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Contents

Agilent DNA 1000 Kit

Agilent DNA 1000 Kit (reorder number 5067-1504)	
DNA Chips	**DNA 1000 Reagents (reorder number 5067-1505)**
25 DNA Chips	(yellow) DNA 1000 Ladder
1 Electrode Cleaner	(green) DNA 1000 Markers 15/1500 bp (2 vials)
Syringe Kit	(blue) DNA Dye Concentrate*(1 vial)
1 Syringe	(red) DNA Gel Matrix (3 vials)
3 Spin Filters	

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Physical Specifications

Type	Specification
Analysis run time	35 minutes
Number of samples	12 samples/chip
Sample volume	1 µl
Kit stability	4 months (Storage temperature see individual box!)

Analytical Specifications

Type	Agilent DNA 1000 Assay
Sizing range	25–1000 bp
Typical sizing resolution	± 5 bp 25–100 bp ± 5 % 100–500 bp ± 10 % 500–1000 bp
Sizing accuracy	± 10 %* (for ladder as sample)
Sizing reproducability	5 % CV (for ladder as sample)
Quantitation accuracy	20 %* CV (for ladder as sample)
Quant. reproducibility	25-500 bp: 15 % CV; 500-1000 bp: 5 % CV (for ladder as sample)
Quantitative range	0.1–50 ng/µl
Maximum salt	250 mM for KCl or NaCl, 15 mM for $MgCl_2$

*) Some fragments below 70 bp may deviate from the above specifications.

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Equipment Required for a DNA 1000 Assay

Equipment Supplied with the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer

- Chip priming station (reorder number 5065-4401)
- IKA vortex mixer

Additional Material Required (Not Supplied)

- Pipettes (10 µl, 100 µl and 1000 µl) with compatible tips
- 0.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes for sample preparation
- Microcentrifuge

Check the Agilent Lab-on-a-Chip webpage for details on assays: www.agilent.com/chem/labonachip.

Setting up the Assay Equipment and Bioanalyzer

Before beginning the chip preparation protocol, ensure that the chip priming station and the bioanalyzer are set up and ready to use.

You have to

- replace the syringe at the chip priming station with each new DNA kit
- adjust the base plate of the chip priming station
- adjust the syringe clip at the chip priming station
- adjust the bioanalyzer's chip selector
- set up the vortex mixer
- finally make sure that you start the software before you load the chip.

NOTE The Agilent DNA 1000 assay is a high sensitivity assay. Please read this guide carefully and follow all instructions to guarantee satisfactory results.

Setting up the Chip Priming Station

NOTE Replace the syringe with each new reagent kit.

1 Replace the syringe:

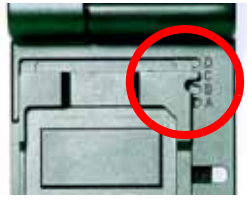
   a Unscrew the old syringe from the lid of the chip priming station.

   b Release the old syringe from the clip. Discard the old syringe.

   c Remove the plastic cap of the new syringe and insert it into the clip.

   d Slide it into the hole of the luer lock adapter and screw it tightly to the chip priming station.

2 Adjust the base plate:



   a Open the chip priming station by pulling the latch.

   b Using a screwdriver, open the screw at the underside of the base plate.

   c Lift the base plate and insert it again in position C. Retighten the screw.

3 Adjust the syringe clip:

   a Release the lever of the clip and slide it down to the lowest position.

Setting up the Bioanalyzer

Adjust the chip selector:

1. Open the lid of the bioanalyzer and make sure that the electrode cartridge is inserted in the instrument. If not, open the latch, remove the pressure cartridge and insert the electrode cartridge.
2. Remove any remaining chip and adjust the chip selector to position (1).

