The Bio-Rad one-step RT-ddPCR kit for probes creates a new paradigm for the precise quantitation of RNA by combining reverse transcription with Droplet Digital™ PCR (ddPCR™). The one-step RT-ddPCR kit for probes provides an absolute measure of target RNA molecules with unrivaled precision and sensitivity.

In combination with the QX100™ Droplet Digital™ PCR system, the one-step RT-ddPCR kit for probes lets you:

- Enrich for rare target RNA sequences
- Detect small differences in gene expression levels
- Determine the number of copies of an RNA molecule without a standard curve

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ddPCR absolute quantification of EEF2 (A) and GAPDH (B) gene transcripts using the one-step RT-ddPCR kit for probes. Raji total RNA was serially diluted twofold from 5 ng to 310 fg per 20 µl reaction. The data demonstrate the precision and sensitivity of the QX100 Droplet Digital PCR system in detecting thousands of copies down to a single copy per microliter. N = 6. NTC, no template control.

Ordering Information

- **Catalog #** Description
- 186-3021 One-Step RT-ddPCR Kit for Probes, 2 x 1 ml, 200 x 20 µl reactions, 2x RT-ddPCR mix, contains manganese acetate
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