

QPCR Tutorial

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1 Introduction

QPCR is a web application designed for storing, parsing, managing, and analyzing qPCR data. Including several different algorithms it can facilitate the analysis of qPCR results.

1.1 Purpose

This tutorial is written to give you an example of how to use the presented application. It shows the typical analysis path which starts with the export of files and ends with print ready charts. For this tutorial files of two different vendors are used:

- Applied Biosystems – Abi Prism SDS 7000 (abbreviated as SDS)
- Roche Lightcycler – LC 4.05 (abbreviated as LC)

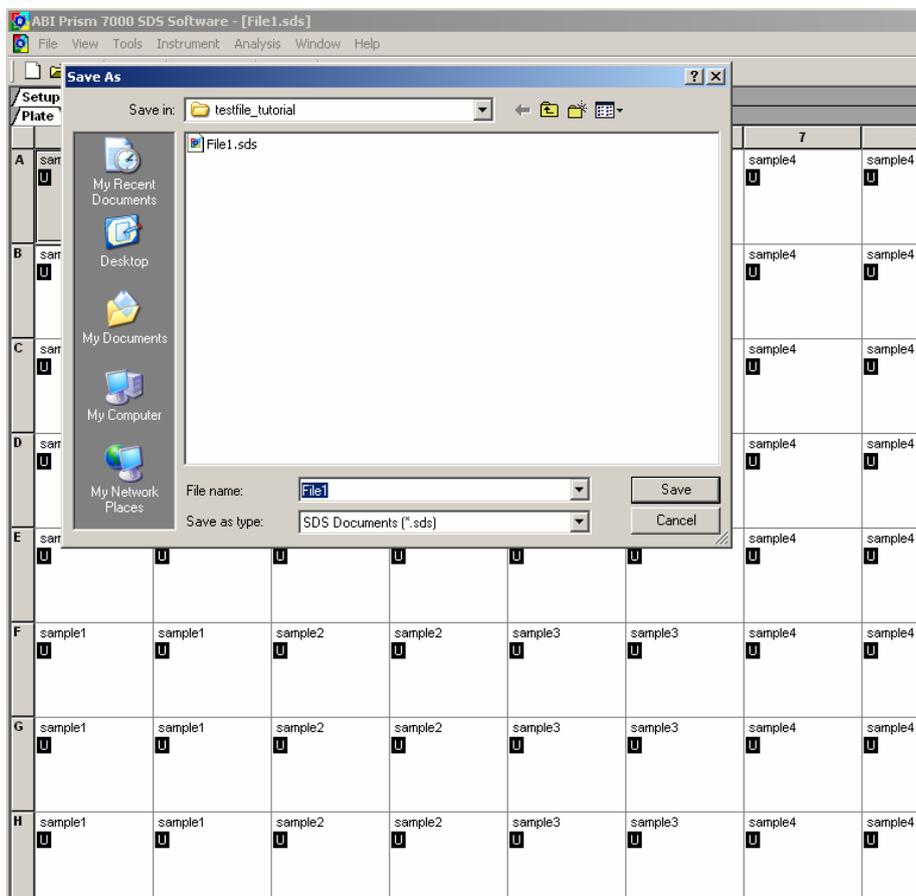
Both files and the generated runs and experiments are available in the QPCR application if you log in as *user: guest; password: guest*. Moreover you can download them from <https://rtPCR.genome.tugraz.at/rtPCR/info/infoindex.html>

2 Save and Export Files

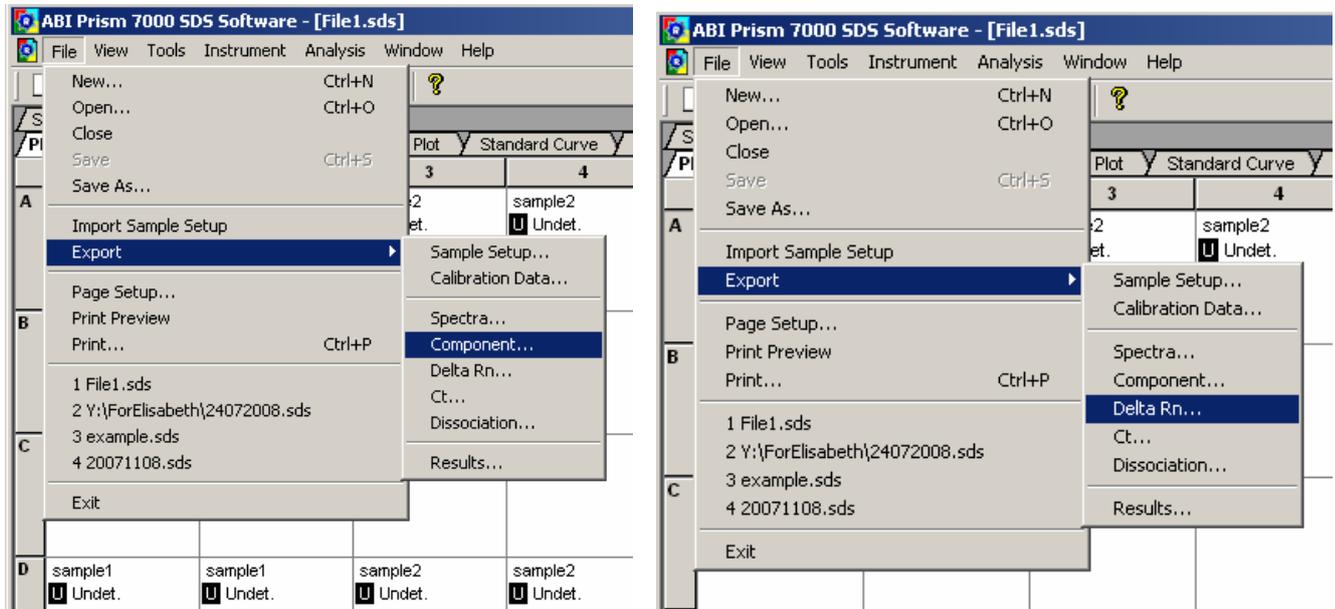
The first step in the analysis pipeline is to create the files that should be analyzed later on.

2.1 SDS

After performing the qPCR experiment the file needs to be saved. Go to *file -> save* and save the *.sds* file.