Vortex Mixer

IKA - Model MS2-S8/MS2-S9

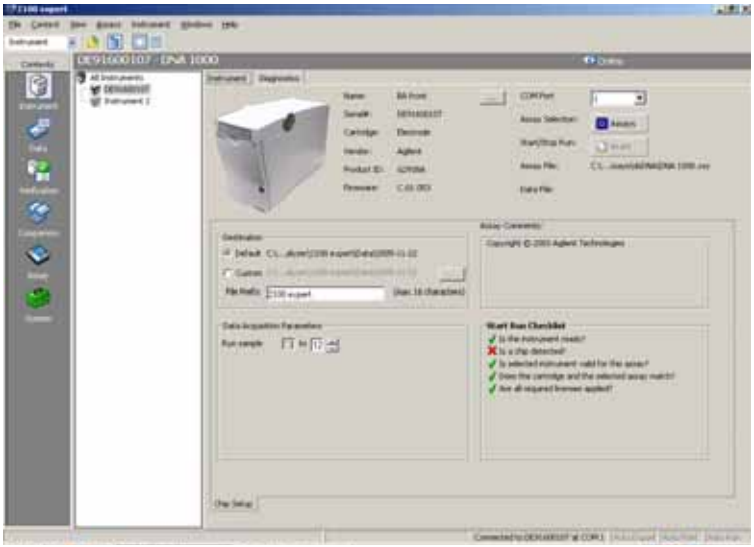
To set up the vortex mixer, adjust the speed knob to 2400 rpm.

Starting the 2100 Expert Software

To start the software:

1 Go to your desktop and double-click the following icon.

The screen of the software appears in the *Instrument context*. The icon in the upper part of the screen represents the current instrument-PC communication status:



Lid closed, no chip or chip empty

Lid open

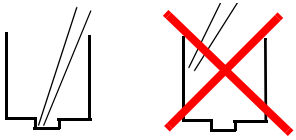
Dimmed icon: no communication

Lid closed, chip inserted, DNA or demo assay selected

2 If more than one instrument is connected to your PC, select the instrument you want to use in the tree view.

Essential Measurement Practices

- Handle and store all reagents according to the instructions on the label of the individual box.
- Avoid sources of dust or other contaminants. Foreign matter in reagents and samples or in the wells of the chip will interfere with assay results.
- Keep all reagent and reagent mixes refrigerated at 4 °C when not in use.
- Allow all reagents and samples to equilibrate to room temperature for 30 minutes before use.
- Protect dye and dye mixtures from light. Remove light covers only when pipetting. The dye decomposes when exposed to light and this reduces the signal intensity.
- Always insert the pipette tip to the bottom of the well when dispensing the liquid. Placing the pipette at the edge of the well may lead to poor results.



- Use a new syringe and electrode cleaners with each new kit.
- Use loaded chips within 5 minutes after preparation. Reagents might evaporate, leading to poor results.
- Do not touch the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer during analysis and never place it on a vibrating surface.

Agilent DNA 1000 Assay Protocol

After completing the initial steps in "Setting up the Assay Equipment and Bioanalyzer" on page 6, you can prepare the assay, load the chip, and run the assay, as described in the following procedures.

Preparing the Gel-Dye Mix

WARNING

Handling DMSO

Kit components contain DMSO. Because the dye binds to nucleic acids, it should be treated as a potential mutagen and used with appropriate care.

⇒Wear hand and eye protection and follow good laboratory practices when preparing and handling reagents and samples.

⇒Handle the DMSO stock solutions with particular caution as DMSO is known to facilitate the entry of organic molecules into tissues.

1 Allow the DNA dye concentrate (blue ●) and DNA gel matrix (red ●) to equilibrate to room temperature for 30 minutes.

NOTE

It is important that all the reagents have room temperature before starting the next step. Protect the dye concentrate from light.

2 Vortex the blue-capped DNA dye concentrate (blue ●) for 10 seconds and spin down. Make sure the DMSO is completely thawed.

3 Pipette 25 µl of the blue capped dye concentrate (blue ●) into a red-capped DNA gel matrix vial (red ●). Store the dye concentrate at 4 °C in the dark again.

NOTE Always use the volumes indicated. Using different volumes in the same ratio will produce inaccurate results.

4 Cap the tube, vortex for 10 seconds. Visually inspect proper mixing of gel and dye.

5 Transfer the gel-dye mix to the top receptacle of a spin filter.

6 Place the spin filter in a microcentrifuge and spin for 15 minutes at room temperature at 2240 g ± 20 % (for Eppendorf microcentrifuge, this corresponds to 6000 rpm).

7 Discard the filter according to good laboratory practices. Label the tube and include the date of preparation.

NOTE The prepared gel-dye mix is sufficient for 10 chips. Use the gel-dye within 4 weeks of preparation.

Protect the gel-dye mix from light. Store the gel-dye mix at 4 °C when not in use for more than 1 hour.

