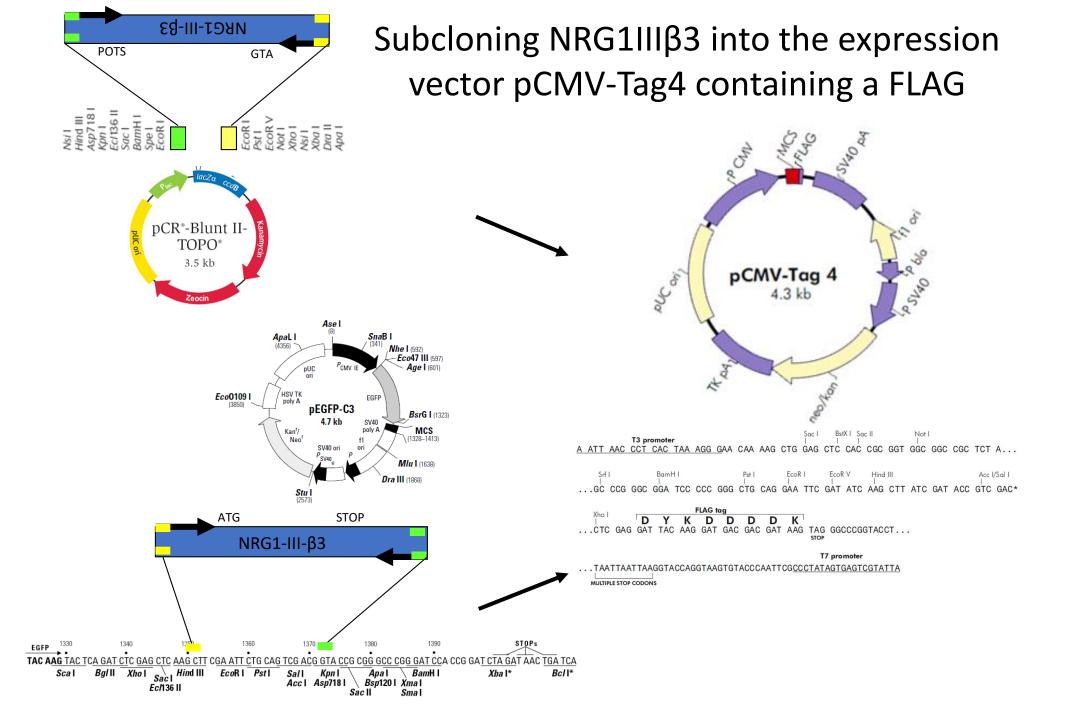
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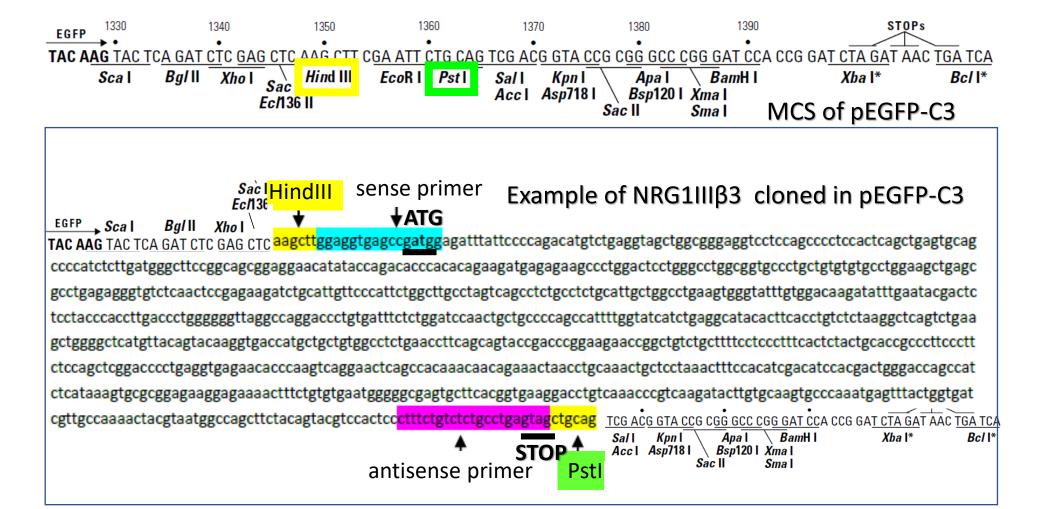
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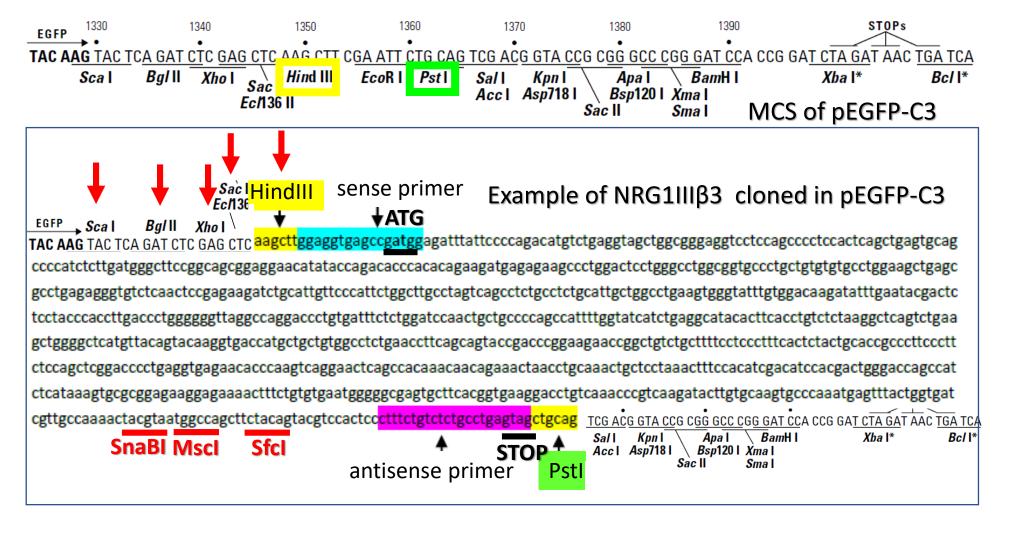
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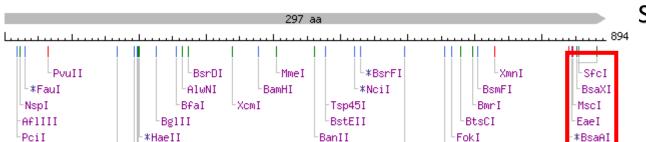
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BspMI



*HhaI

Single cutters of NRG1IIIβ3

Enzymes you can use for subcloning in pCMV-Tag4

-*SnaBI

pCMV-Tag 4A Multiple Cloning Site Region

pCMV-Tag 4B Multiple Cloning Site Region

pCMV-Tag 4C Multiple Cloning Site Region

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TAA CCC TCA CTA AAG GGA ACA AAA GCT GGA GCT CCA CCG CGG TGG CGG
CCG CTC TAG CCC GGG CGG ATC CCC CGG GCT GCA GGA ATT CGA TAT CAA
GCT TAT CGA TAC CGT CGA CAA CTC GAG GAT TAC AAG GAT GAC GAT
AAG TAG GGC CCG GTA CCT TAA TTA ATT AAG GTA CCA GGT AAG TGT ACC
CAA TTC GCC CTA TAG TGA GTC GTA TTA

