



For Professional Use Only

# eSens TBEV/Borrelia/ Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit

**REF ES3740A**

## Instructions for Use

### 1 INTENDED USE

**eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** is an *in vitro* nucleic acid amplification test for detection of RNA of *Tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV)*, *Borrelia burgdorferi* *sl* (Ixodes tick-borne borreliosis (ITB) pathogen), *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* and *Ehrlichia muris* (human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME) pathogens) and DNA of *Anaplasma phagocytophilum* (human granulocytic anaplasmosis (HGA) pathogen) in the biological material (ticks, blood, cerebrospinal fluid, and autopsy material) by using real-time hybridization-fluorescence detection of amplified products.

NOTE: The results of PCR analysis are taken into account in complex diagnostics of disease.

### 2 PRINCIPLE OF PCR DETECTION

*TBEV*, *B.burgdorferi sl*, *A.phagocytophilum*, *E.chaffeensis* / *E.muris* detection by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is based on the amplification of the pathogen genome specific region using specific primers. In real-time PCR, the amplified product is detected using fluorescent dyes. These dyes are linked to oligonucleotide probes which bind specifically to the amplified product during thermocycling. The real-time monitoring of fluorescence intensities during the real-time PCR allows the detection of accumulating product without re-opening the reaction tubes after the PCR run.

**eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** is a qualitative test that contains the Internal Control (Internal Control STI-87-rec (IC)). It must be used in the extraction procedure in order to control the extraction process of each individual sample and to identify possible reaction inhibition.

**eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** uses “hot-start”, which greatly reduces the frequency of nonspecifically primed reactions. “Hot-start” is guaranteed by using a chemically modified polymerase (TaqF). Chemically modified polymerase (TaqF) is activated by heating at 95 °C for 15 min.

The results of amplification are registered in the following fluorescence channels:

**Table 1**

| Channel for fluorophore                         | FAM                                   | JOE                           | ROX                               |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E. m.</b> |                                       |                               |                                   |
| cDNA-target                                     | TBEV cDNA                             | <i>A.phagocytophilum</i> cDNA | <i>E.chaffeensis/E.muris</i> cDNA |
| Target gene                                     | C gene                                | msp2 gene                     | 16S RNA                           |
| <b>PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC</b>               |                                       |                               |                                   |
| cDNA-target                                     | Internal Control STI-87-rec (IC) cDNA | <i>B.burgdorferi sl</i> cDNA  | —                                 |
| Target gene                                     | Artificially synthesized sequence     | 16S RNA                       | —                                 |

### 3 CONTENT

eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit (ES3740A) includes:

| Reagent  | Description                                       | Volume, ml | Quantity |
|--|---|------------|----------|
| PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E. m.   | clear liquid from colorless to light lilac colour | 0.6        | 2 tubes  |
| PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC   | clear liquid from colorless to light lilac colour | 0.6        | 2 tubes  |
| RT-PCR-mix-2-FEP/FRT   | colorless clear liquid                            | 0.3        | 4 tubes  |
| Polymerase (TaqF)  | colorless clear liquid                            | 0.03       | 4 tubes  |
| Positive Control cDNA TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI (C <sup>+</sup> TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI) | colorless clear liquid                            | 0.2        | 2 tubes  |
| DNA-buffer   | colorless clear liquid                            | 0.5        | 2 tubes  |
| Internal Control STI-87-rec (IC)*  | colorless clear liquid                            | 0.12       | 10 tubes |

\*add **10 µl** of **Internal Control STI-87-rec (IC)** during the RNA/DNA extraction directly to the sample/lysis mixture.

**eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** is intended for 120 reactions (including controls).

## 4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 0,15 M NaCl or Phosphate buffered saline (PBS), 96 % ethanol for pretreatment of ticks and autopsy material, glycerol.
- RNA/DNA extraction kit.
- Reverse transcription kit
- Disposable powder-free gloves and laboratory coat.
- Pipettes (adjustable).
- Sterile pipette tips with aerosol barriers (up to 200 µl).
- Tube racks.
- Vortex mixer.
- Desktop centrifuge with rotor for 2-ml reaction tubes.
- PCR box.
- Personal thermocyclers (for example, Rotor-Gene Q (QIAGEN, Germany), CFX 96 Touch, CFX 96 Opus (Bio-Rad, USA), QuantStudio 5 (Thermo Fisher Scientific), or equivalent).
- Disposable polypropylene PCR tubes (0.1- or 0.2-ml):
  - 0.2-ml PCR tubes with optical transparent domed or flat caps if a plate-type instrument is used;
  - 0.2-ml PCR tubes with flat caps or strips of four 0.1-ml Rotor-Gene PCR tubes if a rotor-type instrument is used.
- Refrigerator for 2–8 °C.
- Deep-freezer at the temperature from minus 24 to minus 16 °C.
- Reservoir for used tips.

## 5 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

The user should always pay attention to the following:

- Use sterile pipette tips with aerosol barriers and use a new tip for every procedure.
- Store all extracted positive material (specimens, controls and amplicons) away from all other reagents and add it to the reaction mix in a distantly separated facility.
- Thaw all components thoroughly at room temperature before starting an assay.
- When thawed, mix the components and centrifuge briefly.
- Use disposable protective gloves and laboratory cloths, and protect eyes while samples and reagents handling. Thoroughly wash hands afterwards.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics, or handle contact lenses in laboratory work areas.
- Do not use a kit after its expiration date.
- Dispose of all specimens and unused reagents in accordance with local regulations.
- Samples should be considered potentially infectious and handled in biological cabinet in compliance with appropriate biosafety practices.
- Clean and disinfect all samples or reagents spills using a disinfectant, such as 0.5 % sodium hypochlorite or another suitable disinfectant.
- Avoid samples and reagents contact with the skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. If these solutions come into contact, rinse the injured area immediately with water and seek medical advice immediately.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available on request.
- Use of this product should be limited to personnel trained in DNA amplification techniques.
- Workflow in the laboratory must be one-directional, beginning in the Extraction Area and moving to the Amplification and Detection Area. Do not return samples, equipment and reagents in the area where the previous step was performed.

 Some components of this kit contain Sodium Azide as a preservative. Do not use metal tubing for reagent transfer.

## 6 SAMPLING AND HANDLING

**eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** is intended to analyze RNA/DNA extracted with RNA/DNA extraction kits from:

### Tick suspension

Tick pools of no more than 10 specimens or a single tick (preferably for the *Dermacentor* genus) can be used for analysis.

Place ticks into Eppendorf tubes, add 500 µl of 96 % ethanol, and vortex. Vortex the tube with ticks for 3-5 s, then remove liquid using a vacuum aspirator. Add 500 µl of 0.15 M NaCl or phosphate buffer, vortex, and centrifuge for 3-5 s to remove drops from the inner surface of the tubes caps. Remove liquid with a vacuum aspirator.

Use a sterile porcelain mortar and a pestle to prepare tick suspension. Homogenize ticks in 300 µl (a single *Ixodes* tick), 500 µl (a single *Dermacentor* tick), or 1 ml (tick pool) of 0.15 M NaCl or phosphate buffer then centrifuge at 5,000 rpm for 2 min. Take 100 µl of the supernatant for RNA/DNA extraction from *Ixodes* ticks or 50 µl of the supernatant for RNA/DNA extraction from *Dermacentor* ticks.

Add glycerol (10% by volume) to the tube with the remained suspension, stir, and freeze at the temperature not higher than minus 16 °C for further use.

### Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and leukocyte fraction of blood

Take a blood specimen in the morning after overnight fasting to a tube with 6 % EDTA in the ratio 1:20. Invert the closed tube several times. To obtain the leukocyte fraction of blood, transfer 1.5 ml of the blood with EDTA to an Eppendorf tube and centrifuge at 800 rpm for 10 min. Then transfer 500-600 µl of the upper plasma layer with leukocytes to an Eppendorf tube and centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 10 min. Remove and discard the supernatant. Use cell pellet and 200 µl of supernatant above it for RNA/DNA extraction.

