

LineGene 9600 Real-Time PCR Detection System
LineGene 9600 Plus Real-Time PCR Detection System
LineGene K Plus Real-Time PCR Detection System

Designed for GeneProof diagnostic kits
Microbiological DNA diagnostics

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1. Purpose

This device manual describes in detail the process of using GeneProof PCR kits for microbiological DNA diagnostics with the following devices: LineGene 9600 Real-Time PCR Detection System, LineGene 9600 Plus Real-Time PCR Detection System and LineGene K Plus Real-Time PCR Detection System.

2. PCR Reaction Preparation

1. Add **30 µl of MasterMix** and **10 µl of DNA isolate** or **10 µl of Positive Control** into the tube in case of qualitative detection or **10 µl of calibrators** in case of quantitative detection. The final reaction mix volume will be **40 µl**.
2. Close the tubes, centrifuge shortly, insert into the device and start the PCR test.

3. Device Programming

When using the GeneProof PCR kits for the first time it is necessary to program the detectors and the amplification profile and save it as a template.

During subsequent uses of the GeneProof PCR kits start from chapter **4. PCR Amplification Start**. The software remembers the saved settings.

3.1. Starting the software

1. Start the **LineGene 9600** software (LineGene 4800 with LineGene K Plus).
2. Click the **Absolute** button in the main window.

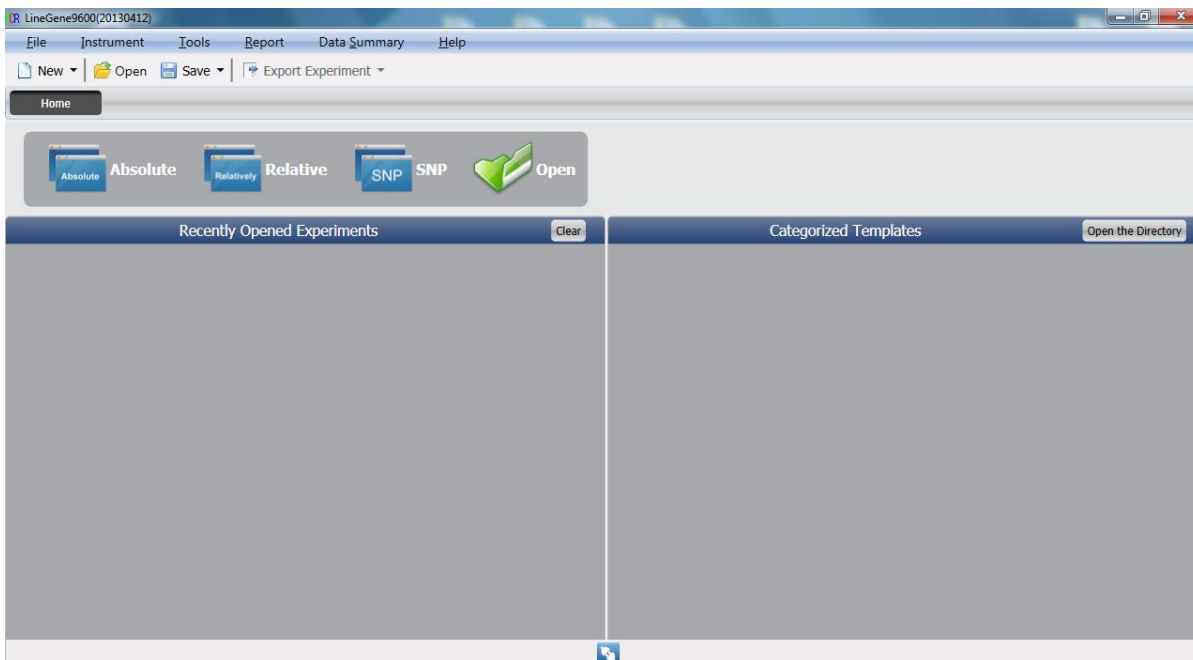


Fig. 3.1 Starting the software

3.2. Detector programming

1. Click twice the **Add Assay** button in the **Detector** tab of the **Setup** menu and select **FAM**, **HEX** and **Cy5** in the **Reporter** column.

