

Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Real-Time PCR Detection kit

100 Reactions | 20°C

INTENDED USE

Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Real-Time PCR Detection kit is an *in-vitro* Real Time PCR qualitative assay for the specific detection of EBV DNA in human Plasma, serum, Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and whole blood. The kit also includes a human endogenous control to confirm the extraction of a biological sample.

SAMPLE TYPE

Human Plasma, Serum, Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and whole blood.

BACKGROUND

Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), also known as human herpesvirus 4, is a member of the herpes virus family. It is one of the most common human viruses which is found world-wide. Most people get infected with EBV at some point in their lives. EBV spreads most commonly through bodily fluids, primarily saliva. EBV can cause infectious mononucleosis. Diagnosing EBV infection can be challenging because the symptoms are similar to other illnesses. EBV infection can be confirmed with a blood test that detects antibodies. About nine out of ten of adults have antibodies that show that they have a current or past EBV infection. Post transplant lymphoproliferative disease (PTLD) is a feared complication of transplantation. The highest PTLD risk is in the EBV seronegative recipient of an EBV seropositive graft, which most commonly occurs in pediatric recipients.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Real-Time PCR Detection kit is an *in vitro* diagnostic kit which detects EBV viral gene (FAM) and Human internal control (ROX) present in the infected person's sample using Real-Time PCR. Individual primers and probes have been designed to permit multiple detections in a single reaction through separate fluorescent channels.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

KIT COMPONENTS	VOLUME
Master Mix	2x650 µL
Primer and Probe mix	125 µL
Nuclease Free Water	1000 µL
Positive Test Control (PTC)	100 µL
Instruction for use	1 No.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Consumables

PCR Plates/tubes
PCR plate covers/tube caps

COMPATIBLE INSTRUMENTS

Real-Time PCR, instruments like, BIORAD-CFX96, THERMO-QS5, QIAGEN-ROTOR - GENE Q and other instruments which supports FAM (495 nm - 520 nm) and Texas Red (596 nm - 615 nm).

TARGET	REPORTER	QUENCHER
EBV	FAM	BHQ1
Human Internal control	Texas Red/ROX	BHQ2

*Select the quencher settings as BHQ/None

STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Store all Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) Real-Time PCR Detection Kit reagents at -20°C.
- Do not repeatedly freeze-thaw reagents more than five times as it leads to reduced assay sensitivity. Thaw the reagents only on ice or at 4°C.
- Kit components are stable through the end of the expiration date indicated on the box when stored at -20°C. Shelf Life - 12 Months from date of manufacturing.

PRECAUTIONS

- It is recommended that this product is used by personnel specially instructed and trained in real-time PCR and *in-vitro* diagnostics procedures.
- Treat all the specimens as potentially infectious.
- Wear protective disposable powder-free gloves, a laboratory coat and eye protection when handling specimens.
- Store positive and/or potentially positive material separated from all other components of the kit.
- Keep separate areas for master mix and template preparation and work under biosafety cabinets.
- Use aerosol barrier pipette tips and frequently change the gloves.
- Do not open the reaction tubes/plates post-amplification, to avoid contamination with amplicons.
- Do not smoke, drink or eat in areas where kit reagents and/or human specimens are being used.
- Do not use kit components that have passed their expiration date.

REACTION MIXTURE - 25 µL

Reagents	1 Rxn	20 Rxn	50 Rxn	100 Rxn
Master Mix	13 µL	260 µL	650 µL	1300 µL
Primer & Probe mix	1.25 µL	25 µL	62.5 µL	125 µL
Nuclease Free Water	2.75 µL	55 µL	137.5 µL	275 µL
Total	17 µL	340 µL	850 µL	1700 µL

Add 8 µL of the test DNA per reaction

SAMPLE PREPARATION

DNA should be extracted from freshly collected Human Plasma, Serum, Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and whole blood, using any approved DNA extraction methods. Store the extracted DNA samples at -20 °C for further use.

TEST PREPARATION/REACTION SET-UP

- Thaw all components of the kit on ice, mix gently using vortex and spin down the contents for 5 secs and use it immediately.
- Calculate the number of reactions for each experiment including all controls with one excess reaction volume in the reaction cocktail to accommodate pipetting errors. (eg: number of reaction (n) including controls are 10 add 1 extra reaction during the preparation n+1).

- Prepare the reaction mix in a 1.5/2 mL tube for the calculated number of samples in Master Mix Preparation room.
- Spin down the tubes and dispense 17 µL reaction mix in each tube strips or 96 well plate. Before moving to template adding area, add 8 µL of nuclease free water in NTC wells.
- Carefully add 8 µL of DNA samples kept on ice in the designated wells in template addition room. Add 2 µL of PTC in a separate hood and make up the volume by adding 6 µL of nuclease free water. The assay should be run along with positive controls and negative controls.
- Seal the plate carefully, briefly spin down and use any qRT-PCR instrument which complies with the dyes specified in the kit insert.

THERMAL CYCLIC CONDITIONS

STEP	TEMP °C	TIME	DETECTION	CYCLE
Hold	95	1 Min	Off	1
PCR and Detection	95	5 Sec	Off	40
	56	30 Sec	On	

READING TEST RESULTS / DATA ANALYSIS

- NTCs should be negative and should not exhibit fluorescence amplified curves that cross the threshold line.
- If a false positive occurs with one or more of the primer and probe in NTC reactions, it indicates sample contamination.
- In that case, invalidate the run and repeat the assay with stricter adherence to the procedure guidelines.
- Positive control should produce a positive result with an expected Ct value for each target included in the test.
- If expected positive reactivity is not achieved, invalidate the run and repeat the assay with stricter adherence to procedure guidelines.
- After completion of the run, analyze the data as per the instrument manufacturer instructions.
- Analysis should be performed separately for each target using a manual threshold settings.
- In case internal control has not worked for a sample re-do the test with 2 or more dilutions.
- Negative results do not exclude possibility of infection and should not be used as the sole basis for the treatment.

RESULTS INTERPRETATION

For all target genes-EBV	For Internal Control	Assay result
Ct < 37	Ct ≤ 37	Positive
Ct = Undetermined or Ct ≥ 37	Ct ≤ 37	Negative
Ct = Undetermined or Ct ≥ 37	Ct ≥ 37 Undetermined	Invalid. Re-purify the nucleic acid and repeat the test.

DATA INTERPRETATION

EBV FAM	IC Texas Red/ROX	Results Interpretation
+	+	Positive for EBV
-	+	Negative for EBV
-	-	Invalid Run. Repeat DNA extraction and PCR run

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Dispose all the waste/remains of the reagents used in reaction mixture preparation & expired kit components along with bio-waste as per the lab manual/general bio-waste management instruction.
- Dispose the PCR plates with patient samples "sealed" post run to avoid potential infection to the operators and contamination of the lab.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Positive control showed no amplification

Inappropriate storage of reagents

- Store the reagents at recommended temperature for their optimal performance.
- Avoid repetitive freezing and thawing.
- Check the expiry of reagents.

Negative controls are positive

Causes - Cross-contamination

- Follow good laboratory practices to avoid contamination issues.
- Use a new batch of reagents and repeat the experiment.

Abnormal plot and/or low ΔRn values in amplification curve

The baseline was set improperly (some samples have CT values lower than the baseline value)

- Switch from manual to automatic baseline, or move the baseline stop value to a lower CT (2 cycles before the amplification curve for the sample crosses the threshold)

An amplification signal is detected in the early cycles

Dilute the sample to increase the CT value