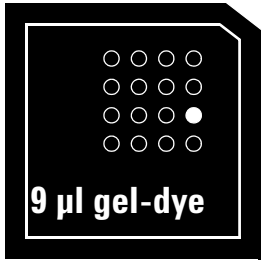
Loading the Gel-Dye Mix

NOTE Before loading the gel-dye mix, make sure that the base plate of the chip priming station is in position (C) and the adjustable clip is set to the lowest position. Refer to "Setting up the Chip Priming Station" on page 7 for details.

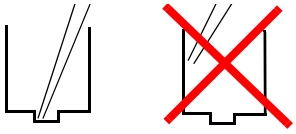
1 Allow the gel-dye mix to equilibrate to room temperature for 30 minutes before use. Protect the gel-dye mix from light during this time.

2 Take a new DNA chip out of its sealed bag and place the chip on the chip priming station.

3 Pipette 9.0 µl of the gel-dye mix at the bottom of the well marked G.



NOTE When pipetting the gel-dye mix, make sure not to draw up particles that may sit at the bottom of the gel-dye mix vial. Insert the tip of the pipette to the bottom of the chip well when dispensing. This prevents a large air bubble forming under the gel-dye mix. Placing the pipette at the edge of the well may lead to poor results.



4 Set the timer to 60 seconds, make sure that the plunger is positioned at 1 ml and then close the chip priming station. The lock of the latch will click when the Priming Station is closed correctly.

5 Press the plunger of the syringe down until it is held by the clip.

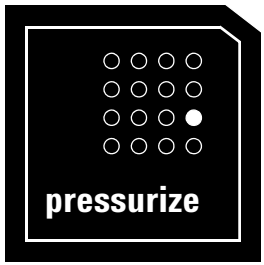
6 Wait for exactly 60 seconds and then release the plunger with the clip release mechanism.

7 Visually inspect that the plunger moves back at least to the 0.3 ml mark.

8 Wait for 5 seconds, then slowly pull back the plunger to the 1 ml position.

9 Open the chip priming station.

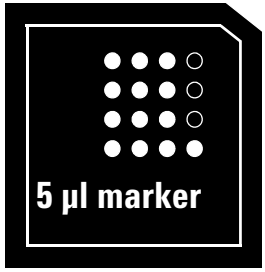
10 Pipette 9.0 µl of the gel-dye mix in each of the wells marked.



NOTE Protect the gel-dye mix from light. Store the gel-dye mix at 4 °C when not in use for more than 1 hour.

Loading the Marker

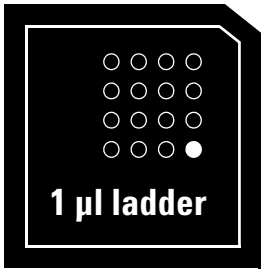
1 Pipette 5 µl of green-capped DNA marker (green ●) into the well marked with the ladder symbol and into each of the 12 sample wells.



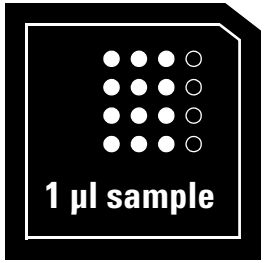
NOTE Do not leave any wells empty, or the chip will not run properly. Add 5 µl of green-capped DNA marker (green ●) plus 1 µl of deionized water to each unused sample well.

Loading the Ladder and the Samples

1 Pipette 1 µl of the yellow-capped DNA ladder (yellow ●) in the well marked with the ladder symbol .



2 In each of the 12 sample wells pipette 1 µl of sample (used wells) or 1 µl of deionized water (unused wells).



CAUTION

Wrong vortexing speed

If vortexing speed is too high, liquid spill that disturbs the analysis may occur for samples generated with detergent containing PCR buffers.

⇒Reduce vortexing speed to 2000 rpm!

NOTE

For optimal results, samples should be of pH 6 to 9 and should not have an ionic content greater than twice that of a typical PCR buffer.

3 Set the timer to 60 seconds.

4 Place the chip horizontally in the adapter of the IKA vortex mixer and make sure not to damage the buldge that fixes the chip during vortexing.

5 Vortex for 60 seconds at 2400 rpm.

6 Refer to the next topic on how to insert the chip in the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer. Make sure that the run is started within 5 minutes.

