

Simplexa[™] RSV & Influenza A/B Direct Procedure

PURPOSE

- This procedure provides instructions for preparing samples, setting up the PCR reaction and running the *Simplexa*[™] RSV & Influenza A/B Direct for the detection of RSV & influenza A/B from nasal specimens

POLICY STATEMENT

- PCR testing is performed daily, 0700 –1530

ABBREVIATIONS

- ABC : Analyzer Before Computer
- BSC: BioSafety Cabinet
- BSL: BioSafety level
- CBA: Computer Before Analyzer
- Ct : crossing threshold
- DAD : Direct Amplification Disc
- F/T : freeze/thaw
- IC : internal control
- LIS: laboratory information system
- MM : master mix
- NA : Nucleic Acid
- NEGC : negative control
- NP: nasopharyngeal swab
- NW: nasal wash specimen
- PCR: polymerase chain reaction
- POSC: positive control
- PPE: personal protective equipment
- RIP: Simplexa RSV & Influenza A/B PCR
- UNAC: Specimen unacceptable, please recollect
- UTM: universal viral transport media
- Area/Room 1: Clean room
- Area/Room 2: Processing room
- Area/Room 3: Amplification room

DOCUMENTATION/RECORDS

- Simplexa run-specific Segment Report
- LIS Incomplete and worksheets
- Pending Log
- Daily Maintenance Log

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Standard precautions for infectious agents. Refer to [MB 2.02](#), Biohazard containment
- Use of engineering controls: Refer to [MB 3.01](#) Engineering Controls to Prevent Nucleic Acid Contamination
- General Safety: [MB 2.01](#) Safe Work Practices
- Caution:** PPE including protective eyewear must be worn when working with concentrated Extran

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Equipment	Reagents	Supplies
Room 1: Clean room	Simplexa Flu A/B & RSV Direct kit MOL2651	2.0 mL cryovials
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reaction Mix (24) 50 µl 	
Room 2: Processing	Simplexa Flu A/B & RSV Control Pack MOL1455	Nitrile gloves (powder-free)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tubes, 100 µl 	
Room 3: Amplification	Negative control – UTM	Filtered pipette tips, 100 or 200 µl
	Sani-Cloth Bleach wipes	Gripper rack
	70% alcohol	Cryovial storage box
Room 3: Amplification	5% Extran	Sharps disposal container
	3M Integrated Cycler	Replacement Foil wedge
	Universal viral transport media (UTM)	

QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Assay Controls; refer to MB 9.03
1. POSC and NEGC: run daily, first run of the day
 - a. POSC – Simplexa Flu A/B & RSV Positive Control Pack
 - b. NEGC – UTM
 2. An IC is incorporated into each reaction mixture

B. QC Monitors:

Control	Control Monitor
Positive Control (POSC)	Reagent failure and primer-probe integrity
Negative Control (NEGC)	Reagent and/or environmental contamination, cumulative effect
Internal Control (IC)	PCR inhibition in specimen, reagent failure or process error

- C. Before reporting patient results, all controls must yield valid results. Refer to MB 9.05, Procedures G, Evaluating and Interpreting Results.

PROCEDURE A: Follow the steps in the table below to prepare specimens for testing

Testing Preparation

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RIP	1	Call worksheet RIP ; use this worksheet for sample identification throughout testing.	MB 1.01 Specimen Management												
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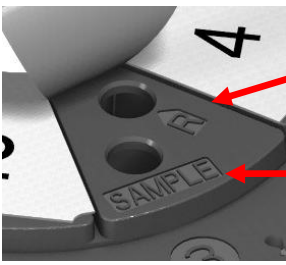
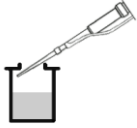
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PROCEDURE C: Follow the steps in the table below for reagent handling
Reagent Handling

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
Room 1	1	Remove one MM tube for each sample to be tested from - 20° C freezer and thaw at room temperature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use MM within 30 min 	MB 9.04 Reagent and Control Prep
	2	Remove lab coat; move the MM tubes to room 2	
Room 2	3	Remove POSC from -70° C freezer to thaw at room temperature	
	4	When thawed, gently flick POSC and MM tubes to mix; briefly centrifuge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not vortex Do not refreeze 	MB 9.03 Storage and Stability
	5	Proceed to PCR set-up	

PROCEDURE D: Follow the steps in the table below for PCR set-up and amplification
PCR set-up and amplification