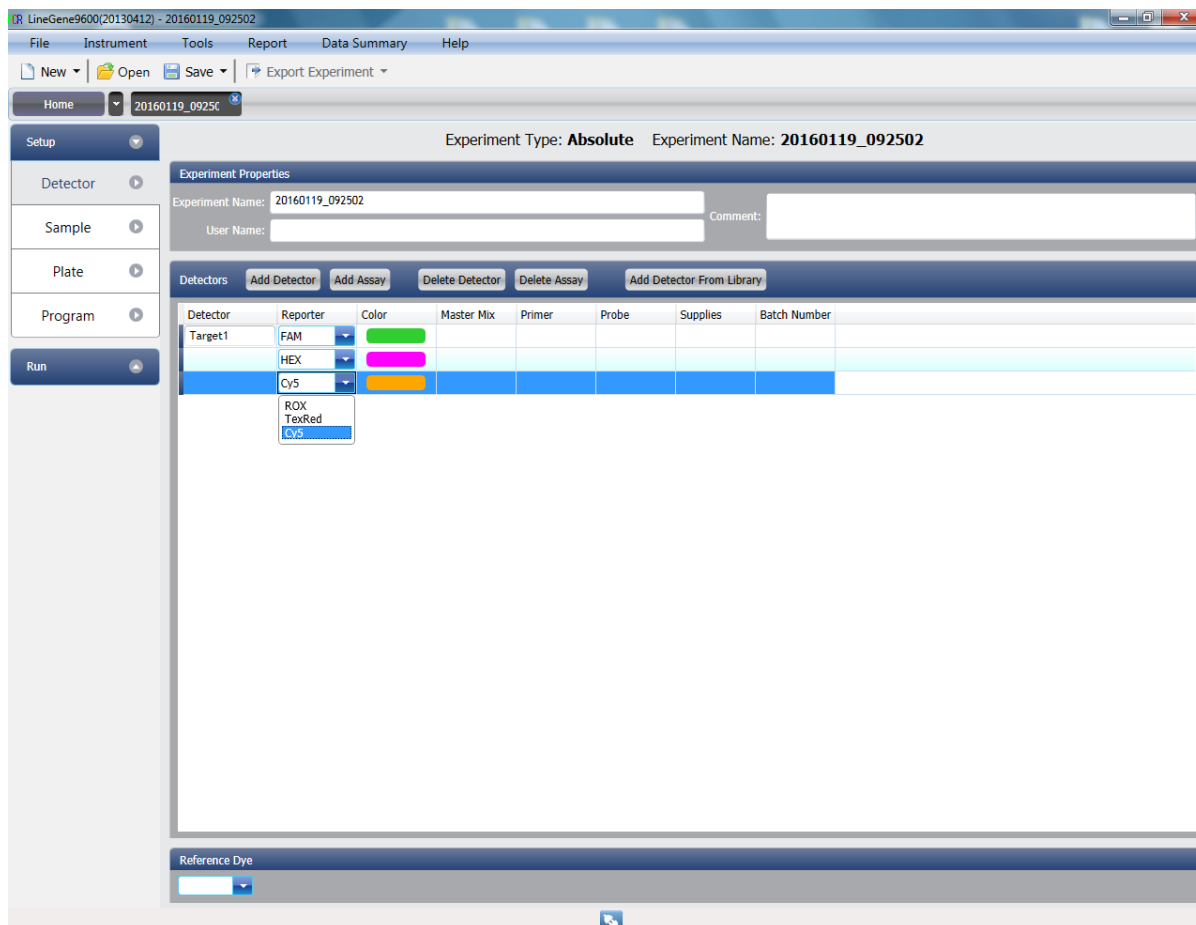


Fig. 3.2 Detector programming

3.3. Plate programming

1. Move to the **Plate** tab, select the complete plate and check all the **Assay Items** in the **Detectors** table.

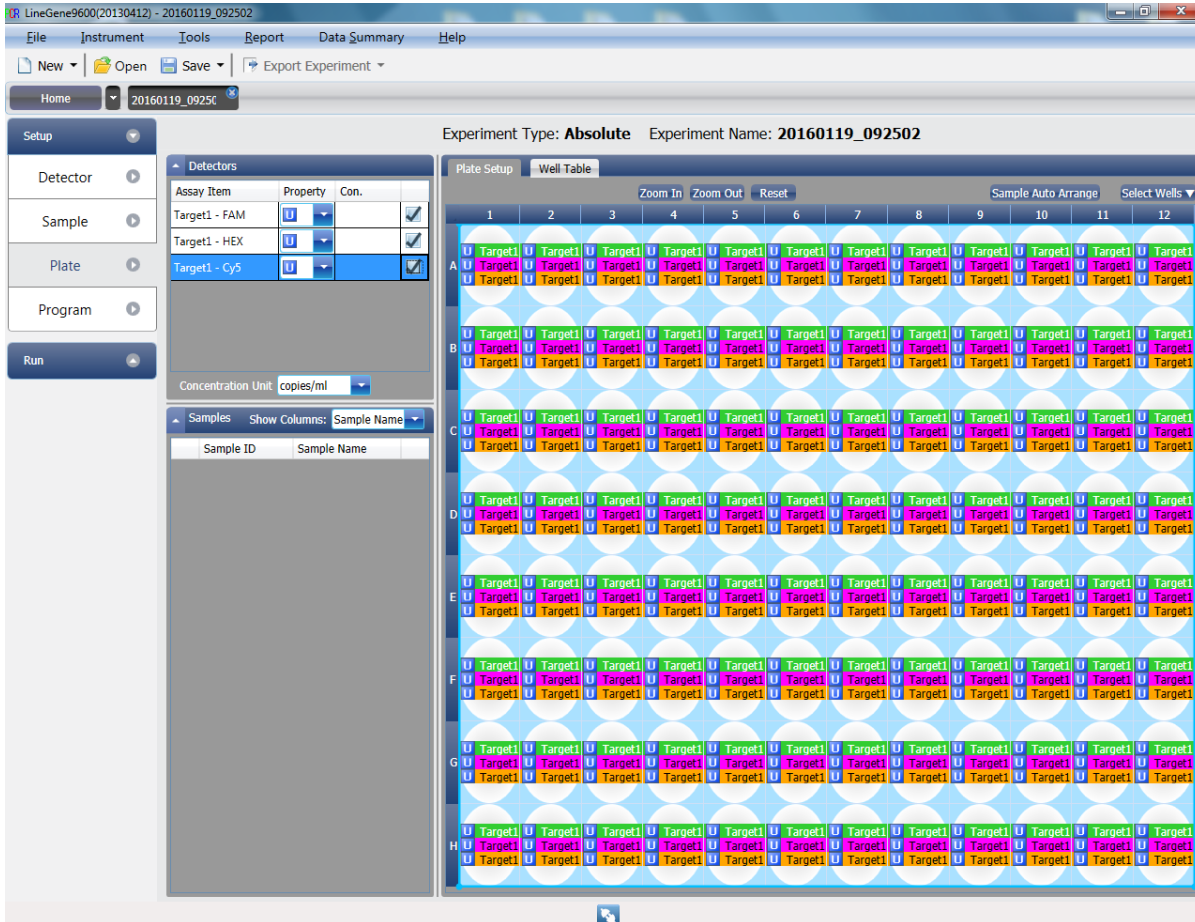


Fig. 3.3 Plate programming

3.4. Amplification profile programming

1. Move to the **Program** tab and program the amplification profile according to the following instructions. Set the **Cycles 45** in the **PCR Stage**.

Tab. 3.1 Amplification profile

Stage	Hold Stage		PCR Stage (45 cycles)		
Temperature	37 °C	95 °C	95 °C	60 °C	72 °C
Time	2:00 min.	10:00 min.	0:05 sec.	0:40 sec.	0:20 sec.
				Check Sampling	

2. Check the **Hotlid(C)** box and enter **105**.
3. Enter **40** in the **Liquid Quant.(ul)** box.

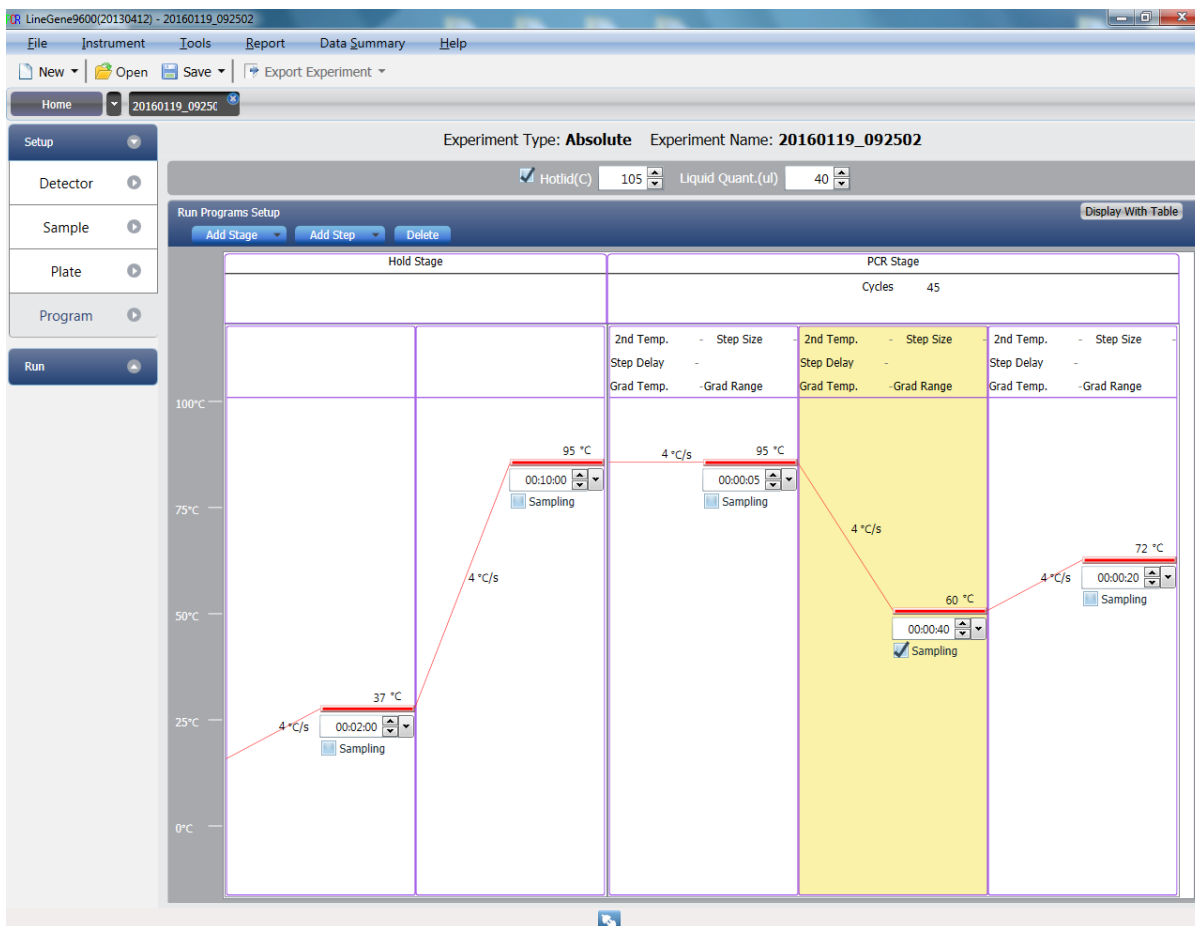


Fig. 3.4 Amplification profile programming

3.5. Saving the template

1. Click the arrow symbol near the **Save** button in the upper bar and select **Save As Template**.

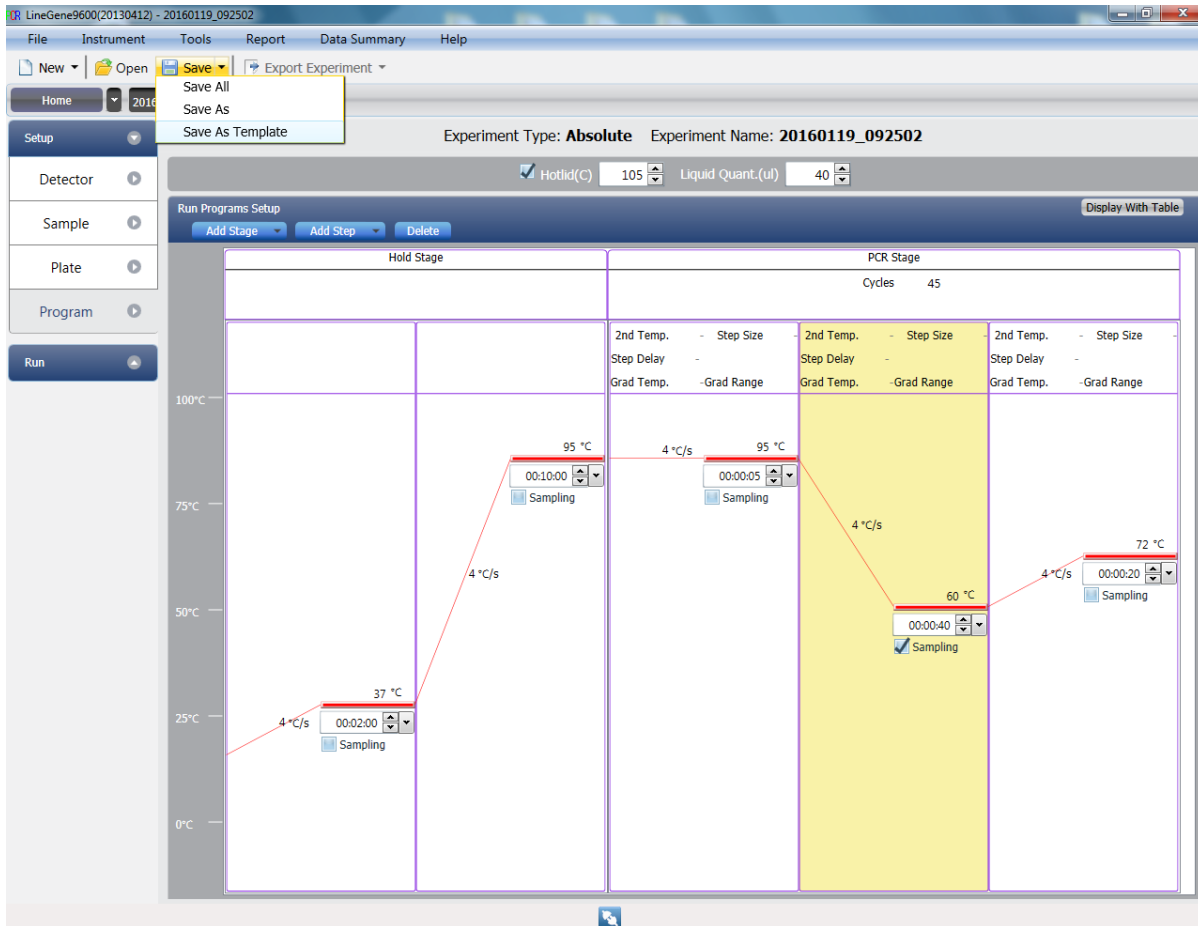


Fig. 3.5 Save template

2. Enter/select **GeneProof** in **Template Type** box and enter **GeneProof DNA PCR** in **Template Name** box, check all **Template Content** items.

