



**GeneQuery™ Human Schwann Cell Biology qPCR Array Kit  
(GQH-SCH)  
Catalog #GK096**

**Product Description**

ScienCell's GeneQuery™ Human Schwann Cell Biology qPCR Array Kit (GQH-SCH) is designed to facilitate gene expression profiling of 88 key genes involved in human Schwann cell biology, such as peripheral nerve formation and regeneration, Schwann cell development and differentiation, myelination and extracellular matrix (ECM) synthesis. Genes implicated in selected Schwann cell related disorders are also included in the array. Brief examples of how genes may be grouped according to their functions are shown below:

- **Schwann cell markers:** SOX10, NGFR, SOX2, GAP43, NCAM1, EGR2, POU3F1, MBP, MPZ, S100B, PMP22, GFAP
- **Schwann cell myelination:** MOG, CNP, SOX10, EGR2, NFATC4, NRG1, CD9, HEXB, IFNG, NTF3, PLP1
- **Maturation and differentiation:** WASL, NCAM1, VGF, IL6, BDNF, STAT1, PTN, CD40, LIF, MEF2C
- **Schwann cell plasticity and dedifferentiation:** ERBB2, RAF1, MAPK1, MAPK3, MAPK11, MAPK14, JUN, ARTN, BDNF, GDNF, SOX2, GJA1
- **Nerve regeneration support:** NTN1, UNC5B, SHH, GAP43, CDH1, TYRP1, FABP7, SOSTDC1, KCNJ10, LRRTM4, OLIG1
- **ECM synthesis in the peripheral nerve trunk:** laminins, collagens, FN1, ICAM1, PLAT, PLAUR, NRG1, ITGB1, ERBB2, ERBB3
- **Genes implicated in**
  - **hereditary motor and sensory neuropathies:** WNK1, KIF1A, FAM134B, SCN9A, APOB, IKBKAP, IFNB1, HLAs, AQP4, PLP1, IFNG
  - **schwannoma:** NF1, NF2, SMARCB1, KIT, PRKAR1A, GFAP, EZR, SOX10, NGFR, MBP

GeneQuery™ qPCR array kits are qPCR ready in a 96-well plate format, with each well containing one primer set that can specifically recognize and efficiently amplify a target gene's cDNA. The carefully designed primers ensure that: (i) the optimal annealing temperature in qPCR analysis is 65°C (with 2 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup>, and no DMSO); (ii) the primer set recognizes all known transcript variants of target gene, unless otherwise indicated; and (iii) only one gene is amplified. Each primer set has been validated by qPCR with melt curve analysis, and gel electrophoresis.

**GeneQuery™ qPCR Array Kit Controls**

Each GeneQuery™ plate contains eight controls (Figure 1).

- Five target housekeeping genes (ACTB, GAPDH, LDHA, NONO, and PPIH), which enable normalization of data.

- The Genomic DNA (gDNA) Control (GDC) detects possible gDNA contamination in the cDNA samples. It contains a primer set targeting a non-transcribed region of the genome.
- Positive PCR Control (PPC) tests whether samples contain inhibitors or other factors that may negatively affect gene expression results. The PPC consists of a predispensed synthetic DNA template and a primer set that can amplify it. The sequence of the DNA template is not present in the human genome, and thus tests the efficiency of the polymerase chain reaction itself.
- The No Template Control (NTC) is strongly recommended, and can be used to monitor the DNA contamination introduced during the workflow such as reagents, tips, and the lab bench.

### Kit Components

Component	Cat #	Quantity	Storage
GeneQuery™ array plate with lyophilized primers	GK096	1	4°C or -20°C
Optical PCR plate seal	N/A	1	RT
Nuclease-free H <sub>2</sub> O	GQ100-1	2	4°C

### Additional Materials Required (Materials Not Included in Kit)

Component	Recommended
Reverse transcriptase	First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Master Mix, 4x (ScienCell, Cat #MB6008)
cDNA template	Customers' samples
qPCR master mix	GoldNStart TaqGreen qPCR Master Mix (ScienCell, Cat #MB6018)

### Quality Control

All the primer sets are validated by qPCR with melt curve analysis. The PCR products are analyzed by gel electrophoresis. Single band amplification is confirmed for each set of primers.

### Product Use

GQH-SCH is for research use only. It is not approved for human or animal use, or for application in clinical or *in vitro* diagnostic procedures.

### Shipping and Storage

The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, the plate should be stored at 4°C and is good for up to 12 months. For long-term storage (>1 year), store the plate at -20°C in a manual defrost freezer.

## Procedures

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**Note:** The primers in each well are lyophilized.

