**Abbott RealTime HIV-1**

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

- **Internal Control**

**AMPLIFICATION REAGENT PACK**

- **Amplification Reagent Pack**
  - **CAL A** Calibrator A
  - **CAL B** Calibrator B
- **CONTROL**
  - **L** Low Positive Control
  - **H** High Positive Control

**Note:** Changes Highlighted

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**Key to Symbols Used**

- **Manufacturer**
- **Reference Number**
- **Lot Number**
- **In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device**

**SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST**

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the etiologic agent of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).<sup>1,2</sup> It can be transmitted through sexual contact, exposure to infected blood or blood products, or from an infected mother to the fetus.<sup>4</sup> Acute HIV syndrome, characterized by flu-like symptoms, develops 3 to 5 weeks after initial infection and is associated with high levels of viremia.<sup>5,6</sup> Within 6 to 12 weeks of the onset of symptoms, HIV specific immune response is detectable.<sup>7,8</sup> After seroconversion, viral load in peripheral blood declines and most patients enter an asymptomatic phase that can last for years.<sup>9</sup>

Quantitative measurement of HIV levels in peripheral blood has greatly contributed to the understanding of the pathogenesis of HIV infection.<sup>10,11</sup> and has been shown to be an essential parameter in prognosis and management of HIV-infected individuals.<sup>12–17</sup> Decisions regarding initiation or changes in antiretroviral therapy are guided by monitoring plasma HIV RNA levels (viral load), CD4+ T cell count, and the patient’s clinical condition.<sup>17,18</sup> The goal of antiretroviral therapy is to reduce the HIV virus in plasma to detectable levels of available viral load tests.<sup>19</sup>

HIV RNA levels in plasma can be quantitated by nucleic acid amplification or signal amplification technologies.<sup>20–22</sup> The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay uses Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology with homogenous real-time fluorescent detection. Partially double-stranded fluorescent probe design allows detection of diverse group M subtypes and group O isolates. The assay is standardized against a viral standard from the Virology Quality Assurance (VQA) Laboratory of the AIDS Clinical Trial Group.<sup>23</sup> and against World Health Organization (WHO) 1<sup>st</sup> International Standard for HIV-1 RNA (97/656).<sup>24,25</sup> The assay results can be reported in copies/mL or International Units/mL (IU/mL).

**BIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE**

The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay uses RT-PCR<sup>26</sup> to generate amplified product from the RNA genome of HIV-1 in clinical specimens. An RNA sequence that is unrelated to the HIV-1 target sequence is introduced into each specimen at the beginning of sample preparation. This unrelated RNA sequence is simultaneously amplified by RT-PCR, and serves as an internal control (IC) to demonstrate that the process has proceeded correctly for each sample. The amount of HIV-1 target sequence that is present at each amplification cycle is measured through the use of fluorescent-labeled oligonucleotide probes on the Abbott m2000rt instrument. The probes do not generate signal unless they are specifically bound to the amplified product. The amplification cycle at which fluorescent signal is detected by the Abbott m2000rt is proportional to the log of the HIV-1 RNA concentration present in the original sample.

**Sample Preparation**

The purpose of sample preparation is to extract and concentrate the target RNA molecules to make the target accessible for amplification, and to remove potential inhibitors of amplification from the extract. The Abbott m2000sp instrument prepares samples for the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay using the Abbott mSample Preparation System (4 × 24 Preps) reagents. The m2000sp uses magnetic particle technology to capture nucleic acids and washes the particles to remove unbound sample components. The bound nucleic acids are eluted and transferred to a 96 deep-well plate. The nucleic acids are then ready for amplification. The IC is taken through the entire sample preparation procedure along with the calibrators, controls, and specimens.

**Reagent Preparation and Reaction Plate Assembly**

The Abbott m2000sp combines the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 amplification reagent components (HIV-1 Oligonucleotide Reagent, Thermostable 7Th Polymerase Enzyme, and Activation Reagent). The Abbott m2000sp dispenses the resulting master mix to the Abbott 96-Well Optical
Reverse transcription, PCR amplification, and oligonucleotide

System verifies that the controls are within the assigned ranges.

m 2000 RealTime workstation. The Abbott
m controls is calculated from the stored calibration curve, and the results
the median observed threshold cycle for each calibrator and are stored
A calibration curve is required to quantitate the HIV-1 RNA concentration
present in the original sample.
rt products at each cycle. The amplification cycle at which fluorescent
fluorophore, thus allowing for simultaneous detection of both amplified
The HIV-1 and IC specific probes are each labeled with a different
Hybridization to the quencher oligonucleotide. In the presence of the
1 target sequence, the HIV-1 probe preferentially hybridizes to
the target sequence, dissociating from the quencher oligonucleotide,
allowing fluorescent detection.

The IC target sequence is derived from the hydroxyypyruvate reductase
gene from the pumpkin plant, Cucurbita pepo, and is delivered in an
Armored RNA® particle that has been diluted in negative human plasma.

Detection
D During the read cycles of amplification on the Abbott m2000rt, the
temperature is lowered further to allow fluorescent detection of
amplification products as the HIV-1 and IC probes anneal to their targets
(real-time fluorescence detection). The HIV-1 probe has a fluorescent
moiety that is covalently linked to the 5' end. A short oligonucleotide
(quencher oligonucleotide) is complementary to the 5' end of the HIV-1
probe and has a quencher molecule at its 3' end. In the absence
of HIV-1 target, the HIV-1 probe fluorescence is quenched through
hybridization to the quencher oligonucleotide. In the presence of the
HIV-1 target sequence, the HIV-1 probe preferentially hybridizes to
the target sequence, dissociating from the quencher oligonucleotide,
allowing fluorescent emission.

