

| RNA template | Annealing position | Sequence |
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| RepA D1 | 387 | 5' ACCATATTTCCATCCACCAAGCGC 3' |
| RepA D3 | 1630 | 5' TAATAGGTGAGGTTTCAATG 3' |
| HCV genome | 4940 (F) | 5' GTCTCCGCTGGTGTGAG 3' |
| HCV genome | 5069 (E) | 5' GCTTGCTTTGTTTGGGAGAG 3' |
| HCV genome | 5912 (D) | 5' AATGCCCGCACCATATCC 3' |
| HCV genome | 8051 (C) | 5' GGAATTGGTGTGTTGTGGGTC 3' |
| HCV genome | 8953 (B) | 5' TTGGACCATGAGAATGGAGAAG 3' |
| HCV genome | 9461 (A) | 5' AAGGAACAGTTAGCTATGGAGTG 3' |

Supplementary Table 1 Primer sequences used for RT assays. Annealing position is the nucleotide number on RNA template that anneals to the very 5' end of the primers.