Instructions for Use

RealStar®
Malaria PCR Kit 1.0

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For use with

Mx 3005P™ QPCR System (Stratagene)
VERSANT® kPCR Molecular System AD (Siemens Healthcare)
ABI Prism® 7500 SDS (Applied Biosystems)
ABI Prism® 7500 Fast SDS (Applied Biosystems)
Rotor-Gene® 6000 (Corbett Research)
Rotor-Gene® Q5/6 plex Platform (QIAGEN)
CFX96™ Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad)
LightCycler® 480 Instrument II (Roche)
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1. Intended Use

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 is an \textit{in vitro} diagnostic test, based on real-time PCR technology, for the detection of \textit{Plasmodium} species specific DNA, including the five human pathogenic species \textit{Plasmodium falciparum, Plasmodium vivax, Plasmodium malariae, Plasmodium ovale} and \textit{Plasmodium knowlesi}.

2. Kit Components

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<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Volume [\mu l/Vial]</th>
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<td>Blue</td>
<td>Master A</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Purple</td>
<td>Master B</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>180</td>
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<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Internal Control</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Positive Control</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>Water (PCR grade)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>500</td>
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</table>

3. Storage

- The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 is shipped on dry ice. The components of the kit should arrive frozen. If one or more components are not frozen upon receipt, or if tubes have been compromised during shipment, contact altona Diagnostics GmbH for assistance.
- All components should be stored between -25°C and -15°C upon arrival.
- Repeated thawing and freezing of Master reagents (more than twice) should be avoided, as this might affect the performance of the assay. The reagents should be frozen in aliquots, if they are to be used intermittently.
- Storage between +2°C and +8°C should not exceed a period of two hours.
- Protect Master A and Master B from light.
4. Material and Devices required but not provided

- Appropriate real-time PCR instrument (see chapter 6.1 Real-Time PCR Instruments)
- Appropriate nucleic acid extraction system or kit (see chapter 8.1 Sample Preparation)
- Desktop centrifuge with a rotor for 2 ml reaction tubes
- Centrifuge with a rotor for microtiter plates, if using 96 well reaction plates
- Vortex mixer
- Appropriate 96 well reaction plates or reaction tubes with corresponding (optical) closing material
- Pipettes (adjustable)
- Pipette tips with filters (disposable)
- Powder-free gloves (disposable)

NOTE
Please ensure that all instruments used have been installed, calibrated, checked and maintained according to the manufacturer’s instructions and recommendations.

NOTE
It is highly recommended to use the 72-well rotor with the appropriate 0.1 ml reaction tubes, if using the Rotor-Gene® 6000 (Corbett Research) or the Rotor-Gene® Q 5/6 plex (QIAGEN).
5. Background Information

Malaria is among the most important infection diseases worldwide. About 250 million people get infected every year, with most cases occurring in Africa, Asia and South America. 800,000 to 1.2 million people die of malaria annually (source RKI, 2012).

Malaria is a vector-borne infectious disease caused by eucaryotic parasites of the genus *Plasmodium*. The parasites are spread to people through bites of infected *Anopheles* mosquitoes. Infections can also occur in and around airports through unrecognized import of infected mosquitoes in aircrafts or travelers baggage (airport and baggage malaria). Infection through blood donation is also possible.

There are five known human pathogenic species: *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae*, *Plasmodium ovale* and *Plasmodium knowlesi*. Malaria is an acute febrile illness. In a non-immune individual, symptoms appear 7 to 15 days after infection. The first symptoms, fever, headache, chills and vomiting, may be mild and difficult to recognize. The symptoms get often misdiagnosed as common cold or gastrointestinal infection. If not treated, malaria can progress to severe illness often leading to death. For both *P. vivax* and *P. ovale*, clinical relapses may occur weeks to month after the first infection. These new episodes arise from dormant liver forms known as hypnozoites. In malaria endemic areas, persons may develop partial immunity, allowing asymptomatic infections to occur.

The best available treatment against malaria, particularly for *P. falciparum* infections, is artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT).

6. Product Description

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 is an *in vitro* diagnostic test, based on real-time PCR technology, for the detection of *Plasmodium* species specific DNA, including the five human pathogenic species *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae*, *Plasmodium ovale* and *Plasmodium knowlesi*. 
The assay includes a heterologous amplification system (Internal Control) to identify possible PCR inhibition and to confirm the integrity of the reagents of the kit.