The HIV-1 and IC specific probes are each labeled with a different
fluorophore, thus allowing for simultaneous detection of both amplified
products at each cycle. The amplification cycle at which fluorescent
signal is detected by the Abbott m2000rt is proportional to the log of the
HIV-1 RNA concentration present in the original sample.

Quantitation
A calibration curve is required to quantitate the HIV-1 RNA concentration
of specimens and controls. Two assay calibrators are run in replicates
of 3 to generate a calibration curve. The calibration curve slope and
intercept are calculated from the assigned HIV-1 RNA concentration and
the median observed cycle for each calibrator and are stored on the
instrument. The concentration of HIV-1 RNA in specimens and
controls is calculated from the stored calibration curve, and the results
are automatically reported on the m2000rt workstation. The Abbott
RealTime HIV-1 Negative Control, Low Positive Control, and High Positive
Control must be included in each run to verify run validity. The m2000
System verifies that the controls are within the assigned ranges.

PREVENTION OF NUCLEIC ACID CONTAMINATION
The possibility of nucleic acid contamination is minimized because:
• Reverse transcription, PCR amplification, and oligonucleotide
hybridization occur in a sealed 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate.
• Detection is carried out automatically without the need to open the
96-Well Optical Reaction Plate.
• Aerosol barrier pipette tips are used for all pipetting. The pipette tips
are discarded after use.
• Separate dedicated areas are used to perform the Abbott RealTime
HIV-1 assay. Refer to the SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS section of this package insert.

REAGENTS
The Abbott RealTime Reagents are intended for single-use only and
unused reagents should be discarded.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Kit
(List No. 6L18-90)
1. INTERNAL CONTROL
Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Internal Control
(List No. 2G31Y)
(4 vials, 1.2 mL per vial)
Noninfectious Armed RNA with internal control sequences in
negative human plasma. Negative human plasma tested and found
to be nonreactive for HBsAg, HIV RNA, HCV RNA, HBV DNA,
anti-HIV-1/HIV-2, and anti-HCV. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin®
300 and 0.15% ProClin 950.

2. AMPLIFICATION REAGENT PACK
Abbott RealTime HIV-1
Amplification Reagent Pack (List No. 6L18)
Four packs of single-use reagents, 24 tests/pack. Unused reagents
should be discarded.
Each pack contains:
• 1 bottle (0.141 mL) Thermostable rTth Polymerase
Enzyme (2.9 to 3.5 Units/µL) in buffer solution.
• 1 bottle (1.10 mL) HIV-1 Oligonucleotide Reagent. Synthetic
oligonucleotides (4 primers, 2 probes, and 1 quencher
oligonucleotide), and dNTPs in a buffer solution with a
reference dye. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.
• 1 bottle (0.40 mL) Activation Reagent. 30 mM manganese
carbonate solution. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Control Kit (List No. 6L18-80)
and Lot-specific Kit Card
1. CONTROL - Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Negative Control
(List No. 2G31Z)
(8 vials, 1.8 mL per vial)
Negative human plasma tested and found to be nonreactive for
HBsAg, HIV RNA, HCV RNA, HBV DNA, anti-HIV-1/HIV-2,
amd anti-HCV. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.

2. CONTROL L Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Low Positive Control
(List No. 2G31V)
(8 vials, 1.8 mL per vial)
Noninfectious Armed RNA with HIV-1 sequences in negative human
plasma. Negative human plasma tested and found to be nonreactive
for HBsAg, HIV RNA, HCV RNA, HBV DNA, anti-HIV-1/HIV-2,
and anti-HCV. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.

3. CONTROL H Abbott RealTime HIV-1 High Positive Control
(List No. 2G31X)
(8 vials, 1.8 mL per vial)
Noninfectious Armed RNA with HIV-1 sequences in negative human
plasma. Negative human plasma tested and found to be nonreactive
for HBsAg, HIV RNA, HCV RNA, HBV DNA, anti-HIV-1/HIV-2,
and anti-HCV. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator Kit (List No. 6L18-70)
and Lot-specific Kit Card
1. CAL A Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator A (List No. 2G31A)
(12 vials, 1.8 mL per vial)
Noninfectious Armed RNA with HIV-1 sequences in negative human
plasma. Negative human plasma tested and found to be nonreactive
for HBsAg, HIV RNA, HCV RNA, HBV DNA, anti-HIV-1/HIV-2,
and anti-HCV. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.

2. CAL B Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator B (List No. 2G31B)
(12 vials, 1.8 mL per vial)
Noninfectious Armed RNA with HIV-1 sequences in negative human
plasma. Negative human plasma tested and found to be nonreactive
for HBsAg, HIV RNA, HCV RNA, HBV DNA, anti-HIV-1/HIV-2,
and anti-HCV. Preservatives: 0.1% ProClin® 300 and 0.15%
ProClin 950.

NOTE: Control kit lots, calibrator kit lots, and amplification reagent
kit lots can be used interchangeably. If a new amplification
reagent kit lot is used, then the assay needs to be recalibrated.
Do not interchange kit components from different kit lots. For
example, do not use the negative control from control kit lot X
with the positive controls from control kit lot Y.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device
For In Vitro Diagnostic Use
• This assay is not intended to be used as a screening test for HIV-1
or as a diagnostic test to confirm the presence of HIV-1 infection.
The following are the appropriate Risk (R) and Safety (S) phrases:

> Irritant (Xi). The template is not designed to be an aerosol barrier pipette tips. Clean and disinfect spills of specimens and reagents as stated in the Abbott 2000 Operations Manual along with the gloves used to handle the plate.

**Safety Precautions**

Refer to the Abbott m2000sp and Abbott m2000rt Operations Manuals, Hazard Section, for instructions on safety precautions.