Centrifuge 1-1.5 ml of CSF at 13,000 rpm for 10 min. Remove and discard the supernatant. Use the cell pellet and 200 µl of supernatant above it for RNA/DNA extraction.

### Internal organs of animals and autopsy material

Homogenize internal organs of animals and autopsy material with a porcelain mortar and a pestle and prepare 10 % suspension using sterile saline (0.15 M NaCl) or phosphate buffer. Take 50 µl of the suspension for RNA/DNA extraction.

## 7 WORKING CONDITIONS

eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit should be used at 18–25 °C.

## 8 PROTOCOL

### 8.1 RNA/DNA extraction

Any commercial nucleic acid extraction kit, if IVD-CE validated for the indicated specimen types, could be used.

### **Ecoli Dx, s.r.o. recommends:**

- For the manual extraction
  - **RIBO-prep** (K2-9-Et-100-CE)
- For the automatic extraction
  - **ePure Viral Nucleic acid Extraction Kit** (E2003)

The nucleic acid extraction for each sample is carried out in the presence of Internal Control STI-87-rec (IC). Please carry out nucleic acid extraction according to the manufacturer's instruction.

## 8.2 Reverse transcription

It is recommended to use the following kit for the complementary DNA (cDNA) synthesis from the RNA:

- **REVERTA-L** (K3-4-50-CE) or (K3-4-100-CE).

NOTE: Carry out the reverse transcription according to the manufacturer's protocol.

## 8.3 Preparing PCR

### 8.3.1 Preparing tubes for PCR

The total reaction volume is **25 µl**, the volume of the **cDNA/DNA** is **10 µl**.

NOTE: All obtained cDNA/DNA samples should be examined in two tubes – one with PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. and the other one with PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC.

1. Prepare the reaction mixture for the required number of reactions. To do this, mix PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m., polymerase (TaqF), and RT-PCR-mix-2 FEP/FRT in one tube and PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC, polymerase (TaqF), and RT-PCR-mix-2 FEP/FRT in the other tube.  
Reagent volumes per one reaction:

- **10 µl** of PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. or PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC,
- **5 µl** of RT-PCR-mix-2 FEP/FRT,
- **0.5 µl** of polymerase (TaqF).

NOTE: Do not store the prepared reaction mixture.

PCR run should include amplification reactions for six control points: Negative Control of extraction (C-), Positive Control of RT-PCR (C<sup>+</sup>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI), and Negative control of RT-PCR (NCA) for two reaction mixtures (PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. and PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC).

2. Transfer **15 µl** of the prepared mixture to each tube.
3. Add **10 µl** of **cDNA/DNA samples** to the prepared tubes using tips with filters.

4. Carry out the control amplification reactions:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| NCA   | Add 10 µl of DNA-buffer to the tube labeled NCA (Negative Control of Amplification).   |
| C+ <sub>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / E.ch. / E.m. / STI</sub> | Add 10 µl of Positive Control cDNA <i>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI</i> to the tube labeled C+ <sub>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI</sub> (Positive Control of Amplification). |
| C-  | Add 10 µl of cDNA obtained by extraction and reverse transcription of the Negative control of Extraction (containing the Internal Control STI-87-rec (IC) reagent only) to the tube labeled C-.    |

NOTE: Perform the amplification reaction immediately after cDNA samples and controls are added to the reaction mixture.

8.3.2 Amplification

1. Create a temperature profile on your instrument as follows:

**Table 2**

**Amplification program**

| Step | Rotor-type Instruments<br>(e.g Rotor-Gene Q or equivalent.) |                                |        | Plate-type Instruments<br>(e.g CFX 96 Touch, CFX 96 Opus, QuantStudio 5 or equivalent.) |                                |        |
|------|---|--------------------------------|--------|---|--------------------------------|--------|
|      | Temperature, °C   | Time                           | Cycles | Temperature, °C   | Time                           | Cycles |
| 1    | 95  | 15 min                         | 1      | 95  | 15 min                         | 1      |
| 2    | 95  | 10 s                           | 5      | 95  | 10 s                           | 5      |
|      | 60  | 30 s                           |        | 60  | 35 s                           |        |
|      | 72  | 15 s                           |        | 72  | 15 s                           |        |
| 3    | 95  | 10 s                           | 40     | 95  | 10 s                           | 40     |
|      | 56  | 30 s<br>fluorescence detection |        | 56  | 35 s<br>fluorescence detection |        |
|      | 72  | 15 s                           |        | 72  | 15 s                           |        |