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
Vortex samples Room 2	1	Vortex specimen tubes prior to set-up if they have been sitting for more than 30 min	
	2	Remove DAD from package and set on disc cold block	
Load MM Room 2	3	Number wedges according to worksheet layout	Simplexa Operator's Manual IVD
	4	Peel back the foil cover, one at a time, to expose the SAMPLE and Reaction (R) wells. ! Do not touch underside of foil to prevent cross contamination Figure 2:  Figure 3: 	
	5	Pipette 50 µl of MM into the Reaction (R) well <u>first</u> before sample <i>Tip</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prevent aerosols and possible contamination, hold the pipette at a 30-degree angle inserting the tip under the roof of the well to reduce possible contamination  Caution: Avoid placing pipette tip at the bottom of the well to prevent possible punctures in the foil that may lead to instrument contamination 	


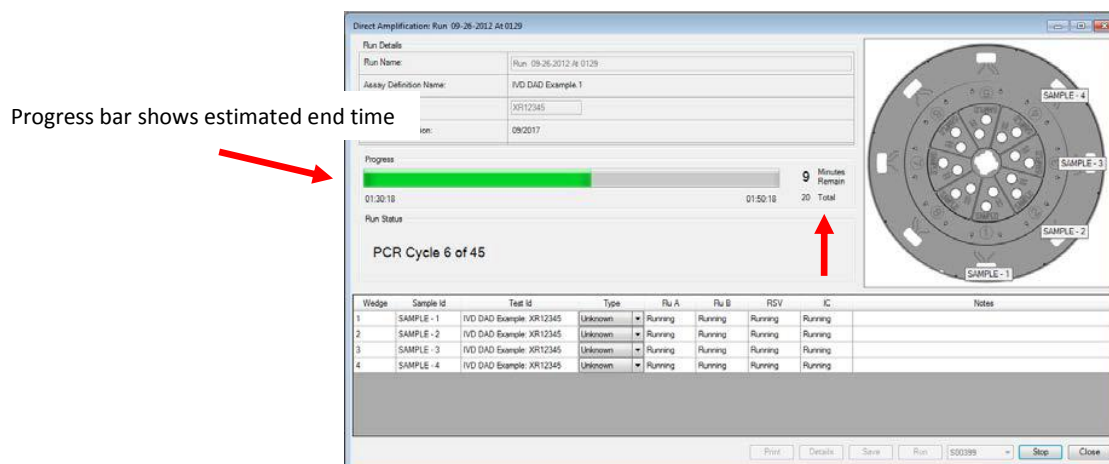
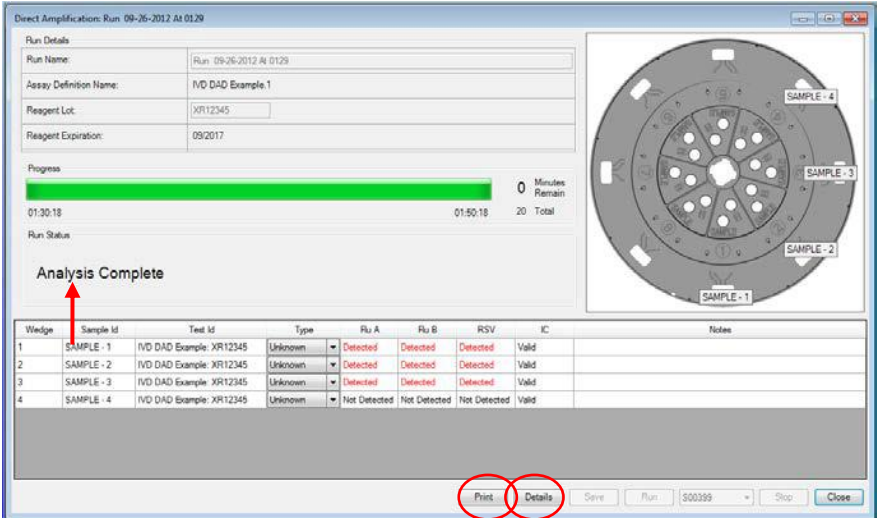
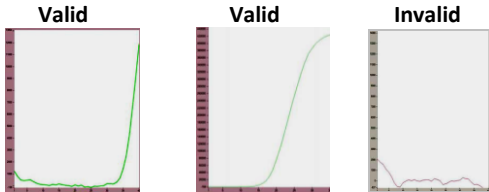
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Load samples	6	Pipette 50 µl of sample/control into the SAMPLE well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caution: Pipette leakage outside of well may lead to external disc contamination when resealing wedge 	
Seal disc remove tabs	7	Seal the foil wedge before opening the next foil cover	
	8	After all wedges are filled, carefully remove the perforated foil tab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If foil is torn, it must be replaced with a replacement foil wedge to prevent carryover contamination 	
Change gloves	9	Use the disc applicator to seal the foil firmly on all wedges 	
	10	Remove lab coat and change gloves	
	11	Move to room 3	
Room 3 Start Run	12	Place disc into the instrument; close lid	
	13	Select test instrument from drop down box	
	14	Start run	
Change PPE	15	Remove lab coat	
	16	Change gloves before leaving room 3	
Run time	17	Approximate run time: 1 h 15 min	
	18	On the screen, a progress bar indicates time to completion; refer to Fig. 4	
Run completion	19	When run is complete, remove disc from instrument; <i>check well volumes</i>	
	20	Place in bio-bag	
	21	If disc is completely used, discard in red biohazard container	
	22	If there are unused wedges, retain disc in a sealed bio-bag in room 2	

