

Pan-Orthopox Virus E9L Gene-Specific Quantitative PCR Assay Detection Kit

Catalog No. NR-9350

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Product Description:

The Pan-Orthopox Virus E9L Gene-Specific Quantitative PCR Assay Detection Kit (NR-9350) is designed to detect and quantitate the presence of orthopox viruses. The assay was developed using a segment of the E9L gene from vaccinia virus, New York City Board of Health (NR-54) and consists of the following components.

- 1) Probe designed with 6-carboxyfluorescein (6-FAM) at the 5' end and both the minor groove binder (MGB) and a non-fluorescent quenching dye at the 3' end (NRC-1325; available individually as NR-9344)
- 2) Forward and reverse primers (NRC-1326 and NRC-1327; available individually as NR-9345 and NR-9346, respectively)
- 3) Linearized plasmid-based standard containing a segment of the E9L gene derived from vaccinia virus in a commercial vector (NRC-1324; available individually as NR-9343)

The Pan-Orthopox Virus E9L Gene-Specific Quantitative PCR Assay (NR-9350) was adapted from the assay described by Kulesh et al., 2004.¹ The assay has been shown to detect all orthopoxviruses tested from the BEI Resources collection, including two strains of monkeypox virus (Zaire 79 and WRAIR 7-61), six strains of vaccinia virus [Modified Vaccinia Ankara, Lister (Elstree), IHD, Lederle-Chorioallantoic, New York City Board of Health and Western Reserve] and one strain of cowpox virus (Brighton Red). The assay did not detect a wide variety of non-orthopoxviruses, non-viral samples and cell lines in the ATCC® and BEI Resources collections. Quantitative PCR results using extracted nucleic acid were compared against cycle threshold (C_T) values calculated from the serially-diluted plasmid-based standard, which routinely gave standard curves with correlation coefficient values of approximately 0.98.

Each kit contains enough probe, primer and plasmid-based standard for approximately 96 reactions using the assay protocol outlined in Appendix I. The primers, probe and plasmid-based standard are available individually by requesting the BEI Resources NR number.

Material Provided:

Each vial of primer and probe contains 90 to 100 μ L in TE buffer (pH 7.0). Each vial of plasmid-based standard contains approximately 45 ng in TE buffer (pH 7.0). Lot-specific information for each assay detection kit component is shown on the Certificate of Analysis.

Packaging/Storage:

Primers and probes were packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -60 °C upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be minimized. Probe samples should be kept in the dark at all times.

Citation:

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References:

1. Kulesh, D. A., et al. "Smallpox and Pan-Orthopox Virus Detection by Real-Time 3'-Minor Groove Binder TaqMan Assays on the Roche LightCycler and the Cepheid Smart Cycler Platforms." *J. Clin. Microbiol.* 42 (2004): 601-609. PubMed: 14766823.

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APPENDIX I
Quantitative PCR Assay for the Detection and Quantitation of Pan-Orthopox Virus

Recommended Reagents/Equipment

Reagent/Equipment	Source	Catalog #
Pan-Orthopox Virus E9L Gene-Specific Quantitative PCR Probe	BEI Resources	NRC-1325 (NR-9344)
Pan-Orthopox Virus E9L Gene-Specific Quantitative PCR Forward Primer	BEI Resources	NRC-1326 (NR-9345)
Pan-Orthopox Virus E9L Gene-Specific Quantitative PCR Reverse Primer	BEI Resources	NRC-1327 (NR-9346)
Plasmid Containing E9L Gene from Vaccinia Virus, New York City Board of Health, Linearized	BEI Resources	NRC-1324 (NR-9343)
iTaq DNA Polymerase Kit	Bio-Rad	170-8870
dNTP Mix	Bio-Rad	170-8874
TE, pH 7.0	Ambion®	AM9861
Molecular Grade Water	ATCC®	60-2450
0.2 mL 8-Tube strips Without Caps	BioRad	TBS-0201
Optical Flat 8-Cap Strips	BioRad	TCS-0803
iQ Real-Time PCR Plates	BioRad	223-9441
Microseal 'B' Adhesive Seals	BioRad	MSB-1001
iQ5 Multicolor Real-Time PCR Detection System	BioRad	170-9780

Preparation of Plasmid-Based Standard Curve Samples

Dilution Tube	Volume (µL)	Volume TE, pH 7.0 (µL)	Concentration (Molecules per 5 µL) ¹
Undiluted NR-9343	---	---	5 X 10 ⁸
1	100 of undiluted NR-9343	400	1 X 10 ⁸
2	50 of Tube 1	450	1 X 10 ⁷
3	50 of Tube 2	450	1 X 10 ⁶
4	50 of Tube 3	450	1 X 10 ⁵
5	50 of Tube 4	450	1 X 10 ⁴
6	50 of Tube 5	450	1000
7	50 of Tube 6	450	100
8	50 of Tube 7	450	10
9	50 of Tube 8	450	1

¹See Certificate of Analysis, Table 4.

Reaction Mix¹

Reagent	Stock Concentration	Volume per Reaction (µL)
Molecular Grade H ₂ O	---	29.25
PCR Buffer	10X	5
MgCl ₂	50 mM	6.5
dNTP Mix	10 mM each	1
Probe ^{2,3} - NRC-1325 (NR-9344)	5 µM	1
Forward Primer ² - NRC-1326 (NR-9345)	10 µM	1
Reverse Primer ² NRC-1327 (NR-9346)	10 µM	1
iTaq polymerase	5 units per µL	0.25
Nucleic acid sample	---	5
		Total – 50 µL

¹Reaction mix should be kept on bench-top cooler until ready for use.

²Primers and probe are supplied at working stock concentrations.

³6-carboxyfluorescein probe must be protected from light at all times.

Cycling Protocol

Cycle	# of Repeats	Step	Conditions
1	1	1	95.0 °C for 1 minute
2	45	1	95.0 °C for 15 seconds
		2	63.0 °C for 15 seconds

Instructions

1. Prepare unknown nucleic acid samples. Samples used in development of this assay included DNA extracted from virus using the Qiagen QIAamp[®] Viral RNA Mini Kit following the manufacturer's instructions.
2. This assay was developed using Bio-Rad reagents and detection system. Please refer to the iQ5 Multicolor Real-Time PCR Detection System Manual for information regarding plate and run setup.
3. When analyzing the data, especially the standard curve, it is important that the PCR efficiency fall somewhere between 90-105% and that the C_T values are separated by approximately 3.3 cycles.