## Specifications for real-time PCR thermocycler

- 1. Should have a block of 96 x 0.2 ml tubes or plate to run typical 0.2ml tubes, strips, and plates.
- 2. Detection of at least 3 different fluorescent reporters in the same tube.
- 3. Should be capable of detecting FAM/SYBR Green, and VIC, HEX, TET, CAL Fluor Gold 540 etc.
- 4. Minimum ramping speed: 5 °C per sec with an **average ramp rate of 3.3** °C /Sec.
- 5. Should have 6 Peltier Cooling & Heating for uniform temp control
- 6. Excitation Emission range: 450- 580nm
- 7. No internal reference dye should be required. True 2-5 Color Multiplexing with use of 2 different flourophores without the need of addition of any internal reference dye.
- 8. Should have 3 filtered LEDs as an excitation source with 3 filtered Photodiodes for detection.
- 9. Dynamic range of 9 orders.
- **10.** Temperature range 25–100 °C with accuracy of ±0.2 °C and **uniformity of ±0.4** °C within 10 sec of arrival at 90 °C
- 11. Sample volume should be 1-50µl
- 12. The system should be factory calibrated
- 13. The system must have HRM platform with all original software (without any additional cost) and consumables
- 14. Should be capable to perform automatic allelic discrimination by end point fluorescence or threshold cycle.
- 15. Should be capable to perform Gene expression analysis by relative quantity ( $\Delta$ Ct) or normalized expression ( $\Delta$ Ct).
- 16. Comparison of upto 5000 Ct values from different data files should be possible
- 17. Should be licensed for all Research applications.
- 18. System should be compliant with the MIQE Guidelines
- 19. Software should be compatible with Microsoft windows 8 onwards
- 20. Software should be capable to import and analyze data from any real time PCR platform.
- 21. Should be provided with compatible power back up (minimum 2Kva online UPS), PC with minimum i5 processor and original windows 10 operating system, 4GB RAM, original softwares.
- 22. Should have minimum 2 years warranty and 5 years annual maintenance contract
- 23. Optional: Should have a gradient capacity with Dynamic ramping.