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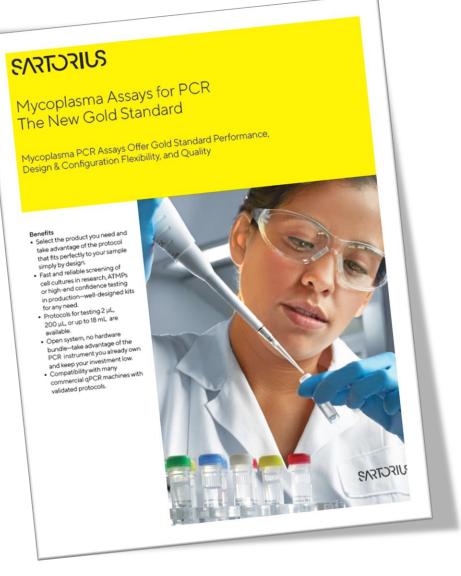
Microsart® Mycoplasma Kits







Features	Microsart® Research Mycoplasma	Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma	Microsart® AMP Mycoplasma
Recommended use	Testing of cell culture materials in research and development	Testing of autologous cell transplants (ATMPs)	Regulated in-process and lot-release testing of cell cultures and cell-culture derived biologicals, with increased sample volume input
Type of PCR	5' nuclease assay for qPCR	5´ nuclease assay for qPCR	5' nuclease assay for qPCR
Device requirements	Kit can be applied on any qPCR cycler suitable to detect FAM™ and ROX™ dyes	Kit can be applied on any qPCR cycler suitable to detect FAM™ and ROX™ dyes	Kit can be applied on any qPCR cycler suitable to detect FAM™ and ROX™ dyes and accepting 100 μL reaction volume
Kit components	 Lyophilized primers nucleotides probes polymerase internal amplification control, aliquoted in 25 reactions Rehydration buffer Lyophilized positive control PCR grade water 	 Lyophilized primers nucleotides probes polymerase, aliquoted in 25 reactions Internal amplification control usable as DNA extraction control Rehydration buffer Lyophilized positive control PCR grade water 	 Lyophilized primers nucleotides probes polymerase, aliquoted in 25 reactions Internal amplification control usable as DNA extraction control Rehydration buffer Lyophilized positive control PCR grade water
Package sizes	Cat. No. SMB95-1005 25 tests	Cat. No. SMB95-1003 25 tests	Cat. No. SMB95-1001 25 tests
Sample volume	2 μL (optional 200 μL when combined with prior DNA extraction)	200 μL	200 μL to 18 mL
Sample volume per PCR	2 µL	10 µL	50 µL



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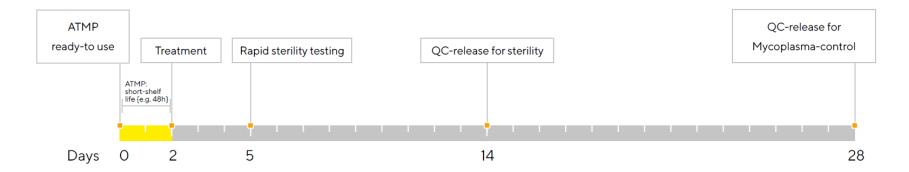
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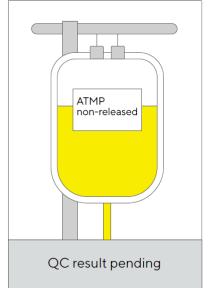


