Real-Time PCR Detection
The CFX96 real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) system builds on the power and flexibility of the C1000 thermal cycler, adding an easy-to-install interchangeable reaction module. The instrument features a 3.3°C per second average ramp rate, a patent-pending reduced-mass sample block, a 10-second settling time, and high-speed performance. The system produces results in less than 30 minutes. A thermal gradient feature optimizes reactions in a single experiment. Reliable results can be obtained with sample volumes as low as 10 µl. Powerful, intuitive software helps accelerate every step in research, from getting started to getting results.

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For information 877-246-7231
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DNA from Mammalian Tissue
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Plasmid Miniprep Kit
The GenElute 96-Well Plasmid Miniprep Kit provides rapid generation of transfection-grade plasmid from bacterial cultures. Suitable for a variety of pharmaceutical and biotechnology research applications, the kit rapidly purifies plasmid DNA with high viral titers. The kit can recover up to 10 µg of high-copy plasmid DNA per well from 1.3 ml of harvested bacterial culture in less than 50 minutes. The purified plasmid DNA is suitable for a wide variety of molecular biology applications, including cloning, restriction digestion, in vitro transcription and translation, and sequencing. The kit is compatible with automated liquid handling workstations and offers a vacuum-manifold–based manual protocol.
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