**CAUTION:** This product contains human sourced and/or potentially infectious components. For a specific listing, refer to the REAGENTS section of this package insert. Human sourced material has been tested and found to be nonreactive to HBsAg, HCV RNA, HIV RNA, HBV DNA, anti-HIV-1/HIV-2, and anti-HCV. No known test method can offer complete assurance that products derived from human sources or inactivated microorganisms will not transmit infection. Therefore, all human sourced materials should be considered potentially infectious. It is recommended that these reagents and human specimens be handled in accordance with the OSHA Standard on Bloodborne Pathogens. 28 Biosafety Level 2 or other appropriate biosafety practices should be used for materials that contain or are suspected of containing infectious agents. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Wear gloves when handling specimens or reagents.
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics, or handle contact lenses in areas where these materials are handled.
- Clean and disinfect spills of specimens by including the use of a tuberculocidal disinfectant such as 1.0% sodium hypochlorite or other suitable disinfectant.
- Decontaminate and dispose of all potentially infectious materials in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.

The following are the appropriate Risk (R) and Safety (S) phrases:

> Xi: May cause sensitization by skin contact.
> S24 Avoid contact with skin.
> S35 The material and its container must be disposed of in a suitable manner.
> S37 Use suitable gloves.
> S46 If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

**Handling Precautions**

The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is only for use with plasma specimens that have been handled and stored in capped tubes as described in the SPECIMEN COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORT TO THE TEST SITE section.

During preparation of samples, compliance with good laboratory practices is essential to minimize the risk of cross-contamination between samples, and the inadvertent introduction of ribonucleases (RNases) into samples during and after the extraction procedure. Proper aseptic technique should always be used when working with RNA. Amplification technologies such as PCR are sensitive to accidental introduction of product from previous amplification reactions. Incorrect results could occur if either the clinical specimen or the RealTime reagents used in the amplification step become contaminated by accidental introduction of even a few molecules of amplification product.

**Aerosol Containment**

To reduce the risk of nucleic acid contamination due to aerosols formed during manual pipetting, aerosol barrier pipette tips must be used for all manual pipetting. The pipette tips must be used only one time. Clean and disinfect spills of specimens and reagents as stated in the Abbott m2000sp and Abbott m2000rt Operations Manuals.

**Contamination and Inhibition**

The following precautions should be observed to minimize the risks of RNase contamination, cross-contamination between samples, and inhibition:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment at all times.
- Use powder-free gloves.
- Change gloves after having contact with potential contaminants (such as specimens, eluates, and/or amplified product).
- To reduce the risk of nucleic acid contamination due to aerosols formed during pipetting, pipettes with aerosol barrier tips must be used for all pipetting. The length of the tip should be sufficient to prevent contamination of the pipette barrel. While pipetting, care should be taken to avoid touching the pipette barrel to the inside of the sample tube or container. The use of extended aerosol barrier pipette tips is recommended.
- Change aerosol barrier pipette tips between ALL manual liquid transfers.
• The Abbott mSample Preparation System (4 × 24 Preps) reagents are single use only. Use new reagent vessels, reaction vessels, and newly opened reagents for every new Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay run. At the end of each run, discard all remaining reagents from the worktable as stated in the Abbott m2000sp Operations Manual and the Abbott m Sample Preparation System (4 × 24 Preps) product information sheet.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS
Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Kit (List No. 6L18-90)

-10°C The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Pack and Internal Control vials must be stored at –10°C or colder when not in use. Care must be taken to separate the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Pack that is in use from direct contact with samples, calibrators and controls.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Control Kit (List No. 6L18-80)

-10°C The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Negative and Positive Controls must be stored at –10°C or colder.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator Kit (List No. 6L18-70)

-10°C The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator A and Calibrator B must be stored at –10°C or colder.

SHIPPING CONDITIONS
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Kit: Ship on dry ice.
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Control Kit: Ship on dry ice.
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator Kit: Ship on dry ice.

INDICATION OF INSTABILITY OR DETERIORATION OF REAGENTS
When a positive or negative control value is out of the expected range, it may indicate deterioration of the reagents. Associated test results are invalid and samples must be retested. Assay recalibration may be necessary.

INSTRUMENT PROCEDURE
The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 application files must be installed on the Abbott m2000sp and Abbott m2000rt systems from the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 m2000 System Combined Application CD-ROM prior to performing the assay. For detailed information on application file installation, refer to the Abbott m2000sp and Abbott m2000rt Operations Manuals, Operating Instructions section.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORT TO THE TEST SITE

Specimen Collection and Storage
Human plasma (ACD-A and EDTA) specimens may be used with the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for processing plasma collection tubes.

Freshly drawn specimens (whole blood) may be held at 15 to 30°C for up to 6 hours or at 2 to 8°C for up to 24 hours prior to centrifugation. After centrifugation, remove plasma from cells. Plasma specimens may be stored at 15 to 30°C for up to 24 hours or at 2 to 8°C for up to 5 days. Plasma specimens may be frozen at –20°C for up to 60 days; if longer storage is required, plasma specimens must be stored at –70°C or lower.36,37 Multiple freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided and should not exceed 3 freeze/thaw cycles. Thaw plasma specimens at 15 to 30°C or at 2 to 8°C. Once thawed, if plasma specimens are not being processed immediately, they can be stored at 2 to 8°C for up to 6 hours.

