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I. Introduction

A. Overview

Transfer RNAs (tRNAs) are the key component for protein translation. Posttranscriptional modifications of tRNA are critical for all core aspects of tRNA function, such as folding, stability and decoding. These chemical modifications are dynamically regulated and catalyzed by tRNA modification enzymes. Recent discoveries have led to new appreciation of the key roles of tRNA modifications and tRNA modification enzymes as checkpoints for tRNA integrity and for integrating translation with other cellular functions such as transcription, primary metabolism and stress signaling[1]. Mutations in multiple tRNA modification proteins have been identified in patients and associated with diseases. For example, mutations in the enzymes responsible for methylthiolation of t6A can lead to type 2 diabetes[2]. To help easy and rapid profiling of tRNA modifiers, Arraystar has designed the first commercially available NuRNA™ Human tRNA Modification Enzymes PCR Array. The panel contains 85 validated or predicted tRNA modification enzymes or protein factors compiled from published studies and databases including UniProt and Modomics. The Array is a powerful tool for global survey of tRNA modification enzymes to analyze their roles in tRNA canonical functions in translation and non-canonical functions such as cellular metabolism and stress response.

B. The functions of tRNA modifications

tRNAs are key adaptor molecules in the protein translation process. Chemical modifications are crucial for tRNA structure, function, and stability. To be fully active, tRNAs need to be extensively modified post-transcriptionally during their maturation. In general, hypo-modified tRNAs are targeted for degradation[3]. Specific modifications in the stem-loops are crucial for tRNA structure and stability, whereas modifications in the anticodon loop enhance the translation accuracy by preventing translational frameshifting. Modifications at position 34 in the anticodon typically increase the codon recognition diversity through codon-anticodon wobbling[4]. Furthermore, modifications at base 37 adjacent to the anticodon loop fine tune the stability of codon-anticodon interactions[1]. Modifications (e.g. pseudouridines) in the main body of the tRNA strengthen the binding affinity and rigidify the tRNA structure; whereas other modifications (e.g. dihydrouridines) maintain the flexibility of tRNA structure. In some cases, modifications serve as additional tRNA identity elements for accurate aminoacyl tRNA synthetase recognition. Post-transcriptional addition of a guanosine (G) at the 5'-end of tRNA^{His} is critical for specific histidine charging by histidinyl-tRNA synthetase[5]. In addition, certain tRNA modifications affect the translation of only a defined subset of transcripts enriched with certain types of codons. These transcripts could be collectively linked to a common cellular pathway[6].

More than 50 different chemical modifications have been described affecting different positions in eukaryotic tRNAs. In recent years, human enzymes catalyzing these modifications and their biological roles have started to be documented (**Figure 1**). A link between tRNA modifications and human diseases is becoming increasingly clear.

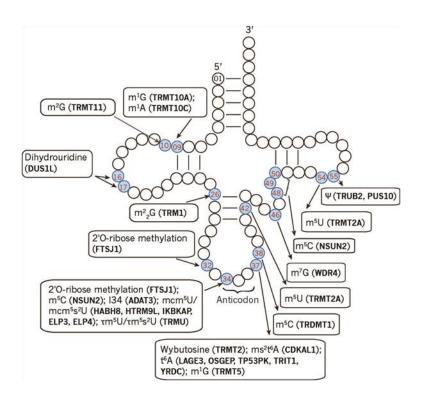


Figure 1. tRNA modifications and tRNA modification enzymes (in parentheses) in human.