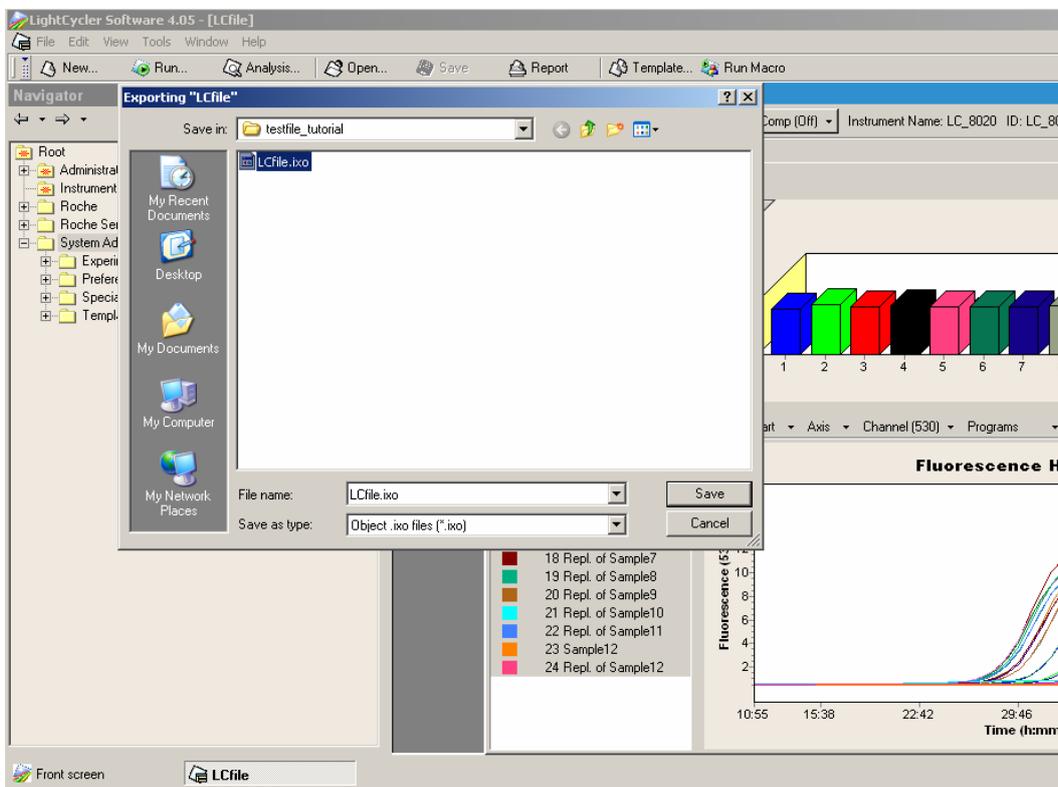


Next you need to export the component and deltaRn values which hold the values that are needed to analyze the experiment. These files will be later uploaded to the QPCR application.

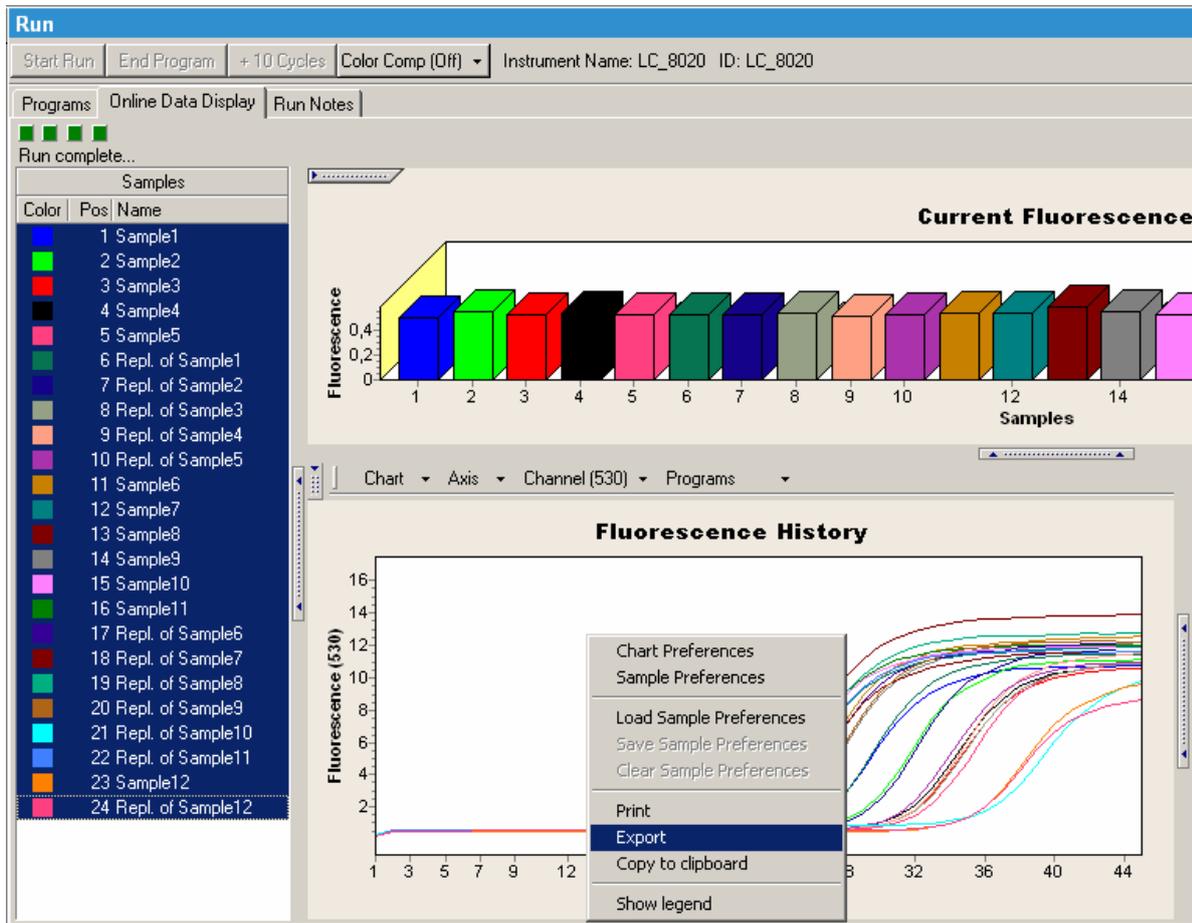


2.2 LC

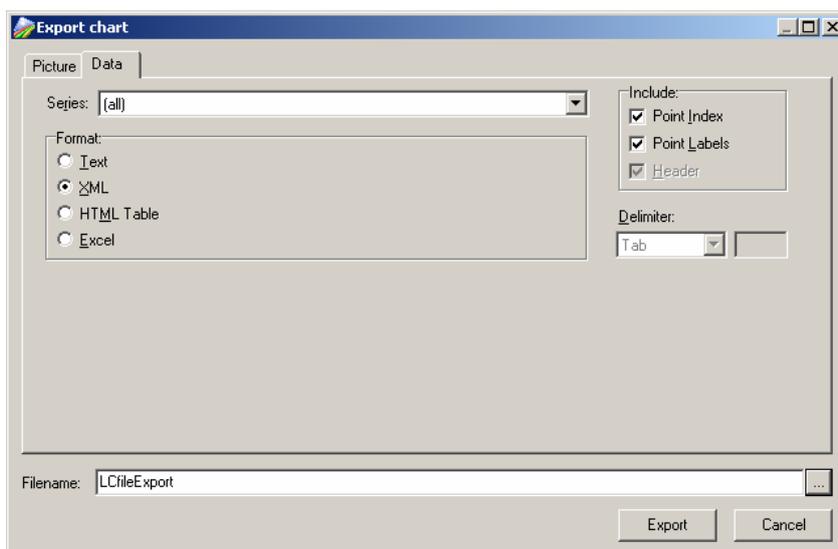
After performing the qPCR experiment the file is exported in the .IXO format. Select file -> export and save the experiment.



In addition the fluorescence values need to be exported. Therefore go to Run -> Online Data Display. Select **all** samples, choose fluorescence history, and select Fluorescence over Cycles. Right click on the chart and select Export.



Select the Data tab and tick XML as the file format. Then save the fluorescence values.



2.3 CSV

If the QPCR does not support the files produced by your thermocycler you can upload your results using the generic CSV file format.

An example file and the corresponding description can be found at

[Information about the CSV file format](#)

For further information consult the user guide.