Specimen Transport
Ship specimens frozen on dry ice. For domestic shipments, specimens should be packaged and labeled in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations covering the transport of clinical, diagnostic, or biological specimens.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 ASSAY PROCEDURE
The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay provides four sample volume options (0.2 mL, 0.5 mL, 0.6 mL, and 1.0 mL). See assay protocol step 9 and Interpretation of Results section

Materials Provided
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Kit (List No. 6L18-90)

Materials Required But Sold Separately
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator Kit (List No. 6L18-70)
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Control Kit (List No. 6L18-80)

Materials Required But Not Provided (Each available separately)

Sample Preparation Area
• Abbott m2000sp instrument (List No. 9K14) with Version 4.0 or higher Software
• Abbott mSample Preparation System (4 × 24 Preps) (List No. 0J470-24)
• 5 mL Reaction Vessels (List No. 4J71-120)
• 13 mm to 16 mm Sample Tubes
• 200 mL Reagent Vessels (List No. 4J71-30)
• 20 mL µL (List No. 4J71-90) Disposable Tips
• 1000 µL (List No. 4J71-10) Disposable Tips
• Abbott Optical Adhesive Covers (List No. 4J71-75)
• Abbott Adhesive Cover Applicators (List No. 9K32-01)
• Abbott Splash-Free Support Base (List No. 9K31-01)
• Abbott 96-Deep-Well Plate (List No. 4J71-30)
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 m2000 System Combined Application CD-ROM (List No. 6L63)
• Abbott 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate (List No. 4J71-70)
• Aerosol Barrier Pipette Tips for 20 to 1000 µL pipettes
• Calibrated Pipettes capable of delivering 20 to 1000 µL
• Centrifuge capable of 2000g
• Master Mix Tube (List No. 4J71-60)
• Vortex Mixer

Amplification Area
• Abbott m2000rt instrument (List No. 9K15) with Version 2.0 or higher Software
• Abbott RealTime HIV-1 m2000 System Combined Application CD-ROM (List No. 6L63)
• Abbott m2000rt Optical Calibration Kit (List No. 4J71-93)

Other Materials
• Biosafety level 2 cabinet approved for working with infectious materials
• Sealable plastic bags
• RNase-free water (Eppendorf or equivalent)†
• 1.7 mL RNase-free Microcentrifuge Tubes (Dot Scientific, Inc. or equivalent)†
• Cotton Tip Applicators (Puritan or equivalent)†

†Note: These 3 items are used in the procedure for Monitoring the Laboratory for the Presence of Contamination. Refer to the QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES section of this package insert.

Procedural Precautions
• Read the instructions in this package insert carefully before processing samples.
• The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrators, Internal Control, Negative Control, Low Positive Control, and High Positive Control vials are intended for single-use only and should be discarded after use.
• The Abbott m2000sp Master Mix Addition protocol must be initiated within 1 hour after completion of Sample Preparation. If the Abbott m2000sp master mix addition protocol is not initiated, recap the Amplification Reagent vials and return the Amplification Reagent Pack to –10°C storage. Once thawed, the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Pack can be frozen and thawed a maximum of 3 times. If the Abbott m2000sp master mix addition protocol is aborted, then discard the amplification reagents.
• The m2000rt protocol must be started within 50 minutes of the initiation of the Master Mix Addition protocol. If the Abbott m2000rt instrument run is not initiated within 50 minutes, or is interrupted or aborted, seal the Abbott 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate in a sealable plastic bag and dispose according to the Abbott m2000rt Operations Manual along with the gloves used to handle the plate.
• Use aerosol barrier pipette tips or disposable pipettes only 1 time when pipetting specimens or IC. To prevent contamination to the pipette barrel while pipetting, care should be taken to avoid touching the pipette barrel to the inside of the sample tube or container. The use of extended aerosol barrier pipette tips is recommended.
• Monitoring procedures for the presence of amplification product can be found in the QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES section in this package insert.
• To reduce the risk of nucleic acid contamination, clean and disinfect spills of specimens by including the use of a tuberculocidal disinfectant such as 1.0% sodium hypochlorite or other suitable disinfectant.
• The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrators and Controls must be prepared in conjunction with the specimens to be tested. The use of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Controls and Calibrators is integral to the performance of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay. Refer to the QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES section of this package insert for details.

ASSAY PROTOCOL

For a detailed description on how to operate the Abbott m2000sp instrument or the Abbott m2000rt instrument, refer to the Abbott m2000sp and m2000rt Operations Manuals, Operating Instructions sections. Laboratory personnel must be trained to operate the Abbott m2000sp and m2000rt instruments. The operator must have a thorough knowledge of instruments. The operator must have a thorough knowledge of:

1. Thaw assay controls and IC at 15 to 30°C or at 2 to 8°C. Thaw calibrators at 15 to 30°C or at 2 to 8°C only if performing a calibration run; see QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES section of this package insert for description of assay calibration. Once thawed, assay controls, IC, and calibrators can be stored at 2 to 8°C for up to 24 hours before use.

2. Vortex each assay calibrator and each control 3 times for 2 to 3 seconds. Ensure that the contents of each vial are at the bottom after vortexing by tapping the vials on the bench to bring liquid to the bottom of the vial. Ensure bubbles or foam are not generated; if present, remove with a sterile pipette tip, using a new tip for each vial.

3. Thaw amplification reagents at 15 to 30°C or at 2 to 8°C and store at 2 to 8°C until required for the amplification master mix procedure. Once thawed, the amplification reagents can be stored at 2 to 8°C for up to 24 hours if not used immediately.

NOTE: Use 1 bottle of mLysis Buffer, 1 vial of IC, and 1 RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Pack to support up to 24 reactions. Use a second set of reagents to support 25 to 48 reactions, a third set of reagents to support 49 to 72 reactions, and a fourth set of reagents to support 73 to 96 reactions WITH THE EXCEPTION OF mMICROPARTICLES. USE ONLY 2 BOTTLES OF mMICROPARTICLES WHEN PROCESSING 25 TO 96 SAMPLES.

4. Invert gently the Abbott mSample Preparation bottles to ensure a homogeneous solution without generating any bubbles. If crystals are observed in any of the reagent bottles upon opening, allow the reagent to equilibrate at room temperature until the crystals disappear. Do not use the reagents until the crystals have dissolved. Ensure bubbles or foam are not generated; if present, remove with a sterile pipette tip, using a new tip for each bottle.

