



WOMEN'S HEALTH

qPCR PANEL HANDBOOK

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384 well plates

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INTENDED USE

This Women's Health Panel offers an efficient and user-friendly solution for the qualitative detection of the pathogenic markers listed in the **Panel Targets** section of this document (see final pages). It is designed to be used by trained professionals in a suitable molecular biology laboratory.

YouSeq panels comprise a set of multiplex real-time qPCR assays utilising hydrolysis probe technology to identify target nucleic acids for various research purposes. The primer/probes are pre-dispensed into a qPCR plate to be used in conjunction with good quality nucleic acids extracted from a variety of sample types and include essential control assays to ensure dependable results.

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Component	Included
Primer/probe qPCR Plate	20 x 384-well plates

RECOMMENDED REAGENTS & MATERIALS

General laboratory equipment (pipettes, pipette tips, (micro)centrifuge tubes, vortex mixer, plate centrifuge etc.)

DNase/RNase Free Water

Total nucleic acid extraction kit

Tetra™ 2X qPCR MasterMix: [YS-qP-TMM-20 x4](#)

qPCR Panel Reagents Pack (inc. Positive Control): [YSP-Rg-54A20](#)

Optical plate seal - suitable for plate and machine used

qPCR instrument with channels to detect FAM, VIC/HEX, ROX & CY5.

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The following documents are available on request, please contact our customer success team at support@youseq.com.

Document	Description
YSP-WH-54A20 - Plate Layout Template	Plate Layout Template files, built specifically for the panel and available for a range of qPCR instruments, to simplify your qPCR software setup.
YouSeq qPCR Data Analysis Pipeline IFU	User guide for YouSeq's real-time qPCR automated data analysis solution.



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BEST PRACTICE

Decontamination:

Before beginning laboratory work, thoroughly decontaminate any work surfaces and pipettes being used, to eliminate potential contamination.

General use and set-up:

All components should be fully defrosted with contents at the bottom of the plate wells before opening. To ensure contents are at the bottom, centrifuge or gently tap the plate. After use, reagents should be returned to the freezer.

After any reagents are resuspended or combined, the tube should be pulse vortexed to ensure it is mixed well.

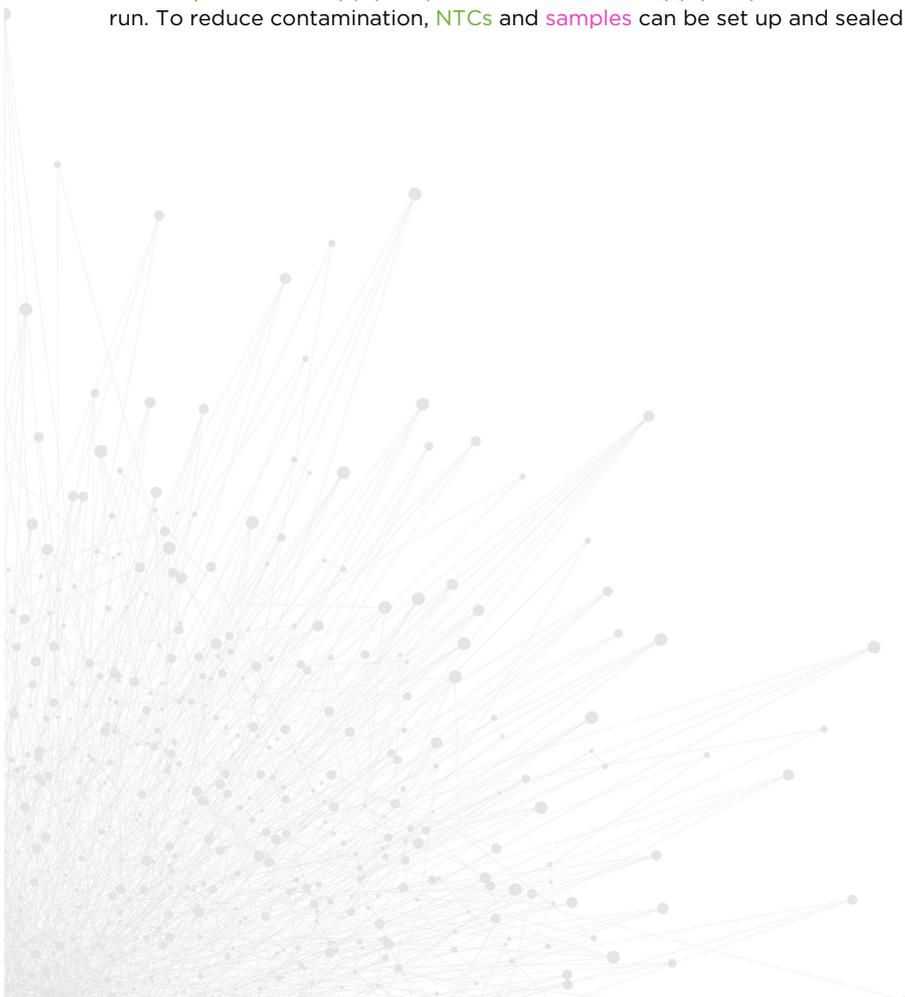
It is advised to set up the plate and reaction mix on ice to minimise artefact formation, which may reduce sensitivity.