C. tRNA modifications and diseases

Neurological Disorders

Several mutations in tRNA modification enzymes have been associated with human intellectual disability. For example, human FtsJ RNA methyltransferase homolog 1 (FTSJ1) methylates tRNA^{Leu}, tRNA^{Phe}, and tRNA^{Trp} at positions 32 and 34. FTSJ1 mutations is associated with non-syndromic X-linked mental retardation. Additionally, genetic variations in FTSJ1 are strongly correlated with cognitive functions[7]. Human tRNA methyltransferase 1 (TRM1) modifies tRNAs at position 26 with dimethyl guanosines (m²₂G). A homozygous frameshift mutation that inactivates this gene has been reported as a novel marker for recessive cognitive disorders[8]. NOP2/Sun RNA methyltransferase family member 2 (NSUN2) catalyzes the formation of 5-methylcytosine (m5C) at position 34 of tRNALeu(CCA) and also positions 48, 49, and 50 on several other tRNAs. NSUN2 mutations are associated with autosomal-recessive intellectual disability[9, 10]. Mutations in human tRNA modification enzymes such as WD repeat domain 4 (WDR4) and adenosine deaminase acting on tRNA 3 (ADAT3) are linked to neurological disorders[11, 12].

Cancers

tRNA modifications haven been directly linked to skin, breast, bladder, and colorectal cancers. NSUN2 is expressed at low levels in normal tissues, but it is abundant in a range of human and mice tumor types, including squamous cell carcinoma, colorectal cancer, and breast cancer. NSUN2 knockdown reduces the growth of human squamous cell carcinoma in xenograft model[13]. Human tRNA methyltransferase homolog 12 (TRMT12) catalyzes the formation of wybutosine at position 37 on tRNA^{Phe}. TRMT12 gene is amplified in several breast cancer cell lines and overexpressed in 26 out of 30 analyzed breast cancer tumors[14]. Human RNA (guanine-9-) methyltransferase domain containing 2 (HRG9MTD2) is responsible for m1G9 modification of several tRNAs. HRG9MTD2 is among the few genes differentially expressed between early-onset and late-onset colorectal cancer patients[15].

Type 2 diabetes

tRNA modification enzymes are associated with metabolic disorders including type-2 diabetes. Mutations in the CDK5 regulatory subunit associated protein 1-like 1 (*CDKAL1*) gene are frequently associated with an increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes mellitus in humans and mice[2, 16, 17]. CDKAL1 catalyses 2-methylthio-*N*6-threonylcarbamoyl-adenosine ($ms^{2}t^{6}A$) modification of A37 in tRNA^{Lys}(UUU), which is crucial for codon–anticodon interaction and for preventing translational misreading. *Cdkal1*-deficient mouse β -cells display a significantly reduced incorporation of Lys residues, an indication of misreading Lys codons AAA or AAG, and altered glucose-induced proinsulin biosynthesis and folding.

D. Product summary

NuRNA[™] Human tRNA Modification Enzymes PCR Array profiles 85 critical enzymes and protein factors involved in tRNA modifications. All the enzymes/proteins are comprehensively collected based on research publications and from the most updated authoritative databases including UniProt and Modomics.

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Figure 2. The array layout for NuRNA™ Human tRNA Modification Enzymes PCR Array

Kit Contents

 Table 1
 List of human tRNA modification enzymes and controls

01	ADAT1	25	LAGE3	49	SSB	73	TRMT61A
02	ADAT2	26	LCMT2	50	TARBP1	74	TRMT61B
03	ADAT3	27	METTL1	51	THUMPD1	75	TRMU
04	ALKBH1	28	METTL2A	52	THUMPD2	76	TRUB1
05	ALKBH8	29	METTL2B	53	THUMPD3	77	TRUB2
06	C9orf64	30	MOCS3	54	TP53RK	78	TYW1
07	CDK5RAP1	31	MTO1	55	TPRKB	79	TYW1B
08	CDKAL1	32	NAT10	56	TRDMT1	80	TYW3
09	CDKL1	33	NFS1	57	TRIT1	81	TYW5
10	CTU1	34	NSUN2	58	TRMO	82	UBA5
11	CTU2	35	NSUN6	59	TRMT1	83	URM1
12	DUS1L	36	OSGEP	60	TRMT10A	84	WDR4
13	DUS2	37	OSGEPL1	61	TRMT10B	85	YRDC
14	DUS3L	38	PUS1	62	TRMT10C	86	GAPDH
15	DUS4L	39	PUS10	63	TRMT11	87	ACTB
16	ELP3	40	PUS3	64	TRMT112	88	B2M
17	ELP4	41	PUS7L	65	TRMT12	89	Gusb
18	FBLL1	42	PUSL1	66	TRMT13	90	Hsp90ab1
19	FTSJ1	43	QTRT1	67	TRMT1L	91	RNA Spike-in
20	GTPBP3	44	QTRT2	68	TRMT2A	92	PPC
21	HSD17B10	45	RPUSD1	69	TRMT2B	93	PPC
22	IKBKAP	46	RPUSD2	70	TRMT44	94	PPC
23	KIAA0391	47	RPUSD3	71	TRMT5	95	GDC
24	KIAA1456	48	RPUSD4	72	TRMT6	96	Blank