3 Start QPCR and log in

After performing the qPCR experiments and exporting the results you are ready to use the QPCR application. Therefore start your browser (e.g.: firefox) and go to

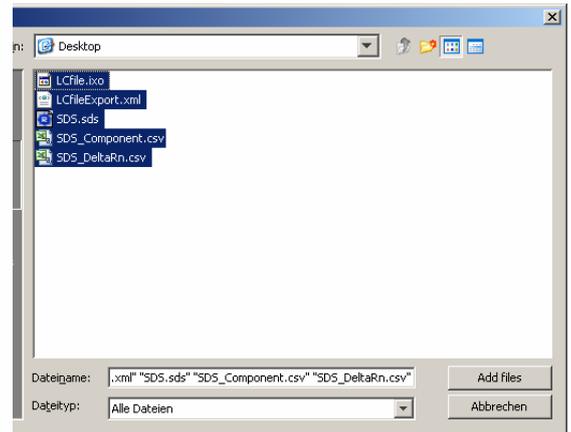
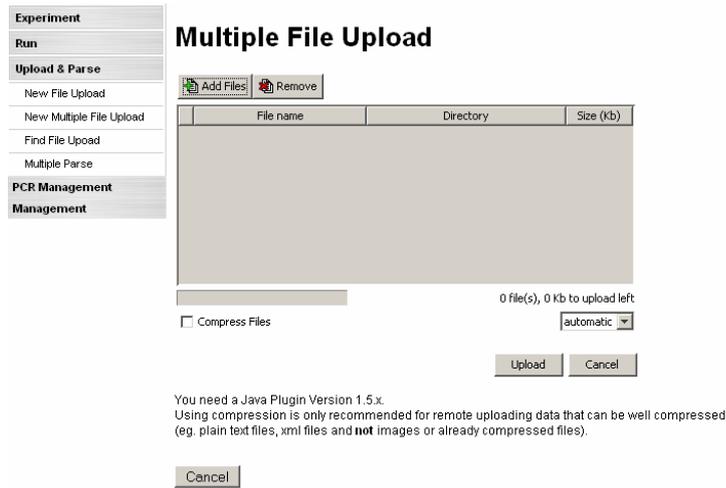
<http://rtPCR.genome.tugraz.at/> .

Next you have to log in with your provided username and password (guest, *guest*).

The screenshot shows the login page of the QPCR application. The browser window is titled "RTPCR Database Graz - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays the URL "https://rtPCR.genome.tugraz.at/rtPCR/index.jsp". The page header features the "Bioinformatics Graz" logo and the text "QPCR quantitative real-time PCR management system". A navigation menu includes "Home", "User Guide", and "Information". The main content area has a "login" section with a "please login" prompt, a "login" button, and a form with "Username: guest" and "Password: [masked]" fields, and a "Submit" button. Below the form is a "System Requirements" section listing "JavaScript and cookies must be enabled in your browser" and "Screen resolution of at least 1024x768 is strongly recommended". At the bottom, it says "Mozilla Firefox: All Releases recommended".

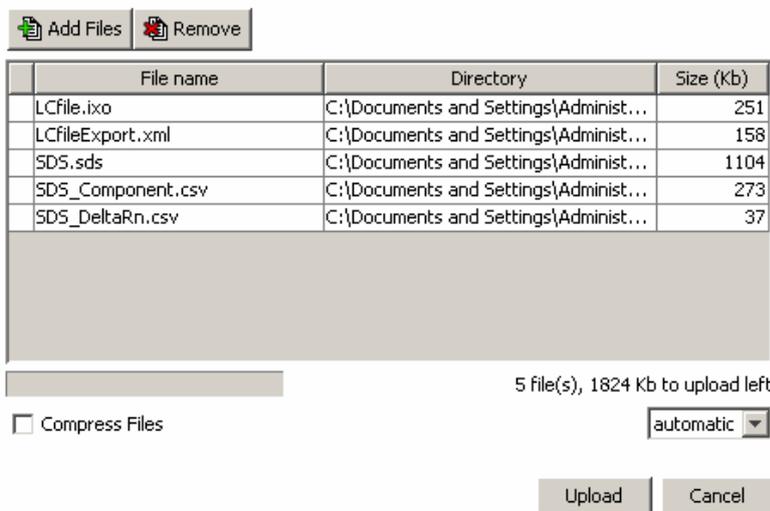
4 Upload files

To upload the created files into the QPCR application, go to Upload & Parse and select New Multiple File Upload. Press Add Files and select the newly created files.



After pressing Upload the files are transmitted to the QPCR application and now available for further analysis steps.

Multiple File Upload



5 User Settings

Before the uploaded files are parsed and analyzed it is necessary to take a look at the user settings, which can be found by pressing *User Settings* in the top bar.

Here you can select your preferred Cq and Efficiency Analyzers, the NTC settings, and the chart background color. For more information click on the information icon.

User Settings

Information:	
Preferred Cq Analyzer(s):	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> AnalyzerMiner AnalyzerCy0 SoFARAnalyzer </div>
Preferred Efficiency Analyzer(s):	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> AnalyzerMiner AnalyzerRuttedGene LinRegAnalyzer </div>
Use ITCs in Cq analysis:	yes
Use ITCs in Normalization:	no
Chart Background:	<input type="checkbox"/> #FFFFFF

6 Multiple Parse

The (Multiple) Parse window helps you to parse and analyze your uploaded files. It automatically detects all files that have not been parsed and displays them in a list. If the export file contains the name of the main file (e.g.: SDS -> SDS.sds, Export -> SDS_component.txt), it is automatically assigned to the corresponding main file. For each file/export file combination you can choose whether you want to parse or parse and analyze it.

By clicking on the submit button the files are sent to the parse and analyze services. Using the Progress Information page (accessible through a link in the top menu) you can keep track of the ongoing processes.

Multiple Parse

Display Files Owned By: ▼

Display Files: ▼

Legend

Nr.	File	Export File 1	Export File 2	Export File 3	Parse	Analyze
1	File1	<input type="text" value="File1_DeltaRn"/> ▼	<input type="text" value="File1_Component"/> ▼	<input type="text" value=""/> ▼	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	LCfile	<input type="text" value="LCfileExport"/> ▼	<input type="text" value=""/> ▼	<input type="text" value=""/> ▼	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Legend				
Thermocycler	File	Export File 1	Export File 2	Export File 3
ABI 7000	The saved SDS file	Exported component file	Exported deltaRn file	
ABI 7500	The saved EDS file	Exported file including Sample Setup and Amplification Data		
ABI 7900	The saved SDS file	Exported clipped file		
LightCycler 2.0	The saved IXO file	Exported Fluorescence history (over Cycles) as XML file		
LightCycler 480	The saved IXO file	Exported Fluorescence history (over Cycles) as XML file		
Generic CSV file	The generated CSV file			

To view the progress information click on **Progress Information** in the top menu bar.

Progress Information

The progress information page is updated automatically.

ProgressInformations per page: **15** [25] 50 100

4 ProgressInformations found

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go to page **go**

Nr.	Type	Method(s)	Progress	Run	File	
1	analyzing	AnalyzerMiner	<div style="width: 45%; background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div> 45%	LCfile	LCfile	✗
2	parsing	AbiSDS Parser: LightCycler V1	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div> 100%	LCfile	LCfile	✗
3	analyzing	AnalyzerMiner	<div style="width: 10%; background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div> 10%	File1	File1	✗
4	parsing	AbiSDS Parser: ABI V1 d1	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: red; height: 10px;"></div> 100%	File1	File1	✗

ProgressInformations per page: **15** [25] 50 100

4 ProgressInformations found

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7 Parser and analyzer logs

After completing the parsing and analyzing processes the results can be view by clicking on New Parser Log and New Analyzer Log in the top menu bar.

 [logout](#) | [User Settings](#) | [Progress Information](#) | [New Parser Log](#) | [New Analyzer Log](#) |

The parser logs are shown in a list and are colored according to their result. The legend provides an explanation for each used color.