Real-time PCR technology utilizes polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for the amplification of specific target sequences and target specific probes for the detection of the amplified DNA. The probes are labelled with fluorescent reporter and quencher dyes.

Probes specific for *Plasmodium* spp. DNA are labelled with the fluorophore FAM™. The probe specific for the Internal Control (IC) is labelled with the fluorophore JOE™.

Using probes linked to distinguishable dyes enables the parallel detection of *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA and the Internal Control in corresponding detector channels of the real-time PCR instrument.

The test consists of two processes in a single tube assay:

• PCR amplification of target DNA and Internal Control
• Simultaneous detection of PCR amplicons by fluorescent dye labelled probes

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 consists of:

• Two Master reagents (Master A and Master B)
• Internal Control (IC)
• Positive Control
• PCR grade water

Master A and Master B contain all components (PCR buffer, DNA polymerase, magnesium salt, primers and probes) to allow PCR mediated amplification and detection of *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA and Internal Control in one reaction setup.
6.1 Real-Time PCR Instruments

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 was developed and validated to be used with the following real-time PCR instruments:

- Mx 3005P™ QPCR System (Stratagene)
- VERSANT® kPCR Molecular System AD (Siemens Healthcare)
- ABI Prism® 7500 SDS (Applied Biosystems)
- ABI Prism® 7500 Fast SDS (Applied Biosystems)
- Rotor-Gene® 6000 (Corbett Research)
- Rotor-Gene® Q5/6 plex Platform (QIAGEN)
- CFX96™ Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad)
- LightCycler® 480 Instrument II (Roche)

7. Warnings and Precautions

*Read the Instructions for Use carefully before using the product.*

- Before first use check the product and its components for:
  - Integrity
  - Completeness with respect to number, type and filling (see chapter 2. Kit Components)
  - Correct labelling
  - Frozenness upon arrival
- Use of this product is limited to personnel specially instructed and trained in the techniques of real-time PCR and *in vitro* diagnostic procedures.
- Specimens should always be treated as infectious and/or biohazardous in accordance with safe laboratory procedures.
- Wear protective disposable powder-free gloves, a laboratory coat and eye protection when handling specimens.
- Avoid microbial and nuclease (DNase/RNase) contamination of the specimens and the components of the kit.
- Always use DNase/RNase-free disposable pipette tips with aerosol barriers.
- Always wear protective disposable powder-free gloves when handling kit components.
- Use separated and segregated working areas for (i) sample preparation, (ii) reaction setup and (iii) amplification/detection activities. The workflow in the laboratory should proceed in unidirectional manner. Always wear disposable gloves in each area and change them before entering a different area.
- Dedicate supplies and equipment to the separate working areas and do not move them from one area to another.
- Store positive and/or potentially positive material separated from all other components of the kit.
- Do not open the reaction tubes/plates post amplification, to avoid contamination with amplicons.
- Additional controls may be tested according to guidelines or requirements of local, state and/or federal regulations or accrediting organizations.
- Do not autoclave reaction tubes after the PCR, since this will not degrade the amplified nucleic acid and will bear the risk to contaminate the laboratory area.
- Do not use components of the kit that have passed their expiration date.
- Discard sample and assay waste according to your local safety regulations.

8. Procedure

8.1 Sample Preparation

Extracted DNA is the starting material for the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0.

The quality of the extracted DNA has a profound impact on the performance of the entire test system. It has to be ensured that the system used for nucleic acid extraction is compatible with real-time PCR technology. The following kits and systems are suitable for nucleic acid extraction:

- QIAamp® DNA Mini Kit (QIAGEN)
• QIAamp® DNA Blood Mini Kit (QIAGEN)
• QIAsymphony® (QIAGEN)
• NucliSENS® easyMag® (bioMérieux)
• MagNA Pure 96 System (Roche)
• m2000sp (Abbott)
• Maxwell® 16 IVD Instrument (Promega)
• VERSANT® kPCR Molecular System SP (Siemens Healthcare)

Alternative nucleic acid extraction systems and kits might also be appropriate. The suitability of the nucleic acid extraction procedure for use with RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 has to be validated by the user.