Inserting a Chip in the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer

1 Open the lid of the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer.

2 Check that the electrode cartridge is inserted properly and the chip selector is in position (1). Refer to "Setting up the Bioanalyzer" on page 8 for details.

3 Place the chip carefully into the receptacle. The chip fits only one way.

CAUTION

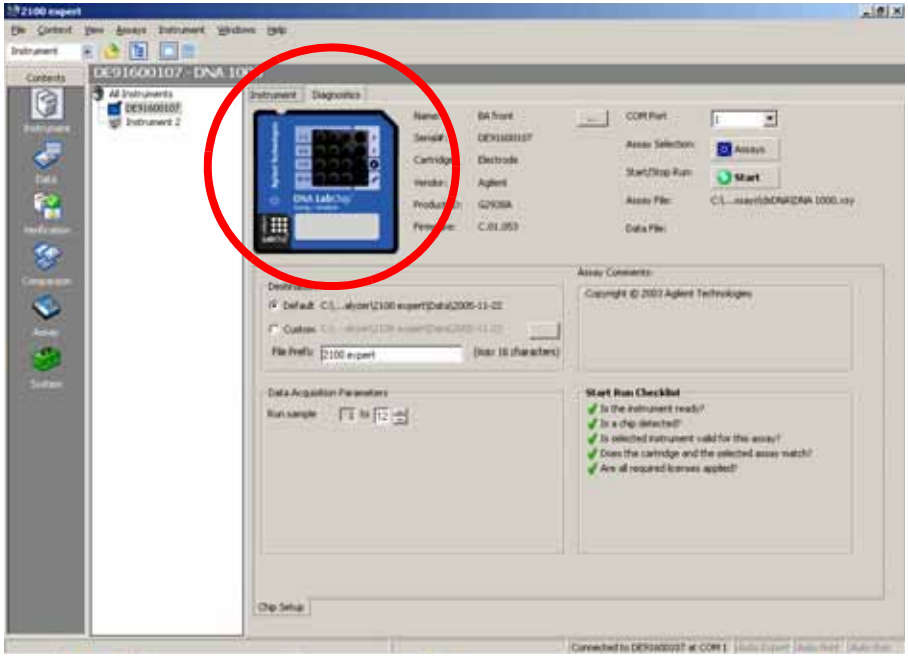
Sensitive electrodes and liquid spills

Forced closing of the lid may damage the electrodes and dropping the lid may cause liquid spills resulting in bad results.

⇒Do not use force to close the lid and do not drop the lid onto the inserted chip.

4 Carefully close the lid. The electrodes in the cartridge fit into the wells of the chip.

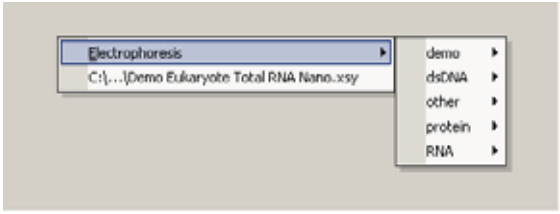
5 The 2100 expert software screen shows that you have inserted a chip and closed the lid by displaying the chip icon at the top left of *Instrument* context.



Starting the Chip Run

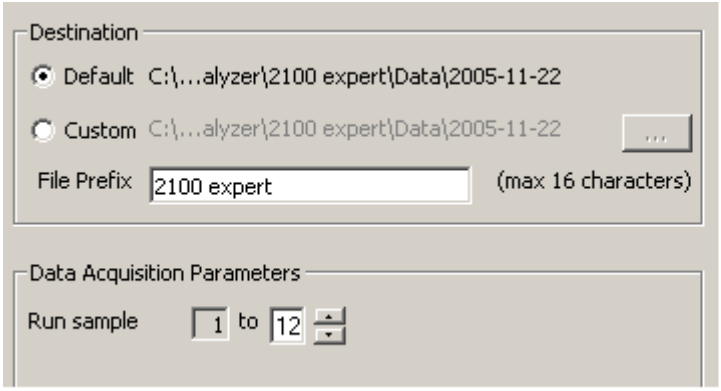
NOTE Please note that the order of executing the chip run may change if the Agilent Security Pack software (only applicable for Agilent 2100 expert software Revision B.02.02 and higher) is installed. For more details please read the 'User's Guide' which is part of the Online Help of your 2100 expert software.