Parser Log

Legend

ParserResults per page: [15](#) [\[25\]](#) [50](#) [100](#)

2 ParserResults found | Page 1 of 1 | go to page go

Nr.	Run Name	Successful	Date	Viewed	
1	LCfile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2008-09-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	✗
2	File1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2008-09-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	✗

ParserResults per page: [15](#) [\[25\]](#) [50](#) [100](#)

2 ParserResults found | Page 1 of 1 | go to page go

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Color Legend	
Color	Meaning
Red	Parsing was not successful
Orange	Warnings occurred - Parser result should be checked
Blue	Parsing was successful but result file has not been viewed
Black	Parsing was successful and result file has been viewed

For each analyzed file an Analyzer Log is provided which displays information about the performed analysis.

Show Cq/Efficiency Analyzer Log

Plate Name:	Isopn_20090430_2
Plate Id:	46704
Successful:	yes
Date:	14.05.2009
Viewed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Analyzers	Successful	Error Message
AnalyzerMiner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no error

8 Run

8.1 List

Now you can have a look at the created runs; go to Run -> Find Runs. Each parsed file is associated with a run which represents a performed qPCR run (qPCR experiment). The first three symbols are used to inform the user that the run is currently analyzed, parsed, or deleted. By clicking on the grid icon you are linked to the plate layout. The chart symbol is a direct link to the charts of the run.

Nr.	Name						Date			
1	File1						2008-09-12			
2	LCfile						2008-09-12			

8.2 Information

By clicking on the name of a run information about the used software, hardware, and instrument setting is displayed. Moreover this page provides information about the category, the used files, and the latest successful parsing job.

8.3 SDS

Displayed is the information page of the SDS run.

Name:	File1
Date:	12.09.2008
Category:	absolute
Hardware:	SDS 7000
Software:	ABI Prism 7000 SDS v1.1
Instrument Setting:	new Instrument Setting - exarr
Plate:	File1
Protocol:	
Description:	
Experiments:	
Create Experiment including plate:	Create
File:	File1
Export Files:	File1_DeltaRn
	File1_Component
Plate:	Show
Parse Plate File:	
Currently parsing:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Latest successful parsing job:	2008-09-12 (File1)
Options:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Names specified for wells are equal to sample names
Parser:	Parse

8.4 LC

Displayed is the information page of the LC run.

Name:	LCfile
Date:	12.09.2008
Category:	<input type="text"/>
Hardware:	LC_8020
Software:	LCS4 4.0.0.23
Instrument Setting:	new Instrument Setting - LCfile
Plate:	LCfile
Protocol:	<input type="text"/>
Description:	<input type="text"/>
Experiments:	<input type="text"/>
Create Experiment including plate:	<input type="button" value="Create"/>
File:	LCfile
Export Files:	LCfileExport
	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Plate:	<input type="button" value="Show"/>
Parse Plate File:	
Currently parsing:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Latest successful parsing job:	2008-09-12 (LCfile)
Options:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Names specified for wells are equal to sample names
Parser:	<input type="button" value="Parse"/>

9 Plate

9.1 Information

The plate view (accessed by clicking on Show next to Plate in the run view) is used to display general information about the plate (barcode, description, used files) and to provide a list showing all wells or capillaries. By clicking on a well detailed information about this well is displayed.

9.2 SDS

Edit Plate

Name:	File1
Barcode:	
Description:	
SDS File:	File1
Rn Files:	File1_DeltaRn
	File1_Component
Size:	96 ▼ Edit
Display Charts:	Show
Display Ct Analyze Results:	Show
Design:	

Nr.	Well Number	Omitted	Passive Reference	Target(s)	cDNA	Task	
1	A1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample1	Sample	
2	A2	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample1	Sample	
3	A3	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample2	Sample	
4	A4	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample2	Sample	
5	A5	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample3	Sample	
6	A6	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample3	Sample	
7	A7	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample4	Sample	
8	A8	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample4	Sample	
9	A9	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample5	Sample	
10	A10	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample5	Sample	
11	A11	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample6	Sample	
12	A12	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector1	sample6	Sample	
13	B1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample1	Sample	
14	B2	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample1	Sample	
15	B3	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample2	Sample	
16	B4	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample2	Sample	
17	B5	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample3	Sample	
18	B6	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample3	Sample	
19	B7	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample4	Sample	
20	B8	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample4	Sample	
21	B9	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample5	Sample	
22	B10	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample5	Sample	
23	B11	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROX	detector2	sample6	Sample	

9.3 LC

Name:	LCfile
Barcode:	
Description:	
SDS File:	LCfile
Rn Files:	LCfileExport
Size:	24 <input type="button" value="Edit"/>
Display Charts:	<input type="button" value="Show"/>
Display Ct Analyze Results:	<input type="button" value="Show"/>
Design:	

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Nr.	Well Number	Omitted	Passive Reference	Detector(s)	cDNA	Task	
1	Pos 0	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector1	Sample1	Unknown	
2	Pos 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector1	Sample2	Unknown	
3	Pos 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector2	Sample3	Unknown	
4	Pos 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector2	Sample4	Unknown	
5	Pos 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector3	Sample5	Unknown	
6	Pos 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector1	Sample1	Unknown	
7	Pos 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector1	Sample2	Unknown	
8	Pos 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector2	Sample3	Unknown	
9	Pos 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector2	Sample4	Unknown	
10	Pos 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Detector3	Sample5	Unknown	

10 Cq Analyze Results

By clicking on the Show button next to Display Cq Analyze Results an overview page is shown, which lists the performed Cq analysis results. Each result can be exported or displayed in detail, shown in the next image.

Here you can check the calculated Cq and efficiency values.

Detailed Analyzer Results

Plate:	File1	Show
Analyzer:	AnalyzerMiner	
Date:	2008-09-12 at 9:45:50	
Export List:	CSV	Export
Back to Overview:	Show	

Plate	Well	Sample Name	Target(s)	Cq	Efficiency
example	A1	sample1	detector1	27.7037	1.7186
example	A2	sample1	detector1	27.4865	1.7415
example	A3	sample2	detector1	26.5125	1.6769
example	A4	sample2	detector1	26.4674	1.71
example	A5	sample3	detector1	27.2452	1.6978
example	A6	sample3	detector1	27.305	1.7513
example	A7	sample4	detector1	26.634	1.6809
example	A8	sample4	detector1	26.8422	1.6678
example	A9	sample5	detector1	28.0017	1.7338
example	A10	sample5	detector1	27.9115	1.7334
example	A11	sample6	detector1	27.0018	1.7098
example	A12	sample6	detector1	26.9511	1.6974
example	B1	sample1	detector2	26.9691	1.6687