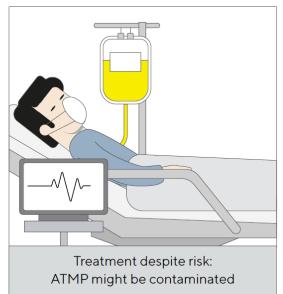


ATMPs put microbiological QC to novel challenges



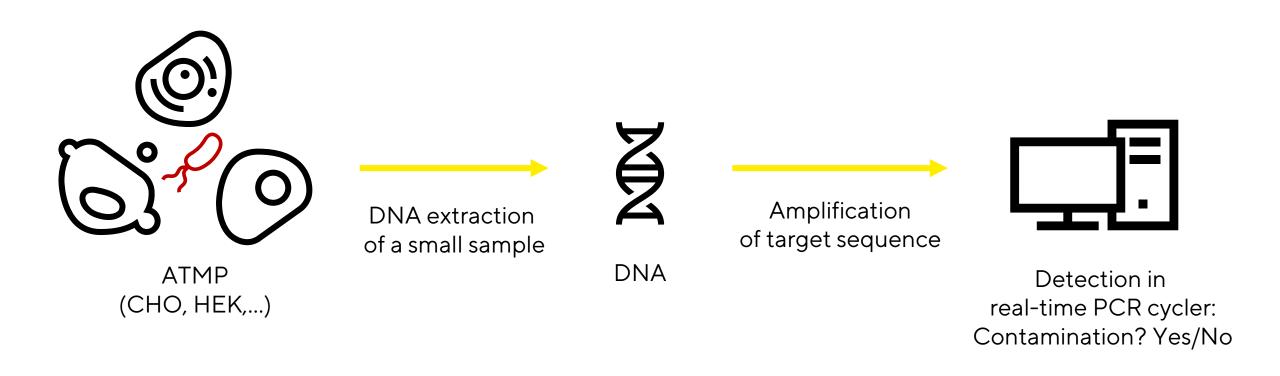
5, 14 or 28 days of waiting is too long for ATMPs!







Nucleic acid techniques



Results within 3 hours!

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Mycoplasma contamination detection

- Real-time PCR allows detection of Mycoplasma
 - In 3 h
 - Down to 5-10 CFU/ml
- Validated combination
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- Support
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Microsart® AMP Extraction



Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma

Workflow Mycoplasma contamination detection

- DNA isolation using the column-based Microsart® AMP Extraction kit
 - Columns allow to isolate DNA from the whole ATMP sample (supernatant & cells)



- Taq-Man® System → reduce false-positive signals
- Duplex assay → reduce false-negative signals
- Universal assay for different real-time PCR cycler \rightarrow FAMTM and ROXTM
- High stability & no freezing → Lyophilized reagents



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Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma

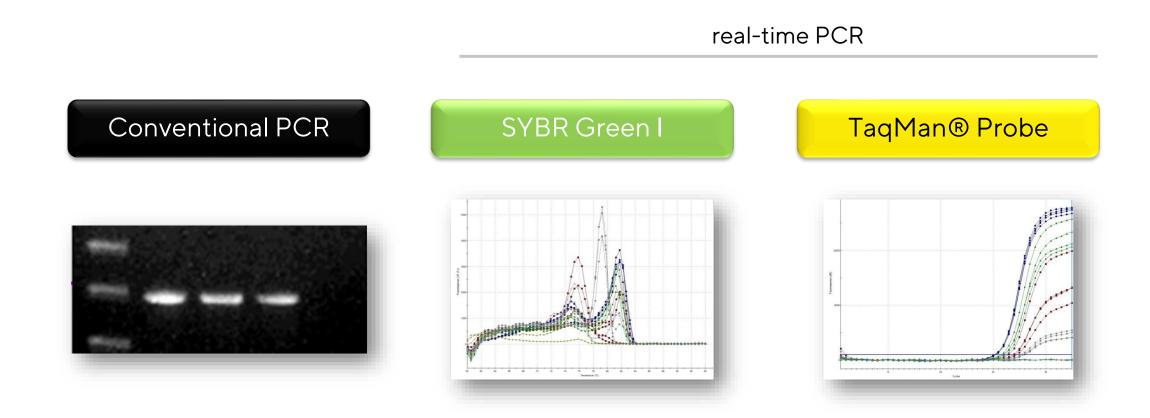


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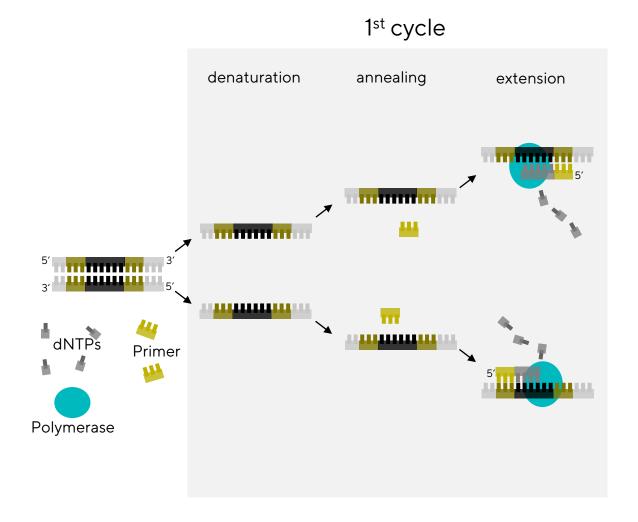
Technical background DNA-based detection methods