Sacil
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EcoRV

HindIII

BamHI

Saci

FLAG

-> Translate the protein that you obtain after the subcloning: if you have the correct frame you will obtain the NRG1 followed by the **FLAG: DYKDDDK**

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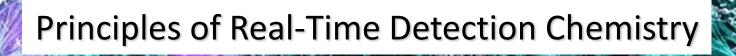
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quantitative real time PCR (qRT-PCR)

- 器 PCR reaction
- ☆ conventional versus real time PCR
- ₩ real time PCR principles
- ☆ threshold cycle C_T
- **##** efficiency
- ※ relative quantification
- ☆ reference genes
- **黎 primers**
- ₩ GLP in real time PCR

Real-Time PCR Detection Chemistry

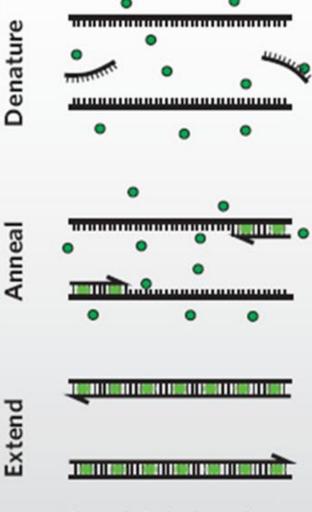
- 1. DNA-binding (intercalating) agents (SYBR Green I, Eva Green, LC Green)
- 2. Hydrolysis probes (TaqMan)
- 3. Hybridization (Beacons, Scorpions, Pleiades)
- 4. Hybridization with FRET probes (Light Cycler)



SYBR Green technique:

- **SYBR Green fluorescence** is enormously increased upon binding to double-stranded DNA.
- during the extension phase, more and more SYBR Green will bind to the PCR product, resulting in an increased fluorescence.
- consequently, during each subsequent PCR cycle, more fluorescence signal will be detected.

SYBR Green I fluoresces only when bound to dsDNA.



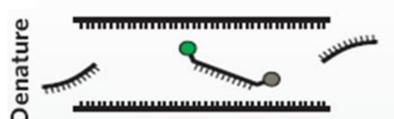
- * Pros: relatively cheap, doesn't require probe design
- Cons: nonspecificity can lead to false positives, not attuned for complex protocols



Hydrolysis probe technique:

- the hydrolysis probe is conjugated with a quencher fluorochrome, which absorbs the fluorescence of the reporter fluorochrome as long as the probe is intact.
- upon amplification of the target sequence, the hydrolysis probe is displaced and subsequently hydrolyzed by the Taq polymerase.
- this results in the separation of the reporter and quencher fluorochrome and consequently the fluorescence of the reporter fluorochrome becomes detectable.
- during each consecutive PCR cycle this fluorescence will further increase because of the progressive and exponential accumulation of free reporter fluorochromes.

TaqMan requires a sequence-specific probe that connects fluorophore and quencher.









- * Pros: specificity, different colors can be used in multiplex assays
- * Cons: some background noise due to irreversibility of the reaction



Hybridization probes technique:

- in this technique the probe is labelled with a **reporter fluorochrome** at the 3' end and a **quencher fluorochrome** at the 5' end.
- in the unbound conformation the quencher interacts with the reporter: the fluorescence is OFF
- when the probe anneals to the target sequence this results in the separation of the reporter and quencher fluorochrome and consequently the fluorescence of the reporter fluorochrome becomes ON
- upon amplification of the target sequence, the probe is displaced, and the fluorescence is OFF

Molecular Beacons uses sequence specific probes that take on a hairpin structure.





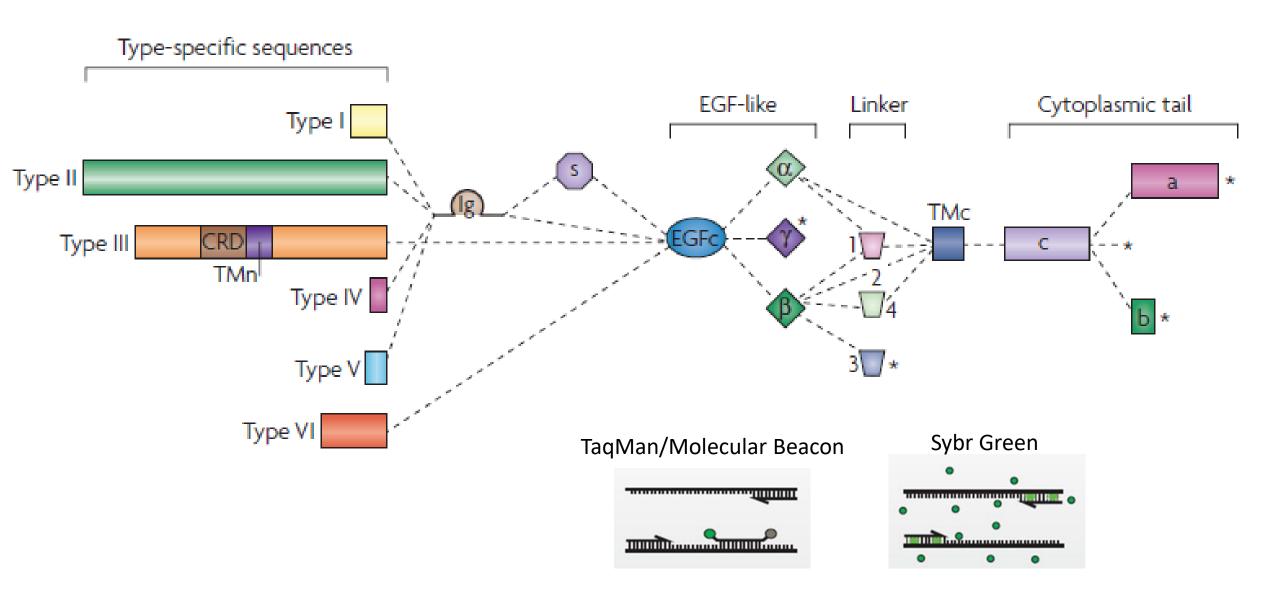






- * Pros: greater specificity, reversible fluorescence means lower background
- * Cons: some non-specific interactions of the hairpins can lead to false positives

Real-Time PCR for NRG1 isoforms



SYBR Green (double-stranded DNA binding dye

- # emits a strong fluorescent signal upon binding to double-stranded DNA
- non-specific binding is a disadvantage
- requires extensive optimization
- requires melting curve analysis to ensure specificity
- longer amplicons create a stronger signal
- * may be multiplexed when coupled with melting curve analysis

When to Choose SYBR Green

- * detection of thousands of molecules
- * general screening of transcripts prior to moving to probe based assays
- * when the PCR system is fully optimized
- no primer dimers or non-specific amplicons

When Not to Choose SYBR Green

- * amplification of rare transcripts

GLP in qRT-PCR

The highest risk in PCR is the contamination

- it is important to have two separate laboratory rooms for real time and DNA manipulation
- use pipettes and reagents dedicated only to PCR
- change gloves when you go to the PCR room
- check everytime for contamination by introducing negative controls in your reactions
- after the PCR reaction, discard the plate in a different room
- run the agarose gel in a different room (in the conventional PCR)
- never introduce plasmidic DNA in the PCR room!!!!