If using a spin column based sample preparation procedure including washing buffers containing ethanol, it is highly recommended to perform an additional centrifugation step for 10 min at approximately 17000 x g (~ 13000 rpm), using a new collection tube, prior to the elution of the nucleic acid.

**CAUTION**

*If your sample preparation system is using washing buffers containing ethanol, make sure to eliminate any traces of ethanol prior to elution of the nucleic acid. Ethanol is a strong inhibitor of real-time PCR.*

**CAUTION**

*The use of carrier RNA is crucial for extraction efficiency and stability of the extracted nucleic acid.*

For additional information and technical support regarding pre-treatment and sample preparation please contact our Technical Support (see chapter 14. Technical Assistance).
8.2 Master Mix Setup

All reagents and samples should be thawed completely, mixed (by pipetting or gentle vortexing) and centrifuged briefly before use.

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 contains a heterologous Internal Control (IC), which can either be used as a PCR inhibition control or as a control of the sample preparation procedure (nucleic acid extraction) and as a PCR inhibition control.

► If the IC is used as a PCR inhibition control, but not as a control for the sample preparation procedure, set up the Master Mix according to the following pipetting scheme:

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<th>Number of Reactions (rxns)</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>12</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Master A</td>
<td>5 µl</td>
<td>60 µl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Master B</td>
<td>15 µl</td>
<td>180 µl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internal Control</td>
<td>1 µl</td>
<td>12 µl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Volume Master Mix</strong></td>
<td>21 µl</td>
<td>252 µl</td>
</tr>
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</table>

► If the IC is used as a control for the sample preparation procedure and as a PCR inhibition control, add the IC during the nucleic acid extraction procedure.

► No matter which method/system is used for nucleic acid extraction, the IC **must not** be added directly to the specimen. The IC should always be added to the specimen/lysis buffer mixture. The volume of the IC which has to be added, always and only depends on the elution volume. It represents 10% of the elution volume. For instance, if the nucleic acid is going to be eluted in 60 µl of elution buffer or water, 6 µl of IC per sample must be added into the specimen/lysis buffer mixture.

► If the IC was added during the sample preparation procedure, set up the Master Mix according to the following pipetting scheme:
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<tr>
<td>Volume Master Mix</td>
<td>20 µl</td>
<td>240 µl</td>
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**CAUTION**

*If the IC (Internal Control) was added during the sample preparation procedure, at least the negative control must include the IC.*

**CAUTION**

*No matter which method/system is used for nucleic acid extraction, never add the IC directly to the specimen.*

8.3 Reaction Setup

► Pipette 20 µl of the Master Mix into each required well of an appropriate optical 96-well reaction plate or an appropriate optical reaction tube.

► Add 10 µl of the sample (eluate from the nucleic acid extraction) or 10 µl of the controls (Positive or Negative Control).

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<tr>
<th>Reaction Setup</th>
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<tr>
<td>Master Mix</td>
<td>20 µl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sample or Control</td>
<td>10 µl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Volume</td>
<td>30 µl</td>
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</table>

► Make sure that at least one Positive and one Negative Control is used per run.

► Thoroughly mix the samples and controls with the Master Mix by pipetting up
and down.

- Close the 96-well reaction plate with appropriate lids or optical adhesive film and the reaction tubes with appropriate lids.

- Centrifuge the 96-well reaction plate in a centrifuge with a microtiter plate rotor for 30 seconds at approximately 1000 x g (~ 3000 rpm).

9. Programming the Real-Time PCR Instrument

For basic information regarding the setup and programming of the different real-time PCR instruments, please refer to the user manual of the respective instrument.

For detailed programming instructions regarding the use of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 on specific real-time PCR instruments please contact our Technical Support (see chapter 14. Technical Assistance).

9.1 Settings

- Define the following settings:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Settings</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reaction Volume</td>
<td>30 µl</td>
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<td>Ramp Rate</td>
<td>Default</td>
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<tr>
<td>Passive Reference</td>
<td>ROX™</td>
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9.2 Fluorescence Detectors (Dyes)

► Define the fluorescence detectors (dyes):

<table>
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<th>Target</th>
<th>Detector Name</th>
<th>Reporter</th>
<th>Quencher</th>
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<tr>
<td>Plasmodium spp. specific DNA</td>
<td>Plasmodium</td>
<td>FAM™</td>
<td>(None)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>spp.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internal Control (IC)</td>
<td>IC</td>
<td>JOE™</td>
<td>(None)</td>
</tr>
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9.3 Temperature Profile and Dye Acquisition

► Define the temperature profile and dye acquisition:

<table>
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<th>Analysis Mode</th>
<th>Cycle Repeats</th>
<th>Acquisition</th>
<th>Temperature [°C]</th>
<th>Time [min:sec]</th>
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<tr>
<td>Denaturation</td>
<td>Hold</td>
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<td>95</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>45</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>00:15</td>
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10. Data Analysis

For basic information regarding data analysis on specific real-time PCR instruments, please refer to the user manual of the respective instrument.