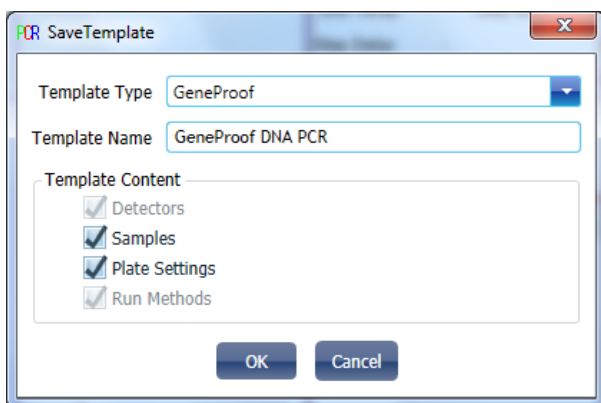


Fig. 3.6 Template name

4. PCR Amplification Start

When using the GeneProof PCR kits for the first time it is necessary to program the detectors and the amplification profile and save them as a template (see chapter 3. **Device Programming**). The software will remember the saved settings for subsequent GeneProof PCR kit uses.

4.1. Opening of the saved template

1. Start the **LineGene 9600** software (LineGene 4800 with LineGene K Plus).
2. Click the **+ GeneProof** button and select the **GeneProof DNA PCR** in the right section of main window.

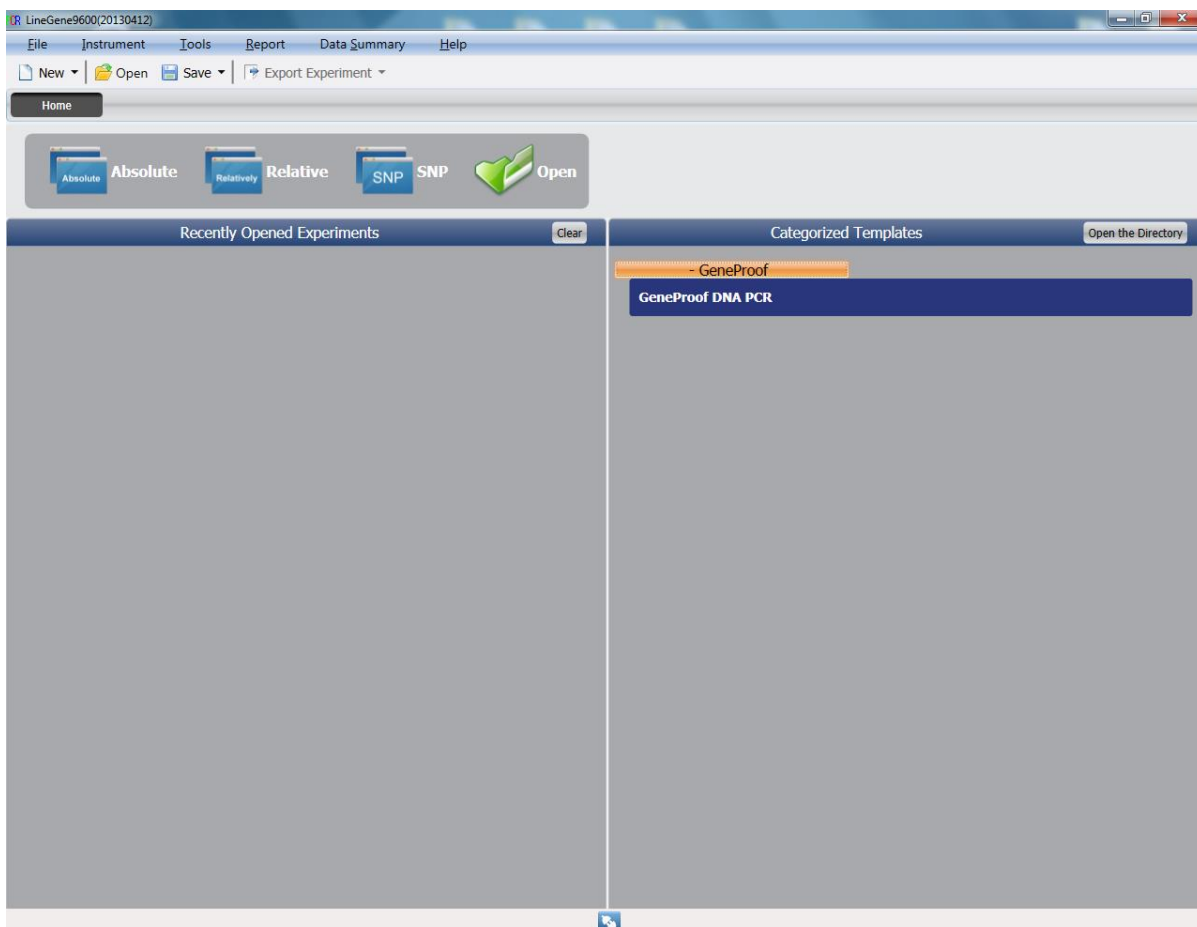


Fig. 4.1 Template opening

4.2. Detector editing

1. Enter experiment name in the **Experiment Name** box.
2. Rename Target1 detector in the **Detector** column according to the **studied microorganism** (e. g. HSV).

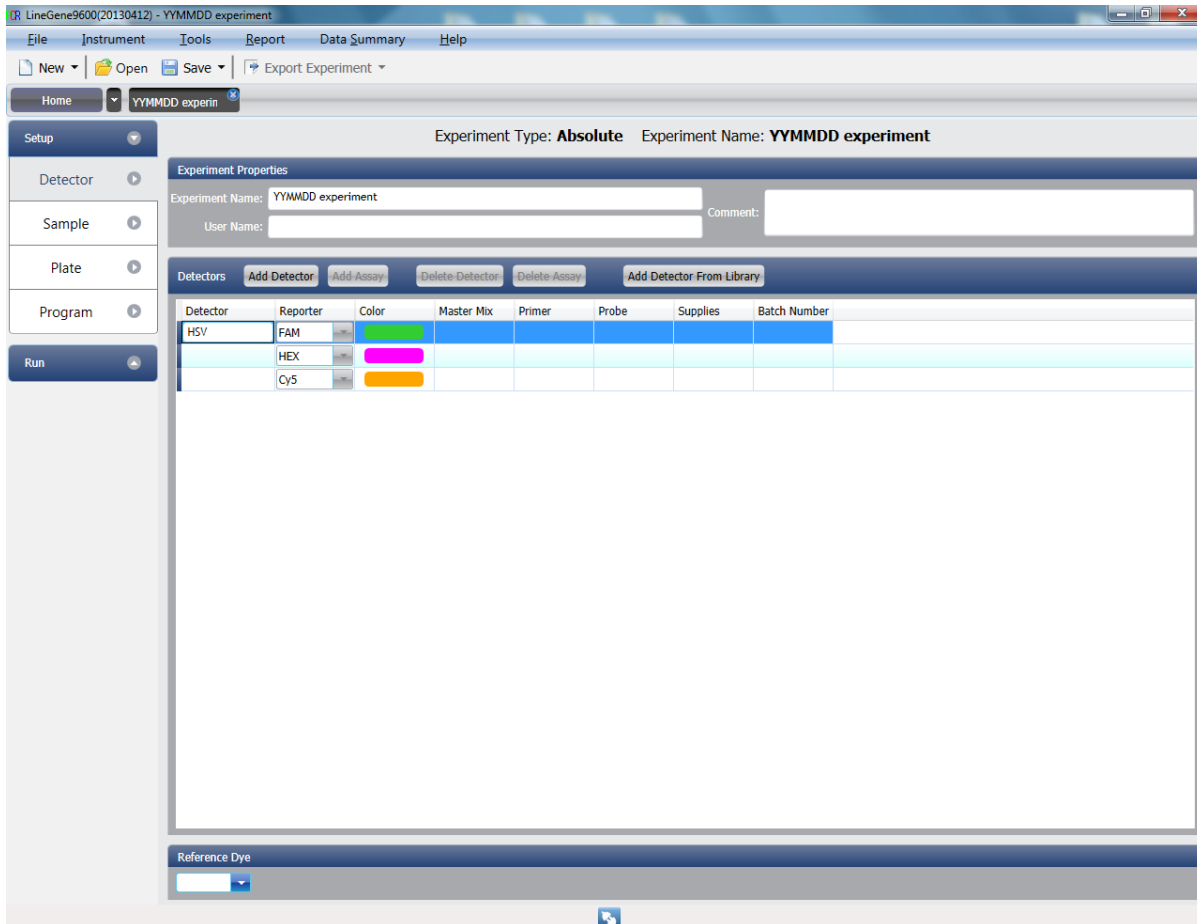


Fig. 4.2 Detector editing

3. In case of studying more microorganism in the experiment use **Add Detector** and **Add Assay** buttons to add more detectors and relevant reporters.