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RT (reverse transcriptase)

	stock	RT +	RT-	mix	final concentration
RNA		0,5-1 µg	0,5-1 µg		1 µg
Buffer	5x	5 µl	5 µl		1x
BSA	1 μg/μl	2,5 µl	2,5 µl		0.1 μg/μl
Triton	1%	1,25 µl	1,25 µl		0.05%
dNTPs	10mM	1,25 µl	1,25 µl		0,5mM
random primers	50 µM	3,75 µI	3, <u>75 μ</u> l		7.5 µM
reverse transcriptase	200u/µl	1 µl			200u
RNAse inhibitor	33u/µl	1 µl			33u
water		µl	µl		
tot	25 µl	25 µl	25 µI		

- the cDNA can be diluted 10 folds or more for real time PCR analysis
- if you dilute 10 folds, you add 225 μl water to each sample
- for each gene, you will use 15 μ l for the technical triplicate
- if you dilute 10 folds you can analyse 15 genes
- if you dilute 20 folds you can analyse 30 genes
- when you dilute 10 folds, the Ct shifts 3,3 cycles, when you dilute 2 folds Ct shifts 1 cycle

For each gene (target or reference) prepare a mix containing primers and syber mix:

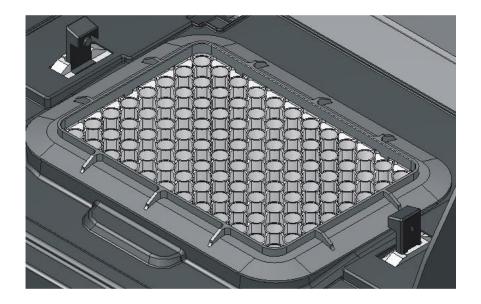
			Mix for	n samples x 3 (technical triplicat	te)
MIX/each gene		1 sample	MIX	final concentration	
primer sense	7,5 µM			300 nM	
primer antisense	7,5 µM			300 nM	
SYBR green I	2 x			1x	
water					
tot		20 µI			

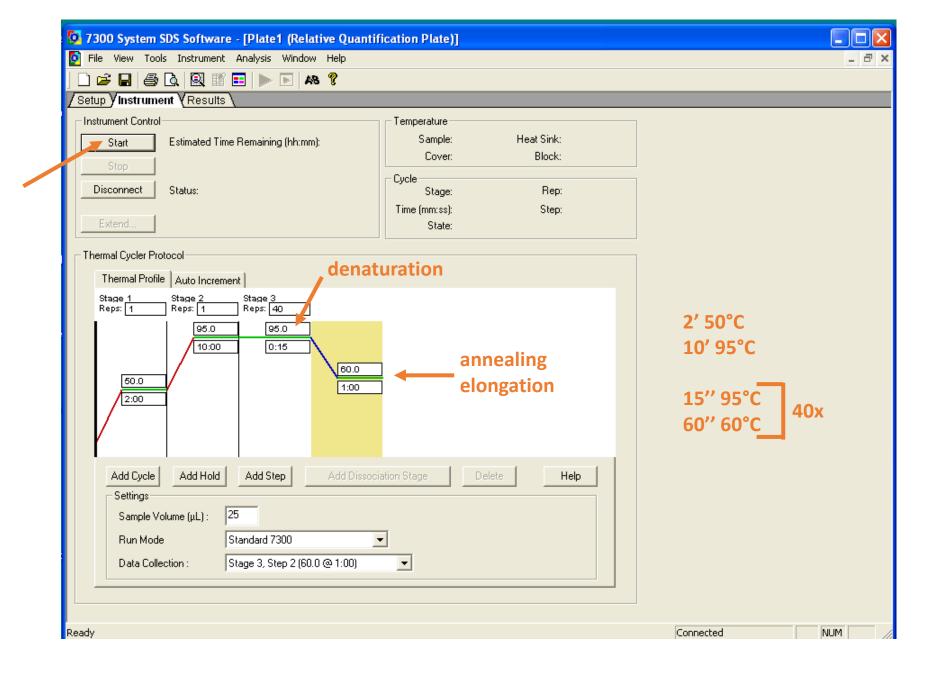
For each sample (to be done in technical triplicate) mix $5\mu l$ diluted cDNA and $20~\mu l$ mix

