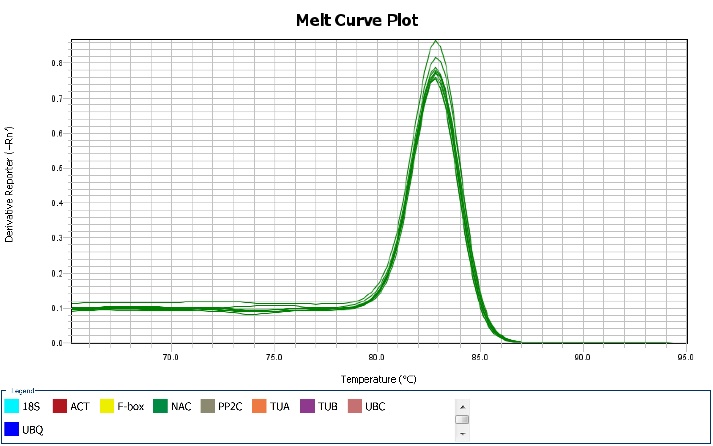
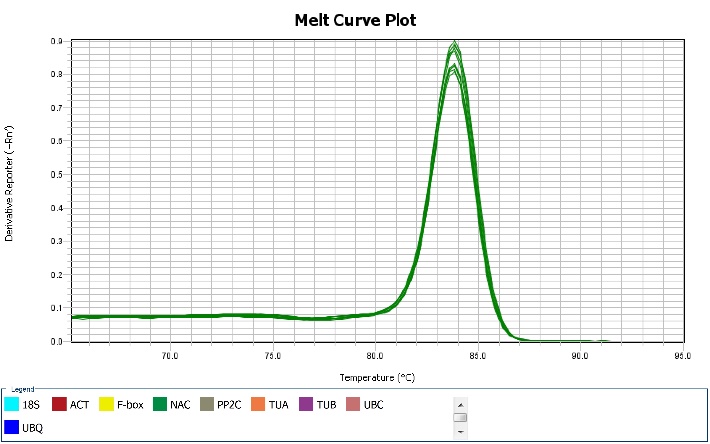