1. Prior to use, allow plates to warm to room temperature.
2. Briefly centrifuge at 1,500x g for 1 minute before slowly peeling off the seal.
3. Prepare 20  $\mu$ l PCR reactions for one well as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

<b>cDNA template</b>	<b>0.2 – 250 ng</b>
2x qPCR master mix	10 $\mu$ l
Nuclease-free H <sub>2</sub> O	variable
<b>Total volume</b>	<b>20 <math>\mu</math>l</b>

**Important: Only use polymerases with hot-start capability to prevent possible primer-dimer formation. Only use nuclease-free reagents in PCR amplification.**

4. Add the mixture of 2x qPCR master mix, cDNA template, and nuclease-free H<sub>2</sub>O to each well containing the lyophilized primers. Seal the plate with the provided optical PCR plate seal.

**Important: In NTC control well, do NOT add cDNA template. Add 2x qPCR master mix and nuclease-free H<sub>2</sub>O only.**

5. Briefly centrifuge the plates at 1,500x g for 1 minute at room temperature. For maximum reliability, replicates are strongly recommended (minimum of 3).
6. For PCR program setup, please refer to the instructions of the master mix of the user's choice. We recommend a typical 3-step qPCR protocol for a 200nt amplicon:

### Three-step cycling protocol

Step	Temperature	Time	Number of cycles
Initial denaturation	95°C	10 min	1
Denaturation	95°C	20 sec	40
Annealing	65°C	20 sec	
Extension	72°C	20 sec	
Data acquisition	Plate read		
<i>Recommended</i>	<i>Melting curve analysis</i>		1
Hold	4°C	Indefinite	1

7. (Optional) Load the PCR products on 1.5% agarose gel and perform electrophoresis to confirm the single band amplification in each well.

Figure 1. Layout of GeneQuery™ qPCR array kit controls.

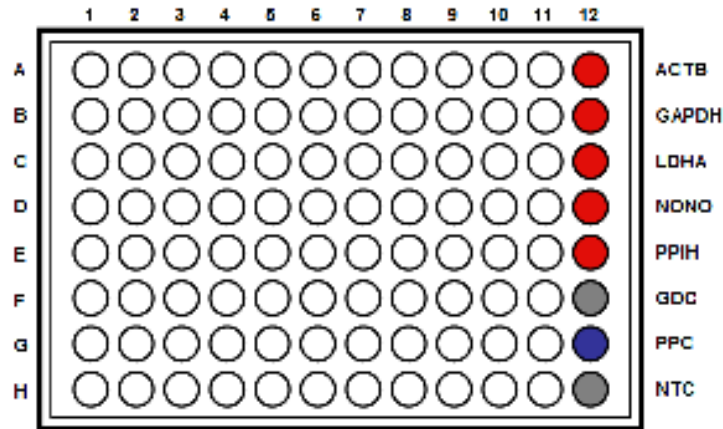


Table 2. Interpretation of control results:

<i>Controls</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
Housekeeping gene controls	Variability of a housekeeping gene's Cq value	The expression of the housekeeping gene is variable in samples; cycling program is incorrect	Choose a constantly expressed target, or analyze expression levels of multiple housekeeping genes; use correct cycling program and make sure that all cycle parameters have been correctly entered
gDNA Control (GDC)	$Cq \geq 35$	No gDNA detected	N/A
	$Cq < 35$	The sample is contaminated with gDNA	Perform DNase digestion during RNA purification step
Positive PCR Control (PPC)	$Cq > 30$ ; or The Cq variations $> 2$ between qPCR Arrays.	Poor PCR performance; possible PCR inhibitor in reactions; cycling program incorrect	Eliminate inhibitor by purifying samples; use correct cycling program and make sure that all cycle parameters have been correctly entered
No Template Control (NTC)	Positive	DNA contamination in workflow	Eliminate sources of DNA contamination (reagents, plastics, etc.)

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Figure 2. A typical amplification curve showing the amplification of a qPCR product.

