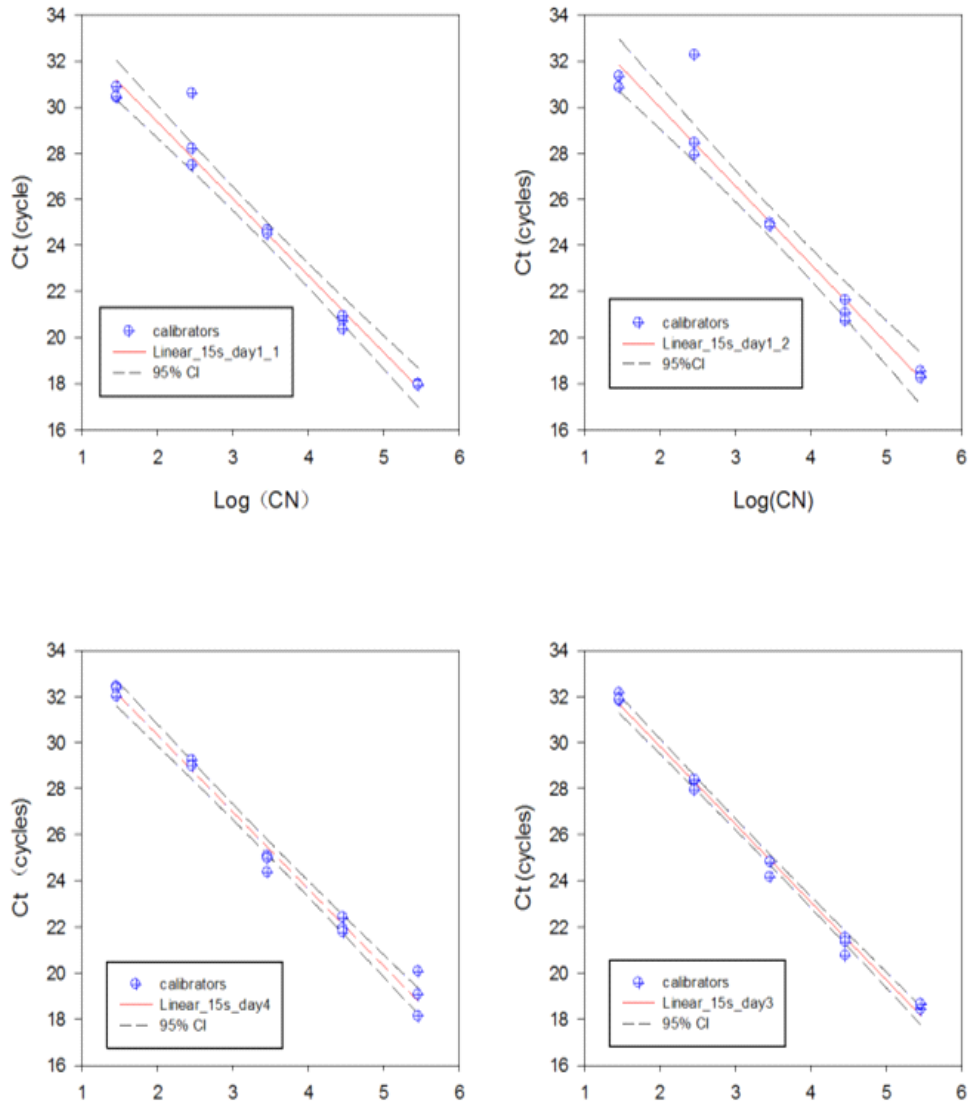


Fig.5.1.2 95% confidence interval test

Specificity

For each run the melting curve detection procedure was applied. The specific gene amplification products are homogeneous molecules that have identical melting temperature, therefore if the melting curve demonstrates only one peak, the specificity can be concluded²⁵.

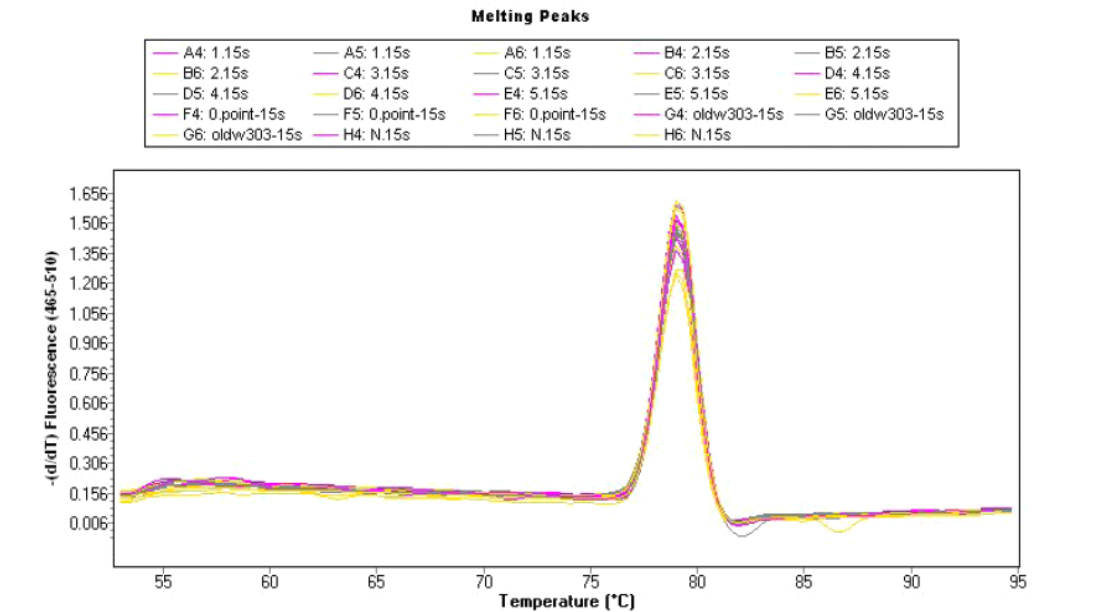


Fig.5.1.3 The melting curve at day 3. Because the running cycle was set up at 60 cycles, the single gene copy amplification should end before the 40th cycle by using those primers. The negative control samples present specific amplification from contaminating mtDNA traces and the singal. In these samples demonstrates the extreme sensitivity of the method.

5.2 Absolute quantitative analysis of Cox3

Cox3 copy number was measured 2 times at 2 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 1707.12ng/ μ l with 0.45% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of log₁₀copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0062, 0.0068, 0.0073, 0.0077 and 0.0082, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The recovery factor was measured by spiking same amount of plasmid DNA. The result was 1.01, which was close to 1, and considering this it is not necessary to correct the result.

The result are presented in the following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R ²	E
Cox3	1	2	108060821	29.49%	0.9987	89.34%
	2	5	147951996	8.04%	0.9964	93.26%

E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$

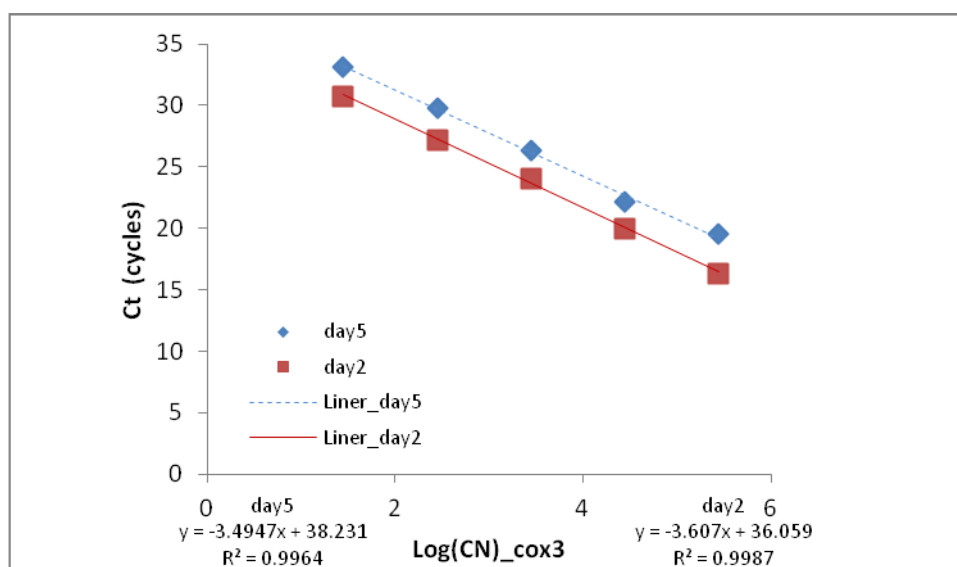


Fig.2 cox3 calibration curve comparison in different days. R² was greater than 0.99, the linearity was acceptable. The graph demonstrated the slopes are not significantly different. If the overall elevations were identical, intercepts are not significantly different. There was a non-significant interaction (P>0.005) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. However, the P value of Ct less than 0.05 and F-ratio was greater. Considering it is significant.

5.3 Absolute quantitative analysis of COX1-exon1

Cox1-exon1 copy number was measured 3 times at 3 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 970.18ng/μl with 0.44% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of log₁₀copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0056, 0.0062, 0.0068, 0.0073 and 0.0077, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in

logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The recovery factor was measured by spiking same amount of plasmid DNA. The result was 1.03, which was close to 1, and considering this it is not necessary to correct the result.

The result are presented in the following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R ²	E
Cox1_exon1	1	2	159588837	19.33%	0.9901	94.28%
	2	5	143168448	23.60%	0.9982	73.97%
	3	6	85824549	12.27%	0.9906	76.17%

E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$

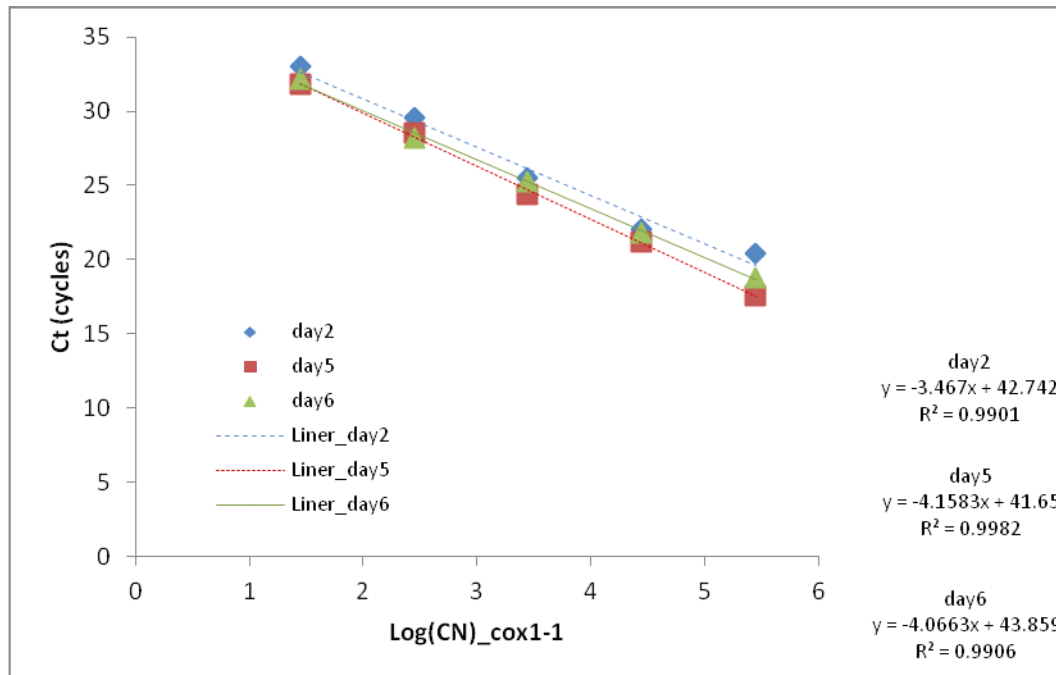


Fig.5.3 cox1_1 calibration curve comparison in different days. R² was greater than 0.99, the linearity was acceptable. There wasn't a non-significant interaction (P<0.005) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. The P value of Ct less than 0.05 and F-ratio was greater. Considering it is significant.

