

# Disease-Related Human LncRNA Profiler Cat. #RA920A, B, C, D-1

**User Manual** 

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# I. Introduction and Background

## A. Overview

Long noncoding RNAs (IncRNAs), as a new class of transcripts, have been recently revealed to be pervasively transcribed in the genomes of human and mouse. Multiple lines of evidence increasingly link IncRNAs to diverse human diseases. Diseaserelated human IncRNA profiler qPCR array allows for the quantification of differential expression of 83 individual IncRNAs among various experimental RNA samples. All 83 IncRNAs chosen for the array are based on publications and they are implicated in diseases ranging from neurodegeneration to cancer. The array plate also includes the house keeping genes and small RNA transcripts for normalization purposes. Using real-time RT-PCR, you can easily and reliably analyze expression of a panel of IncRNAs that have potential roles in a variety of cellular processes such as cell cycle progression, differentiation, self-renewal and apoptosis. Disease-related human IncRNA profiler is easy, convenient, sensitive and specific. It is suitable for cDNA synthesized by either random primer, oligo dT primer, or strand specific primer. It can be used for research in cancer, stem cells, immunology, biomarker discovery & validation, as well as phenotypic analysis of cells. To ensure optimal results, please read the entire manual before using the materials supplied with this kit.

## B. Long noncoding RNAs and diseases

A distinctive feature of eukaryotic genomes is the abundance of noncoding RNA (ncRNAs). In addition to small regulatory RNAs, such as microRNAs, genomic projects over the past decade have revealed the existence of long noncodingRNAs (lncRNAs) —those more than 200 bp in length — including large intergenic ncRNA (lincRNA) and antisense ncRNAs. Like microRNAs, the expression

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of many identified lncRNAs shows spatial- and temporal-specific patterns. Recent studies also demonstrate that LncRNAs participate in a diverse range of biological processes from cell cycle control to cell differentiation through distinct mechanisms at the transcriptional, post-transcriptional and epigenetic level. Almost every step in the life cycle of genes can be influenced by lncRNAs. The involvement of lncRNAs in human diseases provides a great opportunity for biomedical research and their clinical implications could be far more prevalent than we previously imagined.

Like protein coding genes, IncRNAs can serve as oncogenic and tumor-suppressor genes. The story of HOTAIR illustrates nicely how the relationship between epigenetic regulation by IncRNA and cancer. HOTAIR was first identified as a 2.2kb IncRNA in the HOXC locus, which represses transcription in trans of HOXD genes by John Rinn, et al. This repressive action is mediated by the interaction of HOTAIR with the Polycomb Repressive Complex 2 (PRC2). Later study from John's group further found that HOTAIR is dramatically overexpressed in breast tumors and the expression of HOTAIR in primary breast tumors is a powerful prognosis marker of patient outcomes such as metastasis and death. Enforced expression of HOTAIR causes altered H3K27 methylation pattern and increased invasiveness. In contrast, the depletion of HOTAIR results in the opposite cellular phenotype. These studies demonstrate how IncRNA manipulate the epigenetic machinery to remold the epigenetic landscape leading to cancer.

Recent genome-wide studies have revealed that numerous protein-coding mRNAs have natural antisense transcript partners, most of which seem be noncoding RNA. Despite the lincRNAs such as HOTAIR, dysregulation of antisense ncRNAs could also lead to cellular transformation. Antisense ncRNA ANRIL is one of the examples. ANRIL is transcribed as antisense to the INK4n/ARF/INK4a promoter and overlaps with two exons of p15/CDKN2B. It controls expression in the INK4A/ARF locus

which comprises the tumor-suppressor genes INK4n/ARF/INK4a, p16/CDKN2A and p15/CDKN2B. As demonstrated by Yap K. et al ANRIL interacts with CBX7, resulting in the targeting of the polycomb repressive complex 1 (PRC1) to the chromatin and establishing repressive epigenetic mark. Studies from Yu W et al and Kotake Y, et al have also shown that overexpression of ANRIL in prostate cancer results in the silencing of INK4n/ARF/INK4a and p15/CDKN2B by heterochromatin formation.

Different from oncogenic IncRNAs (such as HOTAIR, ANRIL, and MALAT1), IncRNA GAS5 (growth arrest-specific 5) represents an example as a tumor suppressor. Studies from Coccia EM and Mourtada-Maarabouni M group have shown that GAS5 can be induced under starvation conditions and is abundant is abundant in cells whose growth has been arrested. In addition, GAS5 has also been observed to be downregulated in breast cancer. Kino T, et al revealed that Gas5 bound to the DNA-binding domain of the glucocorticoid receptor (GR) by acting as a decoy glucocorticoid response element (GRE), thus competing with DNA GREs for binding to the GR. Function as a "riborepressor" of the GR, GAS5 influences cell survival and metabolic activities during starvation by modulating the transcriptional activity of the GR.