Description of the control assays

NuRNA[™] Human tRNA Modification Enzymes PCR Array includes a series of external and internal controls as described below.

• **HK** (Housekeeping Genes; Internal Controls): 5 human housekeeping genes GAPDH, ACTB, B2M, Gusb, and Hsp90ab1 are included as the internal qPCR normalization references. Arraystar PCR system provides multiple reference genes selected among commonly used reference genes by using a stringent bioinformatic algorithm, which offers the flexibility of choosing the most valid reference gene(s) for qPCR normalization for your sample types.

- **RNA Spike-in** (External Control): One External RNA Spike-in Mix is added in the RNA sample prior to the first strand cDNA synthesis. The RNA Spike-in control assay indicates the overall success and the efficiency of the reaction beginning from the cDNA synthesis to the final qPCR. Any problem(s) in these steps will result in a failed or compromised RNA Spike-in outcome. RNA Spike-in assay results for samples are compared and outliers or failed reactions may be identified and excluded from further data analysis.
- **PPC** (Positive PCR control): 3 replicates of one artificial DNAs and the PCR primer pairs to indicate the qPCR amplification efficiency. A Ct value greater than 25 is an indication of low qPCR amplification efficiency. More importantly, the PPC are used as inter-plate calibrator (IPC) between PCR plate runs to give the same Ct value for the calibrator, thereby reducing run-to-run variance. Inter-plate calibration (IPC) can easily be performed with the data analysis software available on our website (<u>www.arraystar.com</u>).
- **GDC** (Genomic DNA Control): The control assay consists of PCR primers for an untranscribed genomic region. Non-RT sample or RNA sample are added during the qPCR Process. The Ct values should be greater than 35. A positive GDC signal indicates the array result may have been compromised with genomic DNA contamination.
- Blank (Blank Control): The background reading from the SYBR Green Master Mix.

Shipping and Storage

Arraystar PCR Arrays are shipped at ambient temperature, on ice, or on dry ice depending on the destination and accompanying products. Store at –20°C upon receipt. The contents are stable for at least 6 months.

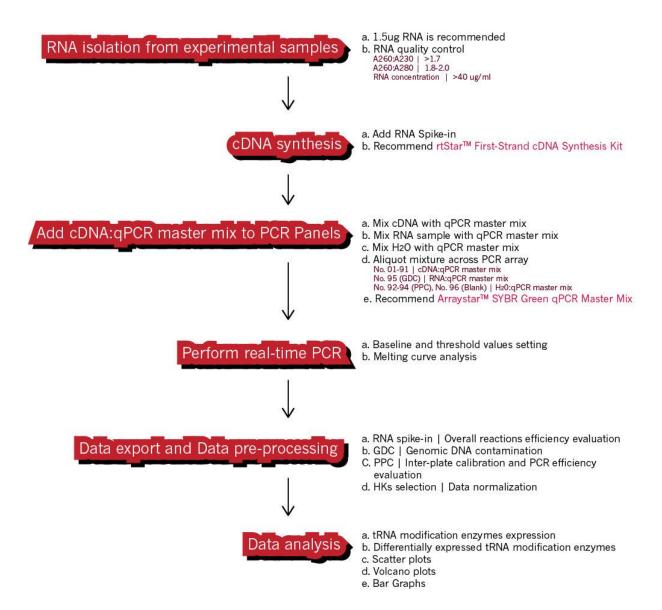
Additional Required Equipment

- Thermal cycler
- Real time qPCR instrument, compatible with 384-well format

Additional Required Reagents

- rtStar™ First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Cat# AS-FS-001)
- Arraystar SYBR® Green qPCR Master Mix(ROX+) (AS·MR·006·5)
- Nuclease-free PCR-grade water