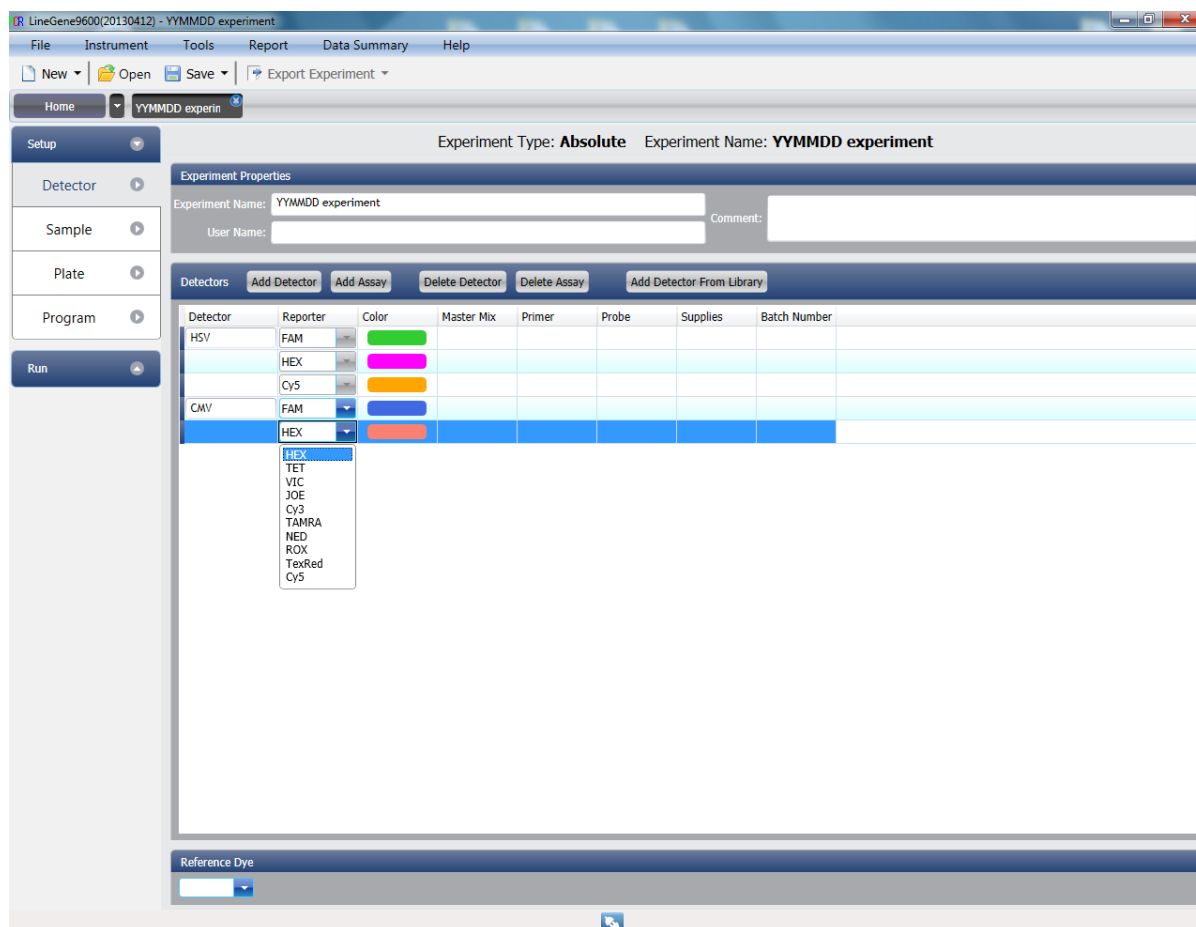


Fig. 4.3 Add detector

4.3. Sample editing

1. Move to the **Sample** tab to add samples. Enter sample ID in the **Sample ID** box and press the **Enter** key. The **Batch Add** button can be used to create batch of samples 01-XX.

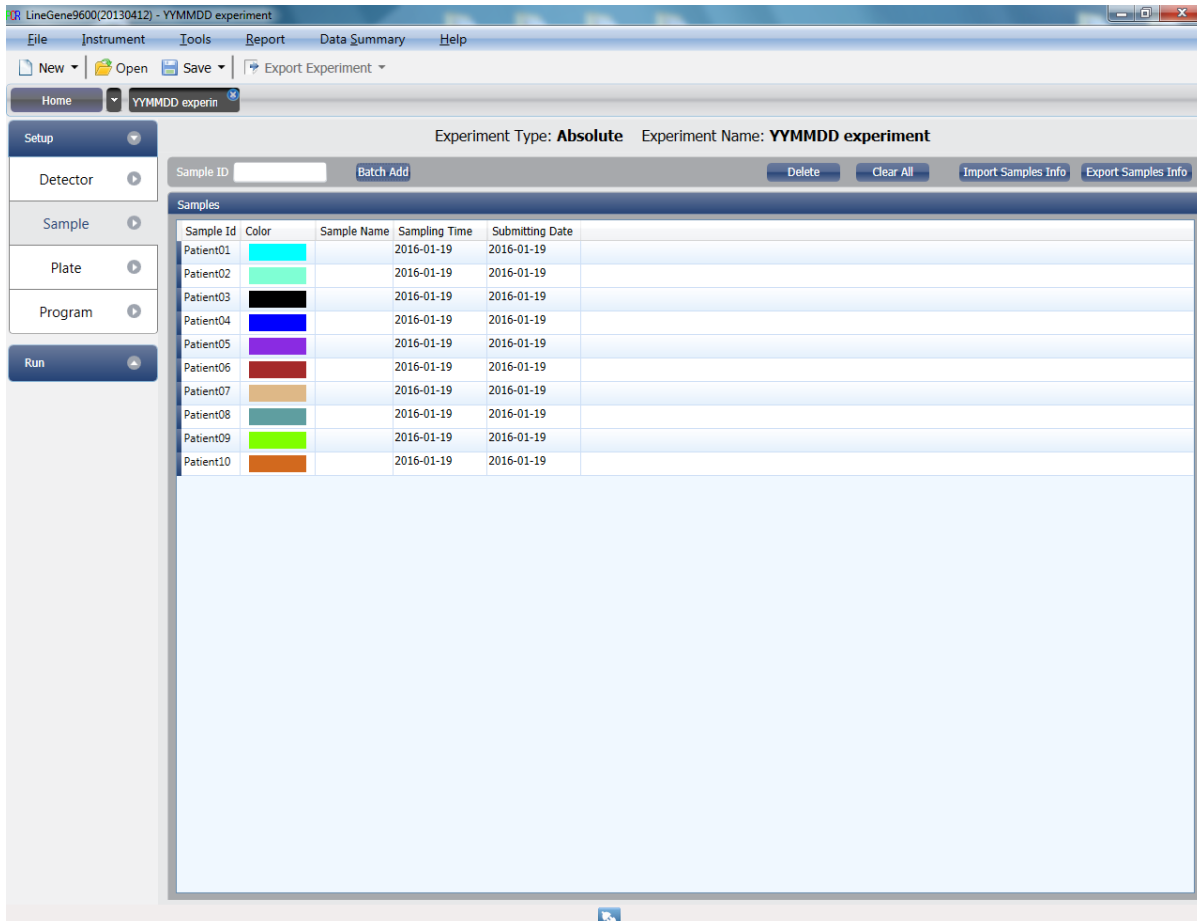


Fig. 4.4 Sample editing

4.4. Plate editing

1. Select positions for the individual examinations and then check the corresponding **Assay Items** in the **Detectors** table to assign detectors, uncheck empty positions.
2. Check the relevant samples in the **Samples** table to assign them to the positions with samples for examination (select positions and click **Sample Auto Arrange** to apply either horizontal or vertical automatic sample assignment).
3. In positions designated for negative control, positive control or calibrators navigate to the **Detectors** table and in the **FAM** and **Cy5** channels change the value in the **Property** column to **N** in case of **negative** control, **P** in case of **positive** control and **S** in case of a **calibrator**. For calibrators you also have to enter the particular calibrator **concentration** in the **Con.** column.