5.4 Absolute quantitative analysis of Cox1_exon4

Cox1_4 copy number was measured 3 times at 3 different days. The

concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 2394.2ng/μl with 0.56% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of log₁₀copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0064, 0.0070, 0.0074, 0.0079 and 0.0083, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The result is presented in following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R ²	E
Cox1_exon4	1	2	155989983	20.39%	0.9826	102.23%
	2	5	140773979	18.28%	0.9986	100.65%
	3	6	96891310	8.31%	0.9978	90.10%

E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$

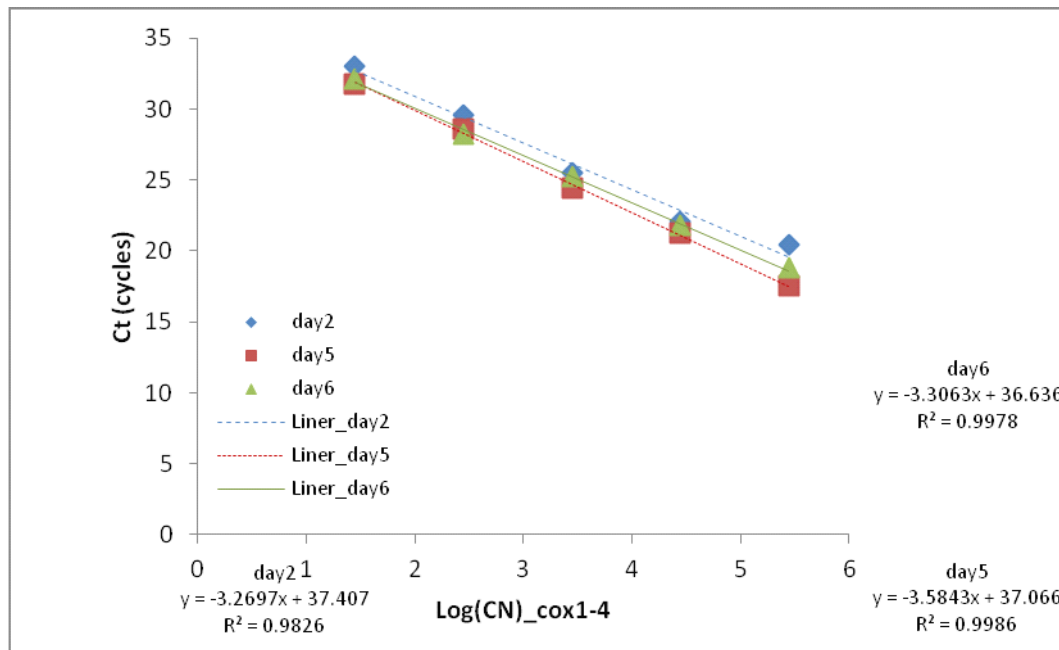


Fig.5.4 cox1_4 calibration curve comparison in different days. R² was greater than 0.99, the linearity was acceptable. There wasn't a non-significant interaction (P<0.005) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. The P value of Ct less than 0.05 and F-ratio was greater. Considering it is significant.

5.5 Absolute quantitative analysis of ATP9

ATP9 copy number was measured 3 times at 2 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 1474.4ng/μl with 0.27% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of log₁₀copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0060, 0.0066, 0.0071, 0.0076 and 0.0080, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The result are presented in the following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R ²	E
ATP9	1	2	171712693	29.29%	0.9807	89.38%
	2	7	119323099	43.41%	0.9812	83.36%
	3	7	134358399	30.90%	0.9816	83.20%

E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$

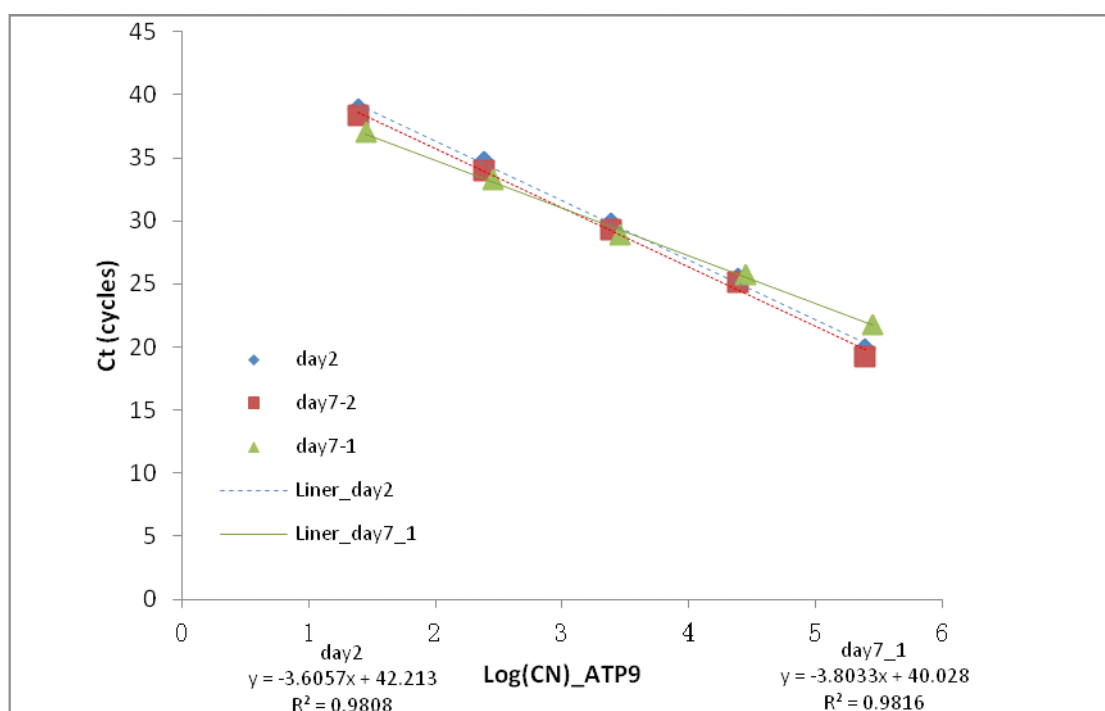


Fig. 5.5 ATP9 calibration curve comparison in different days. R^2 was greater than 0.98, the linearity was acceptable. There was a non-significant interaction ($P > 0.005$) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. The P value of Ct less than 0.05 and F-ratio was greater. Considering it is significant.

5.6 Absolute quantitative analysis of Cob4

Cob4 copy number was measured 3 times at 2 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 2473.5ng/ μ l with 0.55% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of \log_{10} copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0063, 0.0069, 0.0074, 0.0070 and 0.0083, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The result are presented in the following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R^2	E
Cob4	1	2	103537584	23.55%	0.9918	96.50%
	2	7	178176340	24.42%	0.9983	84.48%
	3	7	123255941	31.56%	0.09981	83.47%

E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$

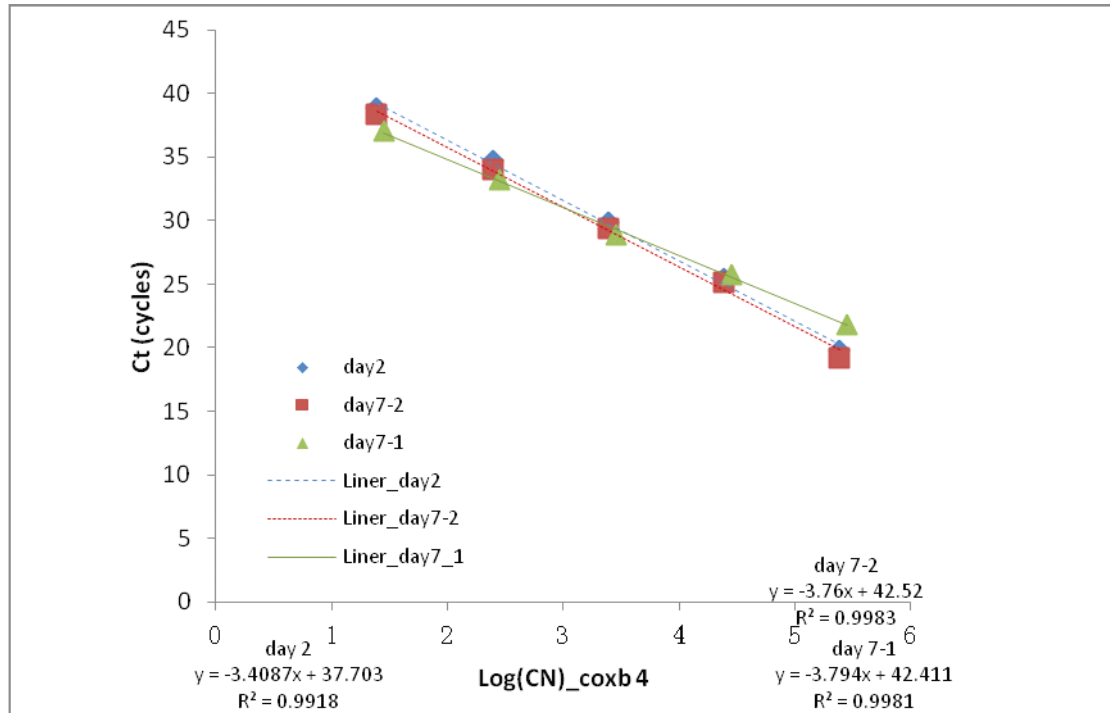


Fig.5.6 cob4 calibration curve comparison in different days. R^2 was greater than 0.98, the linearity was acceptable. There wasn't a non-significant interaction ($P < 0.005$) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. The P value of Ct less than 0.05 and F-ratio was greater. Considering it is significant.

5.7 Absolute quantitative analysis of SceI

SceI copy number was measured 4 times at 3 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 2173.14ng/ μ l with 0.28% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of \log_{10} copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0060, 0.0066, 0.0071, 0.0076 and 0.0080, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The result are presented in the following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R^2	E
SceI	1	8	117698439	12.71%	0.9985	60.67%

	2	5	100346614	27.30%	0.9661	69.31%
	3	7	111995901	9.40%	0.9961	62.50%
	4	7	96504569	14.43%	0.9976	63.05%
E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$						

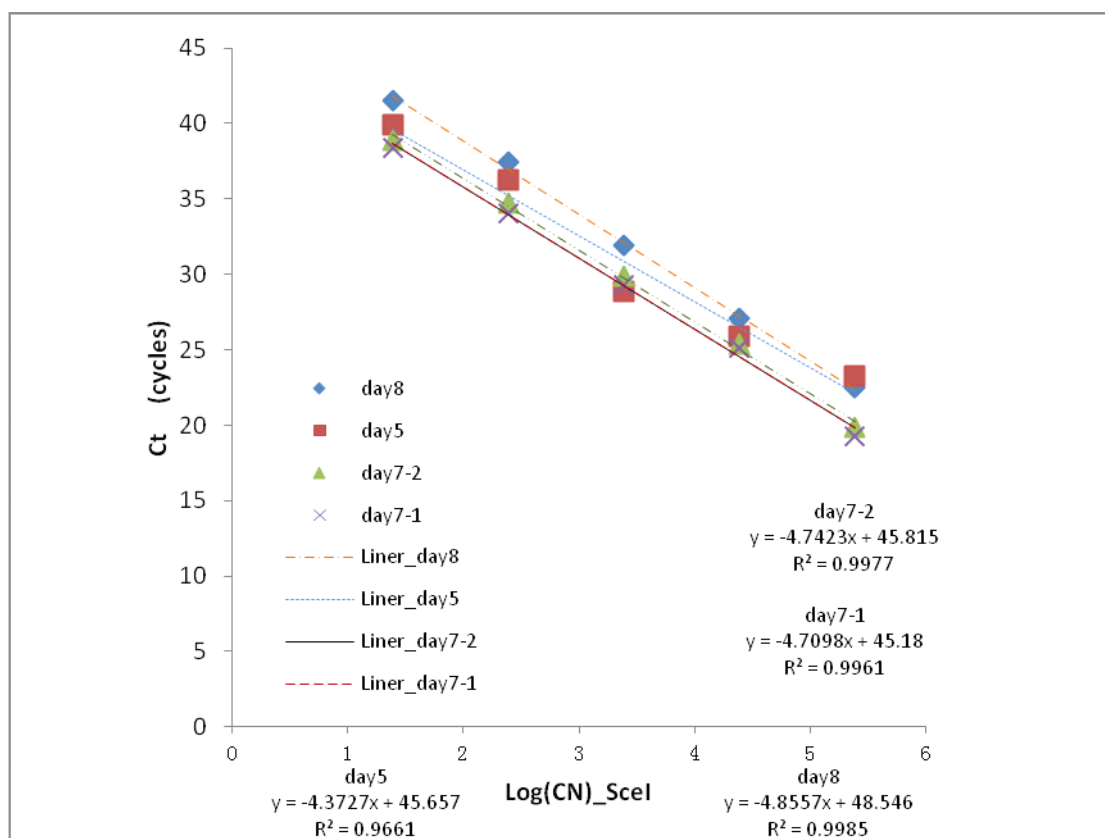


Fig.5.7 Scel calibration curve comparison in different days, At day 5, the R^2 was 0.96 and associated with higher relative uncertainty, therefore the result was eliminated from final comparison.