5. Vortex each IC vial 3 times for 2 to 3 seconds before use. Ensure bubbles or foam are not generated; if present, remove with a sterile pipette tip, using a new tip for each vial.

6. Use a calibrated precision PIPETTE DEDICATED FOR INTERNAL CONTROL USE ONLY to add 500 mL to each bottle of mLysis Buffer. Mix by gently inverting the container 5 to 10 times to minimize foaming.

7. A maximum of 96 reactions can be performed per run. A negative control, a positive control, and a high positive control are included in each run, therefore allowing a maximum of 96 specimens to be processed per run.

8. Thaw specimens at 15 to 30°C or at 2 to 8°C. Once thawed, specimens can be stored at 2 to 8°C for up to 6 hours if not processed immediately.

9. Check sample volume. The Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay minimum sample volume and associated rack requirements on the Abbott m2000sp are described below.

CAUTION: Do not put a 13 mm tube in a 16 mm rack.

Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Minimum Sample Volume/Assay Application

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* Refers to sample tube outer diameter.

NOTE: Sample tubes containing insufficient sample volume will not be processed during the run and will be identified by an insufficient liquid volume error message code in the Process Log and Plate Result screen.

CAUTION: Steps 10 and 11 must be done in the order described. Vortex the specimens first, and follow with centrifugation. If these two steps are not performed in this order, then invalid results may occur.

10. Vortex each specimen 3 times for 2 to 3 seconds.

11. Centrifuge specimens at 2000g for 5 minutes before loading on the Abbott m2000sp worktable.

NOTE: The “g” refers to g force, not revolutions per minute (rpm).

12. Aliquot each specimen into clean tubes or vials if necessary. Refer to the Abbott m2000sp Operations Manual for tube sizes. Avoid touching the inside of the cap when opening tubes. Take care not to disturb contents of the tube while removing the tube from the centrifuge and that the bottom of the tube is not touched by the pipette tip. Ensure that the newly aliquoted sample retains the minimum volume indicated in the preceding table.

13. Place the low and high positive controls, the negative control, the calibrators, if applicable, and the patient specimens into the Abbott m2000sp sample rack.

14. Place the 5 mL Reaction Vessels into the m2000sp 1 mL subsystem carrier.

15. Load the Abbott mSample Preparation System reagents and the Abbott 96 Deep-Well Plate on the Abbott m2000sp worktable as described in the following table and in the Abbott m2000sp Operations Manual, Operating Instructions section.

16. Select the appropriate application file from the Run Sample Extraction screen that corresponds to the sample volume being tested. Initiate the sample extraction protocol as described in the Abbott m2000sp Operating Manual, Operating Instruction section.

17. Enter calibration number. If a calibration curve has not been stored on the m2000sp, and control lot specific values in the Sample Extraction: Worktable Setup, Calibrator and Control fields. Lot specific values are specified in each Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Calibrator and Control Kit Card.

NOTE: Verify the values entered match the values provided in the lot specific kit cards.

NOTE: The Abbott m2000sp Master Mix Addition protocol (step 21) must be initiated within 1 hour after completion of Sample Preparation.

NOTE: Change gloves before handling the amplification reagents.

NOTE: The plate-fill setup will automatically be enabled in the following run conditions:

- A batch size of 49 to 95 samples is processed and any valid samples are detected in column locations 7 through 12.
- A batch size of 49 to 95 samples is processed and any samples are detected with a Well Status of "Error."
- A full batch size of 96 samples is processed and any samples are detected with a Well Status of "Error."

In these conditions, Reagent Carrier 2 should remain in place, minimally containing the reagent vessel for Elution Buffer (Reagent Carrier 2, location 6). If this reagent vessel has been unloaded, place a new reagent vessel containing the Elution Buffer label within Reagent Carrier 2, location 6. This reagent vessel may remain empty and system fluid will be added to the reagent vessel.

NOTE: System instructions for use of the automated plate-filling feature are found in the m2000sp Operations Manual (List No. 9K20-04 or higher), Section 5, Operating Instructions, Sample Extraction – Closed Mode.

18. Load the amplification reagents and the master mix vial on the m2000sp worktable after sample preparation is completed. Each Amplification Reagent Pack supports up to 24 reactions.

NOTE: A second Amplification Reagent Pack is required if performing 25 to 48 reactions.

A third Amplification Reagent Pack is required for 49 to 72 reactions.

A fourth Amplification Reagent Pack is required for 73 to 96 reactions.

19. Ensure that the contents are at the bottom of the vials prior to opening the amplification reagents by tapping the vials in an upright position on the bench.

20. Remove and discard the amplification vial caps.

21. Select the appropriate deep well plate from the Run Master Mix Addition screen that matches the corresponding sample preparation
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3. To generate a calibration curve (HIV-1 concentration versus the
Operations Manuals, Operating Instructions section. The m2000rt
protocol must be started within 50 minutes of the initiation of the
Master Mix Addition protocol.

NOTE: If the run is aborted for any reason subsequent to Step 21, a
new 96-well PCR plate must be used if the Abbott m2000sp
Master Mix Addition Protocol (Step 21) will be repeated.

22. Switch on and initialize the Abbott m2000rt instrument in the
Amplification Area.

NOTE: The Abbott m2000rt requires 15 minutes to warm-up.
NOTE: Remove gloves before returning to the sample
preparation area.

23. Seal the Abbott 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate after the Abbott
m2000sp instrument has completed addition of samples and master
mix according to the Abbott m2000sp Operations Manual, Operating
Instructions section. Export completed PCR plate results to a CD.

24. Place the sealed optical reaction plate into the Splash-Free Support
Base for transfer to the Abbott m2000rt instrument.