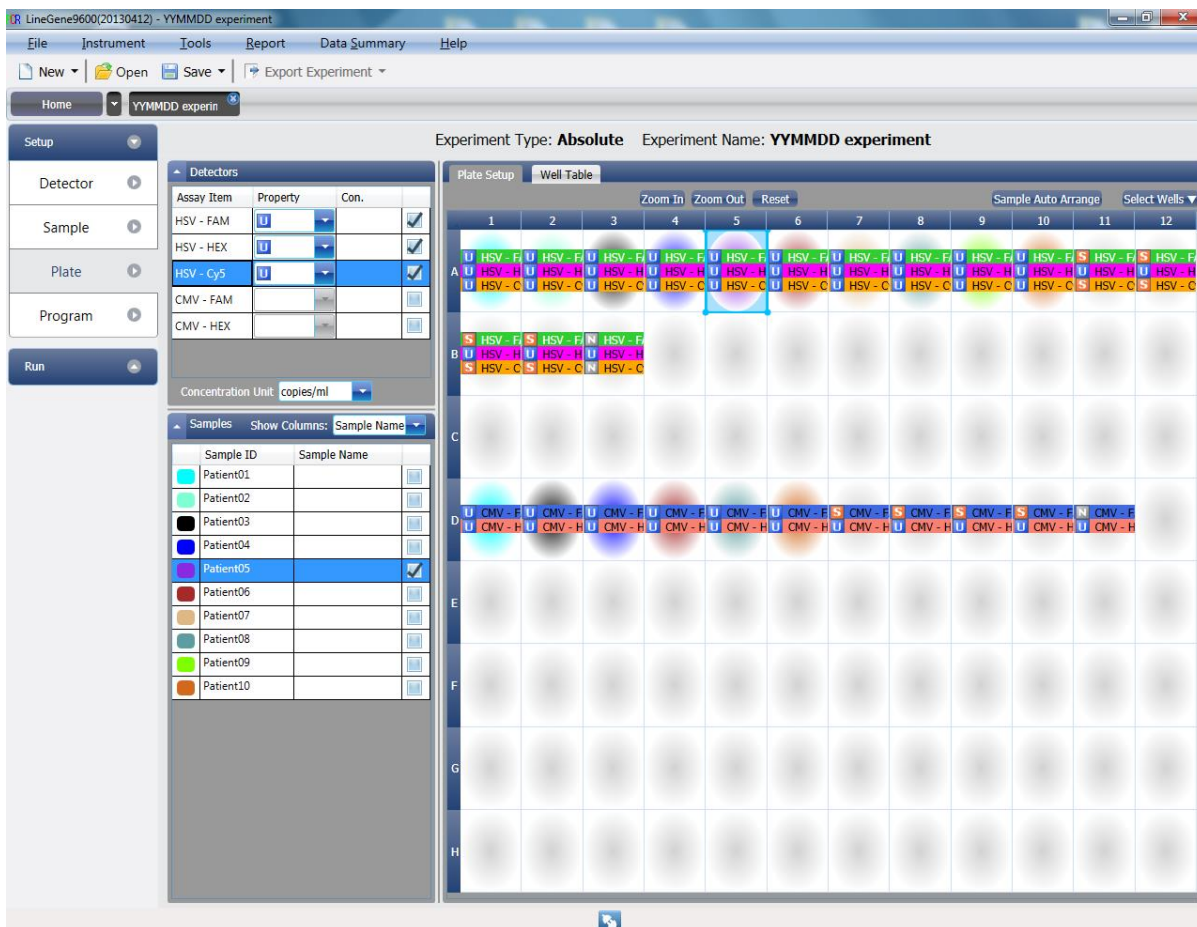


Fig. 4.5 Plate editing

4.5. Starting the PCR test

1. Click the **Save** button in the upper bar to save the experiment.
2. Move to the **Fluorescence Curve** tab of the **Run** menu and click the **Start Run** button.

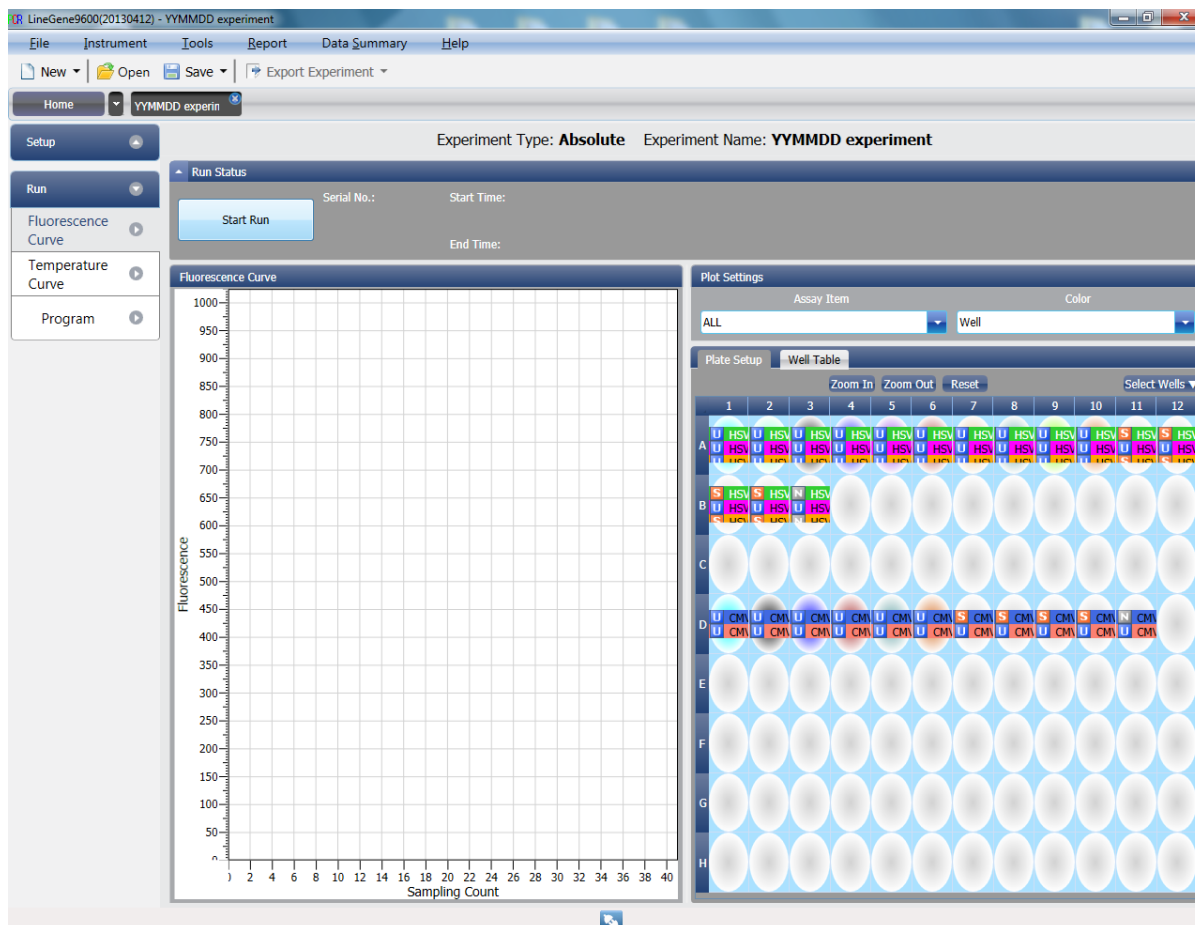


Fig. 4.6 Start run

3. The **Confirm** window is displayed. Check the **Auto-Gain** and click **OK** button to confirm.

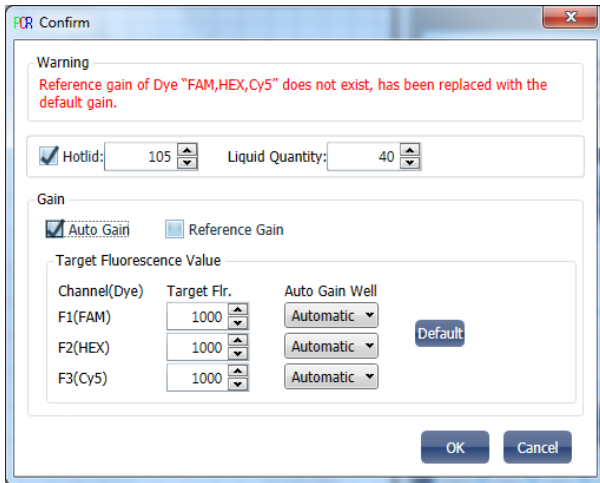


Fig. 4.7 Gain setting

4. The **Experiment is completed** notice will be displayed in the lower left corner of the screen. Click the **Yes** button to save the data.

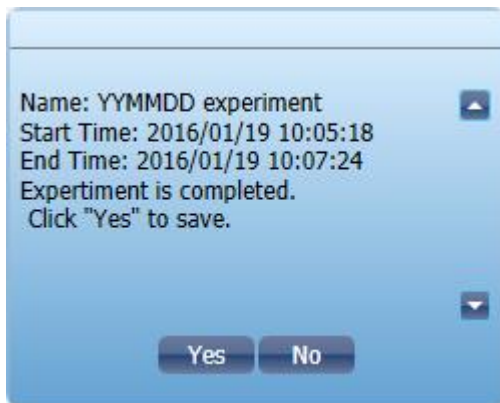


Fig. 4.8 Save experiment

5. Result qualitative analysis and detection evaluation

PCR detection result evaluation must be **always** performed qualitatively first; if you use the PCR kit for quantitative assessment, continue to quantify positive samples in the second step.

When the notice of completed experiment is confirmed, the **Amplification Plot** tab of the **Analysis** menu is displayed.

5.1. Detection analysis of the studied microorganism

1. Select the **FAM** channel of the studied microorganism (e. g. CMV-FAM) in the **Assay** box of **Plot Settings** section.