1 In the *Instrument* context, select the appropriate assay from the Assay menu.



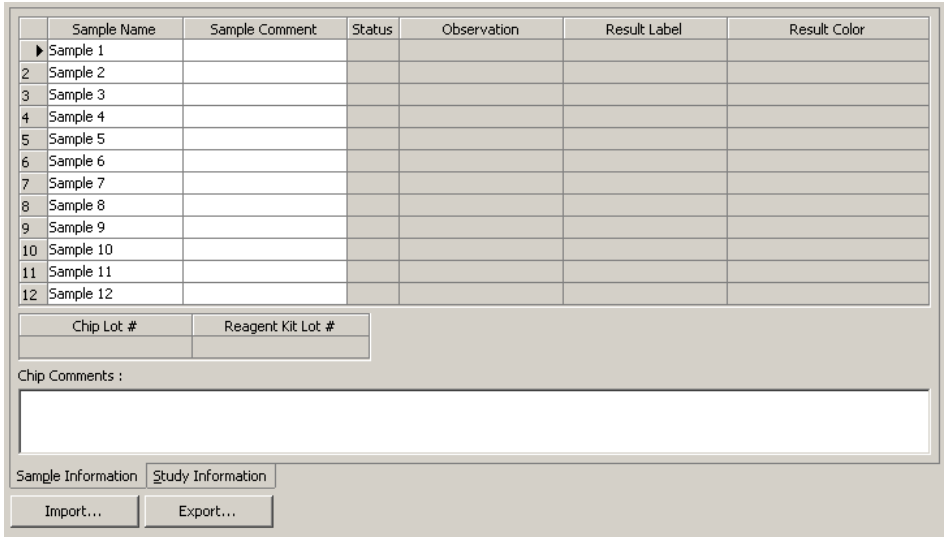
2 Accept the current *File Prefix* or modify it.

Data will be saved automatically to a file with a name using the prefix you have just entered. At this time you can also customize the file storage location and the number of samples that will be analyzed.



3 Click the *Start* button in the upper right of the window to start the chip run. The incoming raw signals are displayed in the *Instrument* context.

4 To enter sample information like sample names and comments, select the *Data File* link that is highlighted in blue or go to the *Assay* context and select the *Chip Summary* tab. Complete the sample name table.



5 To review the raw signal trace, return to the *Instrument* context.

6 After the chip run is finished, remove the chip from the receptacle of the bioanalyzer and dispose it according to good laboratory practices.

CAUTION

Contamination of electrodes

Leaving the chip for a period longer than 1 hour (e.g. over night) in the bioanalyzer may cause contamination of the electrodes.

⇒Immediately remove the chip after a run.

Cleaning Electrodes after a DNA 1000 Chip Run

When the assay is complete, *immediately* remove the used chip from the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer and dispose it according to good laboratory practice. Then perform the following procedure to ensure that the electrodes are clean (i.e. no residues are left over from the previous assay).

NOTE Use a new electrode cleaner with each new kit.

CAUTION *Leak currents between electrodes*

Liquid spill might cause leak currents between the electrodes.

⇒Never fill too much water in the electrode cleaner.

1. Slowly fill one of the wells of the electrode cleaner with 350 µl deionized analysis-grade water.
2. Open the lid and place electrode cleaner in the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer.
3. Close the lid and leave it closed for about 10 seconds.
4. Open the lid and remove the electrode cleaner.
5. Wait another 10 seconds to allow the water on the electrodes to evaporate before closing the lid.

NOTE After 5 assays, empty and refill the electrode cleaner.

After 25 assays, replace the used electrode cleaner by a new one.

NOTE When switching between different assays, a more thorough cleaning may be required. Refer to the maintenance chapter on this CD Maintenance and Troubleshooting Guide for details which is part of the Online Help of the 2100 bioanalyzer software.

Checking Your Agilent DNA 1000 Assay Results

DNA 1000 Ladder Well Results

To check the results of your run, select the Gel or Electropherogram tab in the *Data* context. The electropherogram of the ladder well window should resemble to those shown below.