25. Place the Abbott 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate in the Abbott
m2000rt instrument. Import m2000sp test order via CD per the
Import Order instructions in the Abbott m2000rt Operations Manual,
Operating Instructions section.

NOTE: If unable to transfer the m2000sp test order, enter sample
IDs manually in the m2000rt in the correct PCR tray locations
according to the “Wells for Selected Plate” grid, found on detail screen under “PCR Plate Results” on the m2000sp.
See the m2000sp Operations Manual, Operating Instructions section.

POST PROCESSING PROCEDURES
1. Remove the Abbott 96 Deep-Well Plate from the worktable and
dispose of according to the Abbott m2000sp Operations Manual.
2. Place the Abbott 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate in a sealable
plastic bag and dispose according to the Abbott m2000rt Operations Manual along with the gloves used to handle the plate.
3. Clean the Splash Free Support Base before next use, according to

QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES

Abbott m2000rt Optical Calibration
Refer to the Calibration Procedures section in the Abbott m2000sp
Operations Manual for a detailed description of how to perform an
Abbott m2000rt Optical Calibration.

Optical calibration of the Abbott m2000rt instrument is required for the
accurate measurement and discrimination of dye fluorescence during the
Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay.
The following Abbott m2000rt Optical Calibration Plates are used to
校 l e t h e m 9 2 0 0 0 r t i n s t r u m e n t f o r t h e A b b o t t R e a l T i m e HIV-1 assay:
• FAM™ Plate (Carboxyfluorescein)
• ROX™ Plate (Carboxy-X-rhodamine)
• VIC® Plate (Proprietary dye)

Assay Calibration
A detailed description of how to perform an Assay Calibration refer to
the Abbott m2000sp and m2000rt Operations Manuals, Operating
Instructions section.

A calibration curve is required to quantify the HIV-1 RNA concentration of sample and controls. Two assay calibrators are run in replicates of 3 to generate a calibration curve (HIV-1 concentration versus the
thermal cycle [Ct] at which a reactive level of fluorescent signal is
delected). The calibration curve slope and intercept are calculated and
stored on the instrument. The concentration of HIV-1 RNA in a sample is
calculated from the stored calibration curve. Results are automatically reported on the m2000rt workstation.

Follow the procedure for sample extraction, master mix addition,
amplification and detection protocols as stated in the Abbott m2000sp

Once an Abbott RealTime HIV-1 calibration is accepted and stored, it
can be used for 6 months. During this time, all subsequent samples
may be tested without further calibration unless:
• An Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Amplification Reagent Kit with a new lot
number is used.

• An Abbott mSample Preparation System (4 x 24 Preps) with a new
lot number is used.
• An Abbott RealTime HIV-1 application file for a different sample
volume is used.
• A new Abbott RealTime HIV-1 application specification file is
installed.
• Pure Dye optical recalibration of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1
assay-specific dyes (FAM, VIC, or ROX) is performed per the
Calibration Procedures section of the m2000rt Operations Manual.

Detection of Inhibition
An IC threshold cycle [Ct] assay validity parameter is established during a calibration run.
A defined, consistent quantity of IC is introduced into each specimen calibrator, and control at the beginning of sample preparation and
detected on the Abbott m2000rt instrument to demonstrate proper
specimen processing and assay validity. The IC is comprised of an RNA
sequence unrelated to the HIV-1 target sequence.
The median amplification cycle at which the IC target sequence fluorescent signal is detected in calibration samples establishes an
IC Ct validity range to be met by all subsequent processed specimens and
controls.
An error is displayed when a specimen or control fails to meet this
specification. Refer to the m2000rt Operations Manual for an
explanation of the corrective actions for the error. Specimens whose IC
Ct value exceeds the established range must be retested starting with
sample preparation.

Negative and Positive Controls
A negative control is a low positive control, and a high positive control are
included in each test order to evaluate run validity.
The lot specific values for the low positive control and high positive
control are supplied on each Abbott RealTime HIV-1 Control Kit Card and
must be entered into the assay test order when a run is performed.
An error is displayed when a control result is out of range. Refer to the
Abbott m2000rt Operations Manual for an explanation of the corrective
actions for the error. If negative or positive controls are out of range,
and the specimens and controls from that run must be reprocessed,
beginning with sample preparation.
The presence of HIV-1 must not be detected in the negative control. HIV-1
detected in the negative control is indicative of contamination by
other samples or by amplified product introduced during sample
preparation or during preparation of the Abbott 96-Well Optical Reaction Plate. To avoid contamination, clean the Abbott m2000sp instrument
and the Abbott m2000rt instrument and repeat sample processing
for controls and specimens following the Procedural Precautions.
If negative controls are persistently reactive, contact your Abbott
representative.

Monitoring the Laboratory for the Presence of Contamination
It is recommended that this test be done at least once a month to
monitor laboratory surfaces and equipment for contamination by
amplification product. It is very important to test all areas that may have
been exposed to processed specimens, controls, and calibrators, and/or
amplification product. This includes routinely handled objects such as
pipettes, the Abbott m2000sp and Abbott m2000rt function keys, laboratory bench surfaces, microcentrifuges, and centrifuge adaptors.