In addition to cancer, IncRNAs have also been shown involved in other disease such as Alzheimer's Disease (AD). A study from Faghihi MA, et al nicely demonstrated how IncRNA BACE1-AS involves in the pathogenesis of AD.  $\beta$ -secretase-1 (BACE1) is a crucial enzyme in AD pathophysiology, which has elevated level in subjects with AD compared with normal controls. As a natural antisense transcript, BACE1AS rapidly and reversibly upregulates BACE1 levels in response to a variety of stresses, acting as a post-transcriptional regulator. Consistent with BACE1 expression, BACE1AS expression were found increased in subjects with AD as well as in amyloid precursor protein transgenic mice.

In summary, it has been shown that dysregulation of IncRNAs contributes to numerous diseases, highligting their potential use as biomarkers and therapeutic targets in the future. However, there

are still many missing dots in our current understanding of lncRNA function. Future studies are needed to elucidate the mechanism by which lncRNAs are dysregulated, thereby contributing to the pathogenesis of disease. Disease-related human lncRNA Profiler is your first step toward the understanding of the role of lncRNAs in human diseases.

# C. Overview of the Entire Protocol



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#### List of Components

The Disease-related human IncRNA Profiler is available in 3 different plate formats, each tailored to a specific subset of realtime PCR instruments.

Cat#	For Real-time Instruments	Plate	Array#	Plate #
RA920A-1	ABI: 7000, 7300, 7500, 7900HT	96-well	2	2
RA920B-1	ABI: 7500 Fast , 7900HT Fast, StepOnePlus	96-well	2	2
RA920C-1	Bio-Rad: Opticon/Opticon2, Chromo-4, iCycler, MyiQ, iQ5, CFX96 Eppendorf: MasterCycler ep RelPlex	96-well	2	2
RA920D-1	Any Real-Time Instruments	96-well	20	1

All 83 IncRNAs chosen for the array are based on publications and they are implicated in diseases ranging from neurodegeneration to cancer. The array plate also includes the housekeeping genes and small RNA transcripts (which belongs to small nuclear RNA, small cytoplasmic RNA, and small cajal body-specific RNA) for normalization purpose. The Genomic DNA Control (GDC) in each PCR Array specifically tests for genomic DNA contamination in each sample during each run.

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в	CCND1 ANCR	CMPD	DD3	DGCR5	DISC2	DLG2AS	EGO	GAS5	GOMAFU	H19	H19-AS	HAR1A
с	HAR1B	HOTAIR	HOTAIRM1	ноттір	HOXA1AS AA489505	HOXA3AS BI823151	HOXA3AS BE873349	HOXA6AS AK092154	HOXA11AS	HULC	IPW	IGF2AS
D	KRASP1	L1PA16	ιπ	LOC285194	LUST	LincRNA- VLDLR	LincRNA- SFMBT2	MALAT1	MEG3	MER11C	NEAT1	NCRMS
E	NDM29	PANDA	PAR5	PCAT-1	PCAT-14	PCAT-29	PCAT-32	PCAT-43	PCGEM1	PR-AT2	PRINS	PSF inhibiting RNA
F	PTENP1	RMRP	ROR	SAF	SCA8	Sox2OT	SRA	ST70T1	ST7OT2	ST7OT3	ST7OT4	Telomerase RNA
G	TMEVPG1	TU_001762 9	TUG1	UCA1	WT1-AS	¥1	Y3	¥4	Y5	ZEB2NAT	75K	Negative control
н	7SL scRNA	5.85 rRNA	U87 scaRNA	U6 smRNA	АСТВ	B2M	PGK1	GAPDH	HPRT1	RPL1A	RPL13A	GDC
small RNA transcripts housekeeping genes												

**Internal Controls** 

#### **Shipping Conditions:**

The Disease-related human IncRNA Profilers are shipped at Room Temperature or Blue Ice.

#### Storage Conditions:

Keep plates at -20°C for long-term storage. When stored at -20°C, their quality is guaranteed for 12 months. The primers for the specific IncRNAs are provided desiccated in the wells of the optical qPCR plates.

## **D. Additional Required Materials**

- **RNA** Isolation •
- Nuclease-free H<sub>2</sub>O •
- **Reverse-transcription Kit** •
- SYBR Green qPCR Master Mix •
- Real-time gPCR Instrument •
- Instrument-specific optical qPCR plates if you choose • RA920D-1
- Calibrated Multi-Channel Pipettor ٠
- RNase/DNase-free pipette tips and tubes

# II. Protocol

Please read through this entire protocol before beginning your experiment. Prepare a workspace free of DNA contamination. Wear gloves and maintain an RNase-free work area while performing this protocol.