5.8 Absolute quantitative analysis of FIT2

FIT2 copy number was measured 5 times at 4 different days. The concentration of stock plasmid calibrator was 18.5ng/ μ l with 0.47% relative uncertainty. According to dilution process, the uncertainty of \log_{10} copy number of five 10-fold plasmid standard DNA was 0.0062, 0.0068, 0.0073, 0.0074 and 0.0082, respectively.

Uncertainty of the Ct was derived by calculating the standard deviation of mean of triplicates reading.

The directive result from the calibration curve was sample initial copy number in logarithmic form; uncertainty of this result was estimated by Kragten approach, and

then transformed to absolute copy number by formula (10), (11), (12).

The result is presented in following table:

Gene ID	No.	Data	Copy_undiluted	u_rel	R ²	E
FIT2	1	2	24360613	21.82%	0.9989	78.21%
	2	3	21578152	18.50%	0.9923	76.04%
	3	5	27712454	17.90%	0.9951	77.26%
	4	8	45093626	9.56%	0.9966	74.00%
	5	8	50287795	11.61%	0.9968	73.67%

E: efficiency of amplification; $E = 10^{(-1/slope)} - 1$

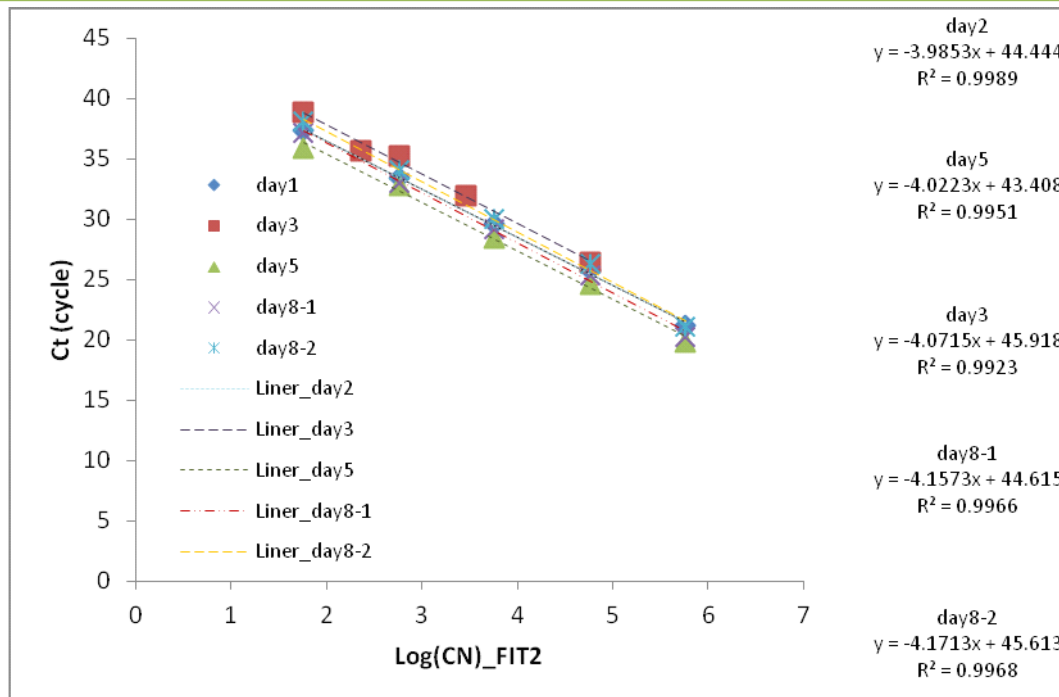


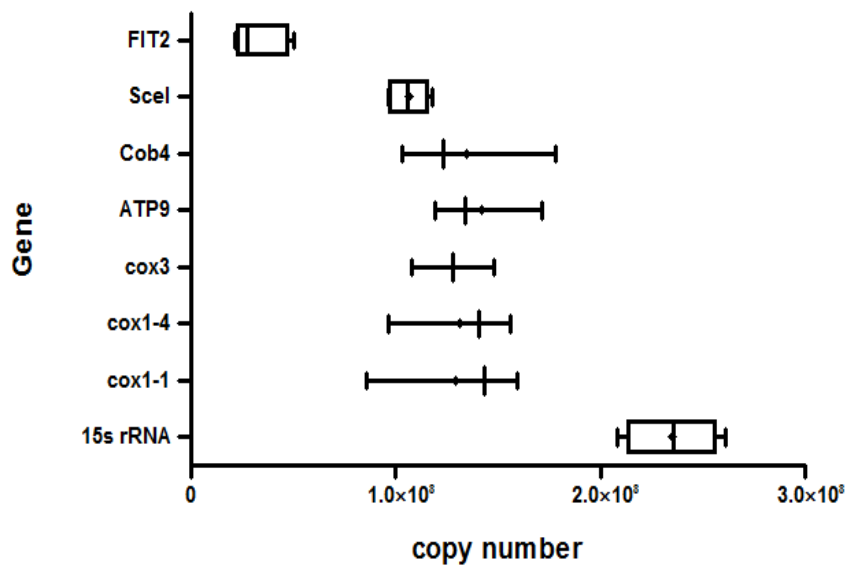
Fig.5.8 cob4 calibration curve comparison in different days. R² was greater than 0.99, the linearity was acceptable. There was a non-significant interaction (P > 0.005) between the each calibration samples points and Ct value within different platforms. The P value of Ct less than 0.05 and F-ratio was greater. Considering it is significant.

5.9 mtDNA copy number in single cell

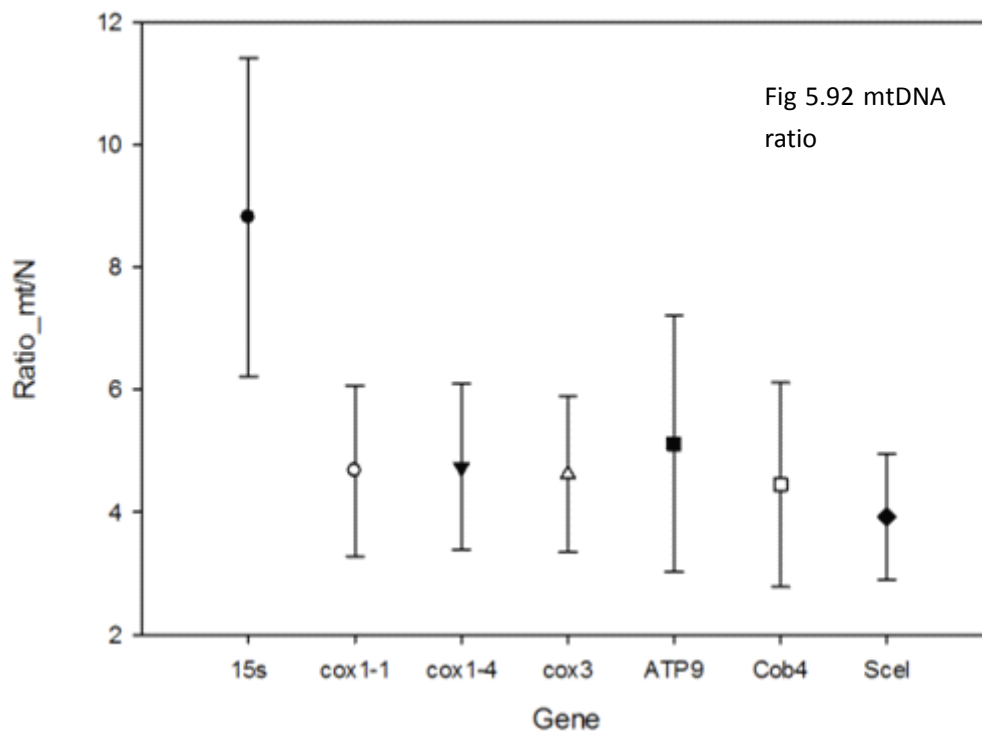
The chromosome gene FIT2 is single copy chromosomal gene, that is present as a single copy in haploid cells during most of the cell cycle. Therefore the ratio of mtDNA gene to FIT2 is approximates to the mitochondrial genome copy number in a single cell.

Each gene was observed several independent copy number result from different days. The result was treated with box and whisker plot (presented below), using the description outlined above where the whiskers encompass 5% to 95% of the range of results. An outlier can be defined as a data point that does not follow the typical distribution of the rest of the data set and can be regarded as an irregular observation²⁷. There was no significant outlier, hence the mean value were able to be a true value as used to compare with FIT2 copy number. The pooled standard deviation was used to calculate uncertainty in this case.

Box and Whiskers Plot



Gene	Ratio		Relative Uncertainty
15s	8.81	±	29.48%
cox1-1	4.67	±	29.76%
cox1-4	4.73	±	28.63%
cox3	4.62	±	27.62%
ATP9	5.12	±	40.96%
Cob4	4.45	±	37.49%



6. Summary

The main goal of this work was developing the qPCR method for yeast mitochondrial DNA analysis, and to estimate the ratio of between mitochondrial and nuclear genes.

This study revealed that the mtDNA copy number in yeast *S. cerevisiae* strain w303 α does not have a constant value for each mitochondrial genetic elements. The analyzed protein encoding genes, cytochrome c oxidase subunit I, III (cox1_exon1, cox1-exon4 and cox3), had roughly the same copy number. However, the copy number of the mitochondrial RNA gene, 15S, is approximately twofold higher. Hence, based on this study, we can speculate that the mitochondrial gene copy number depends on the gene function and obviously can be regulated independently, according to the metabolic needs of the organelle. It will be therefore interesting to test how the changes of copy number of individual mitochondrial genes during different growth conditions, for example on different carbon sources. It will also be interesting to analyze other yeast strains to confirm the detected copy number difference in other genetic

background.

7. Summary in Estonian

Töö peamiseks eesmärgiks oli qPCR-l baseeruvate mõõtmismeetodite väljaarendamine, mille abil oleks võimalik kvantitatiivselt iseloomustada mitokondriaalse DNA koopiaarvu pärmi *S. cerevisiae* rakkudes.

Töö käigus läbiviidud analüüs näitas, et *S. cerevisiae* tüves w303 on erinevate mitokondriaalsete geenide koopiaarv erinev. Valke kodeerivad tsütokroomi oksidaasi subühiku I (eksonid 1 ja 4) ja III geenide koopiaarv on ligikaudu võrdne, ent mitokondriaalse ribosoomi 15S rRNA geeni koopiaarv on kaks korda kõrgem. Seega on mitokondriaalse DNA koopiaarv sõltuv konkreetset analüüsitava geenist ja võib olla individuaalselt reguleeritud vastavalt metabolismi vajadustele. Huvitav oleks analüüsida, kuidas muutub koopiaarv erinevates kasvutingimustes, näiteks erinevaid süsinikuallikaid kasutades ning kuidas sõltub mitokondriaalse DNA koopiaarv tüve tuuma genoomi erisustest.

