

DNase Detection Kit

Fluorescence based detection of DNase activity

Contamination Control Kit

Cat. No.	Amount
PP-410S	100 reactions
PP-410L	500 reactions

For in vitro use only

Shipping: shipped on blue ice

Storage Conditions: store at -20 °C, store in the dark, avoid freeze/thaw cycles

Additional Storage Conditions: stable at 4 °C for up to 1 week

Shelf Life: 12 months

Form: liquid

Content

Component	Cap	100 reactions	500 reactions
DNase Detection Master 2 x conc	red	1 ml	5 x 1 ml
ROX Reference Dye 25 µM / 50 x	purple	50 µl	5 x 50 µl
DNase Standard 5 x 10 ⁻³ units/µl DNase I	yellow	10 µl	3 x 10 µl
Dilution Buffer 1 x conc	blue	1.2 ml	3 x 1.2 ml
PCR-grade Water	white	1.2 ml	1.2 ml

Required measuring device

Real-time PCR cyclers (recommended) or fluorescence spectrometers

Description

DNase Detection Kit provides a highly sensitive, fast and easy-to-perform system for detection of DNase. The kit allows the detection of lowest amounts of ss- or ds-DNA degrading DNases. It is the ideal tool for contamination testing ranging from a few samples to routine process monitoring.

The kit is based on a fluorescently labeled DNA probe exhibiting minimal fluorescence but showing a strong increase in fluorescence intensity in the presence of DNases. The probe is linked to the fluorophore FAM as reporter dye allowing excitation and detection with nearly all common real-time PCR cyclers or fluorescence readers.

Please note: Opened DNase containing vials should be stored in a separate box / on a separate place and opened only in a separate lab area to avoid DNase contamination of other reagents!

Detection limit

The detection limit of the assay is
DNase I: < 1 x 10⁻⁵ units/µl

ROX reference dye

ROX Reference Dye does not take part in the detection reaction and allows therefore a normalization for non-DNase related signal variations. We recommend to add ROX as internal standard if the instrument is compatible with the evaluation of the ROX reference signal.

Spectroscopic data of FAM (DNase Probe)

Excitation maximum: λ_{Ex} = 495 nm
Emission maximum: λ_{Em} = 520 nm

Spectroscopic data of ROX (internal reference)

Excitation maximum: λ_{Ex} = 576 nm
Emission maximum: λ_{Em} = 601 nm

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Preparation of Samples

A sample volume of 10 µl per assay is recommended. Samples containing high concentrations of salt, highly viscous liquids or detergents should be diluted with PCR-grade Water before testing. Enzymes, buffers or other components with a high concentration of glycerol must be diluted with PCR-grade Water to make sure that the final glycerol concentration in the detection assay does not exceed 2%. Please note that dilution of the sample decreases the final assay sensitivity.

Samples that contain fluorophores or fluorescence quenching components may interfere with the fluorophore-quencher based analyzing method and are not recommended for testing with this kit.

Preparation of DNase Standard

Dilute the provided **DNase Standard** (5×10^{-3} units/µl DNase I) with **Dilution Buffer** in a ratio of 1:100 to obtain:

- **Standard high** (5×10^{-5} units/µl DNase I)

Dilute the **Standard high** with **Dilution Buffer** in a ratio of 1:5 to obtain:

- **Standard low** (1×10^{-5} units/µl DNase I)

Preparation of individual standard concentrations is possible if required.

Preparation of the detection assay

Pipet with sterile filter tips, use DNase free tubes / plates and minimize the exposure of the master mix to light. Perform the setup in an DNase-free area. No-template controls and a dilution series of DNase standards should be included in each test series. Measuring all samples and standards in triplets is highly recommended.

ROX Reference Dye increases the accuracy of measurement if working with a qPCR cyclor or spectrometer that is compatible with the evaluation of the ROX reference signal.

Add ROX Reference Dye (25 µM, 50 x conc.) to DNase Detection Master (2 x conc.) as following:

Component	Conc	20 reactions	100 reactions	500 reactions
DNase Detection Master	2 x	200 µl	1 ml	5 x 1 ml
ROX Reference Dye	50 x	8 µl	40 µl	5 x 40 µl

Preparation of the assay on ice is recommended to obtain strong and reproducible signal yields. A final assay volume of 20 µl is recommended.

Add the DNase standards in a separate area to avoid DNase contamination of other samples or reagents!

