

DeNovix dsDNA Ultra High Sensitivity Instructions for Qubit® Fluorometers

Technical Note 161

Introduction

The DeNovix dsDNA Ultra High Sensitivity Assay enables accurate detection of purified double-stranded DNA (dsDNA) samples with a detection range from 5 pg to 3 ng total mass per assay tube. This is equivalent to sample concentrations of 0.5 pg/μL to 300 pg/μL.

The DeNovix Ultra High Sensitivity Assay is available for use on Qubit® 2.0 and 3.0 fluorometers. The assay parameter files are available on the DeNovix website.

Kit Contents

Three assay sizes are available. The volume of components in each kit are sufficient for 1000, 250, and 50 (evaluation size) assays respectively. Kit components are shown in the table below.

Component	1000	250	EVAL
DeNovix dsDNA Ultra High Sensitivity Dye (400x)	0.5 mL	125 μL	25 μL
DeNovix dsDNA Ultra High Sensitivity Buffer	200 mL	50 mL	10 mL
DeNovix dsDNA Ultra High Sensitivity Enhancer (100x)	2 x 1 mL	0.5 mL	100 μL
300 pg/μL dsDNA Standard (calf thymus)	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL
0 pg/μL dsDNA Standard	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL

Best Practices

Pay careful attention to pipetting accuracy when quantitating low picogram amounts of dsDNA.

- Use properly calibrated pipettes and DNase-free pipette tips. Use the smallest calibrated pipettor available to dispense each sample volume.
- If sample dilutions are required, perform dilutions in the recommended assay tubes (DeNovix cat# TUBE-PCR-0.5-500 or equivalent).
- Prepare fresh working solution for each assay.
- Ensure all samples and standards are treated identically in terms of incubation times and temperature.
- Generate a new standard curve for each assay.

Dynamic Range Considerations

The DeNovix Ultra High Sensitivity Assay enables dsDNA quantitation through the full dynamic range on Qubit® fluorometers. However, the sensitivity of these instruments is inadequate to measure dsDNA at the low end of the assay range when following the standard protocol.

In order to measure dsDNA stock concentrations less than 10 pg/μL, sample volumes of 20 μL should be added to 190 μL working solution. For dsDNA concentrations above 10 pg/μL, the standard assay protocol is appropriate.

Installing DeNovix Assays on a Qubit® Fluorometer

For a Qubit® 2.0 fluorometer:

1. Download the available .qbt file from the DeNovix website. This file includes both the DeNovix High Sensitivity and Ultra High Sensitivity dsDNA Assays.
2. Add the .qbt file to the root directory of a USB drive. Ensure that this is the only .qbt file in the root directory.
3. Unplug the Qubit® 2.0, insert the USB, and turn the fluorometer back on by plugging it in.
4. Follow the prompts on the screen to download the assays.

For a Qubit® 3.0 fluorometer:

1. Download the available .qbt file from the DeNovix website.
2. Add the .qbt file to the root directory of a USB drive.
3. Insert the USB into a Qubit® 3.0 fluorometer.
4. Navigate to Settings, and select Import Assay.
5. Select "DeNovix UltraHigh" and choose the Qubit® folder where the assay will be stored. (It is recommended to store it under dsDNA).

Once the assay file is uploaded to the Qubit® fluorometer, simply select the DeNovix Ultra High Sensitivity assay to measure dsDNA samples.



Sample Prep

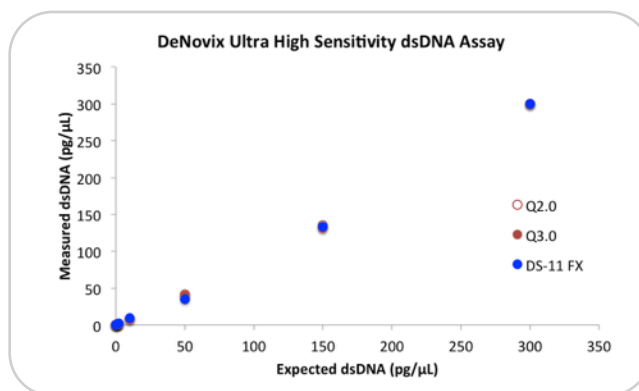
1. Allow all solutions to equilibrate to room temperature before use. Vortex, then centrifuge vials briefly before opening to minimize reagent loss on the cap.
2. Prepare working solution by mixing 10 mL of the assay buffer with 25 µL of the dye and 100 µL of the enhancer. Scale volumes as needed to make enough volume to aliquot 200 µL of the mixture for each standard and unknown.
3. For each standard or unknown sample above 10 pg/µL, add 200 µL of the working solution into a labeled tube. For each unknown sample below 10 pg/µL, add 190 µL of the working solution.
 - Use only thin-walled, clear 0.5 mL PCR tubes for assay measurements (DeNovix cat# TUBE-PCR-0.5-500 or equivalent). Label only the top, not the sides of an assay tube.
4. Add 10 µL of the 0 pg/µL, 300 pg/µL standards or unknown DNA samples to the respective tubes and mix well. For unknown samples below 10 pg/µL, add 20 µL. Avoid introducing air bubbles when mixing.
5. Incubate assay tubes at room temperature for 5 minutes. Protect from light.

Sample Measurements

1. Select the DeNovix High Sensitivity dsDNA assay on a Qubit® fluorometer.
 - On a Qubit® 2.0, the assay is added in a folder labeled DeNovix.
2. Select the "Read Standards" option.
3. Insert the 0 pg/µL dsDNA standard tube, lower the lid and tap the **Read Standard** button.
4. Insert the 300 pg/µL dsDNA standard tube, lower the lid and tap the **Read Standard** button.
5. After measuring the two standards, proceed to measure samples by tapping the **Read Samples** button.
6. Indicate the volume of sample added into each tube (10-20 µL).

Measurement Data

Three replicates of dsDNA samples were measured on a Qubit® 2.0, 3.0, and a DeNovix DS-11 FX fluorometer using the DeNovix Ultra High Sensitivity Assay. Samples above 10 pg/µL were prepared with 200 µL working solution and 10 µL sample. Samples below 10 pg/µL were prepared with 190 µL working solution and 20 µL stock added. The data is presented in graphical and tabular form across the assay dynamic range below.



Expected dsDNA	Qubit® 2.0		Qubit® 3.0		DS-11 FX	
	pg/µL	StDev	pg/µL	StDev	pg/µL	StDev
300	300.00	1.242	300.00	0.616	300.00	1.373
150	135.33	0.577	131.07	0.115	133.36	0.420
50	41.53	0.115	40.00	0.200	41.69	0.218
10	8.16	0.178	7.59	0.239	9.37	0.092
2	1.50	0.050	1.78	0.871	2.24	0.019
1	1.03	0.010	0.52	0.062	1.19	0.503
0.5	0.92	0.621	0.36	0.103	0.85	0.070

Summary

The DeNovix dsDNA Ultra High Sensitivity Assay enables specific, highly sensitive dsDNA quantitation across a wide dynamic range. The assay is available for use on a Qubit® fluorometer through the simple application of downloadable assay files.

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