E. Protocol overview



II. Protocol

IMPORTANT: Please read through this entire protocol before your first experiment. Prepare a workspace and use labwares free of DNA, RNA, and nuclease contamination. Wear gloves while performing this protocol.

A. RNA sample preparation and quality control

For best results from the PCR array, RNA samples must meet the QC standards of integrity and purity from protein, organics, genomic DNA contamination and excessive RNA degradation. You can measure the RNA concentration and purity by UV spectrophotometry. You can also check 18S and 28S ribosomal RNA as an indicator of RNA integrity by denaturing gel electrophoresis or by using an Agilent BioAnalyzer.

- A260:A230 ratio greater than 1.7.
- A260:A280 ratio between 1.8 and 2.0.
- Total RNA concentration greater than 40 $ng/\mu L$

Eliminating genomic DNA contamination is essential for accurate gene expression profiling by qPCR, which is particularly important for genes at low expression levels. Due to the presence of pseudogenes, even cross-intron primers are not a guarantee of avoiding amplification from contaminating genomic DNA. The Genomic DNA Control (GDC) in the PCR Array specifically detects potential genomic DNA contamination. A Ct for GDC less than 35 indicates the presence of genomic DNA contamination that may compromise the qPCR results.

B. First-strand cDNA synthesis

Use the same amount of total RNA in this reaction for every sample. High quality cDNA synthesis is vital for the following qPCR performance. We highly recommend using rtStar™ First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Cat# AS-FS-001), which is specifically optimized for and fully compatible with the Arraystar PCR Arrays.

1. Prepare reagents

Gently thaw all of the kit components except for Reverse Transcriptase, and immediately place on ice. Mix by vortexing. Spin down all reagents.

NOTE: The first time to use this kit, please reconstitute the RNA Spike-in by adding 200 μ L Nuclease-free Water to the tube. Mix by vortexing and spin down. Leave on ice for 20 ~ 30 min to fully dissolve the RNA Spike-in. Vortex again, then spin down.

2. Combine Annealing Mix according to Table

If performing first-strand cDNA synthesis on multiple RNA samples, it is recommended to prepare an Annealing Mix of the Primer, dNTP Mix and RNA Spike-in (in the proportion indicated in Table). 10% excess volume for pipetting losses is recommended.

Oligo(dT)18, or Random Primers	1.0 μL
dNTP Mix	1.5 μL
RNA Spike-in	1.0 μL
Template Total RNA	10.5 μL
Total volume	14.0 µl

- 3. Incubate in a thermal cycler at 65°C for 5 min, and then immediately place on ice for at least 1 min. Collect the contents of the tube by brief centrifugation.
- 4. Combine cDNA Synthesis Mix

cDNA Synthesis Mix is recommended to prepare for multiple RNA samples. It includes the components in the following table. 10% excess volume for pipetting losses is recommended.

5 × RT Reaction buffer	4.0 μL
0.1 M DTT	1.0 μL
RNase Inhibitor	0.6 μL
Reverse Transcriptase	0.4 μL
Total volume	6.0 μl

- 5. Add cDNA Synthesis Mix to the tube from STEP 3. Vortex the sample briefly to mix, and collect by brief centrifugation. Incubate at 25°C for 5–10 min, followed by 50 min at 50°C
- 6. Terminate the reactions at 85°C for 5 min. Chill on ice.
- 7. OPTIONAL. To check the synthesized cDNA quality, reconstitute the RNA Spike-in qPCR Primer Mix in 100 µl nuclease-free water. Use 1 µl RNA Spike-in qPCR Primer Mix with 2 µl cDNA, 5 µl SYBR Green Master Mix, and 2 µl Nuclease-free Water. Run the PCR program described in "Running Real-Time PCR Detection" below. A *Ct* value < 30 for the RNA Spike-in indicates a successful cDNA synthesis.</p>

NOTE: The cDNA synthesis product can proceed directly to PCR or can be stored at -20°C.