- Mix careful by pipetting **DNase Detection Master** to assure homogeneity
- Add 10 µl **DNase Detection Master** into each PCR tube or well of the PCR plate
- Add 10 µl **PCR-grade Water** to each tube for negative controls and close the tubes
- Add 10 µl of sample material to each sample tube and close the tubes
- Add 10 µl **Standard low** to each tube for low standards and close the tubes
- Add 10 µl **Standard high** to each tube for high standards and close the tubes
- Spin down and make sure to avoid bubbles
- Place the tubes in the qPCR cyclor or spectrometer

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	neg. control			standard low			standard high			sample 1		
B	sample 2			sample 3			sample 4			sample 5		
C	sample 6											
D												
E												
F												
G												
H												

Pipetting schema of a 96-well plate. Measuring all samples and standards in triplets is highly recommended.

Data collection

Kinetic measurement

A real-time fluorescence measurement allows a kinetic evaluation of DNase activity resulting in an increased accuracy and detection limit.

The following incubation and detection sequence is recommended:

Incubation	37°C	1 min	20-30 x
Fluorescence data collection in FAM channel and ROX channel (if using ROX)			

If using an older real-time PCR cyler for data collection the set-up program may not accept incubation at constant temperature terminated by fluorescence detection. In that case the following "two-step" cycling protocol is recommended:

Incubation	36°C	10 sec	20-30 x
Incubation	37°C	50 sec	
Fluorescence data collection in FAM channel and ROX channel (if using ROX)			

Endpoint measurement using a fluorometer/spectrometer

This detection method allows only the end point determination of the accumulated fluorescence of each sample. Please note that this method may limit accuracy and detection limit. It is essential to avoid measurements in the flattened area at the end of the fluorescence curve that may occur if incubation time exceeds 20 min.

Incubate the tubes for 10-20 min at 37°C. Measure both, FAM fluorescence signal and JOE fluorescence signal for each sample in a fluorescence reader or spectrometer.

Analysis of the measurement

Kinetic measurement on a real-time PCR system

After finishing the measurement switch to the **Results** area, select **Amplification Plot** and **ΔRn vs Cycle** as Plot Type. Select **Linear** as Graph Type. Switch off **Automatic Baseline** and select **Baseline Start Cycle 1** and **End Cycle 1**.

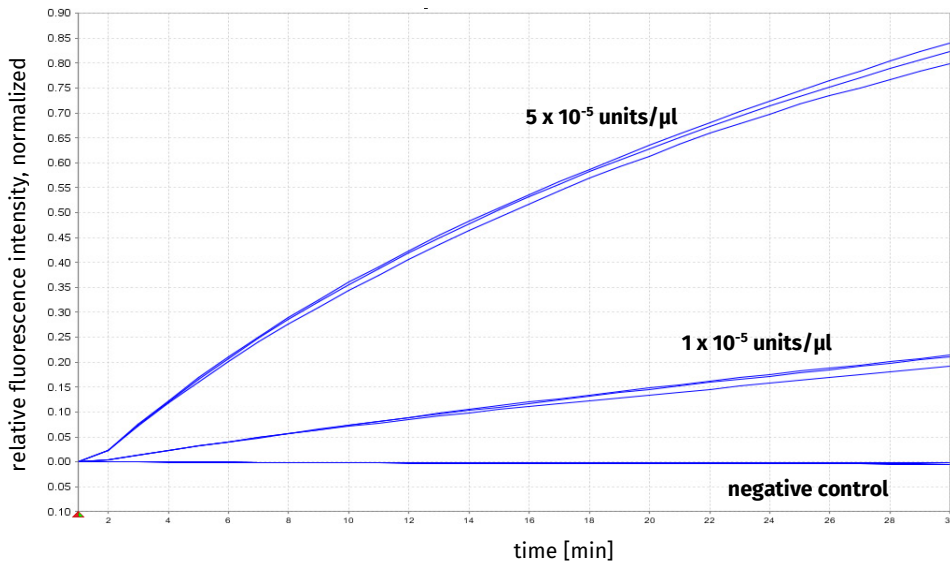
The resulting plot shows the relative fluorescence intensities vs. time in linear scale. The plot is normalized to the first data point at time 0.

Select the FAM channel: The slope of the plot in its linear region is directly proportional the DNase activity.

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Kinetic evaluation of DNase I activity monitored on the real-time PCR system QuantStudio 5 (ThermoFisher). Concentraatin of DNase I standards are 1×10^{-5} units/ μl and 5×10^{-5} units/ μl . PCR-grade water is used for negative control.