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10. Appendices

Appendice1. ANOVA statistical analysis result

• 15s

Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	0.44	0.2832
Plate	97.56	< 0.0001
Ct	0.50	0.0032

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	12	6.220	0.5183	1.275
Plate	4	1365	341.3	391.0
Ct	3	6.972	2.324	5.715
Subjects (matching)	10	8.729	0.8729	2.146
Residual	30	12.20	0.4067	

• Cox3

Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	0.11	0.8094
Ct	92.26	< 0.0001
plate with different calibration opint	5.98	< 0.0001
Subjects (matching)	0.9286	0.3473

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	4	0.9281	0.2320	0.3927
Ct	4	757.6	189.4	248.4
plate with different calibration opint	1	49.10	49.10	83.10
Subjects (matching)	10	7.625	0.7625	1.290
Residual	10	5.909	0.5909	

• COX1-excon1

Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	1.08	0.0013
Plate	91.64	< 0.0001
Ct	6.46	< 0.0001
Subjects (matching)	0.3037	0.3610

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	8	16.06	2.008	5.210
Plate	4	1369	342.2	754.5
Ct	2	96.52	48.26	125.2
Subjects (matching)	10	4.535	0.4535	1.177
Residual	20	7.708	0.3854	

• **COX1-excon4**

Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	0.55	0.0088
Ct	97.44	< 0.0001
plate with different calibration points	1.47	< 0.0001
Subjects (matching)	0.1725	0.5333

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	8	5.819	0.7274	3.659
Ct	4	1035	258.8	1412
plate with different calibration points	2	15.58	7.788	39.18
Subjects (matching)	10	1.833	0.1833	0.9220
Residual	20	3.976	0.1988	

• **Scel**

Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	1.04	0.2217
Ct_secl	93.06	< 0.0001
plates with differents calibrator points	3.28	< 0.0001
Subjects (matching)	0.7640	0.3110

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	12	27.80	2.316	1.396
Ct_secl	4	2492	622.9	304.5
plates with differents calibrator points	3	87.69	29.23	17.61
Subjects (matching)	10	20.46	2.046	1.233
Residual	30	49.78	1.659	

• **ATP9**

Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	0.55	0.5690
Ct_ATP9	89.17	< 0.0001
Plates with different calibration points	5.75	< 0.0001
Subjects (matching)	2.9094	0.0071

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	8	7.881	0.9851	0.8536
Ct_ATP9	4	1273	318.2	76.62
Plates with different calibration points	2	82.10	41.05	35.57
Subjects (matching)	10	41.53	4.153	3.599
Residual	20	23.08	1.154	

• **Cob4**

Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	0.40	0.0101
Ct_cob4	89.60	< 0.0001
Plates with different calibration points	9.10	< 0.0001
Subjects (matching)	0.6092	0.0027

Source of Variation	Df	Sum-of-squares	Mean square	F
Interaction	8	5.419	0.6774	3.557
Ct_cob4	4	1204	300.9	367.7
Plates with different calibration points	2	122.3	61.14	321.0
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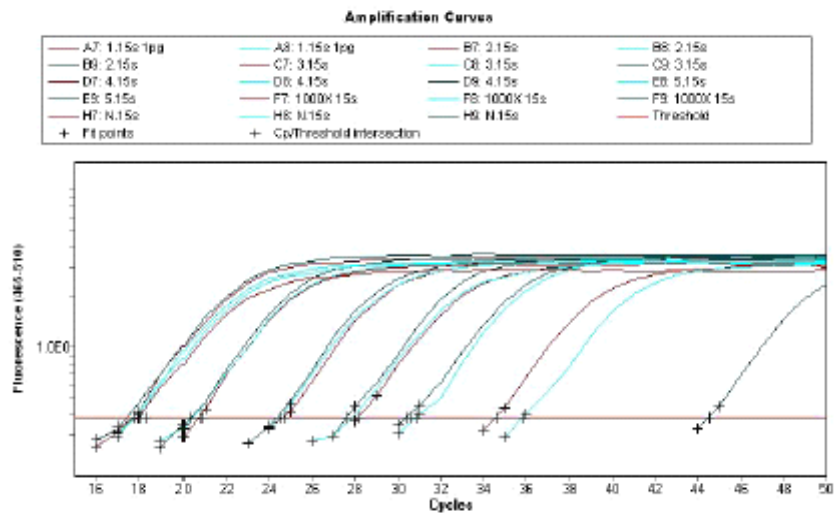
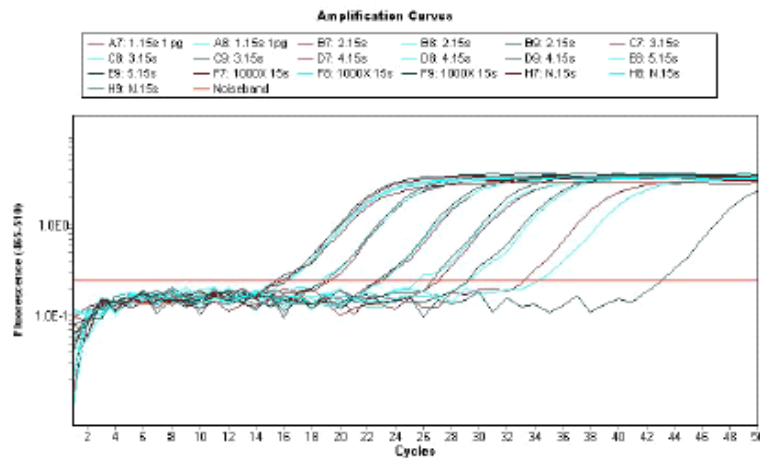
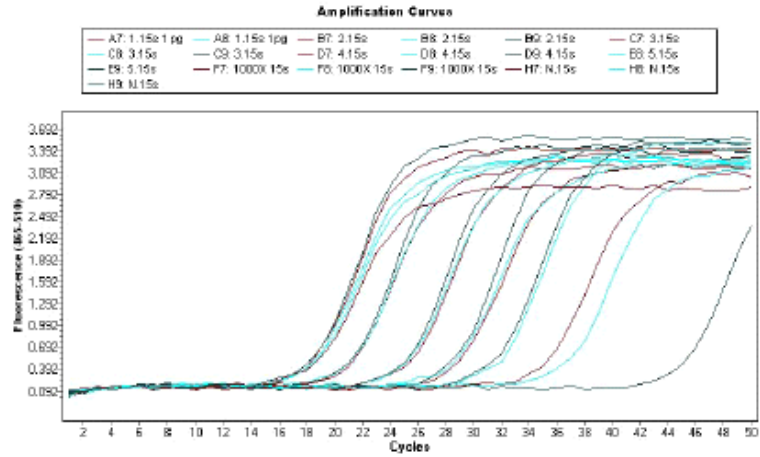
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Two-way RM ANOVA	Matching by rows	
Source of Variation	% of total variation	P value
Interaction	0.10	0.9626
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Subjects (matching)	0.1522	0.7033

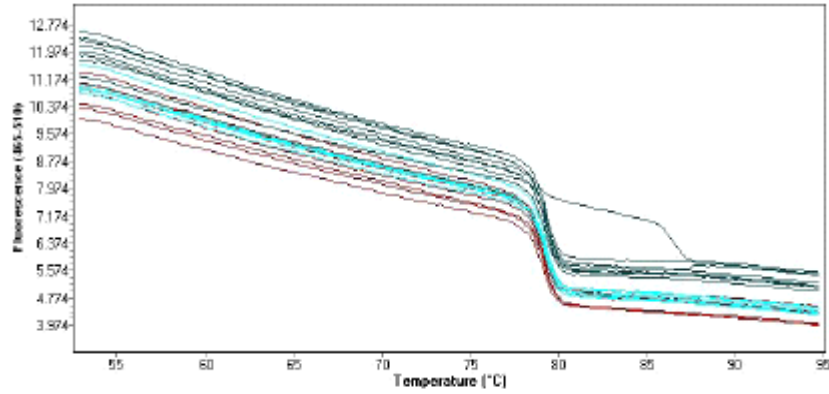
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Plates with different calibration points	3	22.20	7.399	16.99
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Residual	30	13.06	0.4355	