Figure 4: Progress in Real-Time



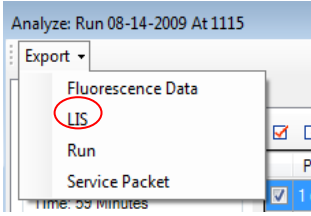
PROCEDURE E: Follow the steps in the table below for reviewing data and sample failures
Reviewing and printing Completed Runs

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Analysis Complete	1	<p>When the run is complete, the results will display on the screen; positive results appear red</p> <p>Figure 5: Analysis Complete</p> 																
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Detailed analysis	3	For a detailed analysis of the completed run, click the Details button to open the Analysis Window																

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Analyzing Runs Detail tab	4	<p>Click on the run Details tab to display a summary of the run, fluid checks, Ct values and any sample failures that are highlighted in yellow</p> <p>Figure 7: Details Screen</p>	
	5	<p>Click Data tab to <i>Select or Deselect</i> samples to be exported to LIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select or deselect samples to view graphs (optional); reviewed in Fig. 5 Select or deselect samples to export to LIS Export results to LIS; refer to procedure F <p>Figure 8: Data Screen</p>	<p>Refer to procedure G for evaluating QC and patient results</p> <p>Refer to procedure F for Exporting results to LIS</p>
<p>Data / Detail tabs</p> <p>To view graphs by dye, click on the dye checkbox</p>			

PROCEDURE F: Follow the steps in the table below for exporting data to LIS from the analysis screen
Exporting Data to LIS

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
	1	Confirm daily POSC and NEGC are valid before reporting patient results	

Activity	Step	Action	Related Doc
	2	Positive patient results: Confirm name, accession number and disc location of primary sample before releasing results	
Select data	3	If all test results were valid upon review, select <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> results to be exported on the Data tab, refer to Fig.8	MB 9.07 Reporting and Archiving Results
	4	<i>Do not</i> send invalid patient results or POSC and NEG. Deselect by clicking on individual box(es)	
Export	5	From the Export drop down box, select LIS and then LIS folder ; click OK Figure 9: Export to LIS 	
	6	A message that the run exported successfully will appear. Click OK	

PROCEDURE G: Follow the activities below for evaluating QC and patient results

QC and Patient Results

Activity	Step	Action	Related doc
LIS interps	1	Patient results will be translated in LIS as <i>Positive</i> or <i>Negative</i> for Flu A, Flu B and/or RSV. If the sample is interpreted as “Invalid” by Simplexa, results will need to entered manually as <i>Equivocal</i> or <i>Unresolved</i> after review	MB 9.07 Resulting and Archiving Results
Review	2	Review patient and QC amplification curves before releasing results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check for exponential growth and data spikes ▪ Check for possible inhibition or low target signal ▪ Review “QC statement/Note” on the Segment Report for failures and error messages 	
Simplexa software interps	3	QC and patient results are interpreted by the software	
		If	Then
		Detected; LIS positive	Flu A, Flu B and /or RSV are present in the sample
		Not Detected; LIS negative	Flu A, Flu B and /or RSV are absent in the sample
		Invalid result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unable to determine the presence or absence of Flu A, Flu B and/ or RSV ▪ Possible IC failure ▪ Insufficient sample volume <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Retest sample with new mm from the same kit or from a new kit
EC500	Indicates a data quality error; weak or late amplification; repeat testing		