C. Perform qPCR for the PCR array

NOTE: One PCR panel can run up to 4 samples as depicted in the plate layout in Figure 2. The fellow protocol is written for one sample.

- Dilute the cDNA in Nuclease-free Water. If 1.5 µg input RNA is used with rtStar™ First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Cat#AS-FS-001), the dilution factor is 1:20. Mix well and spin down. The diluted cDNA is used as the qPCR template in the wells for tRNA Modification Enzyme Transcript assays, Internal Control References, and Spike-in External Controls.
- For GDC Controls, combine 1.5 μL NRT (no RT) sample or 1.5 μL RNA sample, 7.5 μL SYBR Green Master Mix, and 6 μL Nuclease-free Water. Mix well and spin down.
- 3. For Blank Controls, combine 25 μL SYBR Green Master Mix and 25 μL Nuclease-free Water. Mix well and spin down.
- 4. Use Arraystar SYBR Green Real-Time Quantitative PCR Master Mix to prepare the qPCR Master Mix. There are total of 96 wells of PCR reaction per sample. Some extra amount is included for consumption by the liquid dispensing operation. Prepare the cocktail according to the following table.

diluted cDNA template	400 μL
ddH ₂ O	100 μL
total volume	1000 μL

5. Loading the PCR Array plate.

NOTE: The fellow operations are written for "*Sample1*" in Figure 2 as an example. For other samples on the panel, it is very important to load the reagents to the corresponding well number and color coding corroding to Figure 2 and Table 1.

- a. Carefully remove the plate seal from the PCR Array;
- Add 10 µL of the cocktail from STEP 4 to each PCR Array plate well (except Well number 92 to 96, i.e. Well positions 015, 017, 019, 021, 023);
- c. Add10 µL GDC Mixture aliquot from STEP 2 into the No.95 (well O21) to detect genomic DNA contamination.
- Add 10 µL Blank Mixture aliquot from STEP 3 into the No.92 (well 015), No.93 (well 017), No.94 (well 019) and No.96 (well 023).
- e. Carefully but tightly seal the PCR Array plate with the optical adhesive cover. Be sure that no bubbles appear in any of the wells. To remove bubbles, tap the plate gently on the bench top or centrifuge the plate briefly.
- f. Keep the plate on ice while setting up the PCR program described in "Running Real-Time PCR Detection" below.

6.	Running Real-Time PCR	
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Cycles	Temperature	Time			
1	95 ℃	10 minutes			
40	95 ℃	10 seconds			
40	60 ℃	1 minutes			
Melting curve analysis					

D. Data pre-processing and data analysis

Pre-process the qPCR run data according to the qPCR instrument manufacturer's instructions. If using baseline and threshold method for Ct calculations, such as with ABI 7900HT, the optimal baseline and threshold manual settings applied consistently across all assays on the plate are preferred over the software automatic settings for better reliability and accuracy.

Inspect the melting curve analysis of the post-PCR products to verify the amplification specificity. If the melting curve has multiple peaks or poor peak morphology deviated from that of the known single amplicon product, it may indicate the presence of non-specific off-target amplification or primer dimers, which will compromise the quantification. In such cases, gel electrophoresis or DNA fragment analysis can be performed to verify whether the product is from a single correct amplicon.

Export the raw Ct values to Excel. Free, easy-to-use data analysis software is available online, please refer to <u>www.arraystar.com</u> for detailed instruction. The data analysis procedures include:

Data pre-processing

1. Set all Ct values \geq 35 or N/A (not detected) to 35. From this point on, any Ct value equal to 35 is considered a negative result.