Appendice2. qPCR amplify curve and melting curve

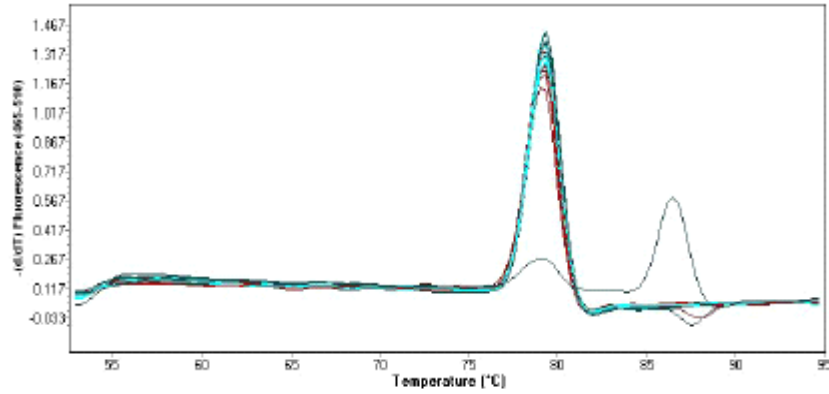
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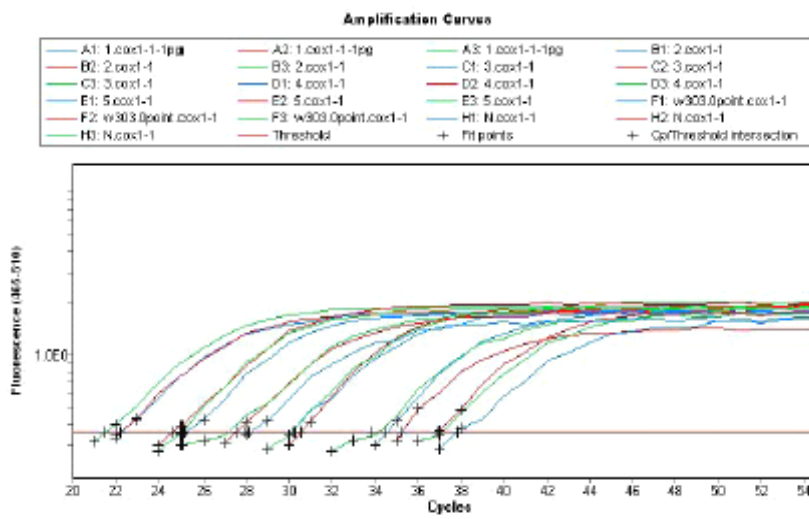
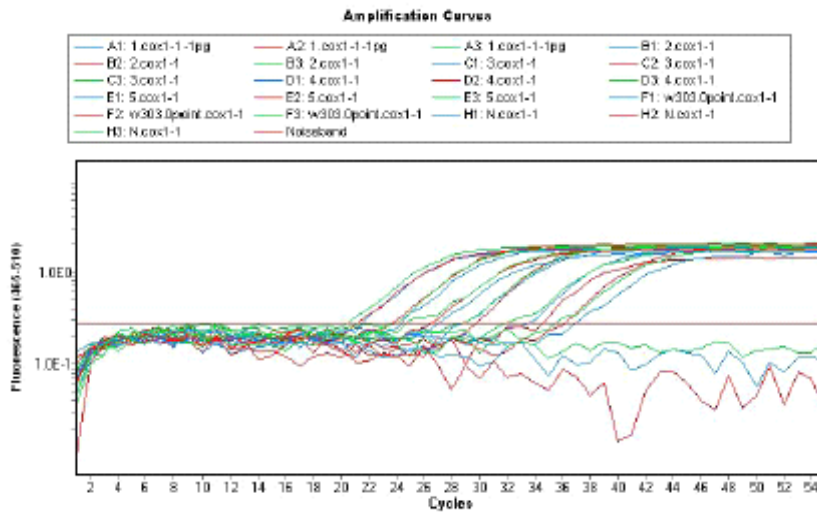
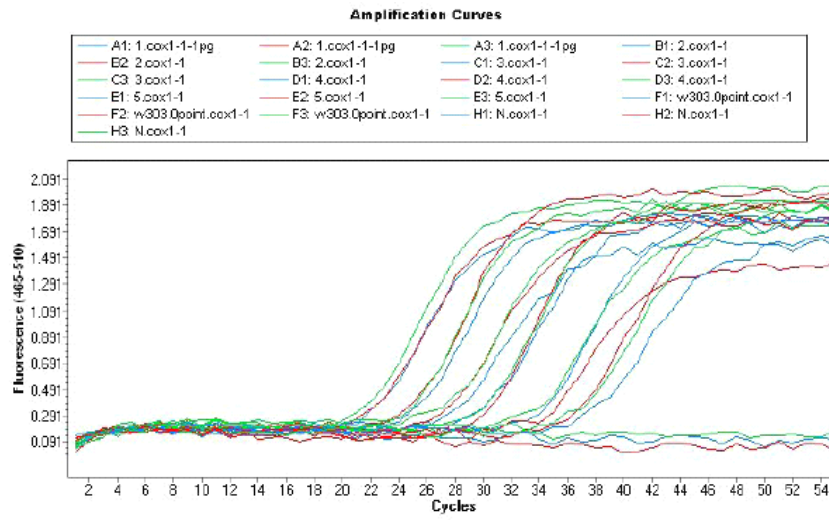
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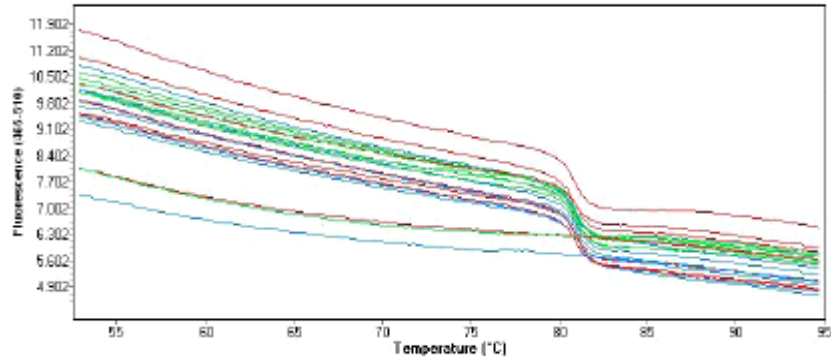
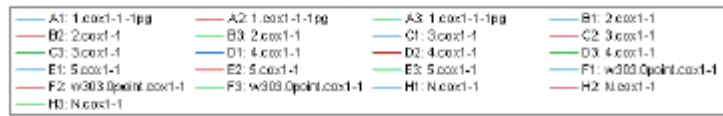
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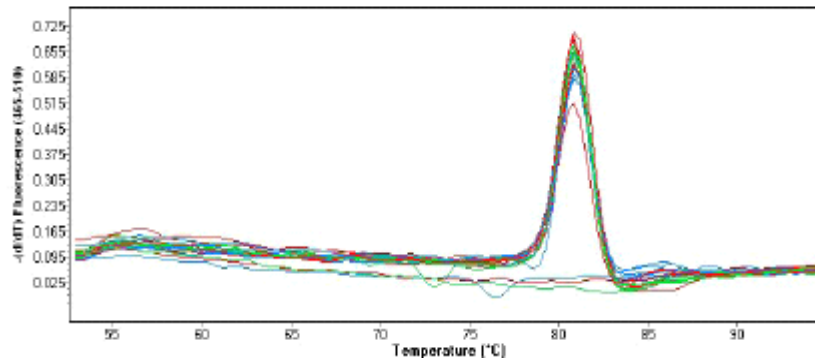
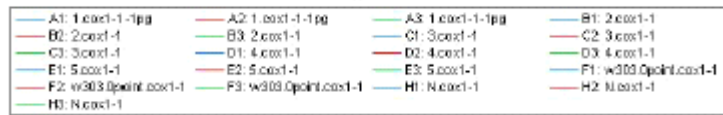
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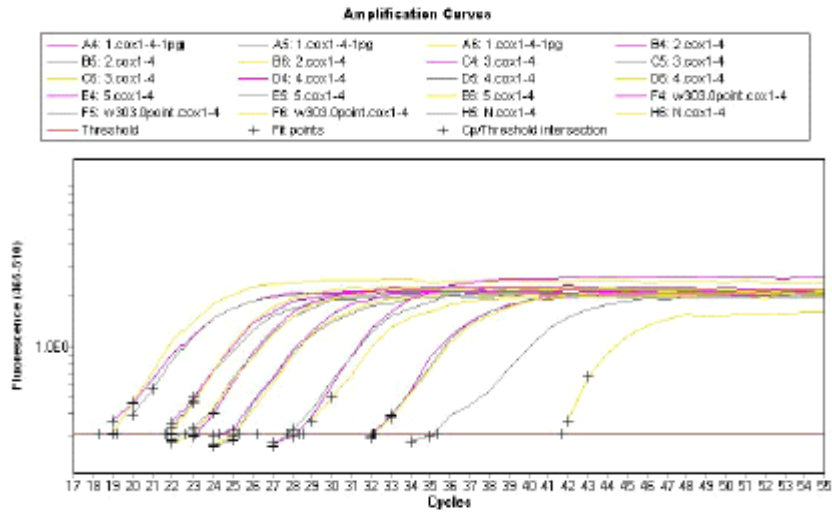
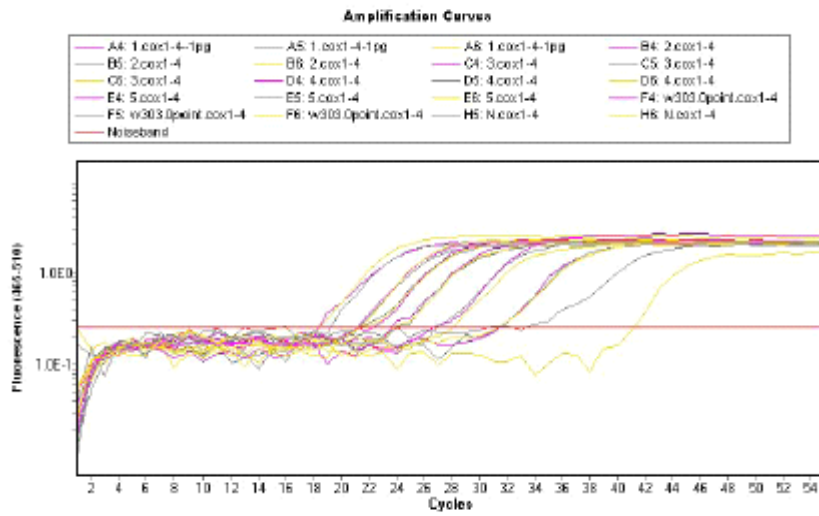
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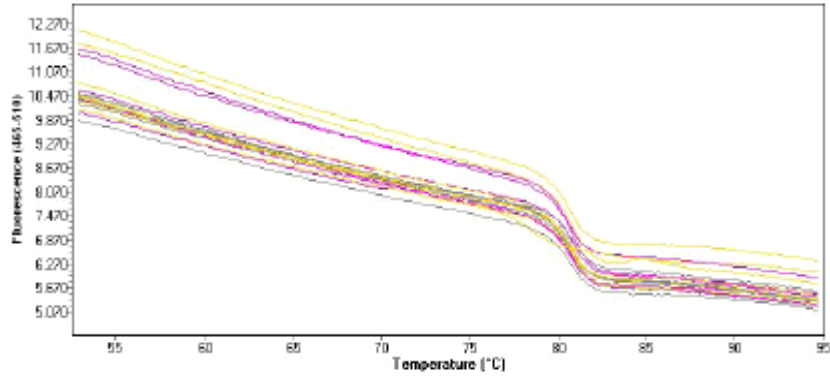
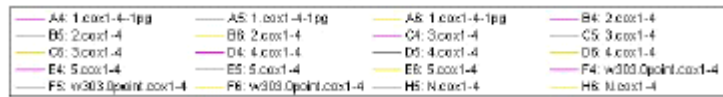
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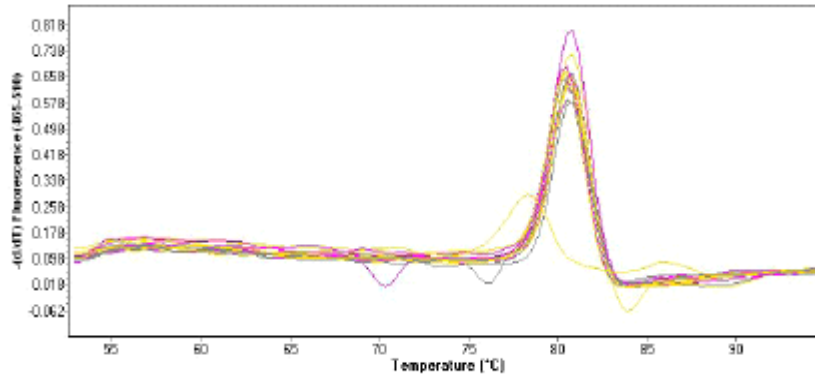
