Bio-Rad[®] CFX96[™] and CFX384[™] instrument setup instructions for RT² Profiler PCR Arrays

Important points before starting

- Please read the handbook supplied with the RT² Profiler PCR Array, paying careful attention to the "Safety Information" and "Important Notes" sections, before beginning this procedure.
- A downloadable protocol file/run template is available. This can be used instead of configuring your instrument. Once you have created a run template you can use it for all of your future PCR array experiments.

Procedure

To create a new run template

- 1. Turn on the BioRad CFX instrument.
- 2. Open the BioRad CFX Manager software.
- 3. If this is your first time running a PCR Array on your instrument, select "Create a new Experiment" (Figure 1). Select CFX96 or CFX384 depending on your PCR instrument.

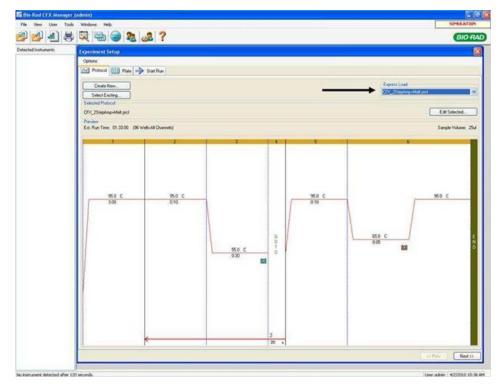


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Figure 1. Startup Wizard.

 Under the "Express Load" drop down menu box, select "CFX_2StepAMP+Melt.prcl" (Figure 2).





5. Click on "Edit Selected button" (Figure 3).

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Figure 3. Cycling parameters.

- 6. Use the following cycling conditions:
 - Hotstart: 95°C for 10 minutes
 - 40 cycles of:
 - 95°C for 15 seconds
 - 60°C for 60 seconds

Important Note: The Ramp Rate between the 95°C to 60°C step must be changed to 1° C/sec.

- 7. Select step #2 (95C for 00:15) (Figure 4):
 - Click Step Options
 - Change Ramp Rate to 1°C/sec
 - Click OK when done
- 8. Save the file as "SABiosciences PCR Array Protocol."
- 9. Click the "Plate" Tab to configure the PCR Instrument to detect the SYBR® Green signal (Figure 6).

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Figure 4. Step options.

- 10. Under the "Express Load" drop down menu box, select "Quick Plate_96wells_SYBR_Only.ptld".
- 11. To start the Run, place your plate into the CFX96 instrument. Make sure that well location A1 on your PCR ARRAY is properly orientated in your PCR instrument.
- 12. Press "Close Lid" button.
- 13. Press Start.

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Figure 5. Save File window.

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Figure 6. Plate Setup window.

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