11 Charts

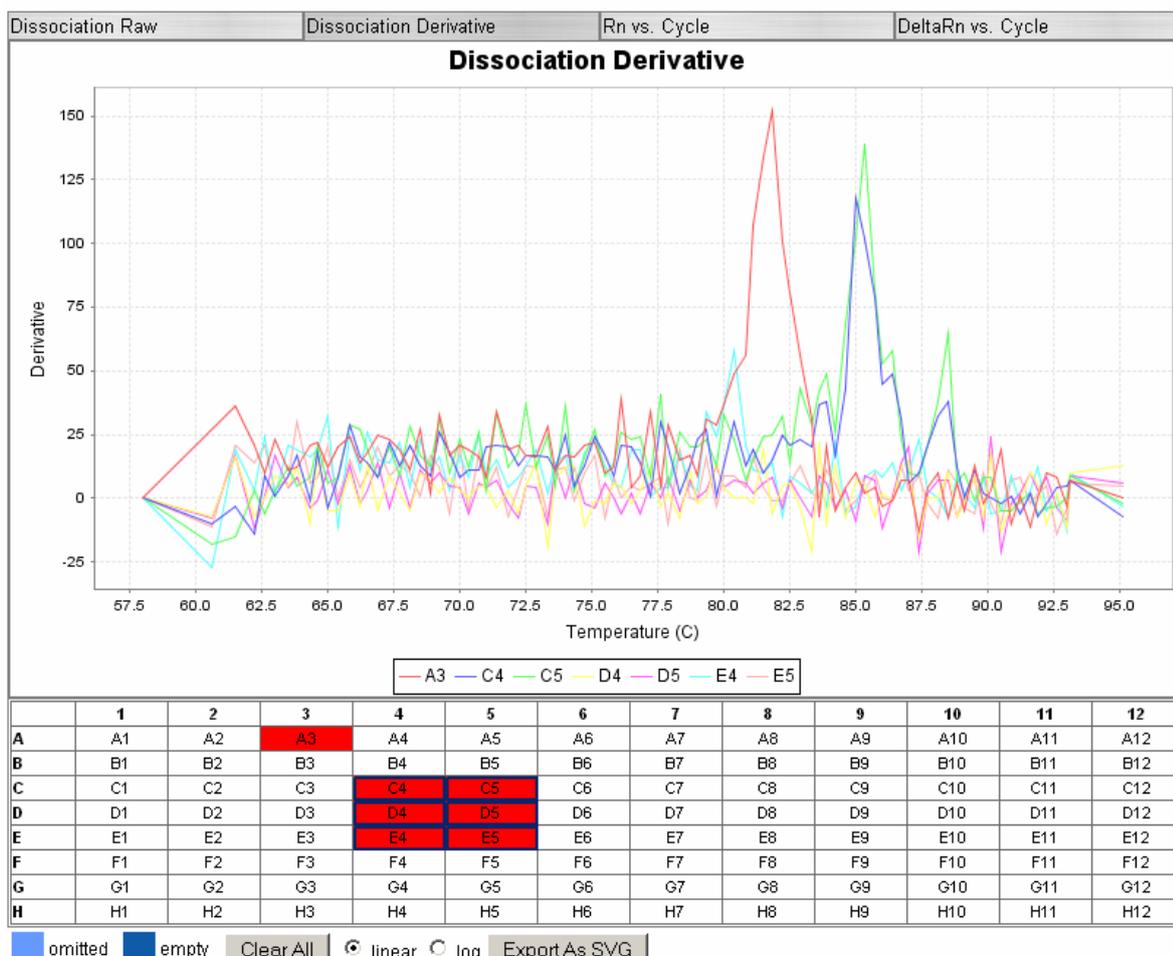
11.1 Information

The chart view (accessed by clicking on Show next to Display Charts in the plate view) is used to display graphs of dissociation and fluorescence data (if available). To switch between the different views click on the tabs in the top bar. Below the chart a grid/list is shown which represents the used plate layout. By clicking on a well, it is included/excluded from the chart which is then automatically updated. You can select multiple wells at once by holding the “ctrl” key while selecting them. Additionally you can click on every well individually. Here you can check whether the melting curve analysis was successful and you can get a rough overview of the shape of the fluorescence curves.

11.2 SDS

The grid beneath the chart displays the used plate layout. It colors empty and omitted wells and currently selected wells are colored in red.

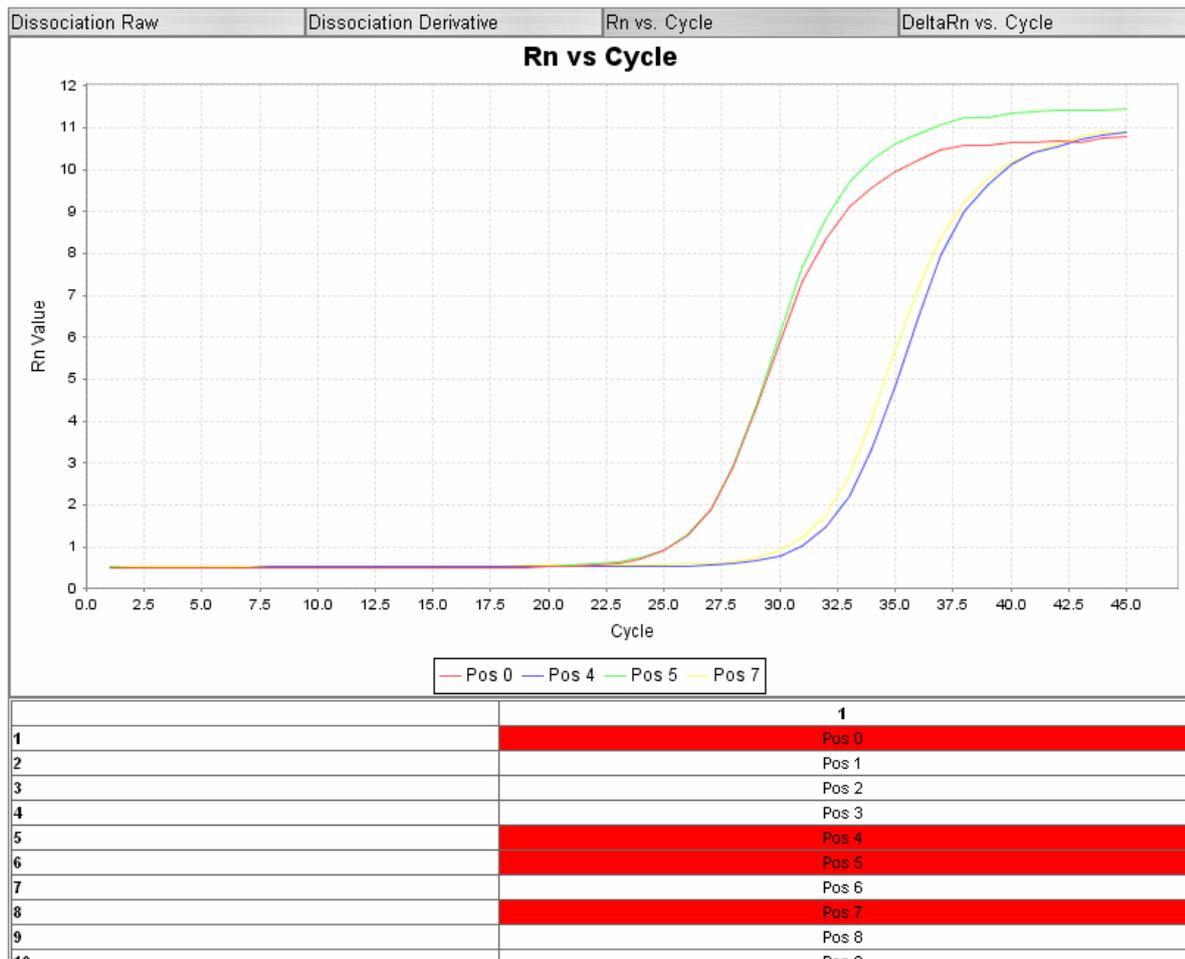
Plate:



11.3 LC

Since the Lightcycler 2.0 uses a linear plate layout the grid beneath the chart changed to a list view.

Plate:



12 Experiment

Since the upcoming steps are the same for the **SDS** and the **LC** files, only the **SDS** run is considered in the next steps. However you can view the results of the **LC** run by using the guest account of the QPCR application.

After you have taken a look at the generated runs and evaluated the parsed and analyzed results it is necessary to create a new experiment. Experiments consist of one or many runs (e.g.: experiment is spread over multiple plates because of the limited amount of wells on one plate) which are analyzed together. To create an experiment click on **Experiment** and select **New Experiment**. Define name, date, and description and choose the runs which should be in this experiment. Multiple runs are selected by holding the **ctrl** key.