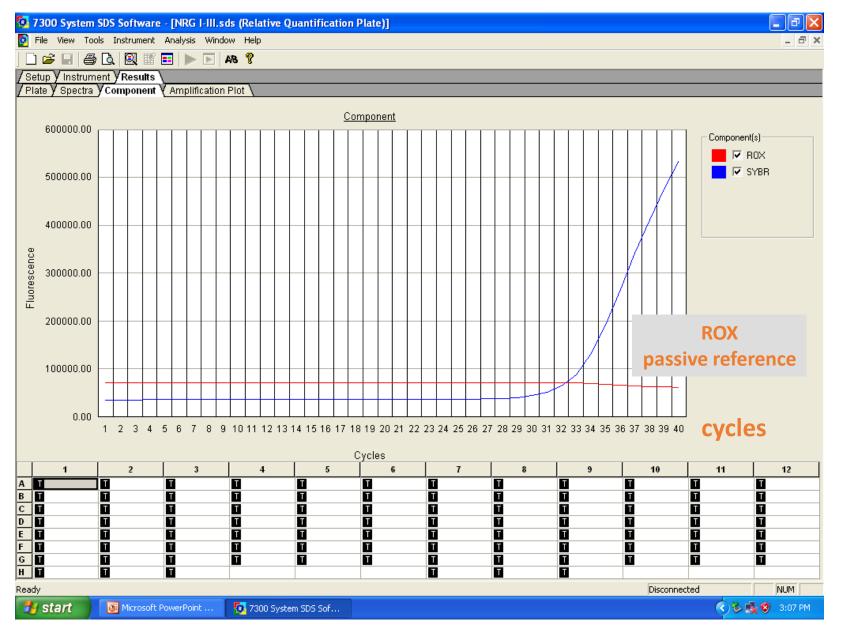


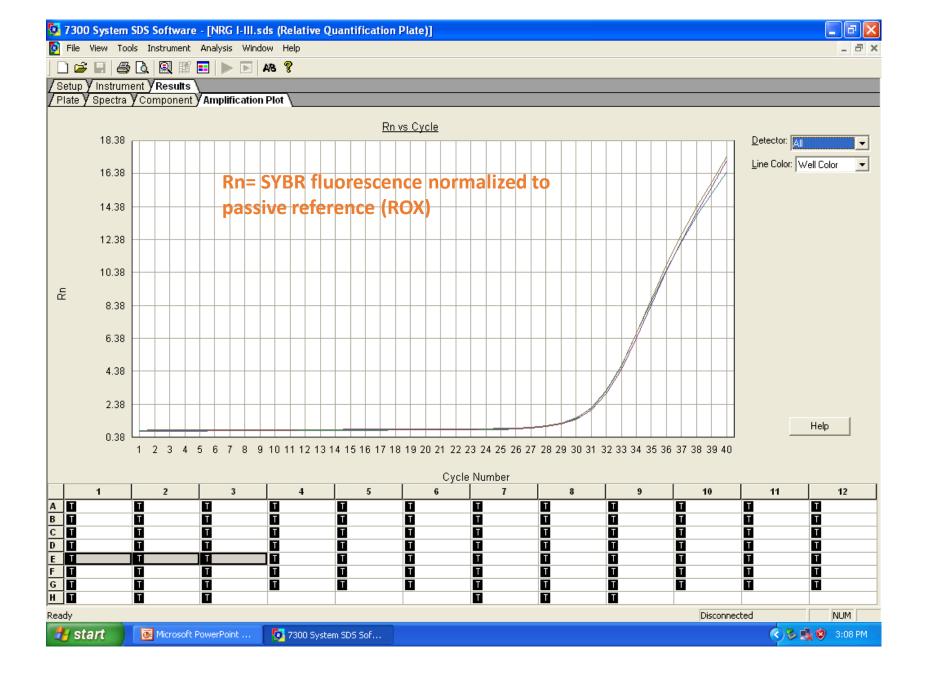


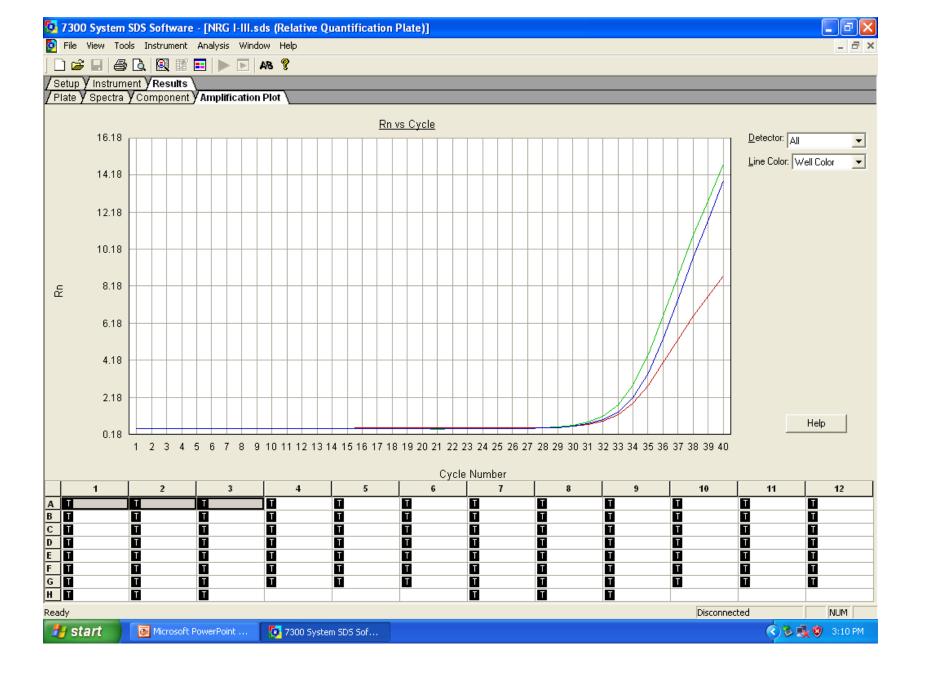


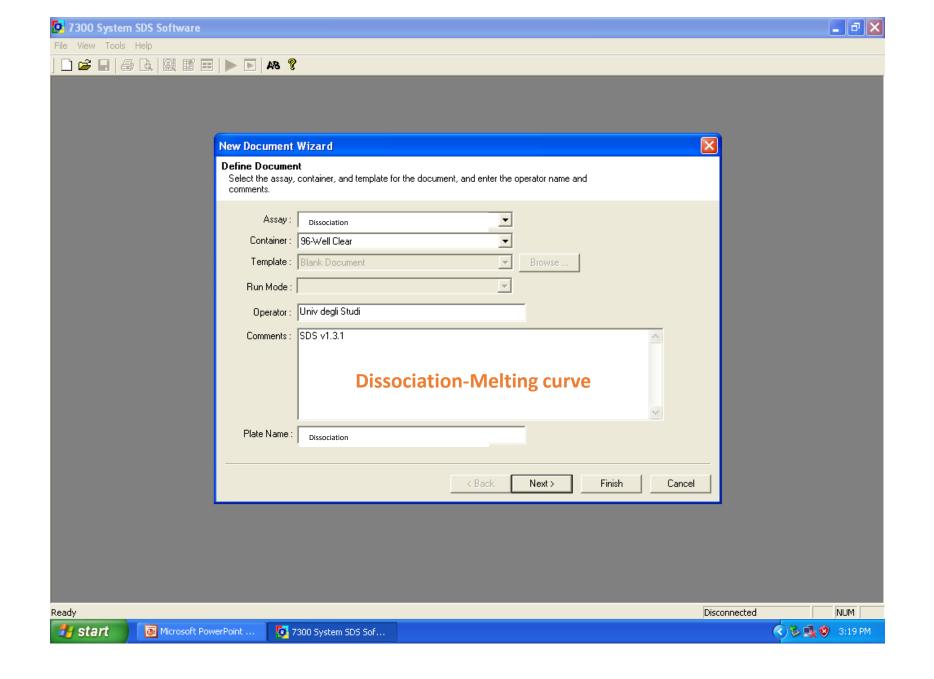


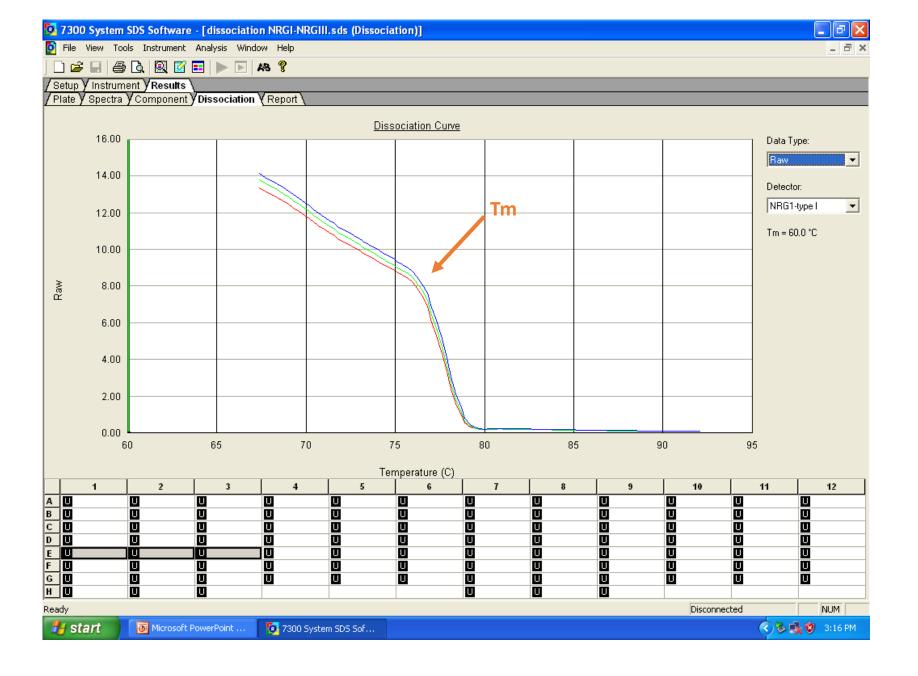


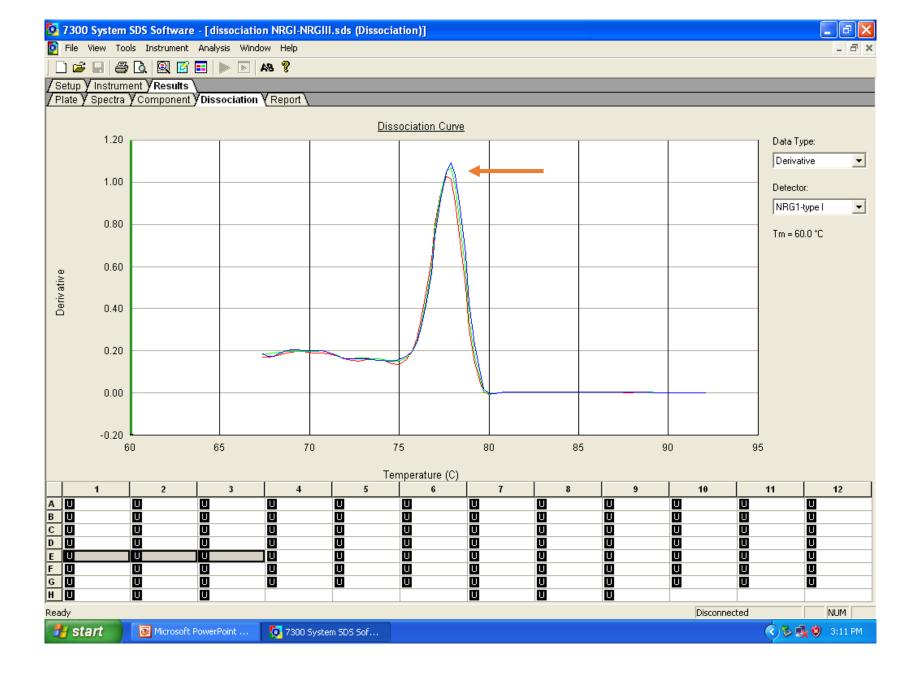


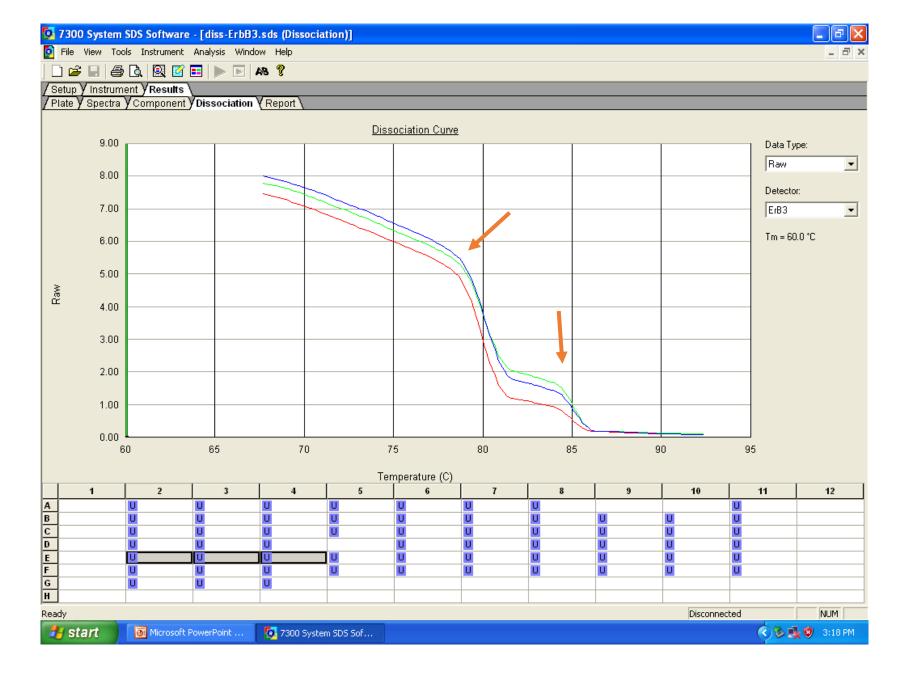


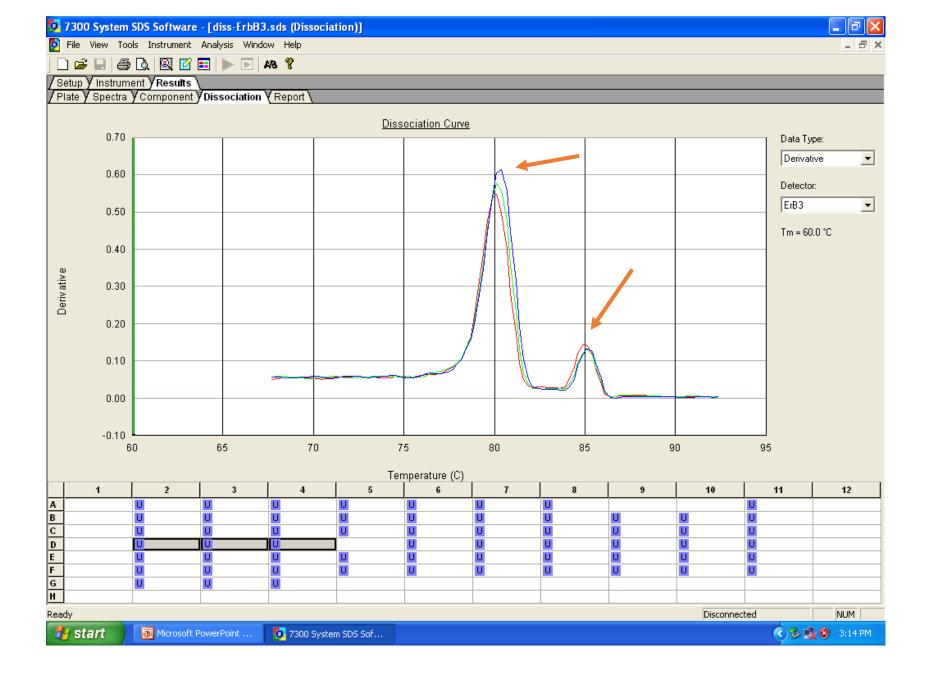


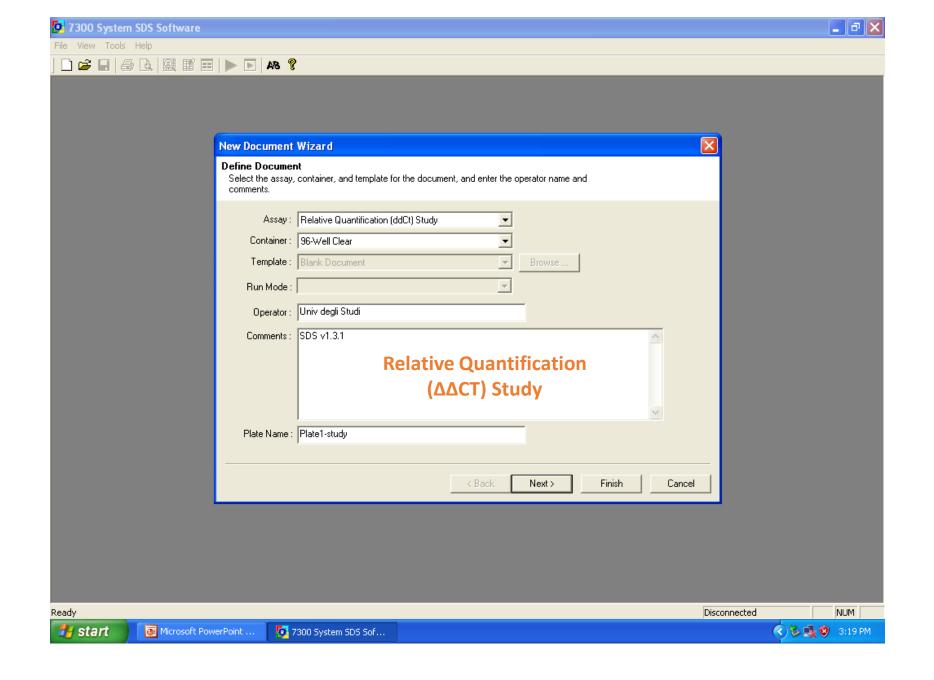


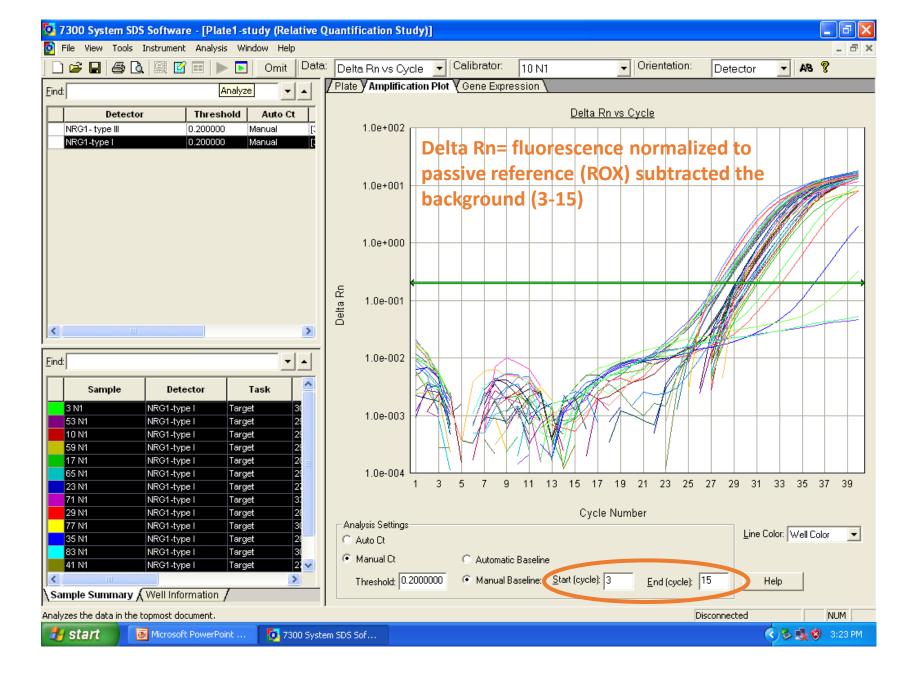


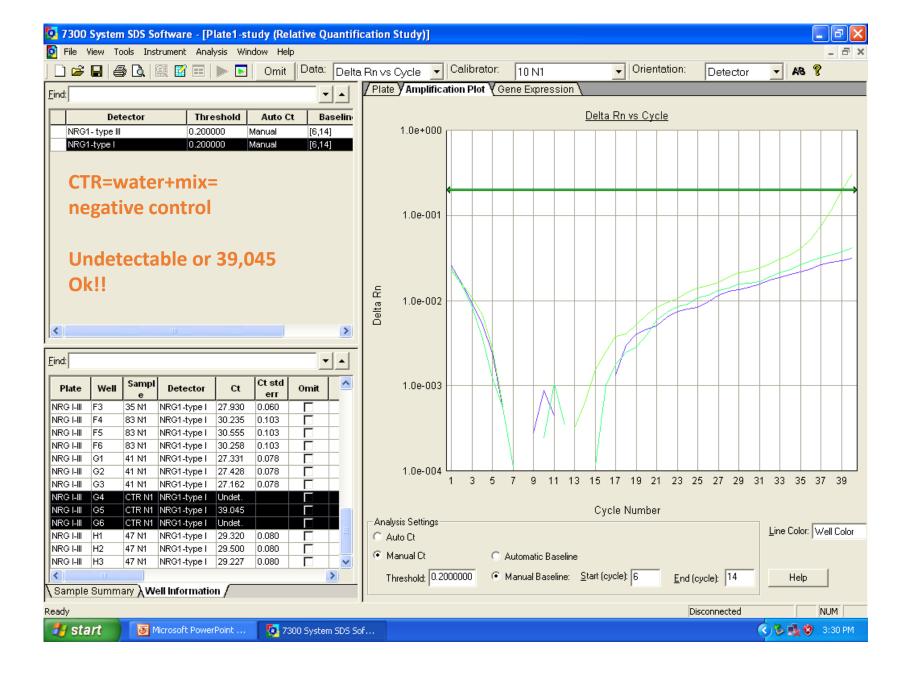


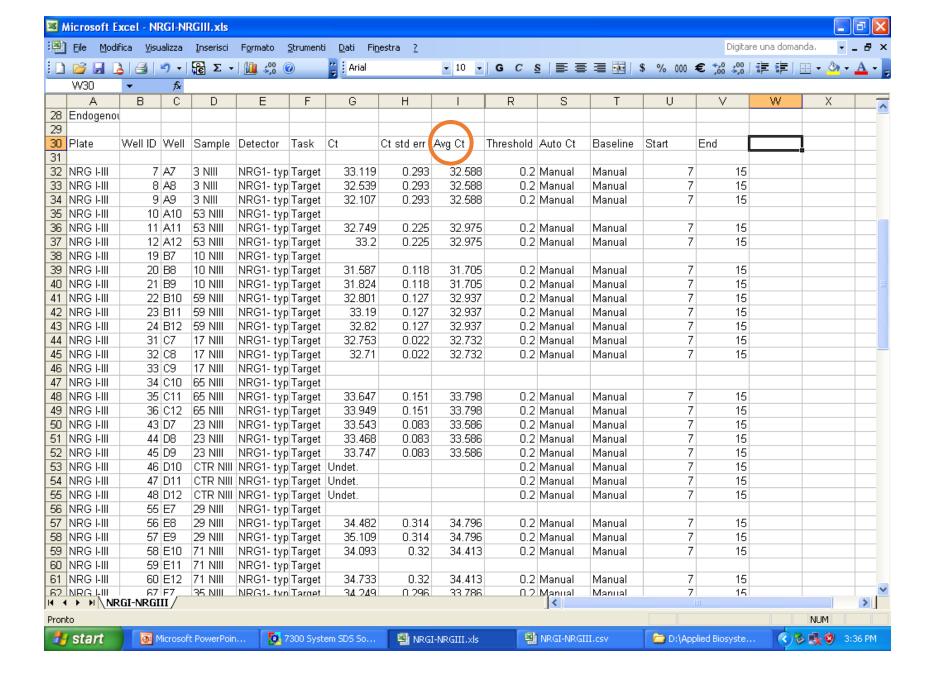












1 - copy the Ct of the target gene and of the reference gene for calibrator and samples

	Ct-target gene	Ct-Reference gene
Calibrator	$Ct_{(target)C} = 25$	$Ct_{(reference)C} = 24$
Sample 1	Ct _{(target)1} = 22	$Ct_{(reference)1} = 23$
Sample 2	$Ct_{(target)2} = 23$	$Ct_{(reference)2} = 24$
Sample 3	$Ct_{(target)3} = 27$	$Ct_{(reference)3} = 23$

2 - normalize the Ct of the target gene to that of the reference gene for calibrator and samples, calculating the ΔCt

