

HELINI

MLL-AF4

Real-time PCR Kit

Instructions for use

For use with: Agilent, Bio-Rad, Roche Lightcycler-96, Roche-Z480/Cobas-480, Applied Bio systems [ABI], Thermo-Piko-Real, Rotor gene 5/6plex, Alta-96, Cepheid Real time PCR machines.



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Intended Use

The HELINI MLL-AF4 Real-time PCR Kit is an in vitro nucleic acid amplification kit for the detection of MLL-AF4 fusion gene transcripts specific RNA.

Kit components

Components	Volume Per reaction	Number of vials	Reactions Per vials
One step RT-PCR Master Mix	8µl	2	200µl
RT-Taq enzyme mix	2µl	2	50µl
MLL-AF4-1 Primer Probe Mix	2.5µl	1	65µl
MLL-AF4-2 Primer Probe Mix	2.5µl	1	65µl
Endogenous Primer Probe Mix	2.5µl	1	65µl
MLL-AF4-1 & 2 Mix Positive control [Lyophilized]	10µl	1	250µl
Water, PCR grade		1	4ml

Lyophilized components need to be diluted before use. Please refer page.9

Storage

- The kit is shipped on gel ice. Upon arrival, all components should be stored in -20°C. They are stable until the expiration date stated on the label.
- Repeated thawing and freezing should be avoided, as this might affect the performance of the assay.
- If the reagents are to be used only intermittently, they should be frozen in aliquots. Storage at 2 to 8°C should not exceed a period of 5 hours.

Material and instruments required

- Real-time PCR instrument having FAM & HEX channels
- Automatic Nucleic acid extraction system or spin column based purification kit for the purification of nucleic acids
- Desktop centrifuge having 13000rpm or above with a rotor for 1.5/2 ml reaction tubes
- Centrifuge with a rotor for PCR strips/tubes and 96 well plates
- Optical cap qPCR tubes or strips or 96 wells
- Micro Pipettes (variables)
- Micro Pipette tips with filters (disposable)
- Powder-free gloves (disposable)

[Please ensure that all instruments used have been installed, calibrated, checked and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.]

Product Use Limitations

- All reagents may exclusively be used in molecular diagnosis.
- The product is to be used by personnel specially instructed and trained in Molecular diagnosis.
- Strict compliance with the user manual is required for optimal PCR results.
- Attention should be paid to expiration dates printed on the box and labels of all components. Do not use expired components.
- Wear protective disposable powder-free gloves, a laboratory coat and eye protection when handling specimens and kit components.
- Avoid microbial and nuclease (RNase/RNase) contamination of the specimens and the components of the kit.
- Always use RNase/RNase-free disposable pipette tips with aerosol barriers.
- Use separated and segregated working areas for sample preparation, reaction setup and amplification/detection activities.
- The workflow in the laboratory should proceed in unidirectional manner. Always wear disposable gloves in each area and change them before entering a different area.
- Store positive and/or potentially positive material separated from all other components of the kit.
- Do not open the reaction tubes/plates post amplification, to avoid contamination with amplicons.

- Additional controls may be tested according to guidelines or requirements of local, state and/or federal regulations or accrediting organizations.
- Do not autoclave reaction tubes after the PCR, since this will not degrade the amplified nucleic acid and will bear the risk to contaminate the laboratory area.
- Discard sample and assay waste according to your local safety regulations.

Technical Assistance

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Dilution before Use

Positive control

Caution: High Positive template, Use dedicated pipette and tips box and unique area other than the regular qPCR Mix preparation cabinet or place.

1. Centrifuge the vials at 10000rpm for 3min.
2. Add **245µl of PCR grade water to Positive control vial**, close the vial.
3. Incubate at room temperature for 10min.
4. Gentle vortex for 5 seconds OR invert mix several times.
5. Incubate 5min at room temperature.
6. Gentle pipette mix up and down for 5 seconds.
7. Centrifuge at 1000 - 2000rpm for 5seconds. [Pulse spin]
8. Now, it is ready for use. After use, store at -20C.

Product description

HELINI MLL-AF4 Real-time PCR Kit constitutes a ready-to-use system for the detection of MLL-AF4 fusion gene transcripts using polymerase chain reaction (PCR). It contains reagents and enzymes for the specific amplification for the direct detection of the specific amplicon in fluorescence channels FAM. In addition, it contains an endogenous control amplification system amplifies human gene which identify possible PCR inhibition and RNA purification. External mutation positive control is supplied to assist the run.

Specificity

MLL-AF4 mutation primer and probe have been designed for the specific and exclusive *in vitro* detection of MLL-AF4 [MLL exon 8 & 9 and AF4 exon 5] fusion gene transcripts (MLL-AF4-1: e9-e5, e9-e4 & MLL-AF4-2: e10-e5, e10-e4, e11-e5, e11-e4). The primers and probe sequences in this kit have 100% homology with clinically relevant reference sequences based on a comprehensive bioinformatics analysis.

Dynamic linear range

The linear range was evaluated by analyzing a logarithmic dilution series of transcript specific pDNA concentrations ranging from 1.00E+09 to 1.00E+00copies/µl. At least six replicates per dilution were analyzed. The linear range is 1.00E+09 to 1.00E+00copies/µl.