1. Add 0.8 mL RNase-free water to a 1.7 mL RNase-free
microcentrifuge tube.
2. Saturate the cotton tip of an applicator (Puritan or equivalent) in the
RNase-free water from the microcentrifuge tube.
3. Using the saturated cotton tip of the applicator, wipe the area to be
monitored using a sweeping motion. Place the applicator into the
microcentrifuge tube.
4. Swirl the cotton tip in RNase-free water 10 times, and then press the
applicator along the inside of the tube so that the liquid drains back
to the solution at the bottom of the microcentrifuge tube. Discard the
applicator.
5. Pipette 0.5 mL of mWash 1 buffer to a clean tube using the pipette
dedicated for Internal Control use.
6. Add 20 μL of the mWash 1 buffer to each microcentrifuge tube.
7. Cap the microcentrifuge tube.
8. Test the samples according to the assay procedure section of this
package insert.
• Transfer liquid from the microcentrifuge tube to a 5 mL Reaction Vessel.
• Bring the volume to a minimum of 1.5 mL with RNase-free water.
9. The presence of contamination is indicated by the detection of HIV-1 nucleic acid in the swab samples.
10. If HIV-1 nucleic acid is detected on equipment, follow the cleaning and decontaminating guidelines given in that equipment's operations manual. If HIV-1 nucleic acid is detected on surfaces, clean the contaminated areas with 1.0% (v/v) sodium hypochlorite solution, followed by 70% ethanol or water.

NOTE: Chlorine solutions may pit equipment and metal. Use sufficient amounts or repeated applications of 70% ethanol or water until chlorine residue is no longer visible.

11. Repeat testing of the contaminated area by following Steps 1 through 10.

RESULTS
Calculation
The concentration of viral HIV-1 RNA in a sample or control is calculated from the stored calibration curve. The Abbott m2000rt instrument automatically reports the results on the Abbott m2000rt workstation. Assay results can be reported in Copies/mL, Log [Copies/mL], or Log [IU/mL]; (1 IU = 0.58 copies, 1 copy = 1.74 IU), with WHO 1st International Standard for HIV-1 RNA (97/656).

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

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*40 Copies/mL
**75 Copies/mL
***150 Copies/mL
*4 ULQ = upper limit of quantitation

- A result of “Not Detected” signifies that no target was detected.
- A result of < 1.60, < 1.60, < 1.88 Log [Copies/mL] indicates that target was detected but is less than the lower limit of quantitation (LLQ) for the respective input volumes of 1.0, 0.6, 0.5, and 0.2 mL.
- For 1.0 mL and 0.6 mL input volumes, a result of “1.60 to 7.00 Log [Copies/mL]” indicates that the target was detected and the concentration falls between 1.6 log copies per mL (LLQ) and 7.0 log copies per mL (ULQ). For a 0.5 mL input volume, a result of “1.88 to 7.00 Log [Copies/mL]” indicates that the target was detected and the concentration falls between 1.88 log copies per mL (LLQ) and 7.0 log copies per mL (ULQ). For a 0.2 mL input volume, a result of “2.18 to 7.00 Log [Copies/mL]” indicates that the target was detected and the concentration falls between 2.18 log copies per mL (LLQ) and 7.0 log copies per mL (ULQ). Note that no interpretation is reported on the m2000rt printout when results fall between LLQ and ULQ.
- A result of “> 7.00 Log [Copies/mL]” indicates that the target was detected and is greater than ULQ.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE
• FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE
  - Optimal performance of this test requires appropriate specimen collection, handling, preparation, and storage (refer to the SPECIMEN COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORT TO THE TEST SITE section of this package insert).
  - Human plasma specimens (collected in ACD-A or EDTA tubes) may be used with the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay.
• Use of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is limited to personnel who have been trained in the procedures of a molecular diagnostic assay and the Abbott m2000sp and the Abbott m2000rt instruments.
• The instruments and assay procedures reduce the risk of contamination by amplification product. However, nucleic acid contamination from the calibrators, positive controls, or specimens must be controlled by good laboratory practice and careful adherence to the procedures specified in this package insert.
• A specimen with a result of “Target not detected” cannot be presumed to be negative for HIV-1 RNA.
• As with any diagnostic test, results from the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay should be interpreted in conjunction with other clinical and laboratory findings.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS
The performance characteristics were determined using the RealTime HIV-1 assay with the Abbott m2000 system and 1.0 mL sample volume, unless otherwise specified.

Limit of Detection (LOD)
The limit of detection is defined as the HIV-1 RNA concentration detected with a probability of 95% or greater.

Limit of Detection, 1.0 mL Sample Volume
The LOD claim for the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is 40 copies/mL with the 1.0 mL sample volume procedure.

Limit of Detection, 0.6 mL Sample Volume
The LOD claim for the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is 40 copies/mL with the 0.6 mL sample volume procedure.

Probit analysis of the data determined that the concentration of HIV-1 RNA detected with 95% probability was 25 copies/mL (95% CI 20–33).

Probit analysis of the data determined that the concentration of HIV-1 RNA detected with 95% probability was 39 copies/mL (95% CI 33–49).
Limit of Detection, 0.5 mL Sample Volume

The LOD claim for the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is 75 copies/mL with the 0.5 mL sample volume procedure. The LOD for the 0.5 mL sample volume procedure was determined as described for the 1.0 mL sample volume procedure. The results, representative of the analytical sensitivity performance of the RealTime HIV-1 assay, are summarized in Table 3.

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* One replicate generated an invalid replicate error message and was deleted from the data analysis.

Probit analysis of the data determined that the concentration of HIV-1 RNA detected with 95% probability was 65 copies/mL (95% CI 51–88).

Limit of Detection, 0.2 mL Sample Volume

The LOD claim for the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is 150 copies/mL with the 0.2 mL sample volume procedure. The LOD for the 0.2 mL sample volume procedure was determined as described for the 1.0 mL sample volume procedure. The results, representative of the analytical sensitivity performance of the RealTime HIV-1 assay, are summarized in Table 4.

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* Eight replicates were invalid due to an instrument error and were deleted from the data analysis.

Probit analysis of the data determined that the concentration of HIV-1 RNA detected with 95% probability was 119 copies/mL (95% CI 102–150).