	Ct-target gene	Ct-Reference gene	ΔCt
Calibrator	$Ct_{(target)C} = 25$	$Ct_{(reference)C} = 24$	$\Delta Ct_C = Ct_{(target)C} - Ct_{(reference)C} = 1$
Sample 1	$Ct_{(target)1} = 22$	$Ct_{(reference)1} = 23$	$\Delta Ct_1 = Ct_{(target)1} - Ct_{(reference)1} = -1$
Sample 2	$Ct_{(target)2} = 23$	$Ct_{(reference)2} = 24$	$\Delta \text{Ct}_2 = \text{Ct}_{(\text{target})2} - \text{Ct}_{(\text{reference})2} = -1$
Sample 3	$Ct_{(target)3} = 27$	$Ct_{(reference)3} = 23$	$\Delta Ct_3 = Ct_{(target)3} - Ct_{(reference)3} = 4$

3 - normalize the ΔCt of the samples to the ΔCt of calibrator, calculating the $\Delta \Delta Ct$

	ΔΔCt	-ΔΔCt	2 -ΔΔCt
Calibrator	$\Delta\Delta Ct_C = \Delta Ct_C - \Delta Ct_C = 1 - 1 = 0$	0	$2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}_{c} = 2^{0} = 1$
Sample 1	$\Delta\Delta Ct_1 = \Delta Ct_1 - \Delta Ct_C = -1 - 1 = -2$	2	$2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}_{1} = 2^{2} = 4$