For detailed instructions regarding the analysis of the data generated with the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 on different real-time PCR instruments please contact our Technical Support (see chapter 14. Technical Assistance).
10.1 Validity of Diagnostic Test Runs

10.1.1 Valid Diagnostic Test Run (qualitative)

A qualitative diagnostic test run is valid, if the following control conditions are met:

<table>
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<th>Control ID</th>
<th>Detection Channel</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>FAM™</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Positive Control</td>
<td>+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Negative Control</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
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</table>

* The presence or absence of a signal in the JOE™ channel is not relevant for the validity of the test run.

10.1.2 Invalid Diagnostic Test Run (qualitative)

A qualitative diagnostic test run is invalid, (i) if the run has not been completed or (ii) if any of the control conditions for a valid diagnostic test run are not met.

In case of an invalid diagnostic test run, repeat testing by using the remaining purified nucleic acids or start from the original samples again.
10.2 Interpretation of Results

10.2.1 Qualitative Analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Detection Channel</th>
<th>Result Interpretation</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>FAM™</strong></td>
<td><strong>JOE™</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+</td>
<td>+*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
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</table>

* Detection of the Internal Control in the JOE™ detection channel is not required for positive results in the FAM™ detection channel. A high *Plasmodium* spp. DNA load in the sample can lead to a reduced or absent Internal Control signal.

11. Performance Evaluation

The analytical performance evaluation of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 was done using the "1st World Health Organization International Standard for *Plasmodium falciparum* DNA Nucleic Acid Amplification (NAT)-Based Assays, (NIBSC code: 04/176)."

11.1 Analytical Sensitivity

The analytical sensitivity (Limit of Detection: LoD) of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 is defined as the concentration (IU/µl of the eluate) of *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA molecules that can be detected with a positivity rate of 95%. The analytical sensitivity was determined by analysis of dilution series of "1st World Health Organization International Standard for *Plasmodium falciparum* DNA Nucleic
Acid Amplification Techniques (NAT)-Based Assays”.

**Table 1:** PCR results used for the calculation of the analytical sensitivity with respect to the detection of *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Input Conc. [IU/µl]</th>
<th>Number of Replicates</th>
<th>Number of Positives</th>
<th>Hit Rate [%]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10.000</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.160</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.316</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>67</td>
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<td>0.100</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>33</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.032</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>0.010</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0.003</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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</table>

The analytical sensitivity of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 was determined by Probit analysis:

- For the detection of *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA, the analytical sensitivity is 1.27 IU/µl [95% confidence interval (CI): 0.57 - 5.42 IU/µl]

### 11.2 Analytical Specificity

The analytical specificity of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 is ensured by the thorough selection of the oligonucleotides (primers and probes). The oligonucleotides were checked by sequence comparison analysis against publicly available sequences to ensure that all relevant *Plasmodium* spp. genotypes will be detected.

Over a hundred different *Plasmodium* negative whole blood specimens were analysed with the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0, after DNA extraction using the QIAamp DNA Blood Mini Kit (Qiagen). None of these showed a positive *Plasmodium*
specific signal (FAM™), but all came up with a positive Internal Control (JOE™) signal.

In addition, the specificity of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 was evaluated by testing different Plasmodium species, as well as a panel of genomic DNA/RNA extracted from species related to Plasmodium, other blood borne pathogens and pathogens causing similar symptoms.