Linear Range

The upper limit of quantitation (ULO) for the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay is 10 million copies/mL, and the lower limit of quantitation is equivalent to the LOD (40 copies/mL for the 1.0 mL and 0.6 mL sample volume procedure, 75 copies/mL for the 0.5 mL sample volume procedure, and 150 copies/mL for the 0.2 mL sample volume procedure).

A 9-member panel prepared by diluting armored HIV-1 RNA from 7.44 log copies/mL to 11.6 log copies/mL in HIV-1 negative human plasma was tested. Linearity analysis was performed following the NCCLS EP6-A38 guideline. The results, representative of the RealTime HIV-1 assay linearity, are shown in Figure 1.

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**Potentially Interfering Substances**

The susceptibility of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay to interference by elevated levels of endogenous substances and by drugs commonly prescribed to HIV-1 infected individuals was evaluated. HIV-1 negative samples and samples containing 10,000 copies/mL of HIV-1 RNA were tested.

No interference in the performance of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay was observed in the presence of the following substances for all positive and negative samples tested:

- Hemoglobin: 500 mg/dL
- Triglycerides: 3000 mg/dL
- Bilirubin: 20 mg/dL
- Protein: 9 g/dL

**Figure 1**

The RealTime HIV-1 assay was shown to be linear across the range tested (n = 99, r = 0.999, slope = 0.93, and intercept = 0.26).

**Precision**

The RealTime HIV-1 assay was designed to achieve an inter-assay standard deviation (SD) of less than or equal to 0.25 log copies/mL in samples that contain HIV-1 RNA concentrations between 5,000,000 to 500 copies/mL. Assay precision was demonstrated by testing a coded 45-member precision panel that consisted of 9 unique members repeated 5 times within the panel. The panel was prepared by diluting an HIV-1 viral stock in HIV-1 negative human plasma. The mean RNA concentration of the panel members ranged from 6.51 to 1.46 log copies/mL. Testing was conducted using the CLSI EP10-A2 guideline.39 A total of 3 reagent lots were used. Each of the 3 external sites tested 2 of the lot for 3 days for a total of 18 runs. A total of 90 replicates was tested for each panel member. The results of a variance component analysis are in Table 5.

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**Table 5 Overall Precision Analysis**
Drugs at concentrations in excess of the peak plasma or serum levels were tested in 5 pools. No interference in the performance of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay was observed in the presence of the following drug pools for all positive and negative samples tested:

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**Specificity**

The specificity of the RealTime HIV-1 assay was evaluated at 3 external sites by testing 514 HIV-1 seronegative plasma specimens from volunteer blood donors. The specimens were tested on 3 m2000 instrument systems with 4 lots of amplification reagents.

In this representative study HIV-1 RNA was not detected for all 514 specimens and the RealTime HIV-1 assay specificity was estimated to be 100% (514/514), (95% CI 99.28 – 100%).

The specificity of the assay was further evaluated by testing 70 specimens that had been either obtained from individuals diagnosed or screened for an autoimmune disorder or serologically characterized as positive for the following markers: systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA), rheumatoid factor (RF), HBsAg, anti-HTLV-I/II, anti-HCV, and anti-HIV-2. HIV-1 RNA was not detected in any of the specimens tested. The results demonstrated that the presence of an autoimmune disorder or serologic markers for autoimmune disease or viral pathogens other than HIV-1 did not affect the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay.

**Cross-Reactivity**

The following viruses and microorganisms were evaluated for potential cross-reactivity in the RealTime HIV-1 assay. Purified nucleic acid or viral lysate from each organism was added at a targeted concentration of 5.0 log copies/mL into HIV-1 RNA negative samples and samples that contained 10,000 copies/mL HIV-1 RNA.

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The results showed that all subtypes and groups tested were detected, and dilution linearity was demonstrated for all groups and subtypes tested (correlation coefficients ranged from 0.997 to 1.000). A total of 90 clinical specimens, 10 of each Group M subtype (A, B, C, D, CRF01-AE, F, CRF02-AG, G) and Group O, were tested with the RealTime HIV-1 assay and by 2 other approved HIV-1 quantitative assays referred to as Comparator 1 (FDA-approved version used) and Comparator 2 (CE-marked version used). The results are summarized in Table 6.

No interference in the performance of the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay was observed in the presence of the potential cross-reactants for all positive and negative samples tested.

**Detection of HIV-1 Subtypes and Groups**

The performance of the RealTime HIV-1 assay with HIV-1 subtypes/groups was evaluated by analysis of purified RNA transcripts from Group M (subtypes A, B, C, D, CRF01-AE, F, CRF02-AG, G, and H), Group O, and Group N, and by testing 10 clinical specimens of each Group M subtype (A, B, C, D, CRF01-AE, F, CRF02-AG, G), and 10 specimens from Group O. RNA transcripts of Group M (subtypes A, B, C, D, CRF01-AE, F, CRF02-AG, G, and H), Group O, and Group N with concentrations targeted to approximately 6.0 log copies/mL, 4.7 log copies/mL, 3.0 log copies/mL, and 1.7 log copies/mL were tested. Three replicates were tested at each concentration for each transcript. The results, representative of the dilution linearity for the 11 subtypes/groups tested, are shown in Figure 2.
Correlation

HIV-1 RNA quantitation was compared between the Abbott RealTime HIV-1 assay and an FDA-approved comparator HIV-1 RNA quantitative assay. A total of 301 specimens collected from HIV-1 infected patients were tested with the RealTime HIV-1 assay at 3 external sites and with the comparator method at a central laboratory site. The results from a total of 259 specimens that fell within the common assay dynamic range were analyzed by the Passing-Bablok linear regression method (Figure 3). The correlation coefficient was 0.936, the slope was 0.97 (95% CI 0.92–1.01), and the intercept was –0.05 log copies/mL. (95% CI -0.22 – -0.14).

Figure 3

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