

Molecular diagnostics of viral gastroenteritis

Rapid and reliable detection by real-time PCR



Gastroenteritis – one of the most common diseases in the world

Acute gastroenteritis is a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Enteric viruses are the most common cause of gastroenteritis, particulary in children. Diarrhoea is estimated to cause about 1.5 million deaths in children under the age of five, more than AIDS, malaria and measles together. The most important causative viral agents of diarrhoea are norovirus, rotavirus, adenovirus and astrovirus, as well as sapovirus and enterovirus.

Noroviruses belong to the family of Caliciviridae and are single-stranded RNA (ssRNA) viruses. Gastroenteritis caused by norovirus is manifested by severe nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Human pathogens have been described for genogroup I (GI), genogroup II (GII) and genogroup IV (GIV). Noroviruses cause by far the most cases of viral gastroenteritis outbreaks.^{1, 2, 3} The CDC estimates more than 21 million cases of acute gastroenteritis each year in the United States.4

Rotaviruses belong to the Reoviridae familiy of doublestranded RNA (dsRNA) viruses. Human infections are only caused by serogroup A, B and C. Symptoms of rotavirus infection are usually vomiting, watery diarrhoea and abdominal pain. It is the main cause of diarrhoea in children aged under five and is responsible for the death of an estimated 611,000 children worldwide each year.5

Adenoviruses belong to the Adenoviridae family of double-stranded (dsDNA) viruses. One differentiates 56 serotypes of human adenoviruses and they are classified into seven groups (A - G). Adenoviruses mainly cause respiratory diseases, whereas Gastroenteritis is primarily caused by serotype 40 and 41.6,7

Astroviruses are single-stranded (ssDNA) viruses and belong to the family of Astroviridae. An astroviral dependent Gastroenteritis is primarily manifested by diarrhoea, but may be accompanied by vomiting and fever. In developed countries, the Astrovirus incidence rates between 2 - 9 %, mainly affecting children under the age of two.8 To date, serotypes 1 - 5 are most relevant.9

Sapoviruses are part of the family of Caliciviridae and are also major causative agents of gastroenteritis worldwide. Highest incidence is described for children under the age of five, but sapovirus outbreaks have been detected in adults as well.¹⁰ Clinical symptoms are similar to those of norovirus infections including diarrhea, vomiting and fever. However self-limited sapovirus infections lead to much milder gastroenteritis compared to norovirusinduced gastroenteritis.

Human enterovirus comprise a variety of different subtypes: poliovirus, coxsackie virus A and B, human enterovirus 70/71 and echovirus and infections are usually asymptomatic or present with mild coldlike symptoms. Severe enterovirus infections are poliomyelitis, Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease, meningitis and myocarditis.11 Coxsackie viruses are present worldwide and can cause the so called "summer diarrhea". Other severe infections with coxsackie virus or human enterovirus 70/71 can lead to conjunctivitis and myocarditis, whereas echovirus infections can result in aseptic meningitis with echovirus 30 being the most common meningitis causing serotype in Europe, America and Asia.12

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RIDA®GENE Norovirus Art. Nr. PG1405



- Multiplex real-time RT-PCR
- Detection of all human pathogenic genogroups

RIDA®GENE Norovirus I & II Art. Nr. PG1415



- Multiplex real-time RT-PCR
- Simultaneous detection and differentiation of Norovirus GI and GII

RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel I Art. Nr. PG1315



- 5-plex real-time RT-PCR
- Simultaneous detection and differentiation of Norovirus, Rotavirus, Adenovirus 40/41 and Astrovirus

RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel II Art. Nr. PG1325



- Multiplex real-time RT-PCR
- Simultaneous detection and differentiation of Rotavirus, Adenovirus 40/41 and Astrovirus

RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel III Art. Nr. PG1335



- Multiplex real-time RT-PCR
- Simultaneous detection and differentiation of Norovirus, Rotavirus und Adenovirus 40/41

RIDA®GENE Sapovirus Art. Nr. PG1605



- Multiplex real-time RT-PCR
- Detection of Sapovirus

RIDA®GENE Enterovirus Art. Nr. PG4705



- Multiplex real-time RT-PCR
- Detection of human Enterovirus 70/71,
 Poliovirus, Coxsackievirus and Echovirus



RIDA®GENE real-time PCR for viral gastrointestinal infections — detection overview

	RIDA®GENE Norovirus	RIDA®GENE Norovirus I & II			RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel III	RIDA®GENE Sapovirus	RIDA®GENE Enterovirus	
Detection			Adenovirus					
	Norovirus	Norovirus GII	Norovirus	Rotavirus	Norovirus	Sapovirus	Enterovirus	
			Rotavirus	Astrovirus	Rotavirus			
		Norovirus GI	Astrovirus	Adenovirus	Adenovirus			
Thermal profile	Universal profile							
Time to result	~ 60 - 90 min*							
Controls	 Positive control Negative control Internal control RNA 							

^{*} Dependent on the instrument used.

Ordering information

Product	Description	Tests	Matrix	Art. No.		
RIDA®GENE	Real-time PCR					
RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel I	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct qualitative detection and differentiation of Norovirus, Rotavirus, Adenovirus 40/41 and Astrovirus in human stool samples	100	Stool	PG1315		
RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel II	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct qualitative detection and differentiation of Rotavirus, Adenovirus and Astrovirus 40/41 in human stool samples	100	Stool	PG1325		
RIDA®GENE Viral Stool Panel III	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct, qualitative detection and differentiation of Norovirus, Rotavirus and Adenovirus 40/41 in human stool samples.	100	Stool	PG1335		
RIDA®GENE Norovirus	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct qualitative detection of Norovirus (genogroup I and II) in human stool samples	100	Stool	PG1405		
RIDA®GENE Norovirus I & II	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct qualitative detection and differentiation of Norovirus genogroup I and genogroup II in human stool samples	100	Stool	PG1415		
RIDA®GENE Sapovirus	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct qualitative detection of Sapovirus in human stool samples	100	Stool	PG1605		
RIDA®GENE Enterovirus	Multiplex real-time RT-PCR for the direct qualitative detection of Enterovirus (Poliovirus, Echovirus, Coxsackievirus, human Enterovirus 70/71) in human stool and cerebrospinal fluid	100	Stool/CSF	PG4705		