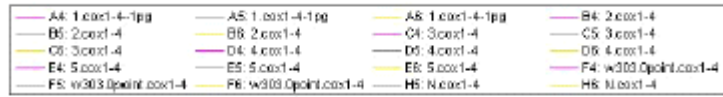
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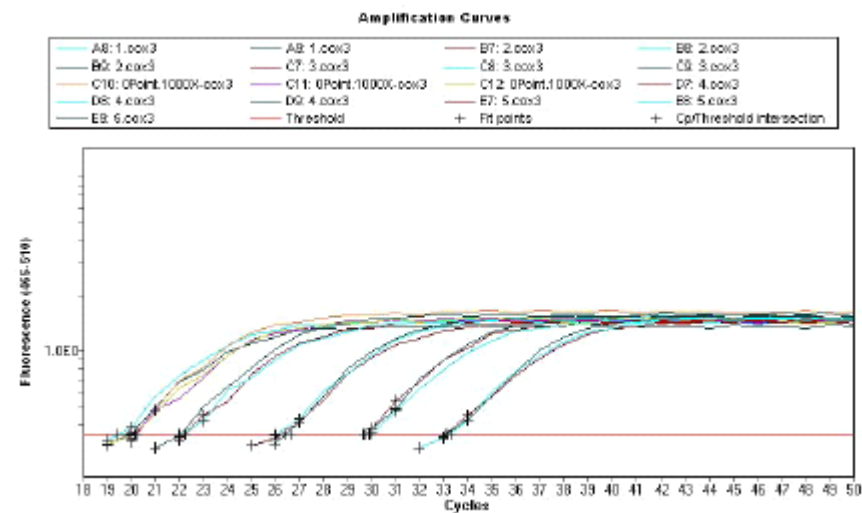
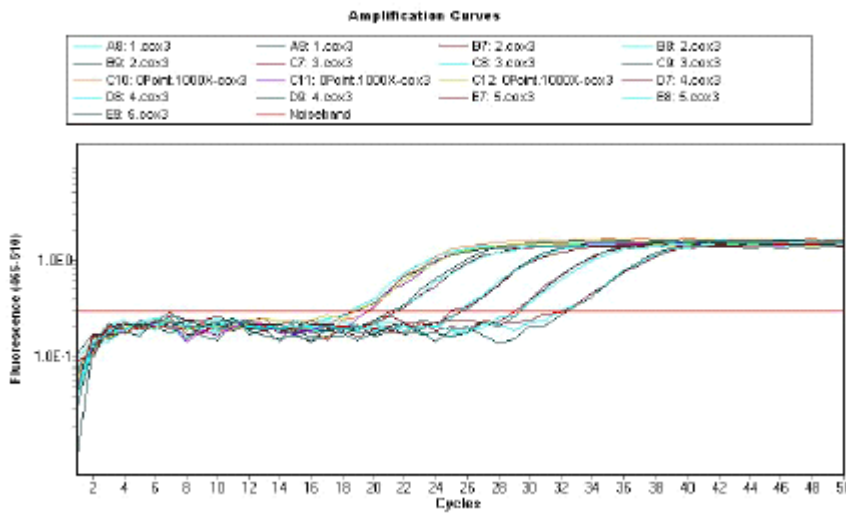
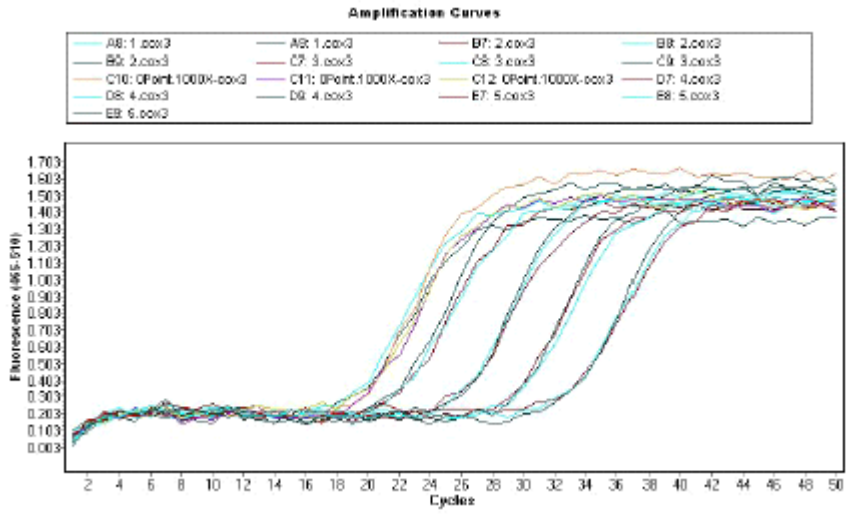
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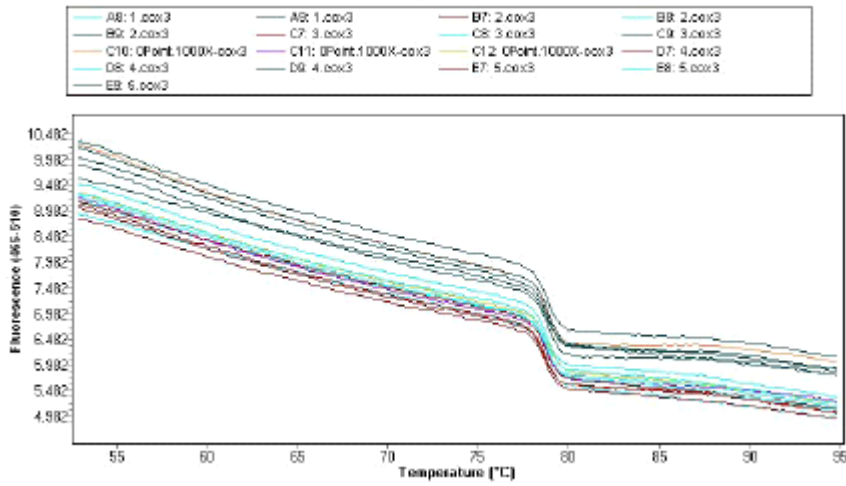
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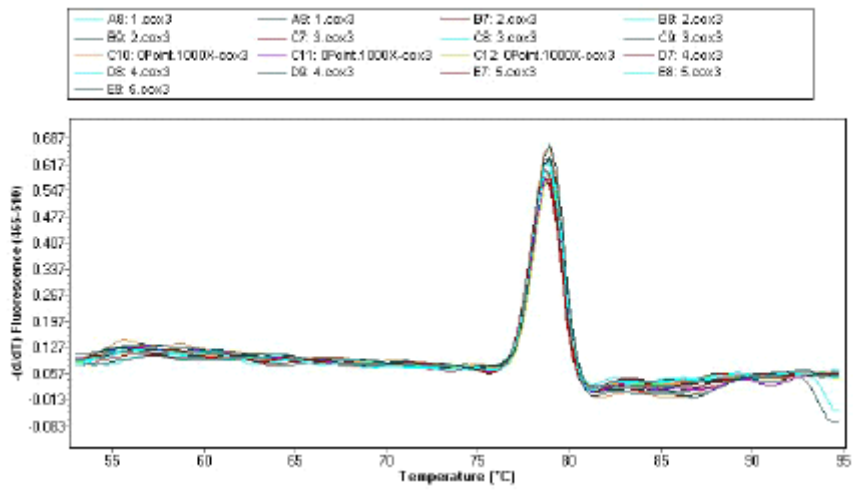
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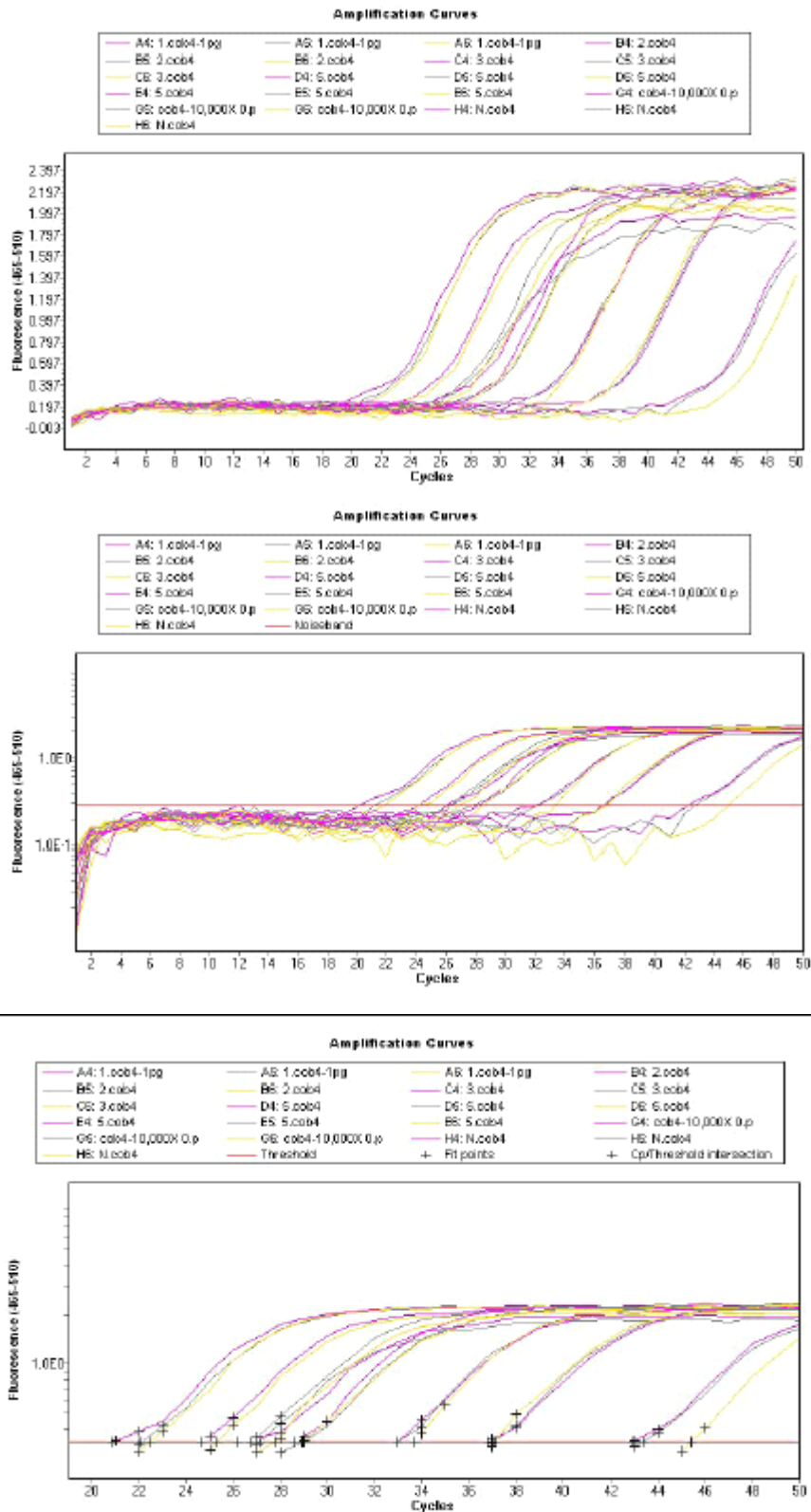
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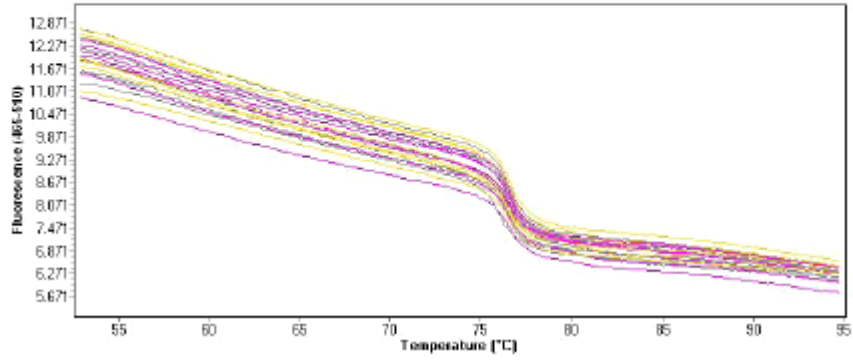
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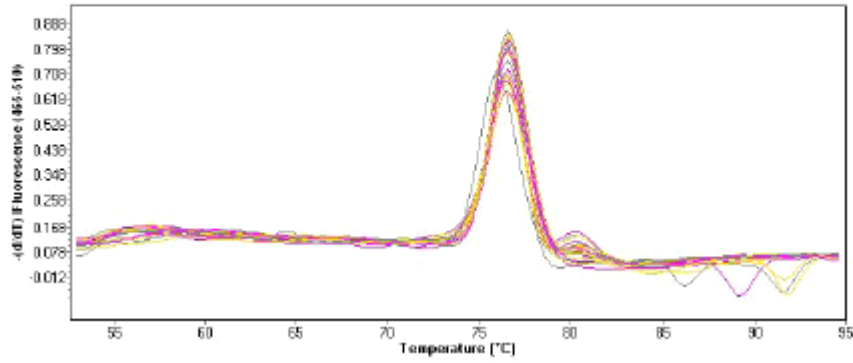
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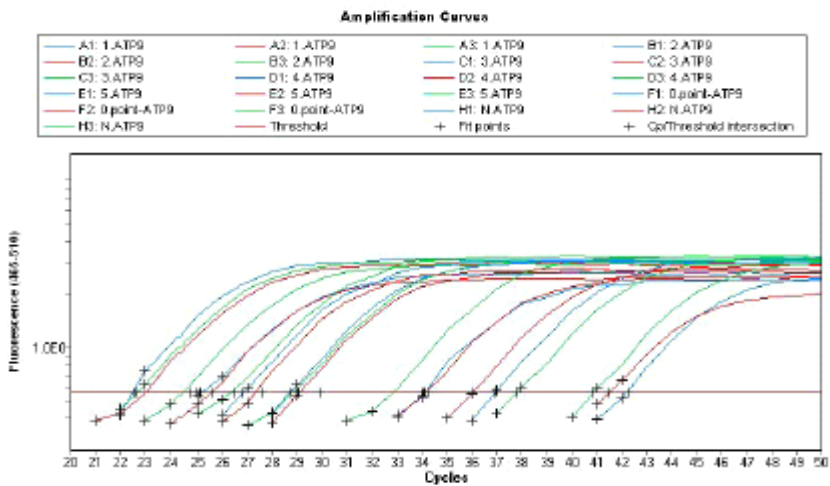
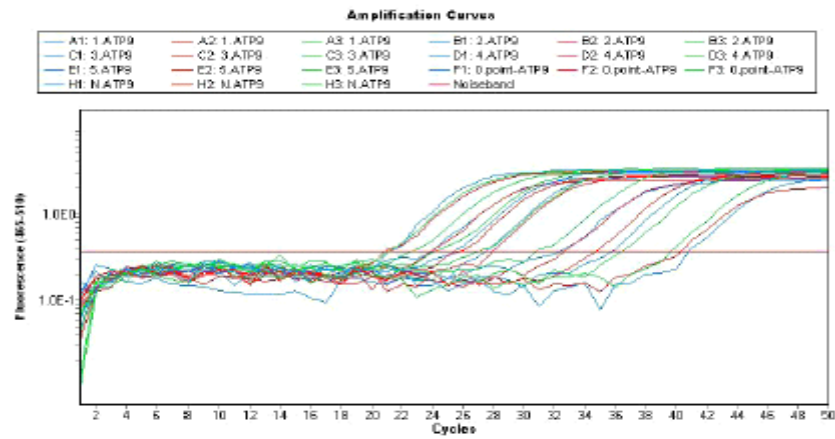
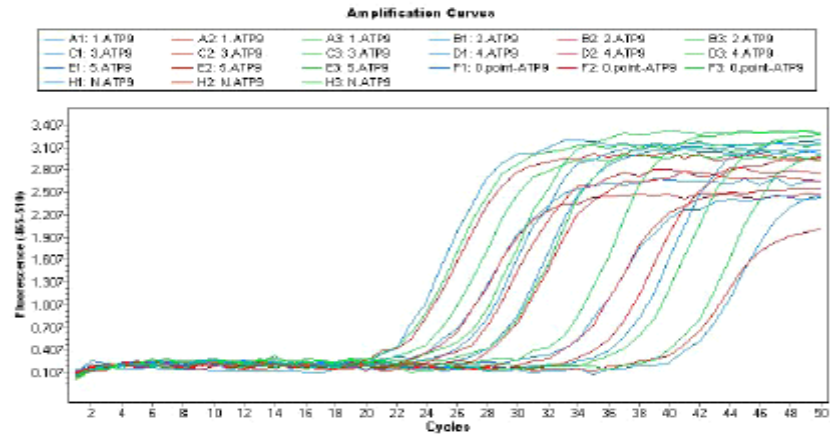
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ATP9

