

Product Name
Five Strains of Diarrheagenic Escherichia coli Multi-Target Nucleic Acid Detection Kit (PCR Melting Curve Method)

Specification
12 reactions/kit

Intended Use
This kit is used for qualitative detection of Enteropathogenic Escherichia coli (EPEC), Enteroinvasive Escherichia coli (EIEC), Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli (ETEC), Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli (EHEC), and Enteroaggregative Escherichia coli (EAEC) in samples such as stool and anal swab.

Test Principle
The kit uses iCassette technology in combination with supporting instruments to automatically perform nucleic acid extraction and nucleic acid amplification by the instrument throughout the entire process, reducing direct cross-contamination of samples. At the same time, a built-in QR code scanner can automatically identify the execution process corresponding to this kit. A uniquely designed software of the kit is used to perform nucleic acid extraction, whole-process PCR, result display and analysis.
This kit uses one reaction tube to detect 12 different target genes of five trains of Diarrheagenic Escherichia coli in the sample and determine the specific type of the pathogen in the sample. This kit uses multiplex PCR combined with melting curve analysis technology, and designs primers and probes based on the specific genes of the pathogen. Since each pathogen corresponds to a specific melting curve peak Tm value, pathogen typing and identification detection can be achieved.

Kit Components		Content	Quantity
DEC5 iCassette	DEC5 iCassette	Guanidine Hydrochloride, Guanidine isothiocyanate, Tris-HCl, Magnetic microsphere	12 pcs
	DEC5 lyophilization	Specific primer probe, dNTP, enzyme	12 pcs
Control materials	Sterile Deionized Water	Sterile Deionized Water	2 x 28mL/bottle
	DEC5 Positive Control	Plasmid	1 tube
	DEC5 Negative Control	Sterilized purified water	1 tube(1200μL)

Note:Components in kits with different batch numbers are not interchangeable

Storage condition and Shelf life
1. The kit can be stored at 2-8℃ and the shelf life is 12 months.
2. The transportation temperature range of the kit should be kept at 2-8℃.
3. Please do not open the iCassette cover before adding the sample. If you open the iCassette cover, it should be used within 30 minutes.

Applicable instruments
Automated Fully Enclosed qPCR Instrument: Galaxy Neo, Galaxy Lite and Galaxy Pro.

Materials Required but Not Provided
• Automated Fully Enclosed qPCR Instrument:Galaxy Neo, Galaxy Lite or Galaxy Pro.
• Ultrosonic machine: Galaxy USL III (*not required for Galaxy Neo*).
• Leak-proof, sterile, screw-capped specimen collection containers.
• Disposable gloves, eye protection, laboratory coats, and labels or permanent marking pen.
• Vortex instrument.
• Timer
• Centrifuge
• Pipettes.
• Sterile pipette tips.

Sample Requirements
1. Sample types: stool, anal swab.
2. Sample collection
2.1 Stool sample: Use a clean container or line the toilet with plastic wrap to catch the stool. Avoid urine or toilet water contact, Transfer a small amount (about a teaspoon) into the sterile sample container using the provided tool. Tightly close the container and label it as instructed.
2.2 Anal swab sample: Wash hands and ensure you have a sterile swab and container, stand with

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one leg raised or lie on your side with knees bent,gently insert the swab 2-3 cm into the anus and rotate for 5-10 seconds, carefully remove the swab, place it in the sterile container, and seal it.
3. Sample storage and transportation
The specimens used for virus isolation and nucleic acid detection should be tested as soon as possible.All collected samples can be tested immediately, or stored at 2–8 °C for 7 days, or stored at ≤ –20 °C for 6 months, avoiding repeated freezing and thawing.
4. Principles of Biosafety Protection:
All operations should comply with relevant national laws and regulations.

Test Method and Operation

1. Prepare the DEC5 iCassette
Open the package of DEC5 lyophilization, observe whether the DEC5 lyophilization is intact, replace the empty PCR tube on the iCassette with the PCR tube containing the DEC5 lyophilization, and make sure the PCR tube is screwed up.

2. Process the samples
2.1 Samples pretreatment
2.1.1 For stool sample
Add the stool specimen to a 1.5mL centrifuge tube, add 1mL of sterile saline or sterile deionized water, shake thoroughly to mix, and centrifuge at low speed for about 1 minute, aspirate the supernatant for the next step.
2.1.2 For anal swab sample
The sampling tube with preservation solution does not need pretreatment. If there is no preservation solution, add 2mL of sterile saline or sterile deionized water, shake thoroughly to mix, and use for the next step.
2.2 Ultrasonic Crushing
Pipette 1mL of the pretreated sample and slowly add it to the DEC5 iCassette sample compartment as shown in Figure 1, close the lid tightly, put it into the ultrasonic machine, and sonicate for 20 seconds. (Note: After the sample is added to the iCassette, the test needs to start running within 30 minutes). Place the ultrasonicated iCassette into the instrument.

Note: For the Galaxy Neo, the ultrasound functionality is already built-in, so simply add the sample to be tested into the iCassette and insert it into the machine.

2.3 Process negative and positive controls
Pipette 600μL of sterile saline or sterile deionized water to re-dissolve the DEC5 positive control, then take 600μL of DEC5 positive control or negative control slowly add it to the DEC5 iCassette sample compartment as shown in Figure 1, close the lid tightly. Place the iCassette into the instrument.