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<p>QC conditions not met</p> <p>Invalid assay</p>	4	<p>Failure indications will be highlighted in yellow on the Details tab, Fig. 7</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Step</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a</td> <td>Click the Print Preview button to review the “Data Quality message” and error code on the Segment report under QC Notes, Fig. 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b</td> <td>Review sample graph for amplification and Ct values</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c</td> <td>Refer to Troubleshooting Guide for additional information</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d</td> <td>Click the Print button to generate a report; place in molecular office review box</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e</td> <td>Record corrective action on QC and Equipment Failure Log</td> </tr> <tr> <td>f</td> <td>Record number of failed samples on Failed Run log and a brief explanation</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Figure 10: Review</p>	Step	Action	a	Click the Print Preview button to review the “Data Quality message” and error code on the Segment report under QC Notes, Fig. 7	b	Review sample graph for amplification and Ct values	c	Refer to Troubleshooting Guide for additional information	d	Click the Print button to generate a report; place in molecular office review box	e	Record corrective action on QC and Equipment Failure Log	f	Record number of failed samples on Failed Run log and a brief explanation	<p>Simplexa Operator's Manual IVD Appendix B: Troubleshooting</p> <p>MB 9.06 Troubleshooting Guide</p>
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PROCEDURE H: Follow the activities below for repeat testing

Repeat Testing

Activity	Step	Action	Related doc																
Timeframe	1	Perform repeat testing from original specimen aliquot																	
	2	Repeat within 3 days if stored at 2 – 8° C																	
Vortex	3	Vortex the specimen tubes prior to retesting																	
Type of Failure	4	Review type of failure and any error messages containing the cause of the problem and possible solutions; refer to available troubleshooting guides for additional information	Simplexa Operator's Manual IVD Appendix B: Troubleshooting MB 9.06 Troubleshooting Guide MB 9.03 Storage and Stability DiaSorin/Focus technical service, 1-800-838-4548, option 3																
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PROCEDURE I: Follow the steps in the table below for Simplexa instrument shutdown in room 3

Computer and Instrument Shutdown

Activity	Step	Action
CBA	1	CBA: Shut down computer and then the analyzers when all runs are completed (Computer before analyzer)
	2	Click on the Close button or “X” out of the program
Shutdown menu	3	Click on the Start button (Windows icon)
	4	Next to Restart , click on 
	5	Select Shutdown from the drop down menu
CBA	6	After the computer has shutdown, turn off the analyzers
Clean	7	Decontaminate work area; refer to MB 9.08

PROCEDURE J: Follow the steps in the table below for storing test specimens

Storage and Retention of test specimens

Activity	Step	Action
Storage	1	Store test samples in -70° C freezer, shelf 4, for 3 - 6 mo.
	2	Write date range on cryo-storage box including month, day and year
Disposal	3	Discard samples after elapsed time in red biohazard container

METHOD PERFORMANCE

- Clinical Sensitivity/Specificity^{2,4}:
 1. Flu A: 97.1% / 97.9%
 2. Flu B: 100% / 99.9%
 3. RSV: 98.6% / 89.5%
- Analytical Sensitivity^{2,4}:
 1. Flu A: 0.1 – 0.05 TCID₅₀/ml
 2. Flu B: 1 – 20 TCID₅₀/ml
 3. RSV: 2 TCID₅₀/ml

ALTERNATE METHOD

1. Viral Respiratory Culture
2. Sunquest Order code: [VRSP](#)
3. Specimen container
 - 2 NP Swabs: BBL CultureSwab with Liquid Stuart’s
 - Nasal wash/aspirate (0.5 – 1 ml): sterile screw top container
4. Logistics
 - Transport at RT or refrigerated
 - Laboratory: Transfer 1 ml of wash/aspirate into UTM or cut 2 NP swabs into UTM
 - Analytic time: 3 day
 - Testing : Daily

PROFICIENCY TESTING

- CAP ID3, 3 shipments per year, 5 challenges each

LIMITATIONS

- Results must be considered in conjunction with the clinical history, epidemiology data and other information available to the clinician evaluating the patient.
- If a novel influenza A is suspected based on clinical and epidemiological data, specimens should be collected and sent to Minnesota Dept. of Health for testing.
- This assay does not differentiate between influenza A subtypes, H1, H3 and 2009 H1.
- This assay does not differentiate between types RSV A and RSV B.
- Negative results do not rule out influenza A, influenza B or RSV.
- PCR detection of influenza A, influenza B or RSV does not distinguish between viable and non-viable organism.
- Test performance is not established for monitoring treatment for influenza A, influenza B or RSV
- False-negative results can occur if the viruses are below the level of the analytical sensitivity and if performed very early in the course of the illness.
- False-negative results may occur if the virus has genomic mutations, insertions, deletions or rearrangements
- Specimen integrity is dependent on the proper collection, transport, handling and storage of the specimen. Failure to meet set criteria can result in falsely negative results.
- When very high levels of influenza A are present with very low levels of RSV and influenza B, the signal from the RSV and FluB may not be detected due to competitive interference.
- False positive results can occur if proper handling and processing protocols are not followed.

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