When preparing the qPCR reaction mix, it is recommended to incorporate an overage into the calculations to compensate for potential losses incurred during pipetting.

Set-up environments:

It is best practice to set up qPCR plates in two different environments - a clean (no template) lab and PCR (template) lab.

No Template Control(s) (NTC) and **Positive Control(s) (PTC)** for each multiplex on the plate should be included in every run. To reduce contamination, **NTCs** and **samples** can be set up and sealed in a clean lab before moving to the PCR lab.





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PLATE LAYOUT

Multiplex primer/probe mixes are pre-dispensed into the plates provided according to the layout shown in Figure 1. For full target details, please refer to the Panel Targets section of this document (see final pages).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
C	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
D	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
E	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
F	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
G	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
H	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
K	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
L	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
M	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
N	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
O	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
P	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

Figure 1: 384 well plate layout indicating the location of each unique multiplex primer/probe mix.

SAMPLE LAYOUT

Addition of processed samples, PTCs and NTCs will follow the layout in Figure 2.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
A	PTC 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
B	PTC 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
C	PTC 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
D	PTC 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
E	PTC 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
F	PTC 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
G	PTC 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
H	PTC 8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
I	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 1
J	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 2
K	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 3
L	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 4
M	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 5
N	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 6
O	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 7
P	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	NTC 8

Figure 2: Example 384 well plate to indicate the final dispense of nucleic acid samples and control location.

Please note: The product is associated with a specific Plate Layout Template file for the qPCR instrument of choice. This file comes with samples and targets pre-arranged in their correct positions and is designed to be imported directly into the software of various qPCR instruments.

To request the panel-specific Plate Layout Template file, please contact support@youseq.com.

It is strongly recommended to use these template files, as manually setting up the plate or editing the template may disrupt the automation of YouSeq's qPCR Data Analysis Pipeline.

RECOMMENDED BENCH SIDE PROTOCOL

qPCR REACTION SET-UP

1. Remove the plate from the pouch and briefly spin the plate in a plate centrifuge. This will ensure the primer/probe mix is at the bottom of the wells before removing the plate seal.
2. In an appropriately sized (micro)centrifuge tube, combine the following reagents to create a reaction mix that will cover all required wells (e.g. **samples**, **NTCs** and **PTCs**).

Please note: Include an overage to account for volume loss during pipetting.

Component	Volume (for 1 well)
2X qPCR MasterMix	10 μ L
DNase/RNase Free Water	5 μ L
Reaction mix volume	15 μ L

3. Mix the combined reagents by briefly vortexing or inverting.

Please note: For best results reaction mixes should be prepared and kept on ice until the amplification protocol is ready to start.

4. Remove plate seal and dispense 15 μ L of the reaction mix into all required wells.
5. For each **NTC**, add 5 μ L of DNase/RNase Free Water into required well(s).
6. For each **sample**, add 5 μ L of the extracted DNA into required well(s).

Please note: It is best practice to seal the **NTC** and **sample** wells, before proceeding to the **PTC** steps.

7. For each **PTC**, add 5 μ L of the prepared panel-specific **PTC**, into required well(s).

Please note: The **PTC** is a contamination risk and should be handled in a designated PCR (template) laboratory. Prepare the **PTC** reagent following the instructions supplied in the product handbook.

8. Seal the plate.
9. Briefly vortex the sealed plate, then spin in a plate centrifuge to ensure all reagents are fully resuspended and at the bottom of the wells before running.



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RECOMMENDED qPCR AMPLIFICATION PROTOCOL

1. Open the relevant qPCR instrument software and import the provided Plate Layout Template into the software using the 'Import' option. This will load the layout for the panel into the software (e.g. Target & sample names).

2. Within the loaded Plate Layout Template replace the pre-allocated sample names (e.g. Sample 1, Sample 2, etc.) with the sample IDs prior to data analysis. This can be performed either before the run has commenced or after the run has completed.

Please note: Manual plate setup or editing the Channels, Targets or Controls within the Plate Layout Template will impact the automation of YouSeq's qPCR data analysis pipeline.

4. Load the plate onto the qPCR instrument.

Temperature	Time	Number of Cycles
95°C	3 minutes	-
95°C	15 seconds	x 5
60°C	60 seconds	
95°C	15 seconds	x 35
60°C	60 seconds	

Collect fluorogenic data through FAM, VIC/HEX, ROX & CY5 channels during this step.

5. Start the run.

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

For automated analysis, output run files can be uploaded to YouSeq's qPCR Data Analysis Pipeline if this is the preferred method. Access to a unique analysis environment will be provided by the YouSeq Customer Success team.

YouSeq's qPCR data analysis pipeline will provide a summary of the result for all samples in a PDF or CSV output, depending on user preference. Further details can be found on how to use the pipeline in the YouSeq qPCR Data Analysis Pipeline IFU.