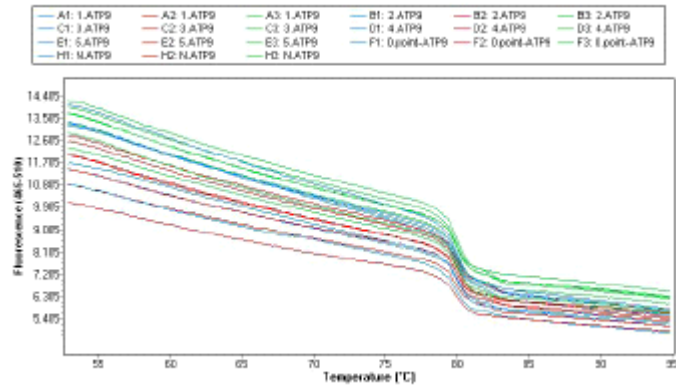


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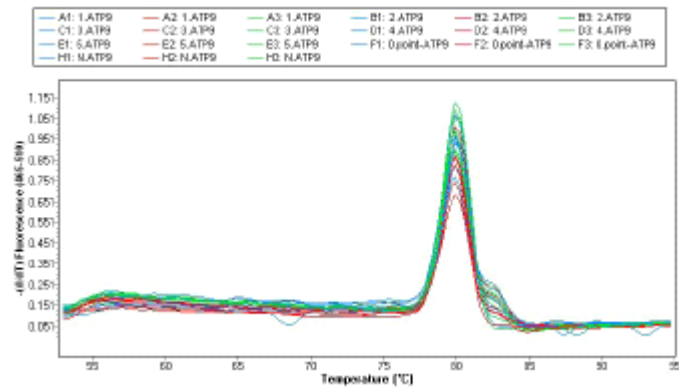
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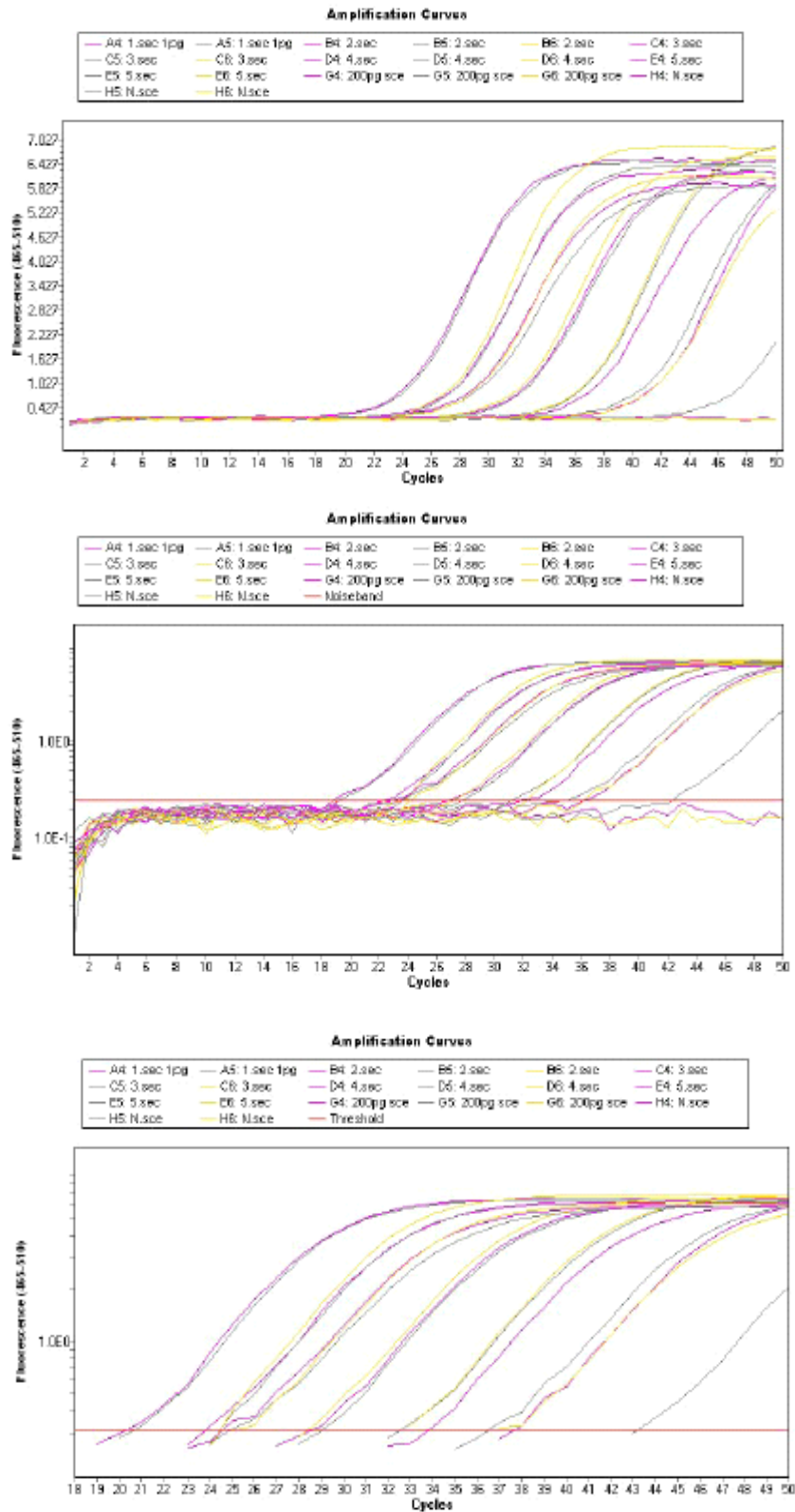
Melting Curves



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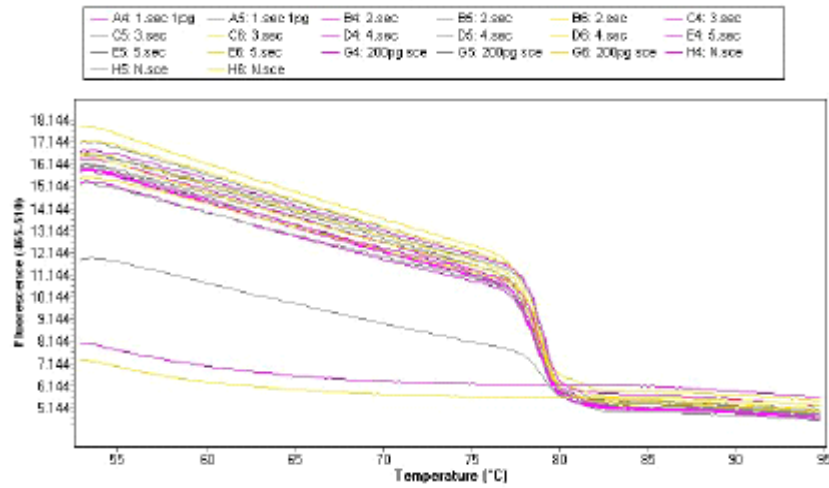


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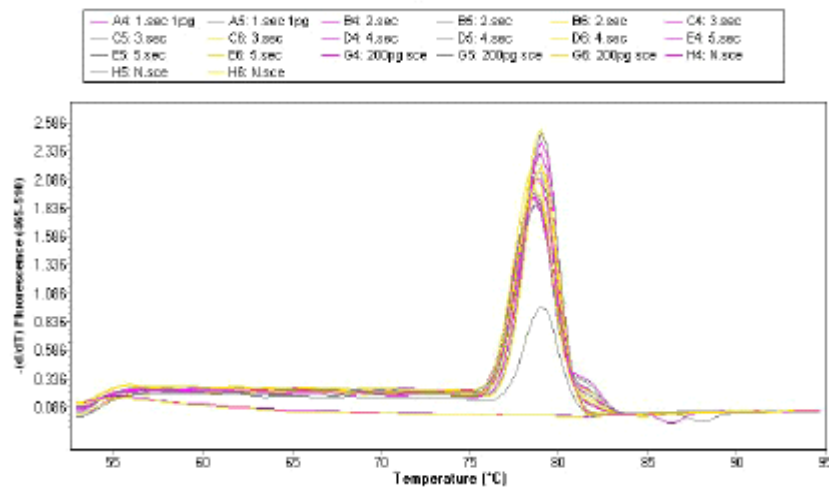
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Program	Program				Units
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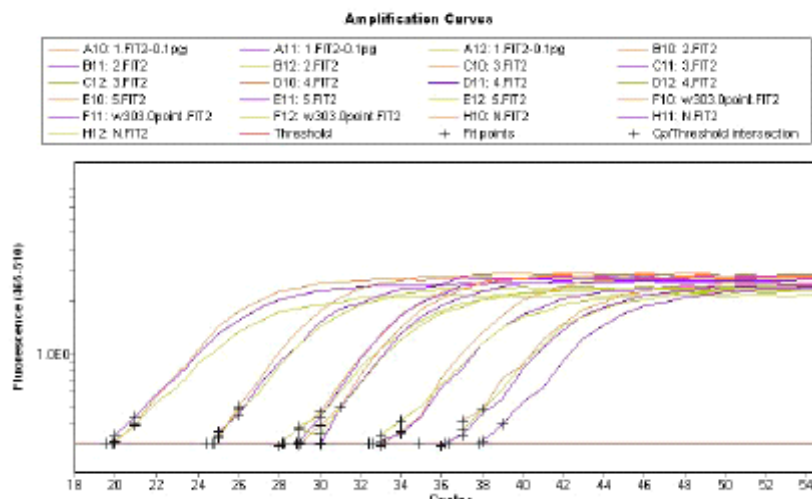
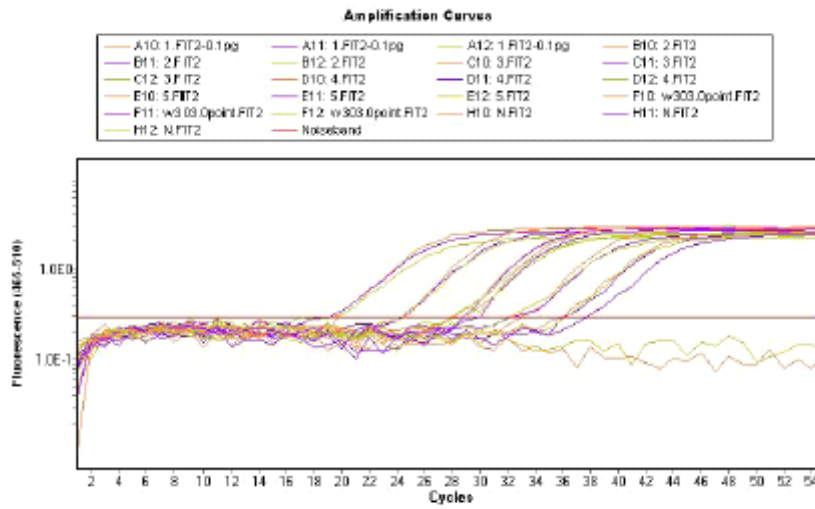
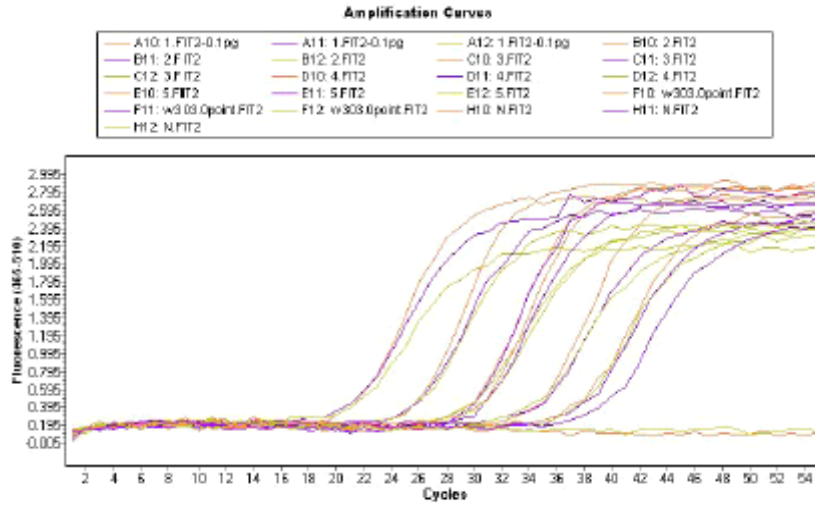
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FIT2