Figure 1. DEC5 iCassette (Lateral View)

3. Test Operation
3.1 Turn on the power, press the switch button on front side of the instrument, and the blue light is on, i.e. "the instrument is on". After the instrument is turned on, click the control software icon on the desktop to enter the login interface.
3.2 Log in to the software for the first time with the administrator account (Admin/123456), click "OK" to complete the login.
3.3 Click the "Open" button in the initial interface to open the compartment door of the instrument.
3.4 Put the iCassette that has been added with sample into the instrument and click the "Close" button in the initial interface to close the compartment door. (For multi-channel instrument, iCassette tray holder is required to load the iCassette. Input the sample information at the corresponding channel position of the control software while loading the iCassette)
3.5 After the compartment door is closed, the instrument scans the corresponding QR code on the iCassette automatically.

3.6 After scanning, click the "Run" button, the software will automatically load the program corresponding to the QR code of the iCassette, and click "OK" to start the program.
3.7 After the program starts, the progress of the instrument running will be displayed in the main interface.
3.8 After the amplification is completed, the compartment door will open automatically.
For the detailed steps of test operation, please refer to user manual of the instrument.

4. Result Analysis
After the experiment is finished, the instrument will automatically save the results, and output the Tm value and melting curves with results interpretation in the interface.

Results Interpretation
The Tm reference distribution for 12 diarrheal syndrome pathogens in each channel are as follows:

Channels	Target	Tm value reference range (℃)
FAM	<i>stx1</i>	60.0 - 64.0
	<i>bfpB</i>	66.0 - 70.0
	<i>pic</i>	71.0 - 75.0
	<i>astA</i>	76.0 - 80.0
CY5	<i>aggR</i>	60.0 - 64.0
	<i>elt</i>	67.0 - 71.0
	<i>sth</i>	72.0 - 75.0
	<i>uidA</i>	76.0 - 80.0
ROX/Texas Red	<i>eae</i>	60.0 - 64.0
	<i>stx2</i>	65.0 - 69.0
	<i>stp</i>	70.0 - 74.0
	<i>ipaH</i>	76.0 - 80.0

Table of target genes and types of five trains of Diarrheagenic Escherichia coli		
Type	Types and combinations of target genes	
EAEC	One or more positive in <i>aggR</i> , <i>astA</i> , <i>pic</i>	<i>uidA</i> (+/-)
EPEC	<i>bfpB</i> (+/-), <i>eae</i> ^a (+), <i>stx1</i> (-), <i>stx2</i> (-)	
STEC/EHEC	<i>eae</i> (+/-), <i>stx1</i> (+), <i>stx2</i> (-), <i>bfpB</i> (-)	
	<i>eae</i> (+/-), <i>stx1</i> (-), <i>stx2</i> (+), <i>bfpB</i> (-)	
	<i>eae</i> (+/-), <i>stx1</i> (+), <i>stx2</i> (+), <i>bfpB</i> (-)	
ETEC	One or more positive in <i>elt</i> , <i>sth</i> , <i>stp</i>	
EIEC	<i>ipaH</i> (+)	

Note: "+" represents positive, "-" represents negative;
More than 97% of E. coli were *uidA* positive.

Quality Control
Test results of positive control: The pathogen types corresponding to melting curve analysis of FAM, CY5, ROX/Texas Red are *pic*, *elt* and *ipaH* respectively.
Test results of negative control:Melting curve analysis, the results were all negative.

Limitations of Test Method
1. The test results are related to the sample collection, transportation and storage conditions. Any mistakes will lead to false negative results. If the sample is cross-contaminated during the processing, a false positive result may occur. The test results are for clinical reference only and cannot be used alone as a basis for confirming or excluding cases.
2. This kit detects the conserved region of the pathogen, which rarely mutates, but it does not rule out the possibility that genetic mutations of the pathogen during the epidemic may lead to false negative results.

Product Performance Index
1. The LoD of the kit: 500 copies/mL.
2. Specificity: There is no cross-reaction with other common pathogens with the same infection site or similar infection symptoms.
3. Precision: The coefficient of variation of the test precision reference is less than 5%.

Precautions
1. If the iCassette is oscillated after adding the sample, do not use the iCassette.


















2. Clinical laboratories should strictly follow the management standards in the local related regulations for molecular biology laboratories and clinical gene amplification laboratories.
3. Each iCassette is single-use, please do not reuse it.
4. In the sample processing stage, use a negative pressure ultra-clean workbench.
5. During the experiment, the medical staff must wear work clothes, disposable gloves, and use self-discharging pipettes.
6. After the experiment, the workbench and pipette were treated with 2% sodium hypochlorite or 75% alcohol, and then irradiated with a UV lamp for 30 minutes.


Instruction Version

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Symbols

The following symbols may appear on the product labeling:


	In vitro diagnostic medical device		Do not re-use
	Use-by date		Consult instructions for use or consult electronic instructions for use
	Caution		Manufacturer
	Temperature limit		Batch code
	Contains sufficient for <n>		Keep dry
	Keep away from sunlight		Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use
	Date of manufacture		Biological risks
	Catalogue number		CE marking of conformity
	Authorized representative in the European Community		



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