

# Brilliant III Ultra-Fast SYBR® Green QRT-PCR Master Mix

## Quick Reference Guide for the ABI StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR System

This quick reference guide provides an optimized protocol for using the Stratagene Brilliant III Ultra-Fast SYBR® Green QRT-PCR Master Mix with the StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR System from Applied Biosystems. For detailed instructions, refer to the full product manual.

## Prepare the Reactions

- 1 Dilue the reference dye 1:50 using nuclease-free PCR-grade water.
- **2** 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 RN,	
0 μl of 2× SYBR Green QRT-PCR Master Mix	
μl of upstream primer at optimized concentration (150–500 nM)	
μl of downstream primer at optimized concentration (150–500 nM)	
0.3 μl of diluted reference dye	
).2 µl of 100 mM DTT	
μl of RT/RNase Block	

- **3** Gently mix the reagent mixture without creating bubbles, then distribute the mixture to the experimental reaction tubes. *Keep the reactions on ice.*
- 4 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.

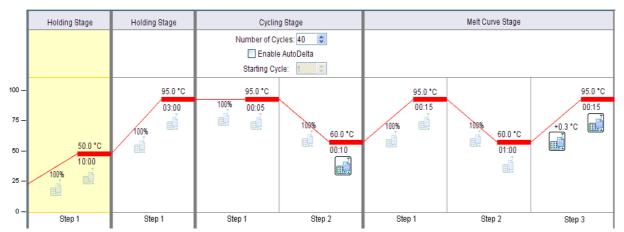
RNA	Quantity per reaction
Total RNA	0.1 pg — 100 ng
mRNA	0.1 pg – 1 ng

**5** Mix the reactions without creating bubbles, then centrifuge briefly.



## Set Up the QPCR Plate and Thermal Profile

- **1** From the Home screen of the StepOnePlus software, click **Advanced Setup**.
- **2** Complete the Setup screens for a new experiment as needed.
  - On the Experiment Properties screen, select SYBR Green Reagents (including a melt curve) and the Fast ramp speed.
- 3 On the Run Method screen, set the reaction volume to 20 µl and adjust the thermal profile according to the image below. Note that a new step needs to be added to the beginning of the profile for the 50°C incubation.



Note: If you do not require a high-resolution melt curve, you can increase the ramp rate during the melt curve stage to 0.5°C per second to shorten the protocol time.

Run the PCR

- 1 Place the reactions in the StepOnePlus instrument.
- **Program**
- 2 On the Run screen, click START RUN.

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

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