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 did not cross-react with any of the following pathogens:

- BK virus
- Cytomegalovirus
- Dengue virus
- Epstein-Barr virus
- Hepatitis A virus
- Hepatitis B virus
- Hepatitis C virus
- Hepatitis E virus
- Herpes simplex virus 1
- Herpes simplex virus 2
- Human herpesvirus 6A
- Human herpesvirus 6B
- Human herpesvirus 7
- Human herpesvirus 8
- Human immunodeficiency virus 1
- Human parvovirus B19
- Influenza A virus
- Influenza B virus
- JC virus
- Varicella-zoster virus
• West Nile virus
• *Leishmania* *donovani*
• *Leishmania* *infantum*
• *Leishmania* *major*
• *Toxoplasma* *gondii*
• *Trypanosoma cruzi*

### 11.3 Precision

Precision of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 was determined as intra-assay variability (variability within one experiment), inter-assay variability (variability between different experiments) and inter-lot variability (variability between different production lots). Total variability was calculated by combining the three analyses.

The variability data are expressed in terms of standard deviation and coefficient of variation based on the concentration for *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA and based on threshold cycle (C<sub>t</sub>) values in terms of the Internal Control. At least six replicates per sample were analysed for intra-assay variability, inter-assay and inter-lot variability.

**Table 2:** Precision data for the detection of *Plasmodium* spp. specific DNA

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><em>Plasmodium</em> spp.</th>
<th>Average Threshold Cycle (C&lt;sub&gt;t&lt;/sub&gt;)</th>
<th>Standard Deviation</th>
<th>Coefficient of Variation [%]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Intra-Assay Variability</td>
<td>29.05</td>
<td>0.18</td>
<td>0.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inter-Assay Variability</td>
<td>30.77</td>
<td>0.16</td>
<td>0.51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inter-Lot Variability</td>
<td>29.14</td>
<td>0.64</td>
<td>2.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Variability</td>
<td>29.65</td>
<td>0.27</td>
<td>0.92</td>
</tr>
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### Table 3: Precision data for the detection of the Internal Control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Internal Control</th>
<th>Average Threshold Cycle (Ct)</th>
<th>Standard Deviation</th>
<th>Coefficient of Variation [%]</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Intra-Assay Variability</td>
<td>23.45</td>
<td>0.14</td>
<td>0.61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inter-Assay Variability</td>
<td>25.87</td>
<td>0.33</td>
<td>1.26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inter-Lot Variability</td>
<td>23.46</td>
<td>0.14</td>
<td>0.62</td>
</tr>
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<td>Total Variability</td>
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### 11.4 Diagnostic Evaluation

The RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 was evaluated in a prospective study versus “Thick Smear” microscopy, the golden standard in malaria diagnostics. 118 specimen, sent in for routine malaria diagnostics were analysed using “Thick Smear” microscopy and in addition, after nucleic acid extraction (QIAamp® DNA Blood Mini Kit; QIAGEN), using the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0.

### Table 4: Results of the evaluation of the diagnostic sensitivity and specificity of the RealStar® Malaria PCR Kit 1.0

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* All discrepant samples were identified as human pathogenic Plasmodium spp. positive by sequence analysis
12. Limitations

- Strict compliance with the Instructions for Use is required for optimal results.
- Use of this product is limited to personnel specially instructed and trained in the techniques of real-time PCR and \textit{in vitro} diagnostic procedures.
- Good laboratory practice is essential for proper performance of this assay. Extreme care should be taken to preserve the purity of the components of the kit and reaction setups. All reagents should be closely monitored for impurity and contamination. Any suspicious reagents should be discarded.
- Appropriate specimen collection, transport, storage and processing procedures are required for the optimal performance of this test.
- This assay must not be used on the specimen directly. Appropriate nucleic acid extraction methods have to be conducted prior to using this assay.
- The presence of PCR inhibitors (e.g. heparin) may cause false negative or invalid results.
- Potential mutations within the target regions of the \textit{Plasmodium} spp. genome covered by the primers and/or probes used in the kit may result in failure to detect the presence of the pathogens.
- As with any diagnostic test, results of the RealStar\textsuperscript{®} Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 need to be interpreted in consideration of all clinical and laboratory findings.

13. Quality Control

In accordance with the altona Diagnostics GmbH ISO EN 13485-certified Quality Management System, each lot of RealStar\textsuperscript{®} Malaria PCR Kit 1.0 is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality.

14. Technical Assistance

For customer support, please contact our Technical Support:

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  \item phone: +49-(0)40-5480676-0
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15. Literature


16. Trademarks and Disclaimers

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### 17. Explanation of Symbols

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