SD-Chip Enabled Quantitative Detection of HIV RNA using Digital Nucleic Acid Sequence-Based Amplification (dNASBA)

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Figure S1. Fluorescent image of SD chip after sample digitization using buffer containing calcein, showing the completeness of microwell filling using the modified SD chip.



Figure S2. Comparison of fluorescence intensity of positive and negative chambers. (**A**) Top: Representative fluorescence image of SD chip in dNASBA. Bottom: Corresponding line scan, indicating fluorescence from region indicated by dotted line in the image. (**B**) Average fluorescence intensity of positive and negative chambers. Error bars indicate standard deviation (n=3). We used this measurement to set a threshold, defined as the mean value of fluorescence from chambers in a negative control plus three times the standard deviation, to distinguish positive and negative chambers.



Figure S3. Sensitivity of qNASBA and dNASBA. (A) Results of qNASBA using low copy numbers of HIV-1 RNA (5, 50, and 100 copies per reaction in buffer). Error bars indicate standard deviation (n=3). (B) Results of dNASBA.



Figure S4. Ability of qNASBA and dNASBA to distinguish between two concentrations of HIV-1 RNA (10 and 20 copies/ μ L); n=5 assays at each concentration. (**A**) Results using qNASBA. Error bars indicate standard deviation. The p-value, 0.25, indicates that qNASBA could not distinguish the two concentrations with statistical significance. (**B**) Results using dNASBA. The p-value, 0.01, indicates that dNASBA could distinguish the two concentrations with statistical significance.