Experiment					
New Experiment	<h1>New Experiment</h1>				
Find Experiments					
Run					
Upload & Parse					
PCR Management					
Management					
Name:	SDS experiment				
Date:	10.09.2008				
Description:	tutorial SDS experiment				
Runs:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>File1</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>LCfile</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	File1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LCfile	<input type="checkbox"/>
File1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
LCfile	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="button" value="Create"/>					

Now you see the created experiment. The first icon links you directly to the analysis page and skips the experiment information page.

Experiment			
Query	Edit Display Settings		
1 Experiments found		Page 1 of 1	Experiments per page: 15 [25] 50 100
		go to page	<input type="text" value=""/> go
Nr.	Name	Date	
1	SDS experiment	2008-09-10	
1 Experiments found		Page 1 of 1	Experiments per page: 15 [25] 50 100
		go to page	<input type="text" value=""/> go

By clicking on the name of the experiment you are guided to the following screen which provides links to the runs in the experiment and the calculated Cq/efficiency results.

Show Experiment

Name:	SDS experiment		
Date:	10.09.2008		
Description:	tutorial SDS experiment		
Runs:	File1	Show	Show Ct and Efficiency Results
Analyze:	Go		

Return

13 Analysis

To analyze an experiment you have to define several parameters. In this tutorial one way to analyze the experiment is shown. In order to get detailed information about the parameters please consult the user guide.

During the analysis relative quantities are calculated using averaging of technical replicates, normalization against reference genes, and inter-run calibration. For more details consult the paper “qBase relative quantification framework and software for management and automated analysis of real-time quantitative PCR data” by Hellemans *et al.* (2007).

13.1 Cq Calculation Methods

Please pick the Cq calculation method you have selected in the user settings. Therefore the Cq values for the used runs exist and can be used in the upcoming analysis.

Analyze Setup

Experiment:	example	Show
Save Setting:		Save
Setting:		▼

Cq Calculation Methods	Sample/Target	Reference Genes	Normalization
<input checked="" type="radio"/> AnalyzerMiner AnalyzerMiner implements the model described by Zhao and Fernald in [Zhao and Fernald, 2005] (PMID: 16241897). It operates on the raw fluorescence data and calculates Cq value, efficiency, and starting			
<input type="radio"/> AnalyzerCq0 Efficiency: Use the efficiency calculated by another method or determined by primer validation! AnalyzerCq0 implements the model described by Michele Guescini and Davide Sisti et al. in [A new			
<input type="radio"/> SoFARAnalyze AnalyzerSoFar implements the algorithm described by Wilhelm in [Wilhelm, 2003] and Wilhelm et al. in [Wilhelm et al., 2003] (PMID: 12613255). SoFar stands for <Software For the Analysis of Real-time			
<input type="radio"/> SDSAnalyzer AnalyzerSDS implements an algorithm similar to the one used by the SDS 2.2.2 software from Applied Biosystems. It uses a dynamic baseline created by a line fitted into the area prior to the exponential			

Cq Values exist Efficiency Values exist Analyze

13.2 Sample/Detector

Here you can specify which samples and targets are used in the analysis. In this tutorial all samples and targets are used. Please tick “Use Replicate Handling” and leave “Average technical replicates over plates” unticked.

Cq Calculation Methods	Sample/Target	Reference Genes	Normalization																												
Use Replicate Handling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average technical replicates over plates <input type="checkbox"/>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Samples</th> <th>Used Samples</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>sample1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>sample2</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>sample3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>sample4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>sample5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>sample6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Targets</th> <th>Used Targets</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>detector1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>detector2</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>detector3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>detector4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>detector5</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>detector6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Samples	Used Samples		sample1		sample2		sample3		sample4		sample5		sample6	Targets	Used Targets		detector1		detector2		detector3		detector4		detector5		detector6		
Samples	Used Samples																														
	sample1																														
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	sample5																														
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Targets	Used Targets																														
	detector1																														
	detector2																														
	detector3																														
	detector4																														
	detector5																														
	detector6																														
Cq Values exist	Efficiency Values exist	<input type="button" value="Analyze"/>																													

13.3 Reference Genes

This tab lets you choose which targets should act as reference genes. It is possible to select multiple reference genes or analyze the experiment without a reference gene.

Cq Calculation Methods	Sample/Target	Reference Genes	Normalization														
Reference Gene(s) need to be on all plates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reference Gene list</th> <th>Used Reference Genes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>detector2</td> <td>detector1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>detector3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>detector4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>detector5</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>detector6</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>detector7</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reference Gene list	Used Reference Genes	detector2	detector1	detector3		detector4		detector5		detector6		detector7			
Reference Gene list	Used Reference Genes																
detector2	detector1																
detector3																	
detector4																	
detector5																	
detector6																	
detector7																	
Cq Values exist	Efficiency Values exist	<input type="button" value="Analyze"/>															

13.4 Normalization

In this view you can select which efficiency should be incorporated into the analysis. To follow the tutorial use **Use Efficiency of Analyzer** and select the analyzer you have picked in the user settings.

The screenshot shows the 'Define Efficiency' section of the software. It includes several radio buttons and input fields. The 'Use Efficiency of Analyzer' option is selected, and 'AnalyzerMiner' is chosen from the dropdown menu. Below this, a table lists efficiency values for four detectors.

Detector	Efficiency	SE Eff	Plate
detector1	2	0.05	
detector2	2	0.05	
detector3	2	0.05	
detector4	2	0.05	

At the bottom of the window, there are status indicators: 'Cq Values exist' and 'Efficiency Values exist', and an 'Analyze' button.

Now the setup is complete and you can press the **Analyze** button to start the analysis.

14 Analysis results

14.1 Overview

The page displayed, after the analysis has been performed, lists the calculated results and the provided legend gives information about the meaning of each result. By clicking on one or more Reference Samples you can select the samples used as a reference. By clicking on the Show/Hide log2 button you can display log2 values of the calculated results.

Display Normalization Results

Experiment:	SDS experiment	Show
Back To Analyze Setup:	Show	
Display Bars & Quality Control:	Show	
Perform Statistical Test:	Show	
Reference Samples:	sample1 sample2	
Save Normalize Results:	Save	

CSV

Legend

cDNA	target	task	avg Cq	SE avg Cq	SD avg Cq	CV	rel Cq	SE rel Cq	SD rel Cq	NRCq	SE NRCq	SD NRCq	CNRCq	SE CNRCq	SD CNRCq
sample1	detector1	Sample	27.5951	0.1086	0.1536	0.3936	0.793	0.0473	0.0668	0.986	0.07	0.0989	0.986	0.07	0.0989
sample2	detector1	Sample	26.4899	0.0226	0.0319	0.0852	1.4323	0.0217	0.0276	0.9125	0.0251	0.029	0.9125	0.0251	0.029
sample3	detector1	Sample	27.2751	0.0299	0.0423	0.1097	0.9453	0.0156	0.0219	0.9195	0.0557	0.0787	0.9195	0.0557	0.0787
sample4	detector1	Sample	26.7381	0.1041	0.1472	0.3892	1.2506	0.0672	0.0949	0.9446	0.0677	0.0957	0.9446	0.0677	0.0957
sample5	detector1	Sample	27.9566	0.0451	0.0638	0.1614	0.6494	0.0161	0.0228	1.1118	0.0329	0.0458	1.1118	0.0329	0.0458
sample6	detector1	Sample	26.9764	0.0253	0.0358	0.0939	1.1097	0.015	0.0212	1.1035	0.0175	0.0246	1.1035	0.0175	0.0246
sample1	detector2	Sample	26.8743	0.0948	0.1341	0.3527	0.8157	0.0398	0.0563	1.0142	0.0631	0.0892	1.0142	0.0631	0.0892
sample2	detector2	Sample	25.5159	0.0303	0.0429	0.1188	1.7201	0.0747	0.0803	1.0959	0.0538	0.0581	1.0959	0.0538	0.0581
sample3	detector2	Sample	26.2716	0.2141	0.3028	0.8149	1.118	0.1291	0.1825	1.0875	0.1407	0.1988	1.0875	0.1407	0.1988
sample4	detector2	Sample	25.8416	0.1476	0.2088	0.5712	1.4016	0.1097	0.1551	1.0587	0.0969	0.137	1.0587	0.0969	0.137
sample5	detector2	Sample	27.7122	0.0279	0.0395	0.1007	0.5253	0.0107	0.0131	0.8994	0.0233	0.0297	0.8994	0.0233	0.0297
sample6	detector2	Sample	26.6569	0.0173	0.0244	0.0647	0.9113	0.0086	0.0119	0.9062	0.0113	0.0158	0.9062	0.0113	0.0158
sample1	detector3	Sample	33.5452	0.2055	0.2906	0.6126	1.1159	0.1303	0.1842	1.3875	0.1706	0.2412	1.3875	0.1706	0.2412
sample2	detector3	Sample	33.022	0.1097	0.1551	0.3321	1.465	0.0894	0.1238	0.9334	0.0609	0.0823	0.9334	0.0609	0.0823
sample3	detector3	Sample	33.3122	0.0593	0.0838	0.1779	1.2689	0.0423	0.0596	1.2343	0.0829	0.1171	1.2343	0.0829	0.1171