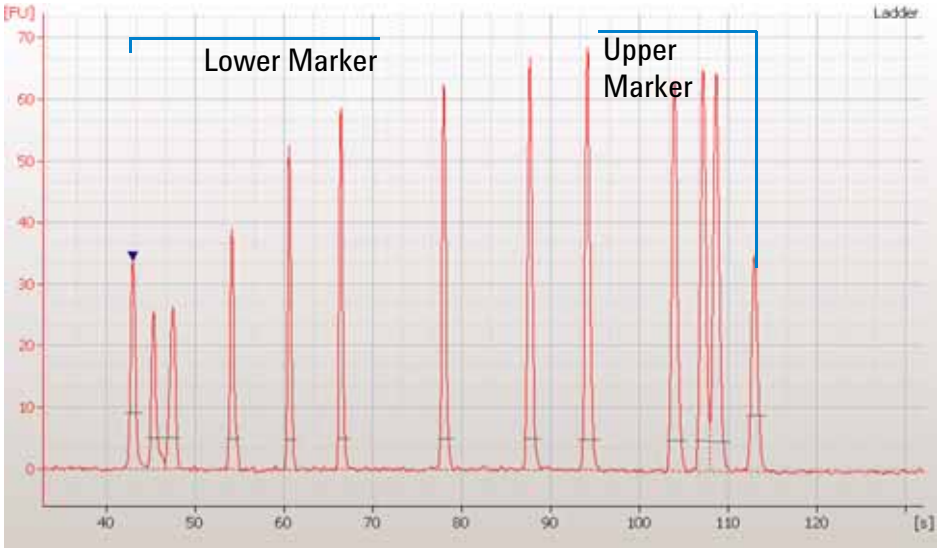


Figure 1 DNA 1000 ladder

Major features of a successful ladder run are:

- 13 peaks for DNA 1000 ladder
- All peaks are well resolved
- Flat baseline
- Correct identification of both markers

If the electropherogram of the ladder well window does not resemble the one shown above, refer to the *2100 Expert Maintenance and Troubleshooting Guide* for assistance.

DNA 1000 Sample Well Results

To review the results of a specific sample, select the sample name in the tree view and highlight the *Results* sub-tab. The electropherogram of the sample well window should resemble the one shown here.

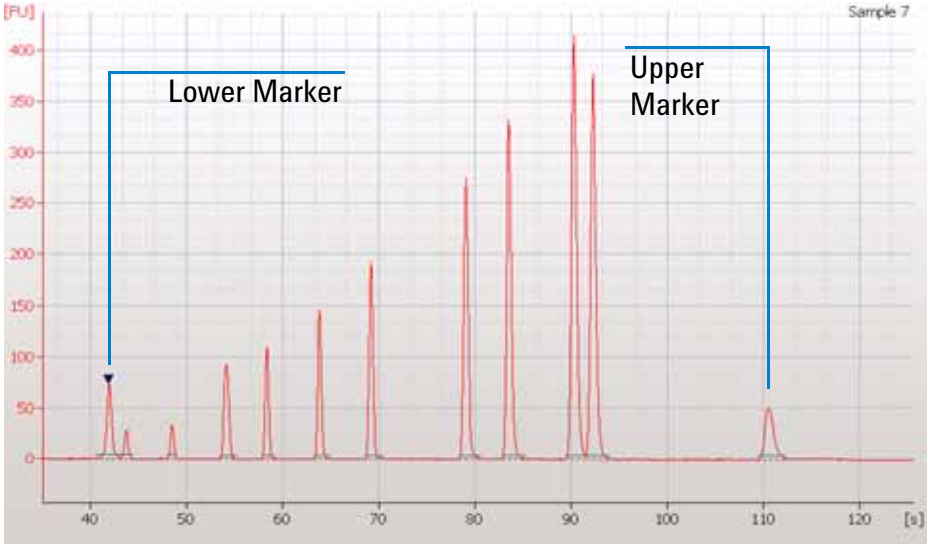


Figure 2 DNA peaks of a successful sample run

Major features for a successful DNA sample run are:

- All sample peaks appear between the lower and upper marker peaks. If some sample peaks are outside the marker bracket, adjust the upper or lower marker. Please refer to the 2100 Expert User's Guide or Online Help for details.
- Flat baseline
- Baseline readings at least 5 fluorescence units (see Zero Baseline in the User's guide or Online Help for details of how to see the baseline readings).
- Marker readings at least 3 fluorescence units higher than baseline readings.
- Both marker peaks well resolved from sample peaks (depends on sample).

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