Sample 2	$\Delta\Delta Ct_2 = \Delta Ct_2 - \Delta Ct_C = -1 - 1 = -2$	2	$2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}_{2} = 2^{2} = 4$
Sample 3	$\Delta\Delta Ct_3 = \Delta Ct_3 - \Delta Ct_C = 4-1 = 3$	-3	$2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}_{3} = 2^{-3} = 0,125$

4 - finally, calculate the normalized relative quantification= $2^{-\Delta\Delta CT}$

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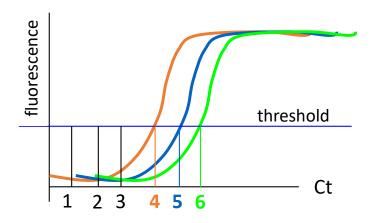
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cycle	Sample A (calibrator)	Sample B	Sample C
0	2	4	8
1	4	8	16
2	8	16	32
3	16	32	64
4	32	64	128
5	64	128	256
6	128	256	512



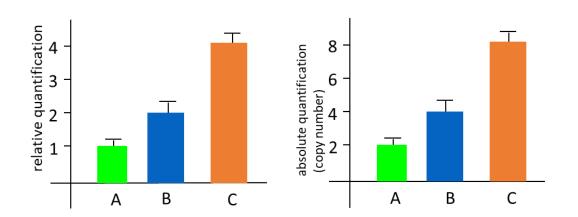
- If the detectable amount of DNA is 128
- -the Ct value for sample A will be 6,
- -the Ct value for sample B will be 5,
- -the Ct value for sample C will be 4

The logarithm of a number is the exponent to which another number, the base, must be raised to produce that number.