By clicking on Display Bars & Quality Control you are directed to the page which graphically displays the analysis results.

14.2 Multiple Targets

Here you can graphically view the calculated results and compare them for several targets. It allows you to customize it in many ways including error type, the used sample references, the grouping performed in the chart, title of the chart, and the samples displayed.

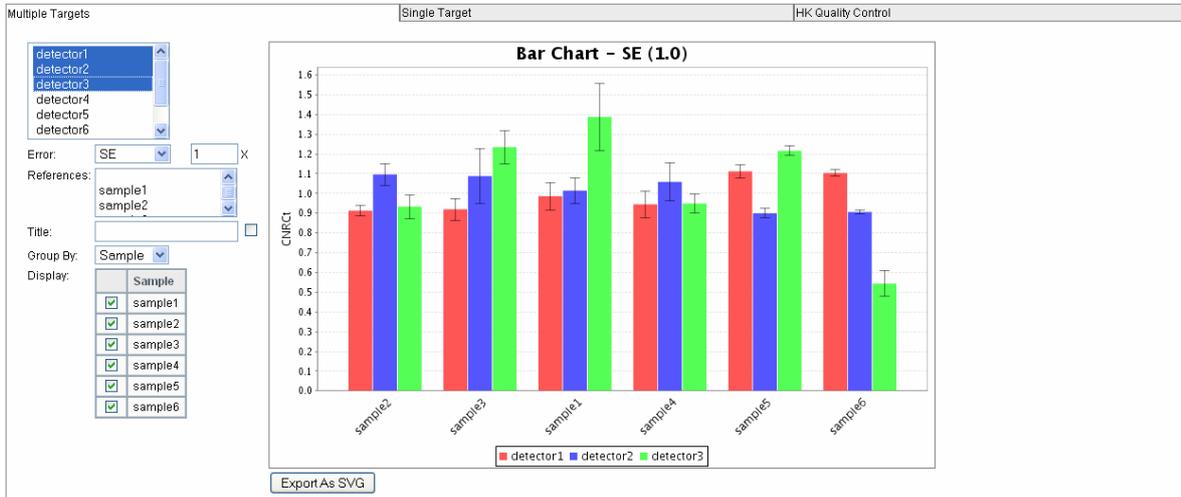
Display Normalization Result - Bars

Experiment:

Back To Analyze Setup:

Display Normalization Result:

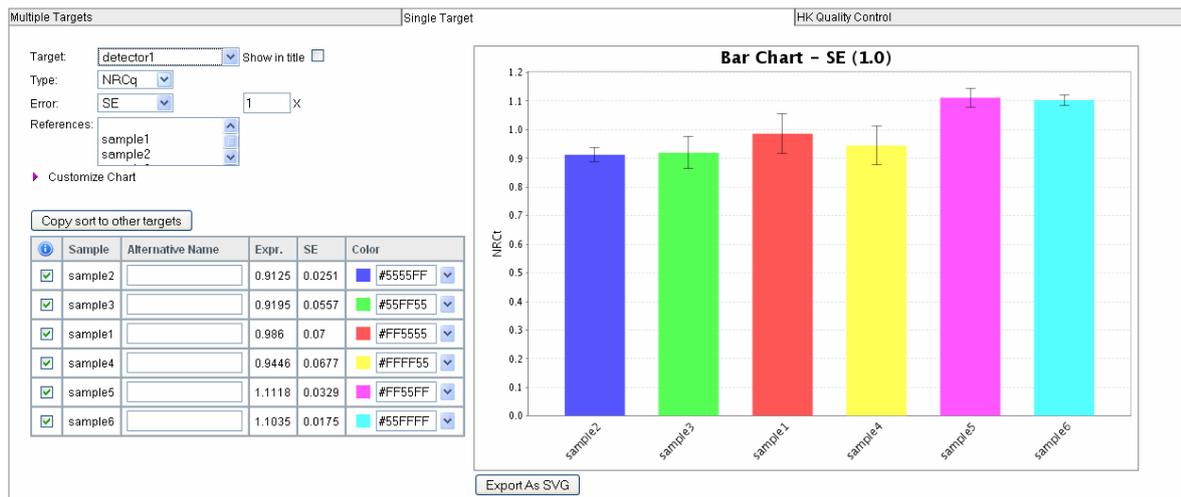
Perform Statistical Test:



14.3 Single Target

The `Single Target` tab lets you view the results of a single selected target. It provides the same customizability as the `Multiple Target` tab and additionally lets you choose the color of each sample and allows you to give each sample an alternative name. By using drag and drop you can rearrange the list of the displayed samples. In the customize Chart section you can edit the appearance of the chart to your needs.

The customize chart section lets you additionally adjust the chart.



14.4 Quality Control

Quality control for reference genes can only be performed by selecting multiple reference genes. An example is provided below. Please consult the user guide for more information.

Moreover quality controls are performed for NTCs and technical replicates.

Multiple Targets		Single Target		HK Quality Control	
	CV	M (geNorm)			
detector1	9.04 %	0.2565			
detector2	8.72 %	0.2565			
Mean	8.88 %	0.2565			
target	has NTC				
detector1	false				
detector2	false				
detector3	false				
detector4	false				
detector5	false				
detector6	false				
detector7	false				
detector8	false				
ExperimentReplicates threshold:		0.3	Show		
target	cDNA	difference	#		
detector8	sample6	0.1799	2		
detector8	sample5	0.3121	2		
detector8	sample4	0.1712	2		
detector8	sample3	0.2569	2		
detector8	sample2	0.0497	2		
detector8	sample1	0.0477	2		
detector7	sample6	0.2121	2		
detector7	sample5	0.1909	2		
detector7	sample4	0.2016	2		
detector7	sample3	0.1536	2		
detector7	sample2	0.2071	2		
detector7	sample1	0.0564	2		
detector6	sample6	0.0	1		
detector6	sample5	0.3483	2		
detector6	sample4	1.3124	2		
detector6	sample3	0.3483	2		

15 Statistical Test

15.1 Setup

Statistical tests are used to test several groups (in the software named as class) of samples for significant difference between them. Here you can define which samples should be included in the test and which samples or which class should act as reference. Moreover you can choose the method and which p-Value type should be used. For more information click on the icon or consult the user guide. In this tutorial the standard settings are used.

