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- → Selective quantitation—more accurate than UV absorbance readings
- $\rightarrow$  High sensitivity—use as little as 1 µl or 5 pg/µl of your sample
- → Simple assay design—mix-and-read format for simple high-throughput quantitation
- → Economical packaging—ideal for large-scale automated analysis

### Better technology, better results

Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Assays (Table 1) use advanced fluorophores that become fluorescent upon binding to DNA or RNA; the fluorescence intensity of the resulting complex depends directly on the amount of the target molecule in the sample. Quant-iT™ Technology gives more accurate results than can be obtained with UV absorbance readings, because the Quant-iT™ Reagents only report the molecule of interest-there's no interference from free nucleotides or other contaminants (Figure 1). And more accurate quantitation means higher confidence for the success of downstream experiments. Additionally, this streamlined mix-and-read assay format allows simple quantitation of hundreds or thousands of samples, using 96- or 384-well plates in robotic liquid handling systems (Figure 2).



Figure 1—dsDNA specificity of PicoGreen® dsDNA Reagent. Fluorescence enhancement of the Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Reagent upon binding dsDNA, ssDNA, and RNA, demonstrating the strong selectivity of this reagent for dsDNA.



Figure 2—Format of the Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Assays. Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Assays use a simple mix-and-read format.

#### Save your samples

It's important to get accurate quantitation while still leaving sufficient sample for downstream applications. Quant-iT<sup>M</sup> Reagents are up to 1,000 times more sensitive than UV absorbance readings (Figure 3); as little as 1 µl of your sample is all that's needed to get reliable results.

These Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> products provide the maximum amount of dye in packaging that is amenable to highly automated quantitation environments. They are the best choice for quantitating more than 2,000 samples at a time.

These products are available in two forms:

- → Concentrated Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Reagents
- → Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Kits with buffer and a standard included



Figure 3—Nucleic acid quantitation using Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Reagents. A The fluorescence signal from binding of the Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> PicoGreen<sup>®</sup> dsDNA Reagent to dsDNA is linear over at least four orders of magnitude; the inset shows the results obtained using 0–750 pg/ml calf thymus DNA. B The Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> RiboGreen<sup>®</sup> RNA Assay provides linear quantitation from 20 ng/ml to 1 µg/ml RNA using a 400-fold dilution of the dye; the inset shows the results for 1.0 ng/ml to 50 ng/ml RNA obtained using a 4,000-fold dilution of the dye. C Quantitation of a synthetic 24-mer using the Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> OliGreen<sup>™</sup> ssDNA Reagent is linear over at least four orders of magnitude; the inset shows the results obtained using 0–2.0 ng/ml of oligo.

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#### Table 1—Quant-iT<sup>™</sup> Reagents and Kits.

Product	Concentration	Applications
Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Reagent *2,000 assays*		Genomic DNA
Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Assay Kit *2,000 assays* (includes PicoGreen® Reagent, 10X buffer, and standard λ DNA)	2.5 pg/µl to 100 ng/µl dsDNA (>200 bp)	Viral dsDNA PCR products Plasmid preps Subcloning fragments Genotyping
Quant-iT™ RiboGreen® RNA Reagent *2,000 assays*	10 ng/μl to 100 ng/μl RNA (>500 bp; not specific for RNA over DNA)	RNase protection assays Microarray samples Real-time PCR samples In vitro transcription
Quant-iT™ RiboGreen® RNA Assay Kit *2,000 assays* (includes RiboGreen® Reagent, 10X buffer, and standard RNA)		
Quant-iT <sup>™</sup> OliGreen <sup>™</sup> ssDNA Reagent *2,000 assays*		Primers
Quant-iT™ OliGreen™ ssDNA Assay Kit *2,000 assays* (includes OliGreen® Reagent, 10X buffer, and standard oligo DNA)	1 pg/μl to 100 ng/μl ssDNA (>10 bp; not specific for ssDNA over dsDNA or RNA)	Antisense oligos Denatured genomic DNA Aptamers Single-stranded phage DNA

Ordering Information

Product	Quantity	Cat. no.
Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Assay Kit	1 kit	P7589
Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Assay Kit *10 x 100 µl*	1 kit	P11496
Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Reagent	1 kit	P7581
Quant-iT™ PicoGreen® dsDNA Reagent *10 x 100 µl*	1 kit	P11495
Quant-iT™ RiboGreen® RNA Reagent *2,000 assays*	1 kit	R11491
Quant-iT™ RiboGreen® RNA Assay Kit *2,000 assays*	1 kit	R11490
Quant-iT™ OliGreen™ ssDNA Reagent *2,000 assays*	1 kit	O7582
Quant-iT™ OliGreen™ ssDNA Assay Kit *2,000 assays*	1 kit	O11492

For more information, visit our website at probes.invitrogen.com/products/quantitation.

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