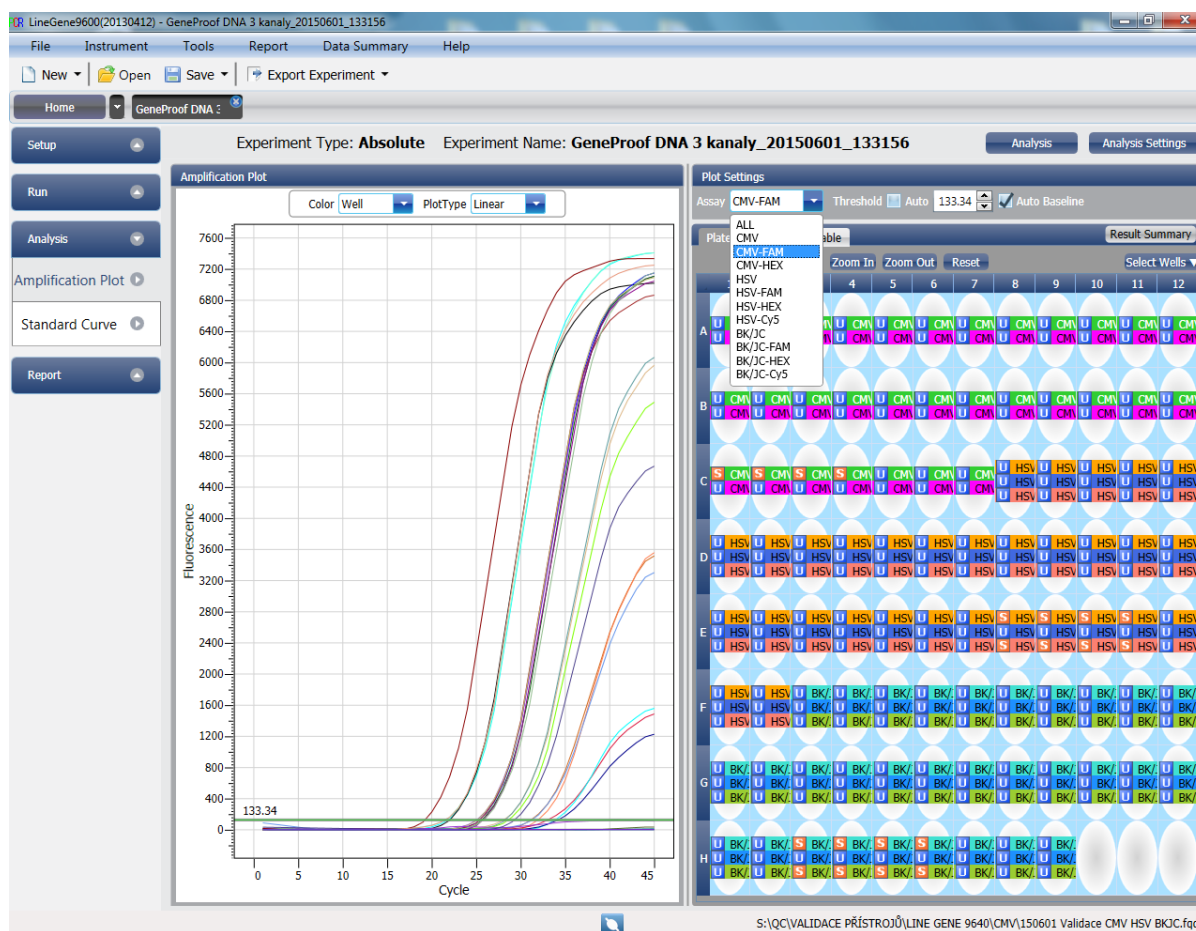


Fig. 5.1 Detection analysis of the studied microorganism

2. Parameters **Threshold** and **Baseline** are determined automatically. When needed you can adjust the **Threshold** by moving the threshold line in the chart – for example if the Threshold is automatically set above the weakly positive curve. For easier identification of weakly positive samples use the logarithmic scale by selecting **Log** in the **PlotType** box.

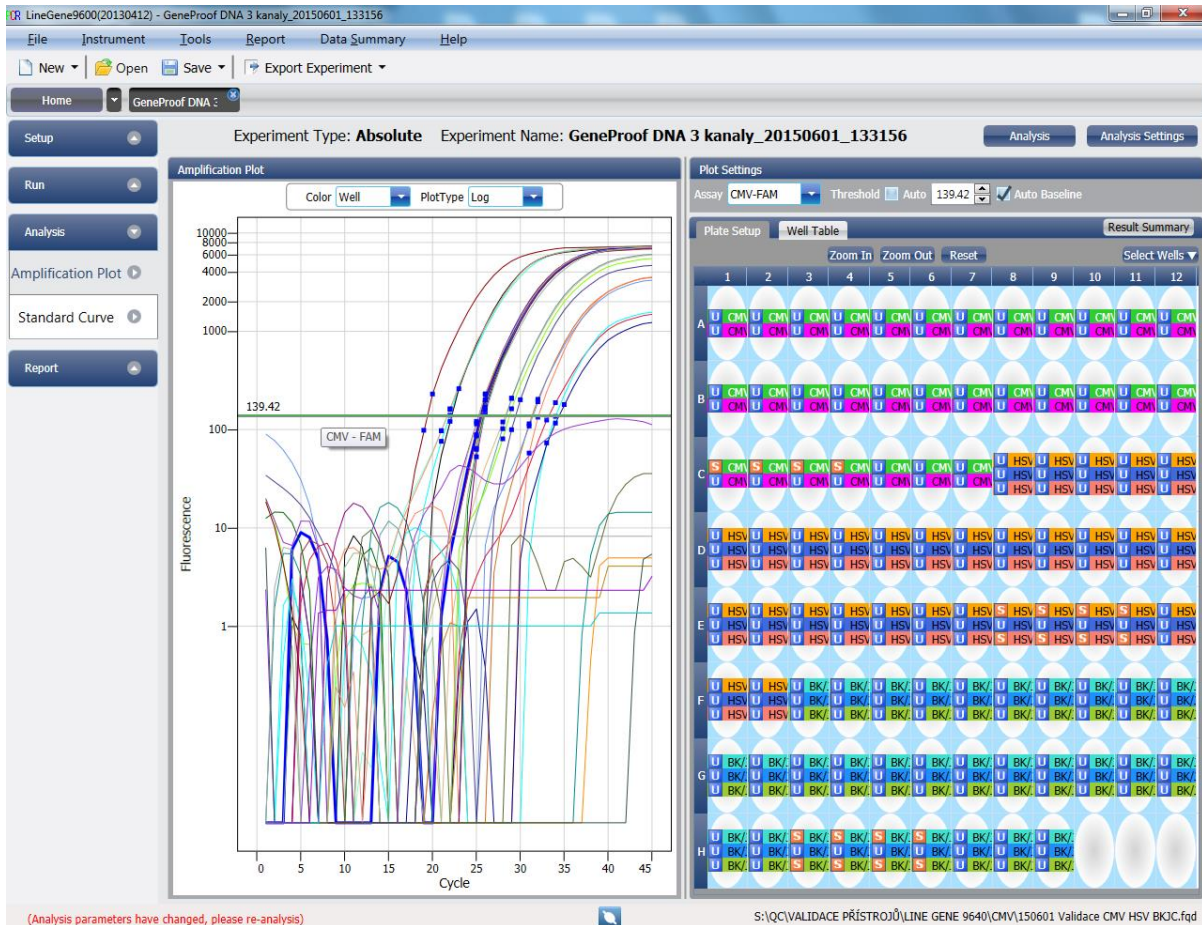


Fig. 5.2 Adjusting Threshold

3. Always click the **Analysis** button after a **Threshold** modification to recalculate the analysis. For **Ct** values for the individual positive samples see the **Well Table**.

