

Supplementary table 1. PCR and sequencing primers

<i>Designation</i> ^a	<i>Sequence</i> ^b	<i>Position</i> ^c
PCR primers		
16.2k (F) ^d	GGGGCGACACTCCGC	16-30
30.2k.1 (F) ^{d,e}	CCATGAATCACTCCCCTGTGAGG	30-52
926 (F)	GAACACCAGTCAGACCTACATGG	926-948
962 (F)	CTCTAACAGCAGCATCACGTGG	962-983
1466 (R) ^e	GAGGATGACGACGACCTTGG	1447-1466
1564 (R)	GAAAAGGCTGGTAAGGCCAAGC	1543-1564
1987 (F) ^{d,e}	GGTTTGGATGCACATGGATGAATGG	1987-2011
2433 (F) ^e	GACGTGCAGTACTTGTATGGCC	2433-2454
3278 (F) ^d	GGAGACCAAGATCATCACCTGGG	3278-3300
3300 (R) ^{d,e}	CCCAGGTGATGATCTTGGTCTCC	3278-3300
4038 (F) ^{d,e}	GGCAGCGGCAAGAGCAC	4038-4054
4207 (R) ^e	GCACCTGTGGTGATGGTCC	4189-4207
4680 (R) ^{d,e}	CGCCGGTRWAGCCCCGTC	4664-4680
4890 (R)	GGACCGAGGAGTCAAACATGC	4870-4890
5478 (R) ^d	AGGCGCACTTCCATYTCATC	5457-5478
5930 (F) ^{d,e}	CGTGGCCTTTAAGGTYATGAGCG	5930-5952
7120 (R) ^{d,e}	CGRAGCGGGTCRAAAGAGTC	7101-7120
8644 (R) ^d	GCTGAGTACCTAGTCATAGCCTCCG	8620-8644
9349 (R) ^{d,e}	ACCCCTACAGAAAGTAGGAGTAGGC	9325-9349
9423 (R) ^d	AAAAAACAGGATGGCCTATTGGCC	9397-9423
Sequencing Primers		
491 (F)	GAAGACTTCCGAGCGGTCC	491-509
527 (F)	CCAGCCCATCCCTAAAGATCG	527-547
998 (F)	GGTACTACATGTCCCTGGATGC	998-1019
1448 (R)	CAAGGTCGTCGTCATCCTCC	1448-1467
2131 (R)	CATTTGGTGTAAGTAGCCTCAGGG	2108-2131
2647 (F)	CCATCTTCTTCATAGCTGCCTGG	2647-2669
3141 (F)	GTCCAGATGATGCTGCTAACCC	3141-3162
4532 (F)	GAAGAAATGTGATGAGCTCGCTGC	4532-4555
5009 (F)	GTTCTGGGAGAGCGTCTTCAC	5009-5029
5623 (R)	CAGAAGGTCTCAAGGGCTCG	5604-5623
6093 (R)	GGTTCATCCACTGCACAGCC	6074-6093
6931 (F)	CCCTGGCTAGCTCTTCTGC	6931-6949
6936 (F)	GCCAGCTCTTCAGCTAGTCAG	6936-6956
7383 (F)	GCTACAAAGACCTTCGGCAGC	7383-7403
8389 (R)	CCGATATAAAGTCGCTCTGTGAGC	8366-8389
8883 (R)	GAGTCATCAGAATCATCCTTGCCC	8860-8883

^a Orientation of the PCR primer is indicated in parenthesis: F, forward; R, reverse.

^b IUB base codes annotate equimolar mixtures of bases in the oligonucleotides: Y, C and T; R, A and G; W, A and T.

^c Positions are numbered according to HCV strain H77, GenBank accession no. NC_004102.

^d Modified from Noppornpanth *et al.*, 2006; all other primers were designed *de novo* for this study.

^e Also used as sequencing primers.