At each cycle, during the exponential phase, the DNA doubles

Ct is the number of amplification cycles necessary to obtain a detectable amount of DNA -> Ct are base 2 logarithms.

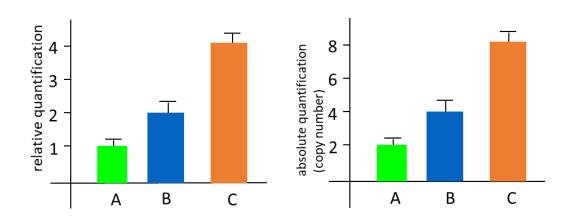
- if the starting material is low, you will need many amplification cycles (Ct high),
- if the starting material is high, you will need less amplification cycles (Ct low).



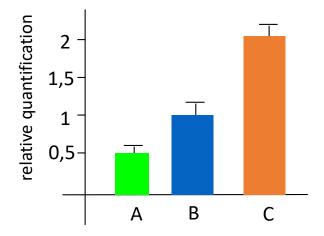
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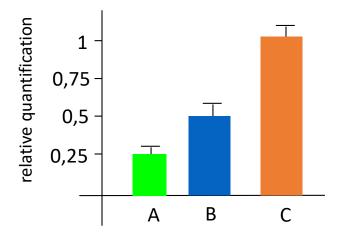


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If calibrator is C, which will be relative expression of A and B?





- how does Ct change when you dilute your sample?
- how does Ct change when you have different copy numbers?

If the CT of my calibrator is 18,

Which will be the CT if

- I dilute it 2 fold? 10 fold?

- I dilute it 4 fold? 100 fold?

- I dilute it 8 fold? 1000 fold?

- I dilute it 16 fold? 10000 fold?