2. Examine the Ct values of the Genomic DNA Control (GDC) wells. If the value is greater than 35, no genomic DNA contamination is detected and no action is needed. If the value is less than 35, genomic DNA contamination is evident and the result may be compromised.

3. Before initiating the data analysis, the RNA Spike in wells are compared. Outlier samples (Ct >25) may be identified and considered for exclusion in the further data analysis.

4. Inter-plate calibration (IPC) can be performed using the PPC assay replicates either with the data analysis software or manually. For each plate, verify that the replicates have Ct standard deviation ≤ 0.5 . If this is not the case, exclude the outlier if it can be identified. Calculate the average of the replicates for each plate, the overall average (average of IPC values from all plates). The calibration factor for each plate is calculated as the difference between the plate average and the overall average:

calibration factor = IPC(plate n) - IPC(overall)

The Ct value is corrected with the calibration factor as

 $Ct_{RNA} = Ct_{RNA}(Raw value, plate n) - IPC(plate n) + IPC(overall)$

 $Ct_{RNA} = Ct_{RNA}(Raw value, plate n) - calibration factor$

or

	Plate 1	Plate 2	Plate 3
ELP3	20.26	20.83	20.44
IPC Plate average	16.70	16.70	16.40
IPC overall average	16.60	16.60	16.60
Calibration factor	0.10	0.10	-0.20
ELP3 (Calibrated)	20.16	20.73	20.64

5. Calculate the Δ Ct for each tRNA in the plate.

 $\Delta Ct_{RNA} = Ct_{RNA} - average(Ct_{HKS})$

Where average (Ct $_{HKs}$) is the average of the Ct values derived from the multiple housekeeping genes. Three most stably expressed housekeeping genes were selected from abroad range of samples by our stringent algorithm that evaluates the optimal properties and the number for endogenous controls.

Data analysis

1. Calculate the $\Delta\Delta$ Ct for each tRNA

 $\Delta\Delta Ct = \Delta Ct(sample 1) - \Delta Ct(sample 2)$, between samples

or

 $\Delta\Delta Ct = \Delta Ct(group 1) - \Delta Ct(group 2)$, between groups

2. Calculate the fold changes for each gene from sample 1 to sample 2 or group 1 to group 2 as following:

Fold Change =
$$2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$$

NOTE: By convention, if the fold change is greater than 1, the result is reported as a fold up-regulation. If the fold change is less than 1, its negative inverse is reported as a fold down-regulation.

3. When comparing profiling differences between two groups (such as disease versus control) with biological replicates, the statistical significance of the difference can be estimated as p-value by *t*-test. RNAs having fold changes ≥ 2 and *p*-values ≤ 0.05 are selected as the significantly differentially expressed RNAs.

NOTE: Fold change is related to biological effect size. Ranking by fold change is preferred over *p*-value. qPCR as commonly used in confirmation has a limit of quantification of 0.5 Δ Ct, which is equivalent to approximately 2 fold change.

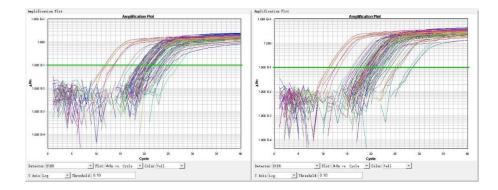
4. Other analyses such as scatter plots, volcano plots, list of differentially expressed genes and bar graph of expression differences for the tRNA modification enzymes are performed and included in the standard analysis package.

III. Quality Control and Sample Data

A. NuRNA[™] Human tRNA Modification Enzymes PCR Array validation

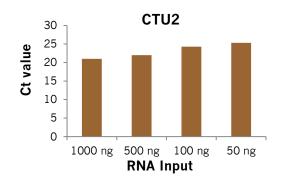
Validation qPCR

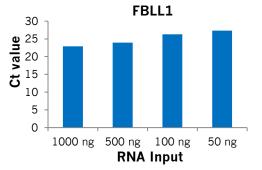
The performance of NuRNA[™] Human tRNA Modification Enzymes Panel was tested using a cohort of pancreatic carcinoma and para-carcinoma tissues. The extracted RNA samples were converted to cDNA using rtStar[™] First-Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Cat#AS·FS-001). The cDNA were profiled using the PCR array according to aforementioned protocol without modification. The results are charted on the real-time amplification plots for the entire plate for the cell lines.