Fluorescent signal detection is assigned in the channels for the FAM, JOE, and ROX fluorophores for the tubes with the **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.** and in the channels for the FAM and JOE fluorophores for the tubes with the **PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC**.

2. Adjust the fluorescence channel sensitivity.
3. Insert the tubes into the reaction module of the instrument. If amplification is carried out simultaneously for both PCR-mixes-1, the tubes with **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.** should be inserted first.
4. Run the amplification program with fluorescence detection.
5. Analyze results after the amplification program is completed.

### 8.3.3 Instruments settings

#### Settings for rotor-type instruments

| Channel    | Gain Optimisation | Threshold | Dynamic tube | Slope Correct | More settings/ Outlier Removal |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| FAM/Green  | from 5FI to 10FI  | 0.03      | on           | on            | 5%                             |
| JOE/Yellow | from 5FI to 10FI  | 0.03      | on           | on            | 5%                             |
| ROX/Orange | from 5FI to 10FI  | 0.03      | on           | on            | 5%                             |

Note - If the fluorescence curves do not show exponential growth, set 10 % for the value of negative samples threshold (NTC/Threshold).

#### Settings for plate-type instruments

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| Channel       | Threshold   |
|---------------|---|
| FAM, JOE, ROX | In case of using PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. I E. m: in the Base Line Cycles menu and set Start Cycle=2, Ending Cycle=25; select User Defined in the Crossing Threshold menu and set Threshold Position: FAM - 200, JOE - 100, ROX-100 |
|               | In case of using PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl I IC: in the Base Line Cycles menu and set Start Cycle=2, Ending Cycle=25; select User Defined in the Crossing Threshold menu and set Threshold Position: FAM- 50, JOE-100                           |

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| Channel           | Threshold  |
|-------------------|--|
| FAM, HEX/JOE, ROX | In the Threshold fluorescence unit set the threshold line at a level where fluorescence curves are linear. It is recommended to set the threshold level as 500 for all channels. Normally, the threshold line should cross only sigmoid curves of positive samples and controls and should not cross the base line. Otherwise, raise the threshold |

## 9 DATA ANALYSIS

Analysis of results is performed by the software of the real-time PCR instrument used by measuring fluorescence signal accumulation in three or two channels respectively for each PCR-mix:

#### For PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.:

- The signal of the *TBEV* cDNA amplification product is detected in the channel for the FAM fluorophore;
- The signal of the *A.phagocytophilum* DNA amplification product is detected in the channel for the JOE fluorophore;
- The signal of the *E.chaffeensis* / *E.muris* cDNA amplification product is detected in the channel for the ROX.

#### For PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC:

- The signal of the Internal Control cDNA amplification product is detected in the channel for the FAM fluorophore;
- The signal of the *Borrelia burgdorferi* sl. cDNA amplification product is detected in the channel for the JOE fluorophore.

Results are interpreted by the crossing (or not-crossing) the fluorescence curve with the threshold line set at the specific level that corresponds to the presence (or absence) of a Ct value of the cDNA/DNA sample in the corresponding column of the results grid.

Principle of interpretation is the following:

- *TBEV* cDNA is **detected** if Ct value is determined in the channel for the FAM fluorophore (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.**).
- *A.phagocytophilum* DNA is **detected** if Ct value is determined in the channel for the JOE fluorophore (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.**).
- *E.chaffeensis / E.muris* cDNA is **detected** if Ct value is determined in the channel for the ROX fluorophore (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.**).
- *Borrelia burgdorferi sl.* cDNA is **detected** if Ct value is determined in the channel for the JOE (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC**).

Moreover, the fluorescence curve of the sample should cross the threshold line in the area of typical exponential growth of fluorescence.

