

## Supplementary Materials:

**Table S1.** Primers for RT-PCR/cDNA synthesis (outer PCR), nested PCR (inner PCR) and sequencing of HCV NS5 coding region.

Primer name	Purpose	Direction	Primer sequence (5'- 3')	Location (reference H77) (bp)	GC content	Average Tm
FW1PCR	RT-PCR NS5A-NS5B region	Sense	GTCGTCACBAGYACCTGG	5311 - 5328	62%	56°C
RV1PCR	RT-PCR NS5A-NS5B region	Antisense	GAGACASGCTGTGATAWATG	9297 - 9316	45%	51°C
FW2PCR	Nested PCR NS5A-NS5B region / Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	GTGGTCATHGTRGGYAGG	5386 - 5403	57%	53°C
RV2PCR	Nested PCR NS5A-NS5B region / Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Antisense	CCCTATTGATYTCACCTGG	9055 - 9073	50%	51°C
FW1	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Sense	GCHGTGCARTGGATGAA	6118 - 6134	52%	53°C
RV1	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Antisense	CCRTTYTGTACATGTCC	6493 - 6509	50%	49°C
FW2	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	TGGMGRGARGAGATG	7093 - 7107	57%	49°C
RV2	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Antisense	GGRTCRGTRAGCATGGA	6901 - 6917	56%	53°C
FW3	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	TCYTCYATGCCCCCYCT	7559 - 7574	62%	57°C
RV3	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Antisense	TTRTTYTCYGACTCMAC	7126 - 7142	41%	46°C
FW4	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Sense	AARGTCACHTTTGACAG	7816 - 7832	40%	46°C
RV4	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Antisense	GCBGARTGYGGGGCGTCAG	7936 - 7955	73%	65°C
FW5	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Sense	AAGCCAGCTCGYCTYATCGT	8128 - 8147	55%	59°C
RV5	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Antisense	ACGAGCATBTGTCAGTC	8593 - 8609	60%	55°C
FW6	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Sense	CTTCACGGAGGCTATGAC	8679 - 8696	56%	52°C
RV6	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Antisense	GACCADGAYCCGTCRCT	7606 - 7619	61%	55°C
FW7	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	TYTACCARTGYTGTGAC	8381 - 8397	44%	48°C
1bRV7	Sequencing GT1b NS5A-NS5B region	Antisense	CATCTCCTGCCGCCACA	7067 - 7083	65%	58°C
1aFW8	Sequencing GT1a NS5A-NS5B region	Sense	ACACTCGCTGCCVCTGTG	6433 - 6450	65%	60°C
1bRV8	Sequencing GT1b NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Antisense	AGGTCAAGTGGC TCAATGGA	8987 - 9004	50%	56°C
1aFW9	Sequencing GT1a NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	CTTCACGGAGGCTATGACC	8636 - 8654	58%	55°C
RV9	Sequencing NS5A-NS5B region	Antisense	ACGATRAGRRCGAGCTGGCTT	8083 - 8102	55%	59°C
1aFW10	Sequencing GT1a NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	GACAGCAAGACA CACTCC	8816 - 8833	56%	53°C
1bFW11	Sequencing GT1b NS5A-NS5B region –Back-up option	Sense	AACTCCTGGCTAGGCAACAT	8848 - 8867	50%	56°C