# Simplexa RSV & Flu A/B New Lot and/or New Shipment Quality Control

PURPOSE

* This procedure provides instructions for verifying reagent performance

## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

* Standard precautions. Refer to MB 2.02 Biohazard Containment
* Use of engineering controls: Refer to MB 3.01 Engineering Controls to Prevent Nucleic Acid Contamination

**ABBREVIATIONS**

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| * BSC: BioSafety Cabinet * BSL: BioSafety level * Ct : crossing threshold * IC : internal control * LOD: level of detection * MM : master mix * NEGC : negative control * PCR: polymerase chain reaction | * POSC: positive control * PPE: personal protective equipment * RIP: Simplexa RSV & Influenza A/B PCR * UTM: universal viral transport media   Area/Room 1: Clean room  Area/Room 2: Processing room  Area/Room 3: Amplification room |

#### MATERIALS

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| **Equipment** | **Reagents** | **Supplies** |
| Room 1: Clean room   * -10 to -30° C freezer * Laminar flow Hood   Room 2: Processing   * Refrigerator 2 – 8° C * BSC BSL-2 * -70⁰ C freezer * 100 or 200 µl pipette   Room 3: Amplification   * Liaison MDX | Simplexa Flu A/B & RSV Direct kit MOL2651   * Reaction Mix (24) 50 µl | 2.0 mL cryovials |
| Simplexa Flu A/B & RSV Control Pack MOL1455   * 10 tubes, 100 µl | Nitrile gloves (powder-free) |
| Negative control – UTM | Filtered pipette tips, 100 or 200 µl |
| Sani-Cloth Bleach wipes | Gripper rack |
| 70% alcohol | Sharps disposal container |
| 5% Extran | Replacement Foil wedge |
| Known positive patient |  |
|  | Known negative patient |  |

**PROCEDURE A:** Follow the activities for testing reagent reactivity in the table below

New reagent lot and/or new shipment verification

| **Activity** | **Step** | **Action** | **Related Doc** |
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| **Testing requirements** | 1 | Test new reagent lots and/or shipments before or concurrently with being placed in service. | MB 5.02  MOLB Standards of Practice |
| **RIP New Lot/Shipment Reagent**  **verification** | 2 | Retest one known positive and one known negative patient sample from previous lot against the new reagent lot   * + ***Note:*** *Select a positive sample with a Ct value between* ***30 – 33*** *to challenge the LOD and verify the sensitivity of the assay* | * + MB 9.09.F2 RIP QC worksheet |
|  | 3 | Test a POSC and NEGC using the new lot/shipment reagents |  |
| **30 day QC** | 4 | Test a POSC and NEGC with the in use reagents. Rotate instruments. |  |
| **Results** | 5 | Equivalent results must be obtained   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | Test Materials | Expected Results | | a | Known positive sample/pt | positive | | b | Known negative sample/pt | negative | | c | Positive Reagent Control | Positive for Flu A, Flu B and RSV | | d | Negative Reagent Control | negative | | New Lot/Shipment Inventory Forms   * + MB 9.09.F1 RIP Direct   + MB 9.09.F3 POSC |
|  | 6 | Record results on QC worksheet; staple QC worksheet to RIP segment report |
| **Record** | 7 | Verify that all reagents and materials meet expiration date and QC parameters as per CLSI document MM3-A2. |
|  | 8 | Check off inventory form |
|  | 9 | Archive result forms in *New Lot Inventory and QC* manual. |

**PROCEDURE B:** Follow the activities for troubleshooting verification failures in the table below

Performance Failures

| **Activity** | **Step** | **Action** | | **Related doc** |
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|  | 1 | Verify that the reagent performance is acceptable before implementation of a new lot and/or shipment | |  |
|  |  | If | Then |  |
| **Troubleshooting Failures** | Any Control fails | * Document observation/corrective action on QC log * Do not implement new lot/shipment * Repeat all testing; if repeat testing fails, contact Focus | MB 9.05 Procedure H: *Repeat Testing* |
|  | POSC fails | * Target not detected  1. System/reagent failure 2. Repeat run; vortex patient samples prior to testing 3. Thaw new MM 4. Gently flick MM and POSC to mix before repeat testing 5. If POSC fails on repeat, thaw new POSC | MB 9.06  Simplexa Troubleshooting guide |
|  | NEGC fails | * NEGC contaminated  1. Repeat run 2. Replace NEGC if contamination is indicated; review patient graphs for low level contamination 3. Review specimen handling/processing technique including pipetting , glove contamination and possible aerosols creation  * IC not detected  1. System/reagent failure 2. Repeat run | [Simplexa Operator's Manual IVD](http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/Lab/SOP/MolBio/UserMan/212355.pdf) Appendix B: Troubleshooting |
|  | Known pos/neg sample fails | * Review amplification curve for inhibition, lost target or carryover contamination  1. Select new positive sample if target appears to be lost 2. Repeat testing |  |
|  | Problem unresolved | 1. Call Focus technical service at **1-800-838-4548**, Option #3 2. Notify technical director or designee |  |

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