## A. RNA preparation and quality control

High quality RNA is essential for obtaining good real-time PCR results. RNA samples must meet the standards of integrity and purity from protein, organics, and genomic DNA contamination. For best results from the PCR Array, all RNA samples should demonstrate consistent quality. You can measure your RNA concentration and purity by UV spectrophotometry. You can also check ribosomal RNA band integrity by electrophoresis or by using an Agilent BioAnalyzer.

- A260:A230 ratio should be greater than 1.7.
- A260:A280 ratio should be between 1.8 and 2.0.
- The total RNA concentration by A260 should be greater than 40 μg /ml.

Eliminating genomic DNA contamination is essential for obtaining optimal real-time gene expression profiling. The problem associated with genomic DNA contamination is particularly acute for genes with low expression levels. Even a few copies of genomic DNA contamination can significantly alter the interpretation of gRT-PCR results for low copy mRNA. Due to the presence of pseudogenes, even cross-intron primers are not a reliable method for avoiding amplification resulting from contaminating genomic DNA. The Genomic DNA Control (GDC) in this PCR Array specifically tests for genomic DNA contamination in each sample during each run. Researchers can easily detect potential genomic DNA contamination using the representative Ct value for the GDC well on the PCR Array. A GDC threshold cycle value less than 35 indicates the presence of a detectable amount of genomic DNA contamination that is recommended to be addressed.

Greater amounts of input total RNA yield a greater number of positive results. Lower amounts of input total RNA yield a smaller number of positive results and increase false negative results.

## **B. First Strand cDNA Synthesis**

Use the same amount of total RNA in this reaction for every sample. We recommend that first time users start with 1.0-2.0  $\mu$ g of total RNA for 96-well plate format. Please follow the protocol of the cDNA synthesis provided by the manufacturer. Dilute the resulting cDNA in 100 $\mu$ l with nuclease-free H<sub>2</sub>O. For in-house testing, ProtoScript® M-MuLV *Taq* RT-PCR Kit (NEB, Cat# E6400S) was used for cDNA synthesis with Random Primer Mix. Random Primer Mix is a optimized mixture of hexamers and Oligo d(T)<sub>23</sub>VN primer, which provides even and consistent coverage of the RNA template population across a wide range of RNA template concentration. Based on your experiments design, you can choose either Oligo dT primer, random primer mix, or strand specific primer to synthesis your cDNA.

## C. Real-time qPCR Reaction Setup

### 1. Mastermix qPCR Reaction Setup for a 96-well qPCR plate

- a. Briefly spin down all reagents
- b. Mix the following components in a 5-ml tube or reservoir

2X SYBR Green qPCR Mastermix buffer	1.1 ml
cDNA	100 µl
Nuclease-free water	1.0 ml
Total	2.2 ml

- C. Load the Disease-related human IncRNA Profiler
  - Carefully remove the profiler array from its sealed bag
  - Add 20µl of cocktail to each well (except well H12, the GDC) in array plate from a reservoir with an eight-channel pipette.
  - Add 1µl NRT (no RT) sample or 1µl RNA sample, 10µl 2X SYBR Green qPCR Mastermix buffer, 9µl Nuclease-free water into well H12 to detect genomic DNA contamination.

**Note:** This recipe provides an excess volume of ~ 200  $\mu$ l for the 96-well format to allow for multiple pipetting.

**Note:** Change pipet tips following each addition to avoid any cross-contamination between the wells or reactions.

**Note:** Maxima® SYBR Green/Rox qPCR Master Mix (2x) was used for in-house testing (Thermo Scientific, Cat# K0222)

**Note:** In the presence of genomic DNA, a PCR product of GDC in size of 184 bp is obtained.



A: RNA sample with genomic DNA contamination B: RNA sample free of genomic DNA

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a. Resuspend primers in primer plate with 20 µl nuclease-free water per well before use. (The primers are desicated in the primer plate.)

2X SYBR Green qPCR Mastermix	1.1ml
buffer	
cDNA	100 μl
Nuclease-free water	890 μl
Total	2.090 ml

#### b. Cocktail preparation in a reservoir

- C. Using an eight-channel pipette, add 19 μl of cocktail to each well (except well H12, the GDC) in qPCR plate which matches your qPCR instrumentation.
- d. Add 1µl NRT (no RT) sample or 1µl RNA sample, 10µl 2X SYBR Green qPCR Mastermix buffer, 8µl Nuclease-free water into well H12 to detect genomic DNA contamination.
- e. Load 1 μl per well of each of the primers from the primer plate into your qPCR plate.

Once reagents are loaded into the wells, cover the plate with an optical adhesive seal and spin briefly in a centrifuge to bring contents to bottom of wells. Place plate in the correct orientation (well A1, upper left) into the Real-time qPCR instrument and perform analysis run.