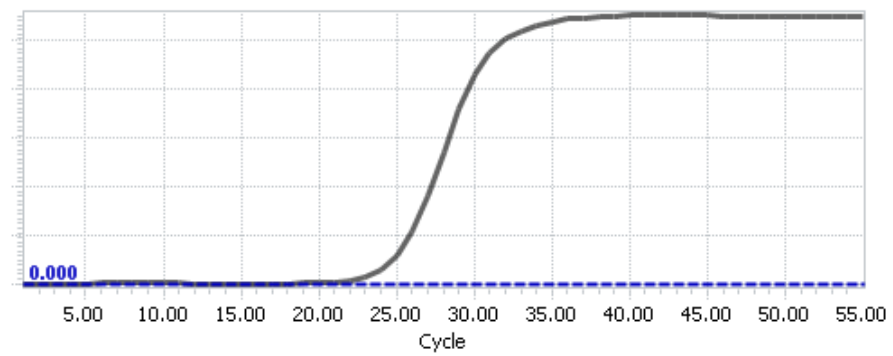
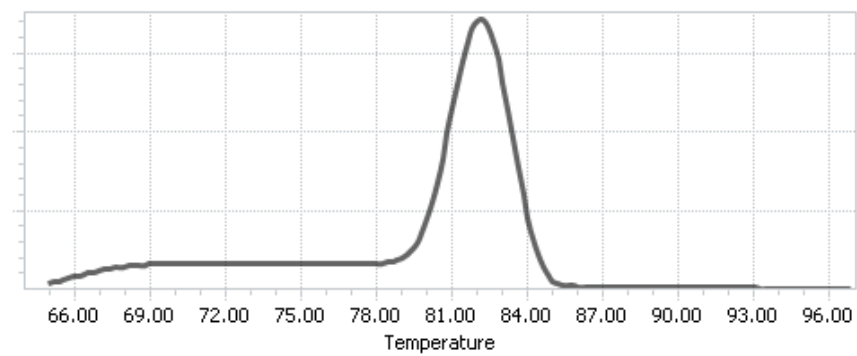


Figure 3. A typical melting peak of a qPCR product.



## **Quantification Method: Comparative $\Delta\Delta Cq$ (Quantification Cycle Value) Method**

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1. **Note:** Please refer to your qPCR instrument's data analysis software for data analysis. The method provided here serves as guidance for quick manual calculations.

You can use one or more housekeeping genes as a reference to normalize samples.

**Important:** We highly recommend using all 5 housekeeping genes included in this kit: ACTB, GAPDH, LDHA, NONO, and PPIH.

2. For a single housekeeping gene,  $\Delta Cq$  (ref) is the quantification cycle number change for that housekeeping gene (HKG) between an experimental sample and control sample.

$$\Delta Cq \text{ (ref)} = Cq \text{ (HKG, experimental sample)} - Cq \text{ (HKG, control sample)}$$

When using multiple housekeeping genes as a reference, we recommend normalizing using the geometric mean [1] of the expression level change, which is the same as normalizing using the arithmetic mean of  $\Delta Cq$  of the selected housekeeping genes.

$\Delta Cq$  (ref) = average ( $\Delta Cq$  (HKG1),  $\Delta Cq$  (HKG2),.....,  $\Delta Cq$  (HKG n)) (n is the number of housekeeping genes selected)

**If** using all 5 housekeeping genes included in this kit (ACTB, GAPDH, LDHA, NONO, and PPIH) use the following formula:

$$\Delta Cq \text{ (ref)} = (\Delta Cq(\text{ACTB}) + \Delta Cq(\text{GAPDH}) + \Delta Cq(\text{LDHA}) + \Delta Cq(\text{NONO}) + \Delta Cq(\text{PPIH})) / 5$$

**Note:**  $\Delta Cq$  (HKG) =  $Cq$  (HKG, experimental sample) -  $Cq$  (HKG, control sample), and  $\Delta Cq$  (HKG) value can be positive, 0, or negative.

3. For any of your genes of interest (GOI),

$$\Delta Cq \text{ (GOI)} = Cq \text{ (GOI, experimental sample)} - Cq \text{ (GOI, control sample)}$$

$$\Delta\Delta Cq = \Delta Cq \text{ (GOI)} - \Delta Cq \text{ (ref)}$$

$$\text{Normalized GOI expression level fold change} = 2^{-\Delta\Delta Cq}$$

## **References**

[1] Vandesompele J, De Preter K, Pattyn F, Poppe B, Van Roy N, De Paepe A, Speleman F. (2002) "Accurate normalization of real-time quantitative RT-PCR data by geometric averaging of multiple internal control genes." *Genome Biol.* 3(7): 1-12.

**Example: Comparative  $\Delta\Delta Cq$  (Quantification Cycle Value) Method**

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Table 3. Cq (Quantification Cycle) values of 2 genes-of-interest and 5 housekeeping genes obtained for experimental and control samples.

