

# User Manual

Version 2.0

**Product name:** 2X HoTaq Real-time PCR Kit (low ROX)

**Cat #:** HTP400LR

## Description:

Contains low level of ROX. For ABI 7500, Mx 3000P, Mx 3005P machines.  
This product enables sensitive detection of DNA and fast thermocycling, using proprietary hot-start PCR technology developed at MCLAB (patent pending).

## Storage:

Store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . To avoid repeated freeze-thaw, opened vials should be kept at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

## Primer and probe design:

To achieve the best performance, appropriate software, such as ABI's Primer Express™, should be used.

1.  $T_m$ :  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  for primers and  $68\sim 70^{\circ}\text{C}$  for probes
2. Amplicon size should be small,  $<150\text{bp}$
3. To avoid secondary structures and avoid more than 3 consecutive Gs in primers and probes
4. Primers should be 17 ~ 30 nucleotides in length and should not have complementary 3' ends

## Reaction conditions:

$95^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 10 min. => ( $95^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 5 sec. =>  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 30 sec.) for 50 cycles.

## Tips for good performance

To achieve accurate quantification, it is highly recommended to do replicates. Three is the minimal number of replicates to obtain a standard deviation. It is important to reduce pipetting errors. There are three ways to minimize pipetting errors:

1. To prepare an amplicon specific master mix that includes PCR reaction mix, primers, and probes.
2. To use a repeat pipet.
3. To pipet volumes within the manufacture's suggested range.