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### 2. Real-time qPCR Instrument Parameters

Follow the guidelines as detailed for your specific Real-time instrumentation. The following parameters tested by SBI were performed on an Applied Biosystems 7900 Real-time PCR System but can also apply to an ABI 7500 or 7300 system.

## Instrument Setup:

## qPCR cycling program

50°C 2 min.
 95°C 10 min.
 95°C 15 sec.
 60°C 1 min.
 40 cycles of steps 3 and 4

An additional recommendation is to include a melt analysis after the qPCR run to assess the Tm of the PCR amplicon to verify the specificity of the amplification reaction. Refer to the User Manual for your specific instrument to conduct the melt analysis and the data analyses of the amplification plots and Cycle Threshold (Ct) calculations. In general, Cycle Thresholds should be set within the exponential phase of the amplification plots with software automatic baseline settings.

# D. Data Analysis: ∆∆Ct Method

Access our free Disease-related human IncRNA Profiler data analysis web portal from the following address:

http://www.systembio.com/lncrna-research/long-non-codingrna/literature

 Change all Ct values reported as greater than 35 or as N/A (not detected) to 35. At this point, any Ct value equal to 35 is considered a negative result. Disease-related human IncRNA Profiler Cat. #RA920A-D-1

- Examine the Threshold Cycle values of the Genomic DNA Control wells. If the value is greater than 35, then the level of genomic DNA contamination is too low to affect gene expression profiling results. No action is needed. If the value is less than 35, then genomic DNA contamination is evident.
- 3. Calculate the  $\Delta Ct$  for each IncRNA in the plate.  $\Delta Ct = Ct^{\text{IncRNA}} - Ct^{\text{AVG Internal Control}}$
- 4. Calculate the  $\Delta\Delta$ Ct for each lncRNA across two PCR Arrays  $\Delta\Delta$ Ct =  $\Delta$ Ct (sample) -  $\Delta$ Ct (control)
- 5. Calculate the fold-change for each gene from the control to the sample as  $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ .

# III. Quality Control and Sample Data

# A. Disease-related human IncRNA Profiler Validation Tests

#### 1. Real-time qPCR Validation

The Disease-related human lncRNA Profiler plate was tested using a cohort of 9 cell line samples (293T, HT1080, hES, HDF, HFF, MCF7, MCF10A, MDA-MB-231, mesenchymal stem cells) converted to cDNA using the ProtoScript® M-MuLV *Taq* RT-PCR Kit. The resulting cDNA was tested according to aforementioned protocol. Shown below are the results of Real-time amplification plot for the entire plate for selected cell lines.



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#### 2. End-point PCR Validation

The Disease-Related human IncRNA Profiler plate was tested using a cohort of 9 cell line samples converted to cDNA using the ProtoScript® M-MuLV *Taq* RT-PCR Kit. 1 $\mu$ g of RNA was used to synthesize first strand cDNA with Random Primer Mix. The resulting cDNA was tested according to the protocol. Shown below are the end products for the entire plate selected from hES cell, 293T and HT1080 cells, and separated on a 1.5% agarose gel and stained with ethidium bromide.



#### 3. Sensitivity Tests

The cDNAs were synthesized using decreasing amounts of total starting RNA input from human ES cells. Ct values were determined using the software automatic baseline and Ct settings.



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#### 4. Reproducibility Tests

Two sets of raw Ct data were obtained by two different scientists (A&B) at two different times using two different cell lines on Disease-related human lncRNA Profiler and are directly compared. The results demonstrate a high degree of correlation ( $R^2$ >0.98).







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### 5. Specificity Tests

A single lncRNA-specific product for each primer set was amplified by disease-related human lncRNA profiler.



# B. Sample Data: analysis of disease-related human IncRNA expression levels in different cell lines using Real-time qPCR

The cDNAs were synthesized from both 293T and HT1080 cells. The signals were normalized to expression levels of housekeeping genes and small RNA transcripts.  $\Delta$ Ct increase and decrease in 293T vs. HT1080 cells are graphed.



# IV. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Solution	
Too much background in qPCR signals	Use much less cDNA in the SYBR Green Mastermix.	
No qPCR signals	<ol> <li>Did you select SYBR Green as the Detector's Reporter Dye?</li> <li>Did the internal control work?</li> <li>Use more cDNA in Mastermix.</li> <li>Check Mastermix contents and try a subset with internal control as a positive control.</li> <li>Also try lowering the Annealing Temperature to 50°C.</li> </ol>	
How do I select the Threshold level for Ct analysis?	Typically, place the threshold setting in the upper third of the exponential phase of the amplification curve. Also, see the User Manual for your specific instrument or contact their technical support team for guidance.	

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