Samples	Genes of Interest		Housekeeping Genes				
	GOI1	GOI2	<i>ACTB</i>	<i>GAPDH</i>	<i>LDHA</i>	<i>NONO</i>	<i>PPIH</i>
Experimental	21.61	22.19	17.16	17.84	20.12	19.64	26.40
Control	33.13	26.47	18.20	18.48	20.57	19.50	26.55

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Cq(\text{ref}) &= (\Delta Cq(\text{ACTB}) + \Delta Cq(\text{GAPDH}) + \Delta Cq(\text{LDHA}) + \Delta Cq(\text{NONO}) + \Delta Cq(\text{PPIH})) / 5 \\ &= ((17.16 - 18.20) + (17.84 - 18.48) + (20.12 - 20.57) + (19.64 - 19.50) + (26.40 - 26.55)) / 5 \\ &= -0.43\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Cq(\text{GOI1}) &= 21.61 - 33.13 \\ &= -11.52\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Cq(\text{GOI2}) &= 22.19 - 26.47 \\ &= -4.28\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\Delta Cq(\text{GOI1}) &= \Delta Cq(\text{GOI1}) - \Delta Cq(\text{ref}) \\ &= -11.52 - (-0.43) \\ &= -11.09\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\Delta Cq(\text{GOI2}) &= \Delta Cq(\text{GOI2}) - \Delta Cq(\text{ref}) \\ &= -4.28 - (-0.43) \\ &= -3.85\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Normalized GOI1 expression level fold change} &= 2^{-\Delta\Delta Cq(\text{GOI1})} \\ &= 2^{11.09} \\ &= 2180\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Normalized GOI2 expression level fold change} &= 2^{-\Delta\Delta Cq(\text{GOI2})} \\ &= 2^{3.85} \\ &= 14.4\end{aligned}$$

**Conclusion:** Upon treatment, expression level of GOI1 increased 2,180 fold, and expression level of GOI2 increased 14.4 fold.



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GeneQuery™ Human Schwann Cell Biology qPCR Array Plate Layout\*  
 (***8 controls*** in Bold and Italic)

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>A</b>	APOB	CNP	ERBB3	GJA1	IFNG	LAMA1	MAPK11	NCAM1	OLIG1	RAF1	SOX2	<b><i>ACTB</i></b>
<b>B</b>	AQP4	COL1A1	EZR	GZMB	IGFBP2	LAMA2	MAPK14	NF1	PLAT	S100B	STAT1	<b><i>GAPDH</i></b>
<b>C</b>	ARTN	COL1A2	FABP7	HEXB	IKBKAP	LAMB1	MAPK3	NF2	PLAUR	SCN9A	TGFB1	<b><i>LDHA</i></b>
<b>D</b>	BDNF	COL3A1	FAM134B	HLA-DQA1	IL6	LAMB2	MBP	NFATC4	PLP1	SHH	TYRP1	<b><i>NONO</i></b>
<b>E</b>	CD40	COL4A1	FN1	HLA-DQB1	ITGB1	LIF	MEF2C	NGFR	PMP22	SMARCB1	UNC5B	<b><i>PPIH</i></b>
<b>F</b>	CD9	COL4A2	GAP43	HLA-DRB1	JUN	LRRTM4	MOG	NRG1	POU3F1	SOD1	VEGF	<b><i>GDC</i></b>
<b>G</b>	CDH1	EGR2	GDNF	ICAM1	KCNJ10	MAL	MPZ	NTF3	PRKAR1A	SOSTDC1	WASL	<b><i>PPC</i></b>
<b>H</b>	CHST8	ERBB2	GFAP	IFNB1	KIT	MAPK1	MYRF	NTN1	PTN	SOX10	WNK1	<b><i>NTC</i></b>

\* gene selection may be updated based on new research and development



**Appendix. Plate type choice chart.**

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**Plate type A**

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>kit catalog #</b>
ABI / Life Tech	ABI 5700	GK096-A
	ABI 7000	GK096-A
	ABI 7300	GK096-A
	ABI 7500	GK096-A
	ABI 7700	GK096-A
	ABI 7900 HT	GK096-A
	QuantStudio	GK096-A
	ViiA 7	GK096-A
Bio-Rad	Chromo4	GK096-A
	iCycler	GK096-A
	iQ5	GK096-A
	MyiQ	GK096-A
	MyiQ2	GK096-A
Eppendorf / Life Tech	Matercyler ep realplex 2	GK096-A
	Matercyler ep realplex 4	GK096-A
Stratagene	MX3000P	GK096-A
	MX3005P	GK096-A

**Plate type B**

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>kit catalog #</b>
ABI / Life Tech	ABI 7500 Fast	GK096-B
	ABI 7900 HT Fast	GK096-B
	QuantStudio Fast	GK096-B
	StepOnePlus	GK096-B
	ViiA 7 Fast	GK096-B
Bio-Rad	CFX Connect	GK096-B
	CFX96	GK096-B
	DNA Engine Opticon 2	GK096-B
Stratagene	MX4000	GK096-B

**Plate type C**

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>kit catalog #</b>
Roche	Lightcycler 96	GK096-C
	Lightcycler 480 (96-well)	GK096-C