 $(\log_2 10 = 3.322)$

If the CT of my calibrator is 20

- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 2 fold?
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 4 fold?
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 8 fold?
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 16 fold?
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 1/2? (=0,5)?
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 1/4 (=0,25)?
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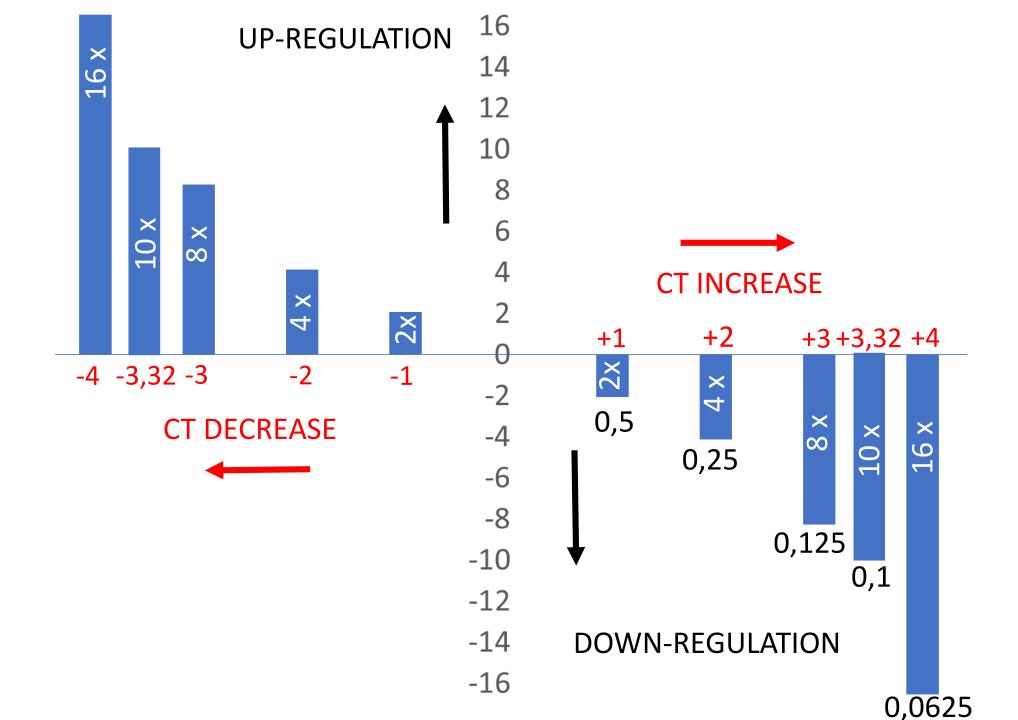
If the CT of my calibrator is 18,

Which will be the CT if

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I dilute it 2 fold? 19
I dilute it 4 fold? 20
I dilute it 8 fold? 21
I dilute it 8 fold? 21
I dilute it 16 fold? 22
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If the CT of my calibrator is 20

- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 2 fold? 19
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 4 fold? 18
- Which will be the CT of a sample in which the gene expression is 8 fold? 17
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Exercise with qRT-PCR data (Excel files)

- Please, prepare an expression graphic for soluble NRG1 & ErbB2 expression, like in the following examples focused on ErbB3
- If you need help, I will show you how to carry out CT analysis & graphic preparation

4	strain	age	sample number	CT soluble NRG1	CT ErbB2	ст нкб
5		Ū	59.55	31,393	22,62	24,33
6		P3	59.57	30,725	22,33	
7			59.59	30,416	22,33	
8			59.67	29,293	23,83	24,68
9		P16	59.68	29,415	23,7	25,06
10	мл		59.69	28,97	23,51	24,63
11	WT		59.73	31,263	25,25	25,32
12		1 month	59.74	30,977	25,96	25,74
13			59.75	30,649	24,72	25,24
14			59.79	32,22	27,13	27,12
15		2 months	59.80	32,027	27,82	26,7
16			59.81	33,01	28,12	27,41
17			59.61	30,658	22,87	24,69
18		P3	59.63	30,221	22,41	24,14
19			59.65	29,808	22,3	23,99
20			59.70	25,753	22,6	24,65
21		P16	59.71	25,477	23,75	24,59
22	CNATA A . /		59.72	25,852	23,02	24,79
23	CMT1A +/-		59.76	25,096	23,86	24,65
24		1 month	59.77	25,851	24,08	24,74
25			59.78	25,588	24,83	25,05
26			59.82	26,295	25,57	26,2
27		2 months	59.83	27,057	26,04	26,19
4	+	soluble N	NRG1	ErbB2 E	rbB3	HKG

4	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	1	J	K	L
			sample	СТ							standard
4	strain	age	number	ErbB3	CT HKG	∆ CT	ΔΔСΤ	–ΔΔ CΤ	2^-∆∆Ct	average	deviation
5			59.55	20,115	24,33	-4,219	0,218	-0,218	0,85975649	1,07189	0,5081638
6		P3	59.57	19,072	24,23	-5,161	-0,724	0,724	1,65175533		
7			59.59	20,155	24,09	-3,931	0,506	-0,506	0,70417211		
8			59.67	20,933	24,68	-3,748	0,689	-0,689	0,62028365	0,70646	0,1885933
9		P16	59.68	21,418	25,06	-3,642	0,795	-0,795	0,57634317		
10	WT		59.69	20,309	24,63	-4,321	0,116	-0,116	0,92274249		
11	WI		59.73	22,639	25,32	-2,678	1,759	-1,759	0,29545289	0,44461	0,2981065
12		1 month	59.74	23,296	25,74	-2,44	1,997	-1,997	0,2505204		
13			59.75	21,15	25,24	-4,093	0,344	-0,344	0,78785389		
14		2 months	59.79	24,729	27,12	-2,392	2,045	-2,045	0,24232245	0,23037	0,0399401
15			59.80	24,694	26,7	-2,009	2,428	-2,428	0,18582287		
16			59.81	24,899	27,41	-2,51	1,927	-1,927	0,26297544		
17		P3	59.61	20,242	24,69	-4,44567	-0,009	0,00867	1,00602768	0,97079	0,0756747
18			59.63	19,881	24,14	-4,259	0,178	-0,178	0,88392753		
19			59.65	19,524	23,99	-4,469	-0,032	0,032	1,02242853		
20		P16	59.70	20,628	24,65	-4,025	0,412	-0,412	0,75158074	0,68878	0,1222355
21			59.71	20,54	24,59	-4,054	0,383	-0,383	0,76684133		
22	CMT1A		59.72	21,218	24,79	-3,569	0,868	-0,868	0,54790588		
23	CIVITA		59.76	20,988	24,65	-3,664	0,773	-0,773	0,58519932	0,71455	0,2651889
24		1 month	59.77	20,279	24,74	-4,465	-0,028	0,028	1,01959768		
25			59.78	21,502	25,05	-3,545	0,892	-0,892	0,53886657		
26			59.82	22,956	26,2	-3,243	1,194	-1,194	0,43708931	0,46516	0,1945434
27		2 months	59.83	22,323	26,19	-3,864	0,573	-0,573	0,6722175		
28			59.84	23,591	26,22	-2,632	1,805	-1,805	0,28618104		
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