- *Borrelia burgdorferi sl.* cDNA is **not detected** if the Ct value is not determined (absent) in the channel for the JOE fluorophore, whereas the Ct value determined in the channel for the FAM fluorophore is less than the specified boundary Ct value (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC**).
- *TBEV A.phagocytophilum, and E.chaffeensis / E.muris* cDNA/DNA are **not detected** if the Ct value is not determined (absent) in the appropriate channels enabled for detection of specific signal (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.**).
- The result is **invalid** if the Ct value is not determined (absent) in the channels for detection of specific signal, whereas the Ct value in the channel for the FAM fluorophore (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC**) is also not determined (absent) or greater than the specified boundary Ct value. In such cases, the PCR analysis should be repeated for such samples.

**The result of the analysis is considered reliable only if the results of both Positive and Negative Controls of amplification as well as Negative Control of extraction are correct (see Table 3 and 4).**



**Table 3****Results for controls**

| PCR-mix-1                                    | Control  | Stage for control  | Ct value<br>(all channels)            |
|--|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PCR-mix-1-FRT <i>TBEV, A.ph., E.ch./E.m.</i> | C-   | RNA/DNA extraction | Absent                                |
|  | NCA  | PCR                | Absent                                |
|  | C <sup>+</sup> <i>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch./E.m./STI</i> | PCR                | <boundary value<br>(in all channels)  |
| PCR-mix-1-FRT <i>B.b. sl/IC</i>              | C-   | RNA/DNA extraction | Absent (JOE)<br><boundary value (FAM) |
|  | NCA  | PCR                | Absent                                |
|  | C <sup>+</sup> <i>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch./E.m./STI</i> | PCR                | <boundary value<br>(in all channels)  |

**Table 4****Boundary Ct values**Boundary Ct values in case of using PCR-mix-1-FRT *TBEV, A.ph., E.ch./E.m.*

| Instrument   | Rotor-Gene 3000/6000/Q |       |             | iCycler iQ, iCycler iQ5, MX3000P |       |             |
|--|------------------------|-------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|
|  | FAM                    | JOE   | ROX         | FAM                              | JOE   | ROX         |
| Detection  | TBEV                   | A.ph. | E.ch./ E.m. | TBEV                             | A.ph. | E.ch./ E.m. |
| C-   | absent                 |       |             | absent                           |       |             |
| NCA  | absent                 |       |             | absent                           |       |             |
| C <sup>+</sup> <i>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch./E.m./STI</i> | 27                     | 27    | 27          | 30                               | 31    | 30          |
| Test samples   | 38                     | 38    | 38          | 39                               | 39    | 39          |

Boundary Ct values in case of using PCR-mix-1-FRT *B.b. sl* / IC

| Instrument   | Rotor-Gene 3000/6000/Q |        | iCycler iQ, iCycler iQ5, MX3000P |        |
|--|------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Channel  | FAM                    | JOE    | FAM                              | JOE    |
| Detection  | BKO                    | B.b.sl | BKO                              | B.b.sl |
| C-   | 30                     | absent | 33                               | absent |
| NCA  | absent                 |        | absent                           |        |
| C <sup>+</sup> <i>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI</i> | 27                     | 27     | 30                               | 30     |
| Test samples   | 35                     | 38     | 38                               | 39     |

## 10 TROUBLESHOOTING

Results of analysis are not taken into account in the following cases:

1. If the Ct value determined for the Positive Control of amplification (C<sup>+</sup>*TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m. / STI*) is absent or greater than the specified boundary Ct value in the channels for FAM, JOE, or ROX fluorophores (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.**) or in the channels for FAM and JOE fluorophores (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC**), the amplification should be repeated for all samples in which specific cDNA/DNA was not detected in the appropriate channel.
2. If the Ct value for the Negative Control of extraction (C-) in the channels for FAM, JOE, ROX fluorophores (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.**) and in the channel for the JOE fluorophores (with the use of **PCR-mix-1-FRT B.b. sl / IC**) and/or Negative Control of amplification (NCA) (in all channels) is determined in the result grid, PCR analysis should be repeated for all samples in which specific cDNA DNA was detected in the appropriate channel.