Sensitivity Test

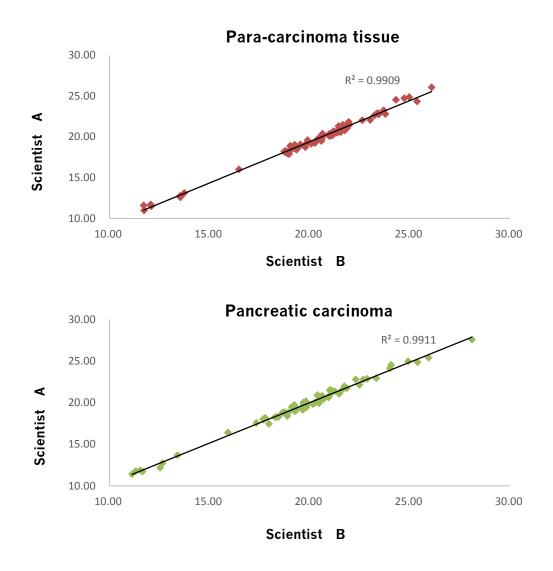
The decreasing input amounts of total RNAs from human glioblastoma cell lines were converted to cDNAs and profiled by the PCR arrays. The Ct values were determined using the software default automatic baseline and Ct settings. CTU2 and FBLL1 transcripts were detected at Ct values of 25.4 and 27.5 respectively, with the input RNA amount as low as 50 ng.





Reproducibility Test

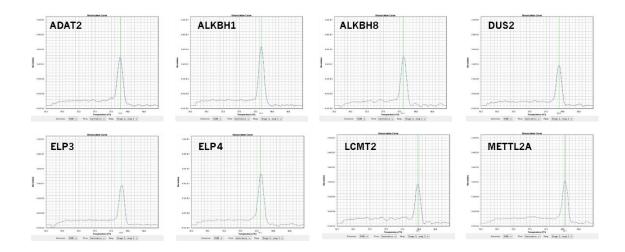
Two independent runs of NuRNA[™] Human tRNA Modification Enzymes PCR Array were conducted by two different scientists A and B at two different times using two different cells. The results demonstrate a high degree of reproducibility with correlation R²>0.98.



Specificity Test

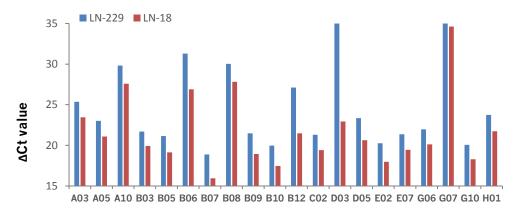
The amplification products of transcripts of ADAT2, ALKBH1, ALKBH8, DUS2, ELP3, ELP4, LCMT2, and METTL2A were analyzed by melting curves, all of which had single sharp melting peaks. The results demonstrate the high amplification specificities for the transcripts with the assays on the array.

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B. Sample data: Analysis of human tRNA modification enzyme transcripts levels in cell lines

The sample data were generated from RNAs extracted from two glioblastoma cell lines LN-229 and LN-18. The normalization was carried out using the average of the housekeeping genes. ΔCt for the gene transcripts (well positions) in LN-229 vs. LN-18 cells are graphed in the bar chart below.



IV. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible solution
qPCR background too high	 Reduce the amount of cDNA used in the SYBR Green Master Mix.
	Inspect if the Internal Controls have valid qPCR signal
	Set SYBR Green as the Detector's Reporter Dye
No qPCR signals	Use more cDNA in the Master Mix
	• Lower the annealing temperature in Protocol STEP C.6 from 60°C to 50°C.
	 Follow the instructions of the qPCR system manufacturer.
Baseline and threshold settings	Contact their technical support as necessary.

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