Perform delta delta CT calculation

Experiment:	SDS experiment	Show
Back To Analyze Setup:	Show	
Display Normalization Result:	Show	
Reference Calculation:		
Samples:	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> sample2 sample3 sample4 sample5 sample6 </div>	
Reference:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Samples:	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> sample1 sample2 </div>
	<input type="radio"/> Class:	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;"> class 1 </div>
Statistical Test:		
Choose Test:	Permutation Mean Test	<input type="button" value="i"/>
Choose p-Value Type:	TWOSIDED	
Choose Testing Correction:		
Choose Datatype:	CNRCq	
Average samples in class:	<input type="checkbox"/>	

You can add as many classes as you want to the statistical test. One class acts as the statistical reference (reference class) and all other classes are tested for their statistical significant difference to this reference class. Do not confuse this with the sample references which are used to reference the samples to a given set of samples (no statistical test).

Each class has a color or pattern associated, is given a specific name, and needs to consist of at least one sample. In one class the property `Set As Statistical Reference` is set which specifies to which class all other classes are compared.

In this case the classes consist of 3 biological replicates and are therefore named “replicates 1” and “replicates 2”. Those replicates are then tested for their statistical significant difference.

Choose Classes: Add Class Remove Last Class

Class 1 Remove

Set As Statistical Reference

Green

- sample1
- sample2
- sample3
- sample4
- sample5
- sample6

Class 2 Remove

Set As Statistical Reference

Grey

- sample1
- sample2
- sample3
- sample4
- sample5
- sample6

Add Class Remove Last Class

Analyze

15.2 Result

The upper section of the statistical result page provides links back to the various analysis pages and gives you the opportunity to export the generated results.

Display Statistical Test Results - Bars

Experiment:	SDS experiment	Show
Back To Analyze Setup:	Show	
Display Normalization Result:	Show	
Perform Statistical Test:	Show	
Display Test Result:	Show	
Statistical Test:	Permutation Mean Test	

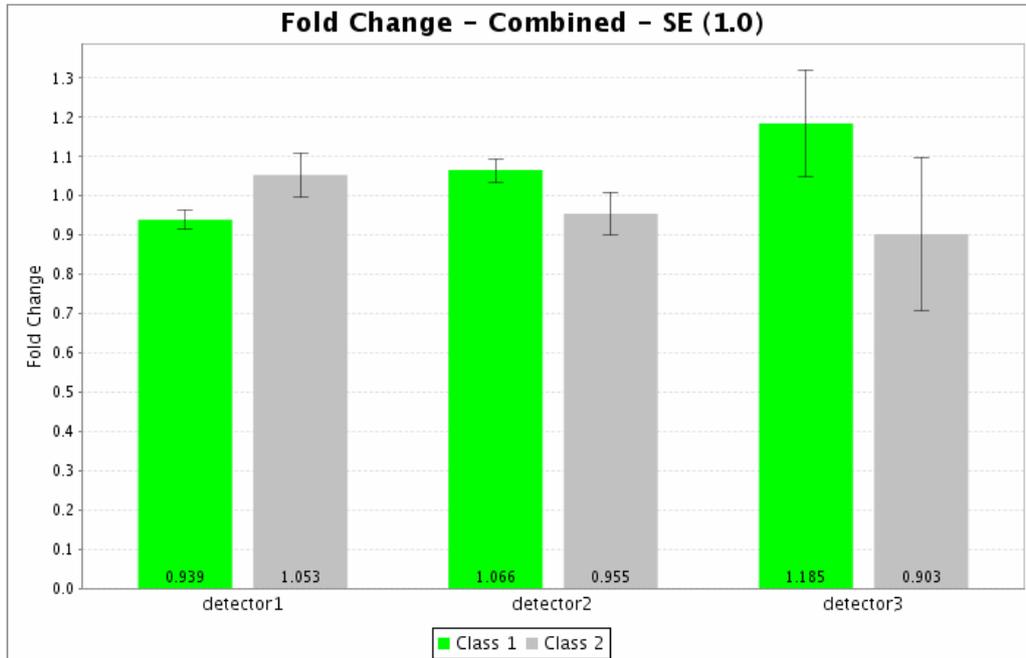
CSV Export

The combined targets view displays the averaged results of each class (in this case the classes replicates1 and replicates2) for the selected targets.

Combined Targets:

Select Targets:

Title:

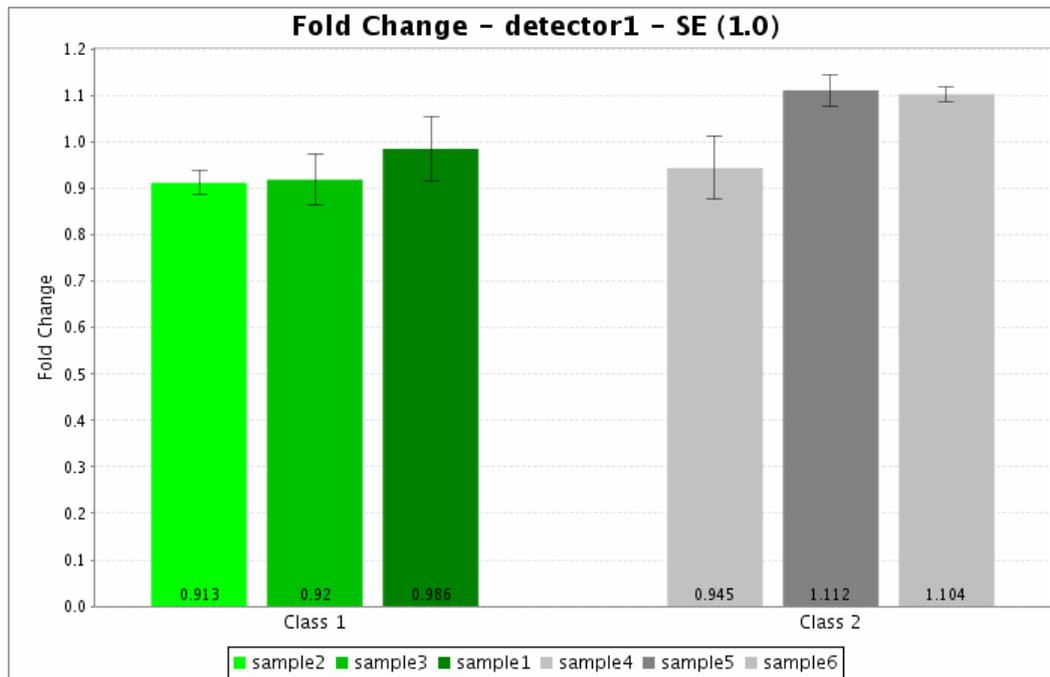


Export As SVG

Next the results for each target are shown. As an example detector1 is presented in this document.

Target: detector1

Class	p-Value	Ø ddCq / reference	Ø SE ddCq / reference	Ø SD ddCq / reference	Is Statistical Reference
Class 1	-	-	-	-	true
Class 2	0.1997	1.1214	[+0.0655; -0.0655]	[+0.1134; -0.1134]	false



Export As SVG

In addition to the graphical view results of the statistical test can be displayed in text format. This view is accessed by clicking on show next to Display Test Result

detector1

Class	p-Value	Ø ddCt / reference	Ø SE ddCt / reference	Ø SD ddCt / reference	Is Statistical Reference																								
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16 Export

All relevant result can be exported using the provided mechanism.



In addition each graph can be saved by right clicking on it and selecting e.g.: “save image as”. If you want to save it as SVG file you can use the provided button right beneath the displayed image.



For more information about the QPCR application please consult the user guide.