Diagnostic Plasmid Containing the Small Subunit Ribosomal RNA Gene (18S) from *Plasmodium falciparum*

Catalog No. MRA-177

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Product Description:
The small subunit ribosomal RNA gene (18S rRNA gene; GenBank: AF145334) from *Plasmodium falciparum* was amplified from genomic DNA by nest 1 PCR primers and cloned into vector pCR2.1-TOPO (Invitrogen™).[1,2] MRA-177 contains the beta-lactamase gene, *bla*, to provide transformant selection through ampicillin and the kanamycin gene, *aph*, to provide transformant selection through kanamycin resistance in *Escherichia coli (E. coli)*. The resulting size of the plasmid is approximately 5100 base pairs. The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the Certificate of Analysis. The plasmid was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

MRA-177 (clone 8) may be used in PCR assays for the diagnosis of mixed species malaria infections.[1]

Material Provided:
Each vial of MRA-177 contains plasmid DNA in buffer. The amount and concentration are shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening.

Packaging/Storage:
MRA-177 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be minimized.

Citation:
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