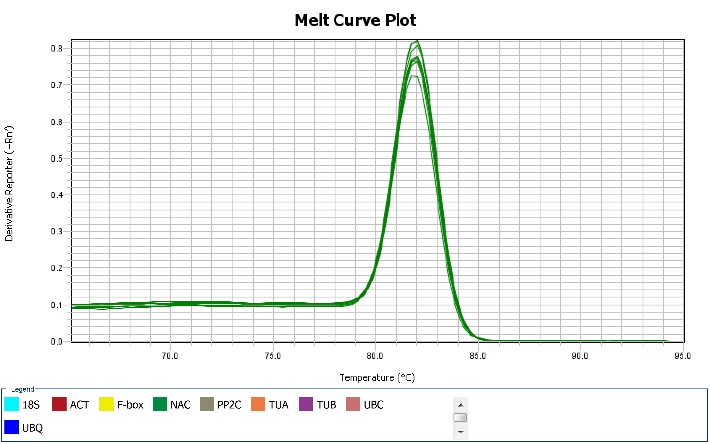
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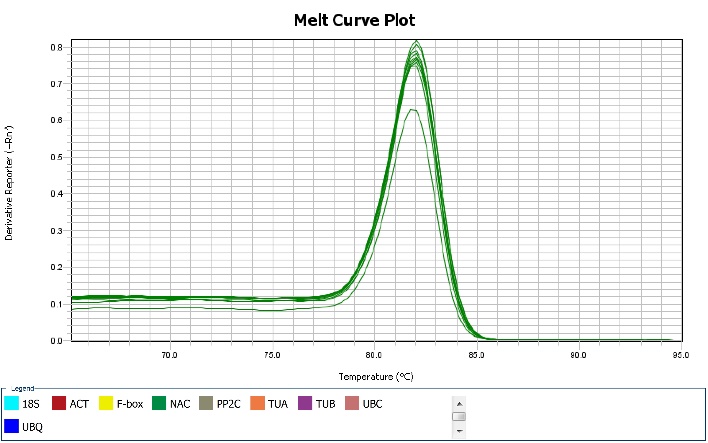
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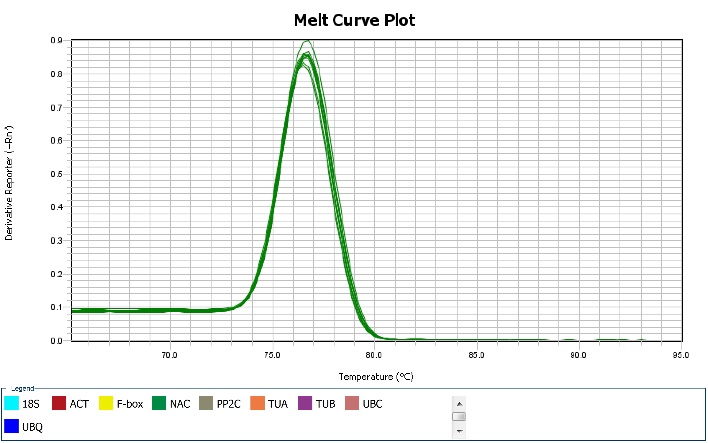
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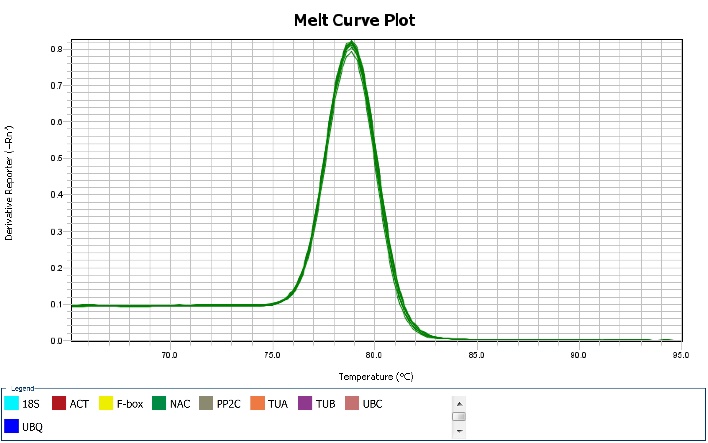
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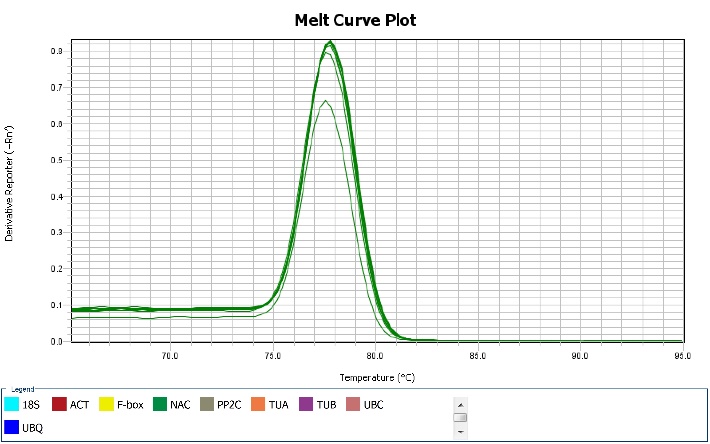
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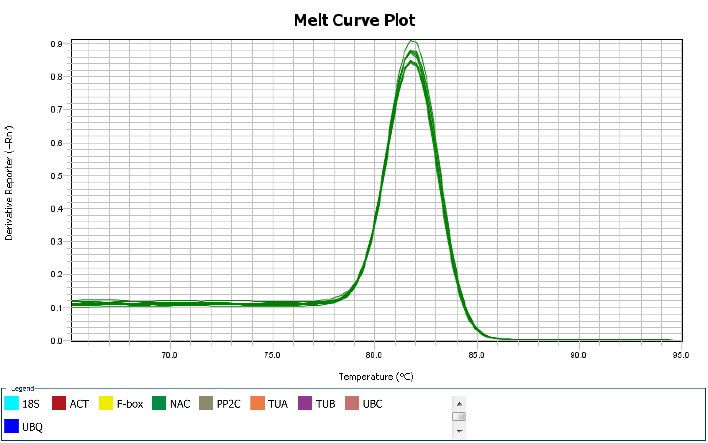