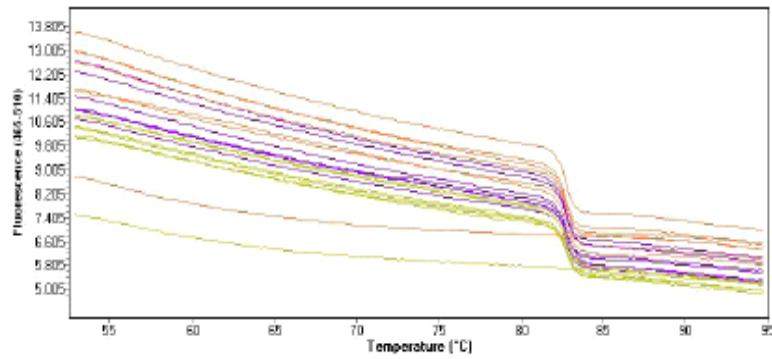
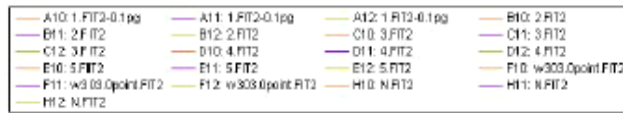


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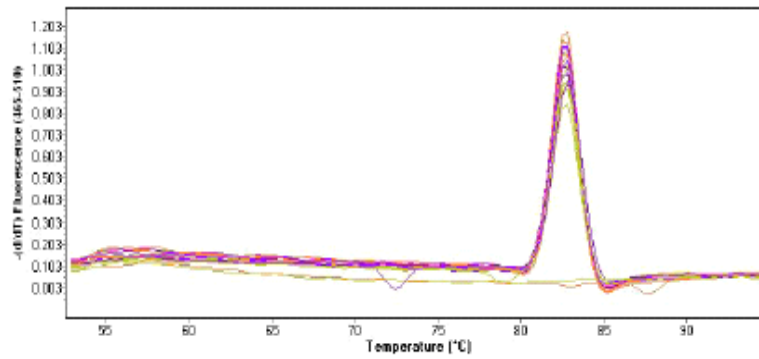
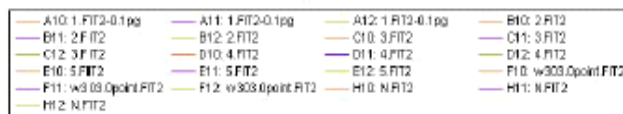
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		Background	2-6
		STD Dev Multiplier	3.7402
# of Fit Points	2	Threshold Method	Auto
		Threshold	0.3037

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Appendice3. DNA extraction protocol

1. Pour out 10ml YPG culture ,spin 5min at 3500rpm (+4°C)
2. Discard the liquid solution, resuspend pellet into 0.5 ml sorbitol buffer(1M sorbitol; 10mM Tris Ph8.0; 1mM EDTA Ph8)
3. weight empty epp-tube
4. tranfer resuspend solution into epp-tube, spin 1min at 5000 rpm
5. Discard solution ,weight epp-tube again, get the weight of pellet(cells)
6. Add Zymolyase 20T(4mg/per 1g of cell),add 0.5ml sorbitol buffer, incubate 30mins at 37°C (shake the tube during this time)
7. spin 1min at 5000rpm, dicard suspension
8. resuspend pellet in 0.5ml of T₅₀E₂₀
9. Add 50µl of 10%SDS,mix it well
10. Incubate 20mins at 65°C
11. transfer tubers on ice
12. Add 200µl 5M KoAC, mix it, incubate on ice for 40mins
13. spin 5mins at the max speed ,+4°C
14. Transfer suspension to the fresh tube
15. Add 1vol of the isopropanaol
16. Mix it, let it stay 5mins at the room temperature
17. Spin 1 min at max speed ,dicard sup.
18. wash pellet with 80% EtoH
19. Keep it in the T₁₀E_{0.1}
20. storage in -80°C

Appendice4. Calculation example

15s

Estimate copy number from plasmid concentration

uncertainty 15s			
7/15s:		3166 bp	
number of Nt:	6314		
copies in	1 µg	288098.9299 cps	

manodrop concentration			
No.	concentration (ng/ul)	copies	
1	149.1	42988890451	107718811.4
2	148.2	42896261414	107068615.3
3	147.4	42468782270	106487663.3
4	147.1	42379382891	106270931.3
5	147.3	42436972377	106418419.3
mean	147.82	42586783621	106791088.1
st. dev	0.828854631	238792132.4	598797.7808
st. dev. mean	0.37067806	106791088.1	267790.8088
st. dev. rel%	0.280761101	0.280761101	0.280761101

Uncertainty of Dilution factor:

dilution		
volume(ul)	w (ul)	w_rel
68.9	0.130646921	0.001896192
45	0.106988992	0.002377464

Pipette: 0-10		
Set volume:	8.9	
Temperature of the water:		
No.	weight	volume
1	0.0088	8.81787509
2	0.0087	8.71474177
3	0.0088	8.81787509
4	0.0089	8.917875882
5	0.0089	8.917875882
Mean:	8.8377152	
Stdev:	0.083834048	
Stdev of mean	0.037492	

stock solution							
C. (ng/ul)	u_rel	DF	u_DF_rel	cumulative_DF	u_DF_cumulative	u_comp_rel	
147.82							
10	0.002507611	14.78	3.78952E-08				
1	0.002507611	10	0.006080937	147.8	0.006081085	0.006577792	
0.1	0.002507611	10	0.006080937	1478	0.008599827	0.00897965	
0.01	0.002507611	10	0.006080937	14780	0.010532856	0.010826954	
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Pipette: 0-10		
Set volume:	5	
Temperature of the water:		
No.	weight	volume
1	0.0049	4.909841778
2	0.005	5.01004265
3	0.005	5.01004265
4	0.005	5.01004265
5	0.0051	5.110243483
Mean:	5.01004265	
Stdev:	0.020852707	
Stdev of mean	0.031686	
st. dev. rel	0.006324497	

Pipette: 0-10		
Set volume:	10	
Temperature of the water:		
No.	weight	volume
1	0.0101	10.12028511
2	0.01	10.02008525
3	0.0101	10.12028511
4	0.0102	10.22048687
5	0.0099	9.919884408
Mean:	10.08020977	
Stdev:	0.11624655	
Stdev of mean	0.051093	

Pipette: 0-10		
Set volume:	1	
Temperature of the water:		
No.	weight	volume
1	0.0011	1.102108378
2	0.0012	1.202410231
3	0.0009	0.901807673
4	0.0009	0.901807673
5	0.0012	1.202410231
Mean:	1.08212928	
Stdev:	0.151862447	
Stdev of mean	0.0679595	

Uncertainty estimate by Kragten method:

15s 27.05						doubling	
No. of concentration(ng/w)	1	0.1	0.01	0.001	0.0001	N. control	u=0.031, C=10000
gene copies	288098.9299	28809.89299	2880.989299	288.089299	28.8089299	35.73	19.53
cycles_rep	19.05	21.92	25.07	28.04	32.43		19.15
	20.05	21.77	24.97	29.22	32.35		19.15
	18.11	22.41	24.35	28.97	31.99		18.93
cycles_mean	19.07	22.03	24.80	29.08	32.25		19.23666667
st. dev	0.98	0.33	0.35	0.13	0.23		0.35
st. dev. of mean	0.58	0.19	0.22	0.07	0.14		0.21

C/ng	copies	log(copies)	cycles
1	288098.9299	5.459541645	19.07
0.1	28809.89299	4.459541645	22.03
0.01	2880.989299	3.459541645	24.80
0.001	288.089299	2.459541645	29.08
0.0001	28.8089299	1.459541645	32.26

LINEST:			
b1=	-3.341	37.00832854	=b0
s(b1)=	0.143894485	0.536675133	=s(b0)
R^2=	0.994488932	0.454085569	=S

0th doubling time		
3037_Copies	E=	1.992102054
LOG(copies)	S. 3156556	SE=
copies	203288.8763	

Pipette:	0-10		Pipette:	0-200		Pipette:	0-200	
Set volume:	7.02		Set volume:	68.9		Set volume:	80.256	
Temperature of the water:			Temperature of the water:			Temperature of the water:		
No.	weight	volume	No.	weight	volume	No.	weight	volume
1	0.007	7.014059683	1	0.0693	69.43919086	1	0.0798	79.96028038
2	0.0071	7.114260535	2	0.0685	68.63758404	2	0.0799	80.06048123
3	0.007	7.014059683	3	0.0691	69.23878915	3	0.0798	79.96028038
4	0.007	7.014059683	4	0.0692	69.33899001	4	0.0797	79.86007953
5	0.007	7.014059683	5	0.0689	69.03838745	5	0.0796	79.75987868
	Mean:	7.034099853		Mean:	69.1385883		Mean:	79.92020004
	Stdev	0.044811184		Stdev	0.316862918		Stdev	0.11424655
Stdev of mean	0.02004		Stdev of mean	0.141705		Stdev of mean	0.051093	
Pipette:	0-200		Pipette:	0-200		Pipette:	0-200	
Set volume:	114.708		Set volume:	118.675		Set volume:	103.6	
Temperature of the water:			Temperature of the water:			Temperature of the water:		
No.	weight	volume	No.	weight	volume	No.	weight	volume
1	0.1139	114.1287711	1	0.1174	117.635801	1	0.1021	102.3050705
2	0.1133	113.527566	2	0.1173	117.5356001	2	0.1027	102.9062756
3	0.1148	115.0305788	3	0.1174	117.635801	3	0.1026	102.8060748
4	0.1146	114.8301771	4	0.118	118.2370061	4	0.1029	103.1066773
5	0.1145	114.7299762	5	0.1182	118.4374078	5	0.103	103.2068782
	Mean:	114.4494139		Mean:	117.8963232		Mean:	102.8661953
	Stdev	0.615236499		Stdev	0.410701281		Stdev	0.351417976
Stdev of mean	0.275142		Stdev of mean	0.183671		Stdev of mean	0.157159	