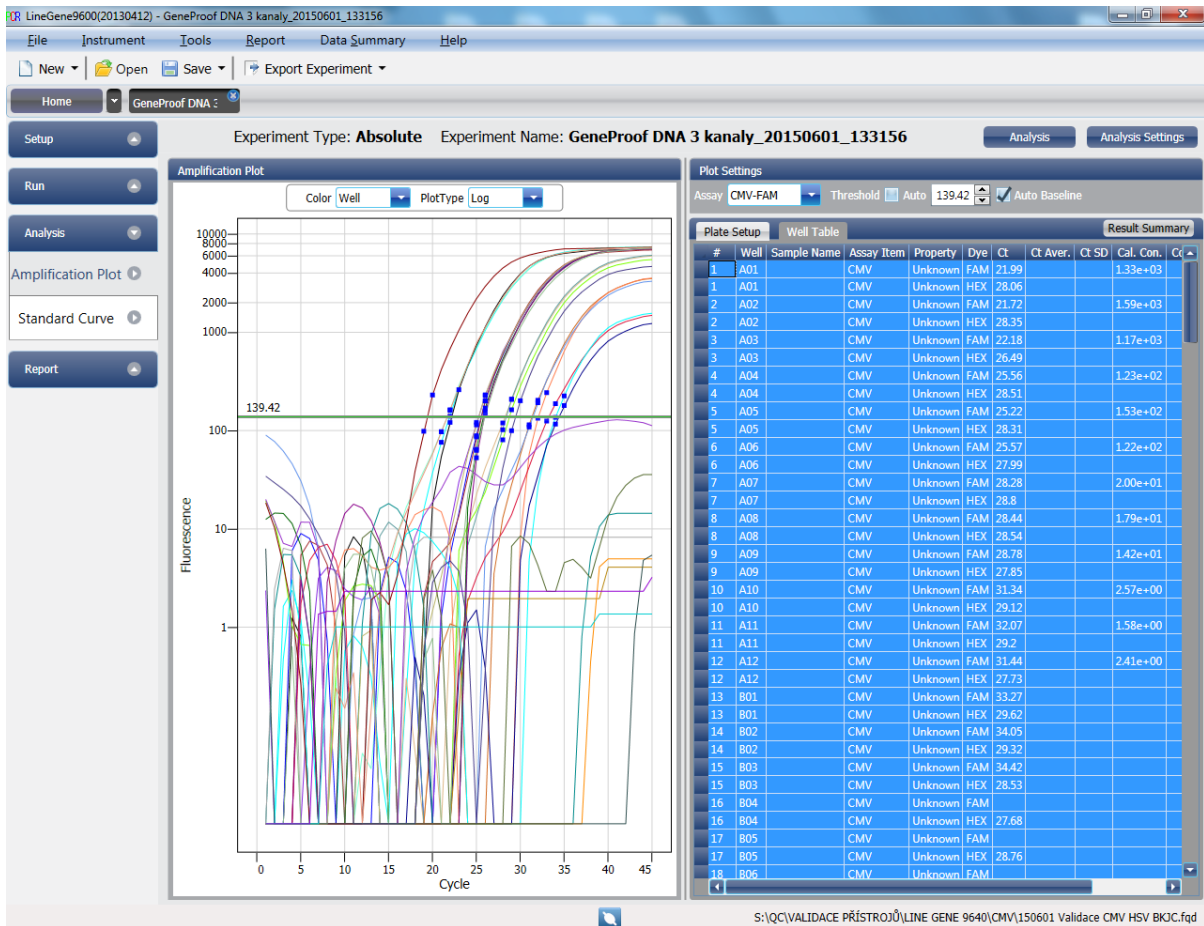


Fig. 5.3 Ct values

Perform the same for the **Cy5** channel when using a PCR kit performing detection in this channel.

Perform evaluation according to the Package Insert of the used GeneProof PCR kit.

5.2. Internal Standard detection analysis

1. Select the **HEX** channel of the studied microorganism (e. g. CMV-HEX) in the **Assay** box of **Plot Settings** section.

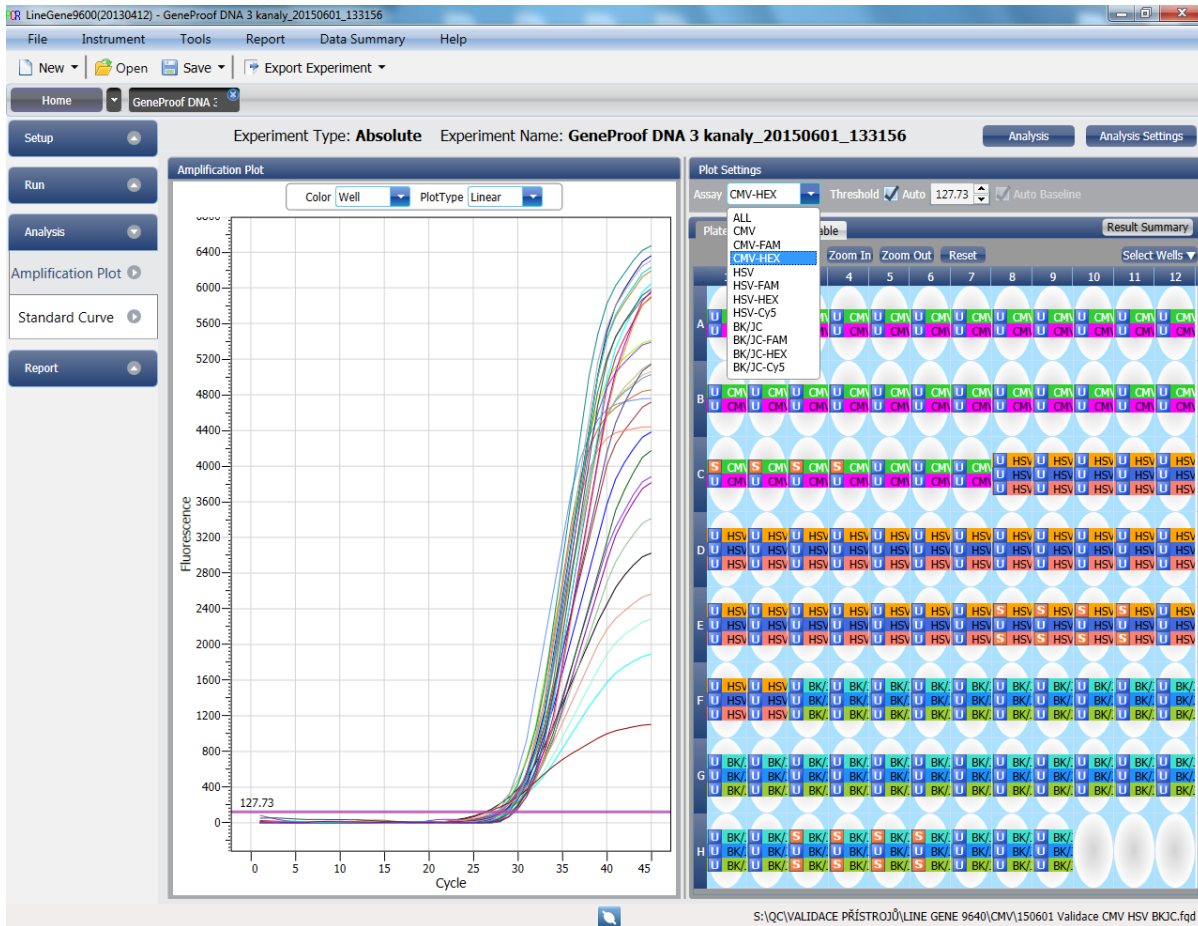


Fig. 5.4 Internal Standard detection analysis

2. When needed you can adjust the **Threshold** by moving the threshold line in the chart – for example if the Threshold is automatically set above the weakly positive curve.

Perform evaluation according to the Package Insert of the used GeneProof PCR kit.

6. Result quantitative analysis and detection evaluation

1. Move to the **Standard Curve** tab and evaluate the calibration quality. Calibration parameters are located under the **Standard Curve** chart. The absolute value of the **Correlation** parameter in a well-performed calibration achieves a minimum value of **0.99**. If the absolute value of the **Correlation** parameter is lower than **0.99**, move the **Threshold** and repeat the analysis.

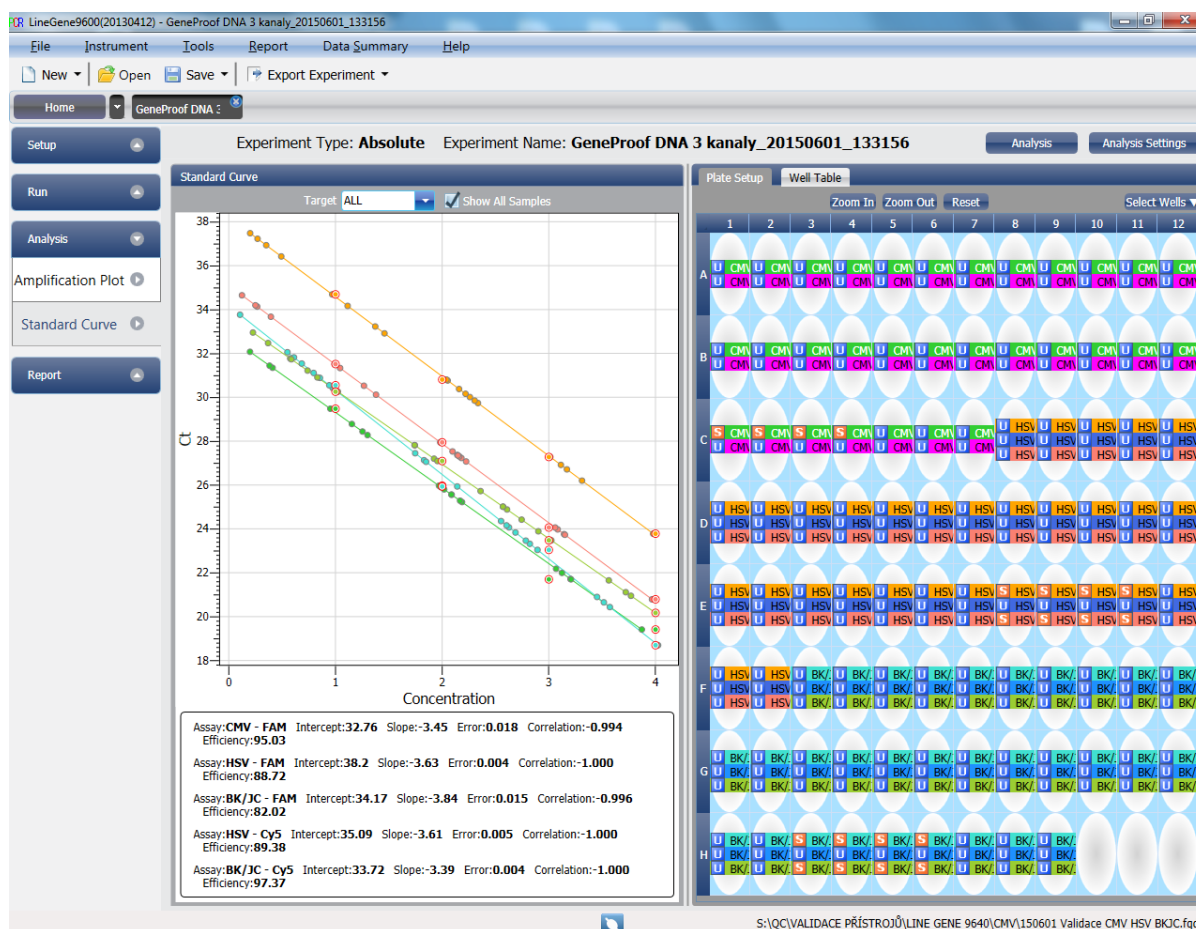


Fig. 6.1 Standard curve

2. For details of the quantitative evaluation see the **Well Table**. Concentration is displayed in **Cal. Con.** column.