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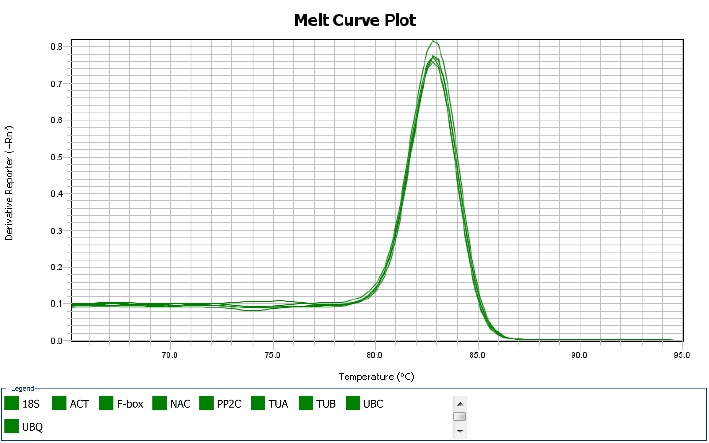
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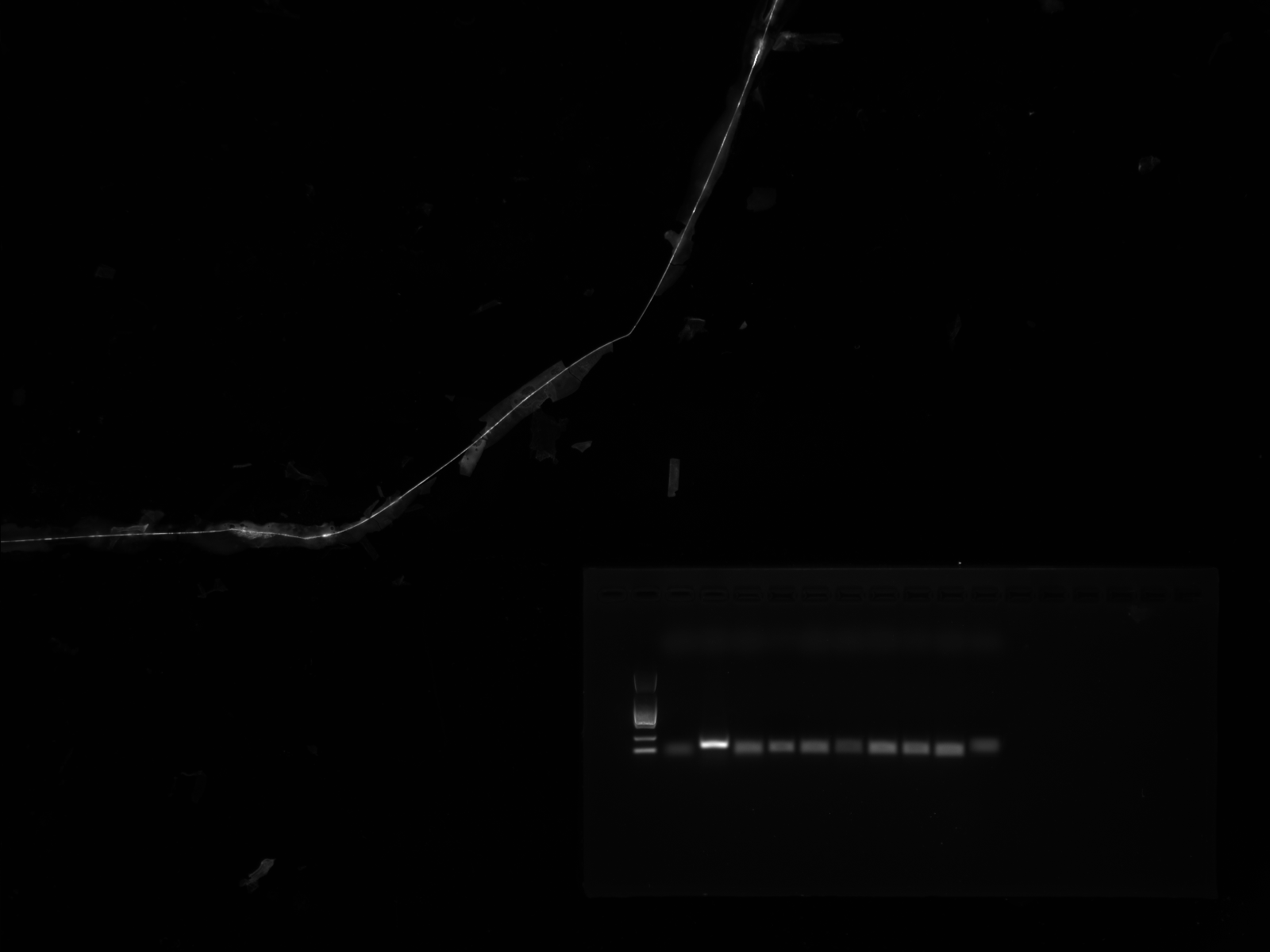


***18S***



***ChNCS***

**A**



*ACT*

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*UBC*

*18S*

*ChNCS*

M

100bp

**B**

200bp

Additional file 1 Gene specificity and amplicon size. A: Melting curves of 9 reference genes and *ChNCS* showing single peaks; B: Agarose gel (2.0 %) electrophoresis showing amplification of a specific PCR product of the expected size for each gene.