Analytical Sensitivity

The analytical sensitivity is defined as the concentration of plasmid DNA/cDNA molecules (copies/ μ l) that can be detected with a positivity rate of 95%. The analytical sensitivity was determined by analysis of dilution series of quantified MLL-AF4 specific cDNA/pDNA from 0.001copies to 10copies/ μ l in triplicates. Under optimal PCR conditions, the analytical sensitivity is 0.98 copies per micro liter.

Note:

RNA Purification

Strongly recommended to use a fresh as well as minimum 5ml of EDTA whole human blood/Bone marrow for the RNA purification

Purified RNA is the starting material for the Real-time PCR assay. The quality of the purified RNA has a profound impact on the performance of the entire test system. It has to be ensured that the purification system used for RNA purification is compatible with real-time PCR technology.

If you are using a spin column based sample preparation procedure having washing buffers containing ethanol, it is highly recommended to perform an additional centrifugation step for 10 min at approximately 17000 x g (~ 13000 rpm), using a new collection tube, prior to the elution of the RNA.

Detection Protocol

Things to do before starting

- Before use, all kit components need to be thawed completely, mixed by gently inverting and centrifuged briefly.
- Make sure that Positive and Negative control is included in every run.
- Include 0.5 reaction volume for pipetting error while calculating the volume for total number of reactions.

In a sterile 1.5ml micro-centrifuge tube, add		
Components	F1	F2
One step RT-PCR Master Mix	8 μ l	8 μ l
RT-Taq enzyme mix	2 μ l	2 μ l
MLL-AF4-F1 PP Mix	2.5 μ l	---
PCR grade water	2.5 μ l	---
MLL-AF4-F2 PP Mix	---	2.5 μ l
Endogenous PP Mix	---	2.5 μ l
	15μl	15μl
Close the tube and gently invert mix well, spin down briefly Dispense 15μl into PCR tubes, and then thoroughly mix the sample RNA by pipetting up and down.		
Purified RNA	10μl	10μl
Final reaction volume	25 μ l	25 μ l

Negative Control setup [NTC]

Add 10µl of PCR grade water.

Positive Control setup

Add 10µl of the Positive control

Centrifuge PCR vials briefly before placing into thermal cycler.

[Note: There should not be any bubbles in the reaction mix. Bubbles interfere with fluorescence detection.]

Programming Thermal cycler

Sample volume	25µl
Fluorescence Dyes	FAM & HEX
Passive reference	None
Ramping rate	Default

Thermal Profile

	Step	Time	Temp
	Reverse transcription	20min	50°C
	Taq enzyme activation / Hold	15min	95°C
40 cycles	Denaturation	20sec	95°C
	Annealing/Data collection*	20sec	63°C
	Extension	20sec	72°C

Data collection/ Acquisition	Targets
FAM	MLL-AF4-1 (e9-e5, e9-e4)
	MLL-AF4-2 (e10-e5, e10-e4, e11-e5, e11-e4)
HEX	Endogenous control

Reading the graph:**Step-1 – Endogenous control Validation**

Select the test samples alone for the endogenous control analysis. Select HEX dye and view the graph of endogenous control amplification. A successful amplification Ct value must be within Ct 23 +/- 9.

This range indicates that test sample has enough cells to perform PCR reaction and NO PCR inhibition in the reaction. Any sample value goes beyond Ct 33 indicates that either sample does not have enough cells OR issues in the purification OR inhibition in the PCR reaction.

Endogenous control will not get amplified in the negative and positive controls. Ignore a late noise HEX amplification graph in the NTC and Positive control wells.

Step-2 – FAM - Negative and Positive control validation

Select the NTC and Positive control, select FAM channel, and view the graph of amplification.

The NTC must be flat with no Ct value. If required adjust the threshold value just above the NTC. The Positive control must be amplified.

NTC justifies NO contamination in the reagent as well as fine pipetting and its environment. PC justifies the reagents storage conditions and reaction parameters are as prescribed.

Step-3 –FAM - Test Sample status

In FAM channel, select test sample well one by one, analyze the graph/amplification.

Qualitative interpretation of results:

Test Sample	Negative control	Positive control	Endogenous Control	Interpretation
Positive	Negative	Positive	Positive	MLL-AF4 gene fusion transcripts specific RNA detected
Negative	Negative	Positive	Positive	Not Detected
Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Experiment fail
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Experiment fail

Limitations

Good laboratory practice is essential for proper performance of this assay. Strict compliance with the instructions for use is required for optimal results.

Analysts should be trained and familiar with testing procedures and interpretation of results prior to performing the assay.

A false negative result may occur due to improper collection, transport or handling. Appropriate specimen collection, transport, storage and processing procedures are required for the optimal performance of this test.

Extreme care should be taken to preserve the purity of the components of the kit and reaction setups. All reagents should be closely monitored for impurity and contamination. Any suspicious reagents should be discarded.

The presence of PCR inhibitors may cause under quantification, false negative or invalid results.





Potential mutations within the target regions of the genome covered by the primers and/or probes used in the kit may result in under quantification and/or failure to detect.

As with any diagnostic test, the HELINI MLL-AF4 Real-time PCR results need to be interpreted in consideration of all clinical and laboratory findings.

Quality Control

In accordance with the HELINI Biomolecules in house Quality Management System, each lot of HELINI MLL-AF4 Real-time PCR kit is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality.

Explanations of symbols

	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Catalogue number
	Pack size – number of tests
	Manufacturer

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