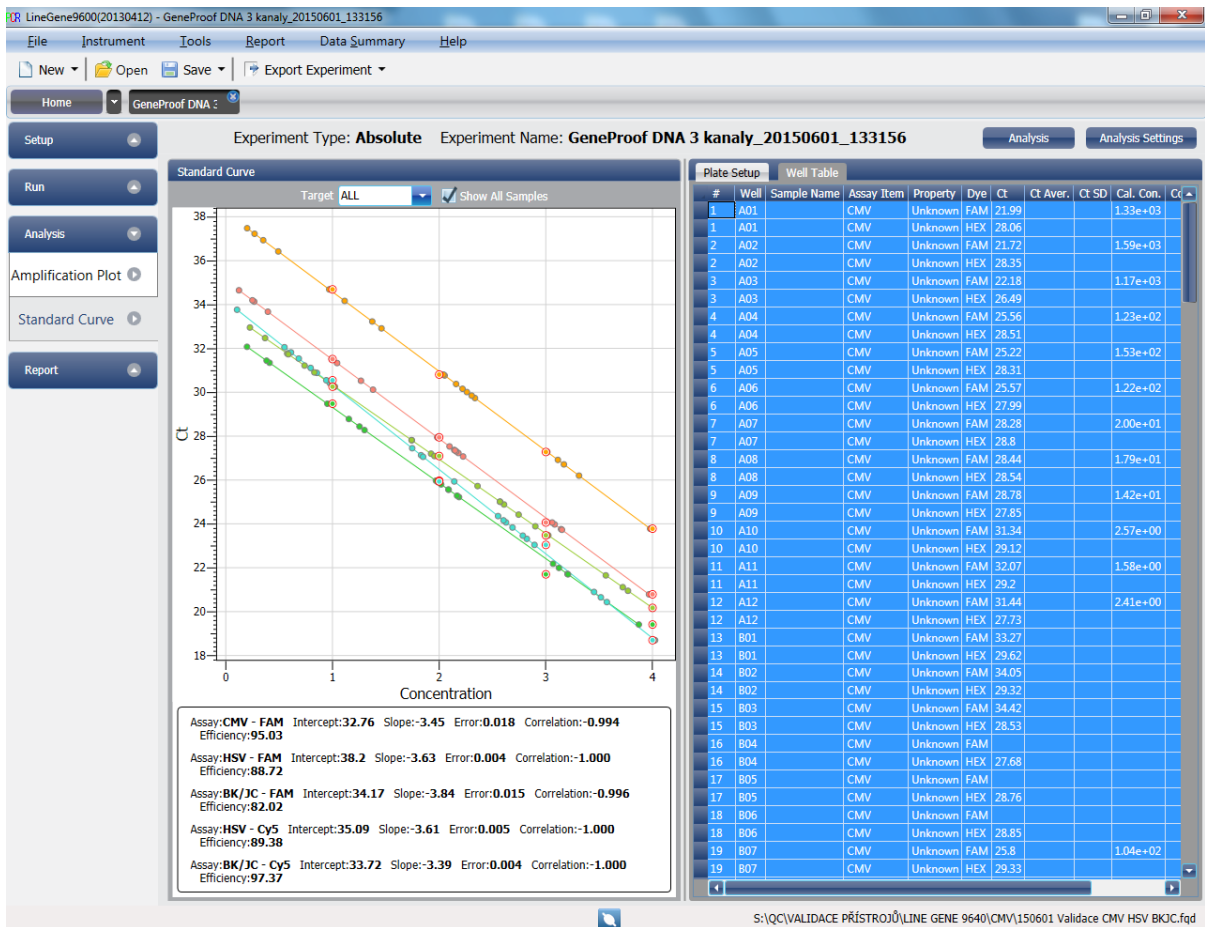


Fig. 6.2 Quantitative evaluation details

Click **Result Summary** in the **Amplification Plot** tab to display a summary of results (Ct values and concentrations) displayed in positions corresponding to the PCR plate.

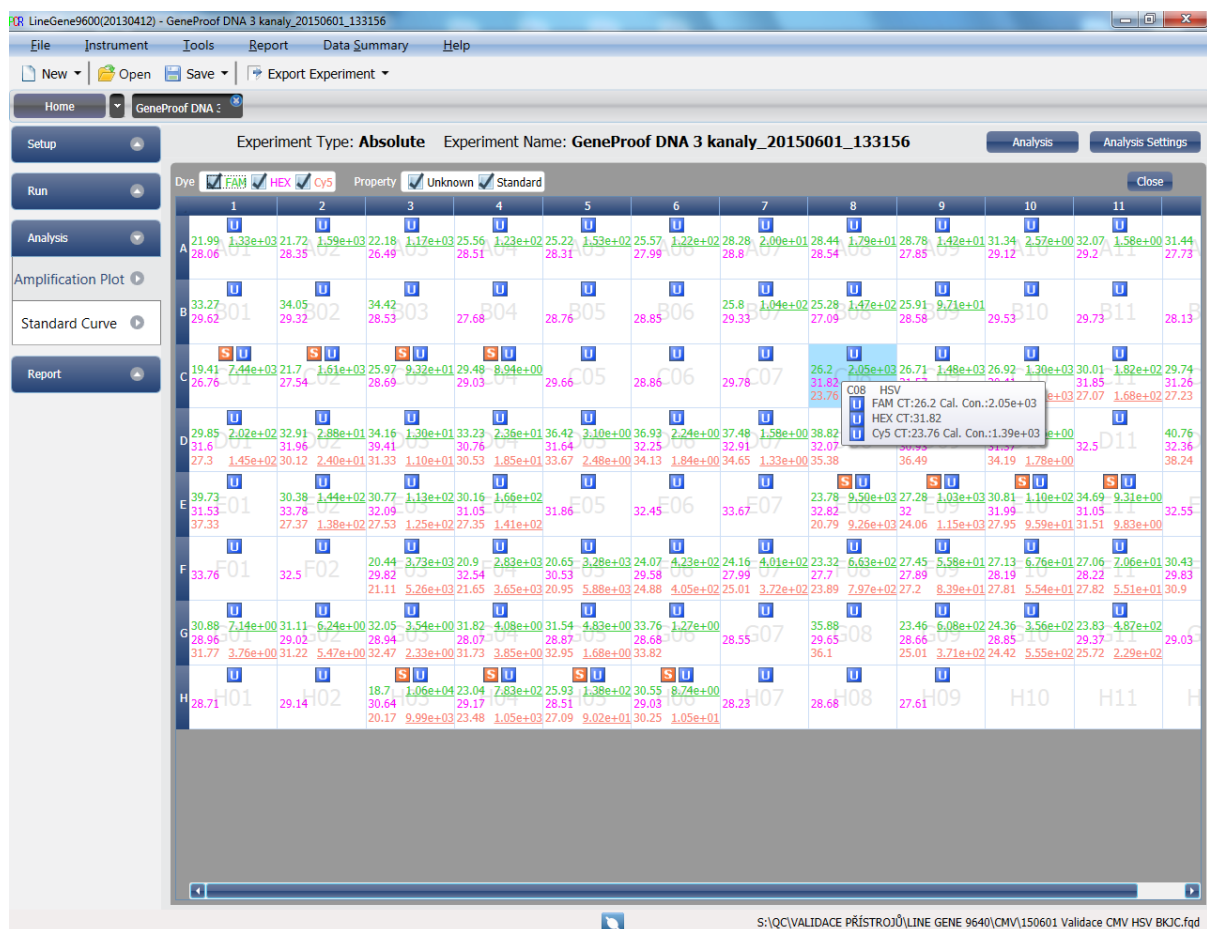


Fig. 6.3 Result summary

Perform evaluation, including the virus concentration calculation in copies/ml (IU/ml) according to the Package Insert of the used GeneProof PCR kit.

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- provision of free PCR kits samples
- express deliveries
- quick solution of problems related to the supplied products – service guaranteed within 24 hours from the time of announcement
- consultations concerning technological and clinical interpretations

To assure the quickest possible solution of any problem we always require the GeneProof PCR Kit users to provide the following information:

- kit name
- problem definition
- kit lot - specified on the kit package
- used device
- file with the examination log from the used device

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