## 11 TRANSPORTATION

**eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** should be transported at 2–8 °C for no longer than 5 days.

## 12 STABILITY AND STORAGE

All components of the **eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** are to be stored at 2–8 °C when not in use (except for PCR-mix-1-FRT *TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.*, PCR-mix-1-FRT *B.b. sl / IC*, polymerase (TaqF), and RT-PCR-mix-2-FEP/FRT). All components of the **eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** are stable until the expiry date on the label. The shelf life of reagents before and after the first use is the same, unless otherwise stated.

NOTE:

- PCR-mix-1-FRT *TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.*, PCR-mix-1-FRT *B.b. sl / IC*, polymerase (TaqF), and RT-PCR-mix-2-FEP/FRT are to be stored at temperature from minus 24 to minus 16 °C when not in use.
- PCR-mix-1-FRT *TBEV, A.ph., E.ch. / E.m.*, and PCR-mix-1-FRT *B.b. sl / IC* are to be kept away from light.

## 13 SPECIFICATIONS

### 13.1 Sensitivity

| Biological material                                  | Nucleic acid extraction kit                       | Reverse transcription kit | PCR kit  | Analytical sensitivity, GE/ml* | Pretreatment of biological material  |
|--|---|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Ticks of <i>Ixodes</i> and <i>Dermacentor</i> genera | RIBO-prep ePure Viral Nucleic acid Extraction Kit | REVERTA-L                 | eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit | 5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>            | The claimed sensitivity is achieved while respecting the rules specified in the section <i>Sampling and Handling</i> and the specified sample volume |

\*Genome equivalents (GE) of the pathogen agent per 1 ml of a sample.

### 13.2 Specificity

The analytical specificity of **eSens TBEV/Borrelia/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** is ensured by selection of specific primers and probes as well as by selection of strict reaction conditions. The primers and probes were checked for possible homologies to all sequences deposited in gene banks by sequence comparison analysis. Analytical specificity was studied on the following microorganisms:

- *flaviviruses* (*West Nile*, *Langat*, *Powassan*, *Japanese encephalitis*, and *Omsk hemorrhagic fever viruses*);
- *spirochaetes* (*Borrelia miyamotoi*; *Treponema pallidum*; *Leptospira interrogans*, *L.kirshneri*; and *L. borgpetersenii*);
- *rickettsiae* of *spotted fever group* (*Rickettsia conorii* spp. *caspia* and *R.heilongiangensis*; *Coxiella burnetii*; and *Bartonella henselae* and *B.quintana*).














No false-positive results were observed during examination of DNA of the above-mentioned organisms, ticks (*Ixodes persulcatus*, *Ixodes ricinus*, *Dermacentor reticulatus*, *Dermacentor marginatus*), rodents (*Clethrionomys glareolus* and *Apodemus agrarius*), as well as human DNA.

The clinical specificity of **eSens TBEV/Borrelia si/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia QL PCR Kit** was confirmed in laboratory clinical trials.

## 14 QUALITY CONTROL

The production process, including batch release, is carried out in accordance with an established quality management system certified according to ISO 13485.

## 15 KEY TO SYMBOLS USED

|   |   |   |                                   |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Catalogue number                                    |  | Caution                           |
|  | Batch code  |  | Contains sufficient for <n> tests |
|  | In vitro diagnostic medical device                  |  | Use-by Date                       |
|  | Version   |  | Consult instructions for use      |
|  | Temperature limit                                   |  | Keep away from sunlight           |
|  | Manufacturer  | NCA   | Negative control of amplification |
|  | Date of manufacture                                 | C-  | Negative control of extraction    |
|  | Authorized representative in the European Community | C+ <small>TBEV, B.b. sl, A.ph., Ech. / E.m. / STI</small>                         | Positive control of amplification |
|   |   | IC  | Internal control                  |

### List of Changes Made in the Instruction Manual

| VER        | Location of changes | Essence of changes |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 01_04/2022 |                     |                    |

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