

# Brilliant III Ultra-Fast QRT-PCR Master Mix

## Quick Reference Guide for the Bio-Rad CFX96 Real-Time PCR Detection System

*This quick reference guide provides an optimized protocol for using the Stratagene Brilliant III Ultra-Fast QRT-PCR Master Mix with the CFX96 Real-Time PCR Detection System from Bio-Rad. For detailed instructions, refer to the full product manual.*

### Prepare the Reactions

- 1 Prepare the experimental reactions by combining the components of the reagent mixture in the order listed in the table below. Prepare a single reagent mixture for replicate reactions (plus at least one reaction volume excess) using multiples of each component. *Keep the reagent mixture on ice.*

Reagent Mixture
Nuclease-free PCR-grade water to bring final volume to 20 $\mu$ l (including RNA)
10 $\mu$ l of 2 $\times$ QRT-PCR Master Mix
x $\mu$ l of experimental probe at optimized concentration (100–600 nM)
x $\mu$ l of upstream primer at optimized concentration (200–600 nM)
x $\mu$ l of downstream primer at optimized concentration (200–600 nM)
0.2 $\mu$ l of 100 mM DTT
1 $\mu$ l of RT/RNase Block

- 2 Gently mix the reagent mixture without creating bubbles, then distribute the mixture to the experimental reaction tubes. *Keep the reactions on ice.*
- 3 Add x  $\mu$ l of experimental RNA to each reaction to bring the final reaction volume to 20  $\mu$ l. The table below lists a suggested quantity range for different RNA templates.

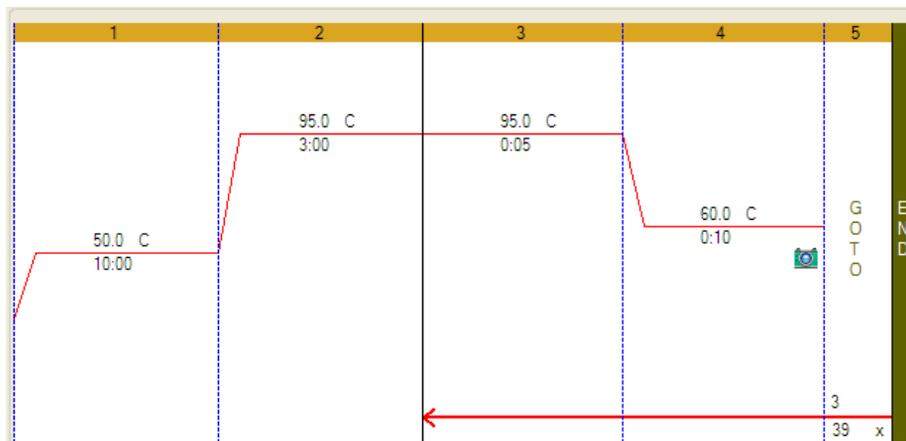
RNA	Quantity per reaction
Total RNA	0.1 pg – 100 ng
mRNA	0.1 pg – 1 ng

- 4 Mix the reactions without creating bubbles, then centrifuge briefly.



## Set Up the QPCR Plate and Thermal Profile

- 1 In the CFX Manager software, click **File > New > Experiment**.
- 2 From the **Express Load** drop-down menu, select **CFX\_RT\_qPCR**.
- 3 On the **Protocol** tab of the software, click **Edit Selected** to open the **Protocol Editor**.
- 4 Specify a sample volume of 20  $\mu$ l and edit the protocol parameters to match those shown below.



- 5 Click **OK** to close the **Protocol Editor** window.
- 6 On the **Plate** tab of the software, click **Edit Selected** to open the **Plate Editor**. Edit the contents of the wells as needed, and click **OK** to close the **Plate Editor** window.

## Run the PCR Program

- 1 Place the reactions in the CFX96 instrument.
- 2 From the **Start Run** tab, start the PCR program.

## Analyze Data

- 1 Analyze the results of the run as needed for your experiment.

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