Some users may prefer to analyse their data manually or adapt the output to custom workflows. For those opting out of the automated pipeline, the high data volume from YouSeq panels can be challenging to manage. For assistance adapting the pipeline, troubleshooting issues, or exploring manual analysis options, the Customer Success Team can provide help with personalised guidance at support@youseq.com.



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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Storage

Store at -20°C from arrival. The primer/probe qPCR plate shelf life is outlined as an expiry date on the box label.

Suitable input material

The primer/probe qPCR plate will work well with any source of good quality nucleic acid. Good quality is defined as nucleic acid with high integrity (not degraded). Poor quality input nucleic acid is a leading cause of test failure.

Commensal Organisms

Commensal organisms are present as part of a healthy human microbiome and are found on the skin and in the respiratory tract. Contamination of samples and primer/probe qPCR plate is therefore possible, often seen as re-occurring late amplification for any assay targeting a commensal organism.

Automated Dispensing

YouSeq 384 well panels utilise an SBS footprint, as outlined in the ANSI/SLAS 1-2004 standard (Microplates — Footprint Dimensions). If using automated dispensing, select a programme that does not utilise surface dispensing and dispenses reagents at approximately 2mm above the bottom of the well.

Regulatory Status

This product has been developed for Research Use Only (RUO) and is not intended for diagnostic use. It should not be used for diagnosis of disease or infection unless specifically approved by the regulatory authorities in the country of use.

Quality Control

In accordance with the YouSeq Ltd ISO EN 13485-certified Quality Management System, each lot of YouSeq Women's Health Panel is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality. The primers/probes typically demonstrate $\geq 95\%$ in silico specificity to their intended targets and are periodically checked against newly available sequence information to maintain their detection profile.

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PANEL TARGETS

MPX	Target	Abbreviation	Target Gene	Potential cross-reactivity	Channel
1	<i>Gardnerella vaginalis</i>	G.vagin	vaginolysin (vly) gene	<i>G.leopoldii</i> , <i>G.swidsinskii</i>	FAM
	<i>Haemophilus ducreyi</i>	H.ducre	wecA gene		ROX
	<i>Anaerococcus vaginalis</i>	An.vagin	ABC transporter substrate-binding protein gene		VIC/HEX
	RNaseP Endogenous Control	Endo Ctrl	RNaseP gene		CYS
2	<i>Candida dubliniensis</i>	C.dubli	RPR1 gene		CYS
	<i>Candida krusei</i>	C.kruse	RPR1 gene		FAM
	<i>Candida parapsilosis</i>	C.parap	TAC1 gene		ROX
	<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	C.tropi	ALST2 gene		VIC/HEX
3	<i>Atopobium vaginae</i>	A.vagin	DNA repair protein gene		VIC/HEX
	Bacterial Vaginosis Associated Bacterium 2	BVAB- 2	16S gene		FAM
	<i>Prevotella bivia</i>	P.bivia	rpoB gene	<i>P. veroralis</i>	ROX
	<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> (Group B)	StrepB	rpoB gene		CYS
4	<i>Ureaplasma urealyticum</i>	UU	UreD gene		CYS
	<i>Ureaplasma parvum</i>	U.parvu	Urease complex component (UreA-G) genes		FAM
	<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i>	MG	gyrB gene		VIC/HEX
	<i>Mycoplasma hominis</i>	Mp.homin	gap gene		ROX
5	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	NG	methyltransferase gene		VIC/HEX
	<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	T.vagin	PMS1 gene		ROX
	<i>Treponema pallidum</i> (Syphilis)	T.palli	poIA gene		FAM
	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (genome)	CT	pmpC gene		CYS
	<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (cryptic plasmid)	CT	ORF1 gene		CYS
6	<i>Candida lusitanae</i>	C.lusit	beta tubulin gene		CYS
	Human papillomavirus 18	HPV18	E2/E4 gene		ROX
	<i>Lactobacillus crispatus</i>	L.crisp	AraC family transcription factor gene		FAM
	<i>Lactobacillus jensenii</i>	L.jense	threonine-tRNA ligase gene		VIC/HEX
7	Human papillomavirus 16	HPV16	E1 gene		CYS
	<i>Candida albicans</i>	C.albic	RPR1 gene		FAM
	<i>Candida glabrata</i>	C.glabr	RPR1 gene		VIC/HEX
	<i>Megasphaera type 2</i>	Mega2	16s gene	<i>M. hutchinsoni</i>	ROX
8	Herpes Simplex Virus 1 (HSV1)	HSV1	capsid scaffold protein gene		FAM
	Herpes Simplex Virus 2 (HSV2)	HSV2	tegument protein gene		VIC/HEX
	<i>Mobiluncus curtisii</i>	M.curti	Cpn60 gene	<i>M. holmesii</i> ,	ROX
	<i>Mobiluncus mulleris</i>	M.mulle	16s gene		CYS

*Most target genes are detected using an individual assay within the specified channel. Some targets are strategically chosen to be detected in the same channel or have multiple assays to cover all species etc; a positive signal may be from one or more of the target genes.

Potential Cross-Reactivity

Due to extreme homology, it is possible that some of the target sequences may be present and detected in other related species. These potential cross-reactivity scenarios have been outlined in the Panel Targets List found at the back of this handbook.