Supplementary Materials&Methods

Before the implementation as a diagnostic test, the qPCR efficiency of all 48 targets were studied based on 12 different gBlocks Gene fragments (Integrated DNA Technologies), containing all the target sequences. 10-fold dilution series (10⁻⁴, 10⁻⁵, 10⁻⁶, 10⁻⁷, 10⁻⁸) of each gBlock gene fragment enabled to assess the analytical performance of the qPCR assays.

Sensitivity and specificity analysis was based on the reference samples obtained from several sources:

- RIVM (Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu: National Institute for Public Health and the Environment):
 - Astrovirus (type 1-8), sapovirus (type I.1, I.2, II.1, II.2 and IV.1) and norovirus (type II.17)
- ATCC-culture collection samples containing lyophilised genomic DNA of Blastocystis hominis, Cryptosporidium parvum, Giardia lamblia, Entamoeba histolytica or synthetic RNA for norovirus type I
- QCMD (Quality Control for Molecular Diagnostics) quality control samples (norovirus type II, norovirus type I)
- Amplirun (Vircell) DNA controls for STEC, ETEC, EAEC, EPEC and EIEC
- <u>UZ Leuven:</u> Astrovirus cultures
- UZ Antwerpen: Schistosoma-positive samples
- <u>UZ Brussels, reference laboratory:</u> Cultures of all types of EPEC