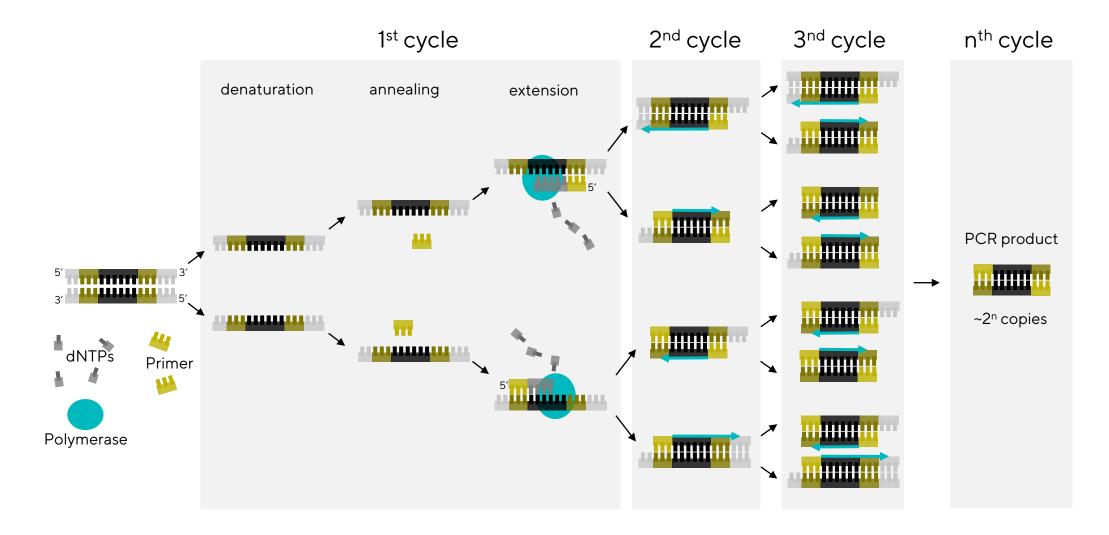
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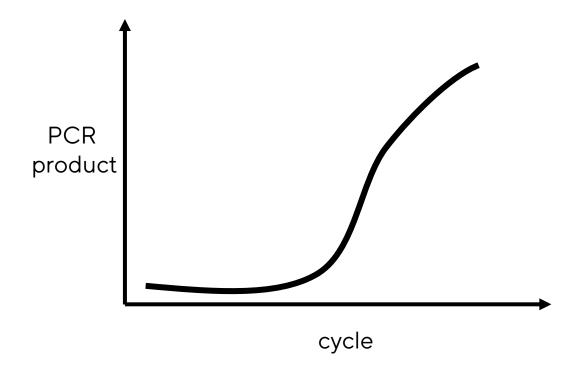
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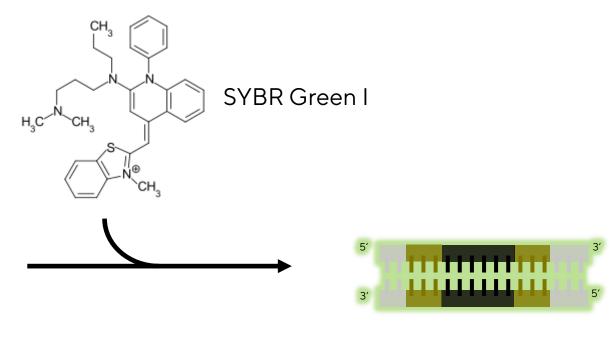
A real-time PCR visualizes the reaction

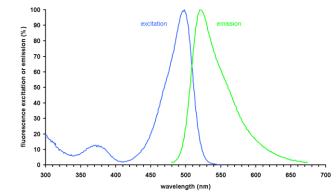


How does that work?

Real-time PCR

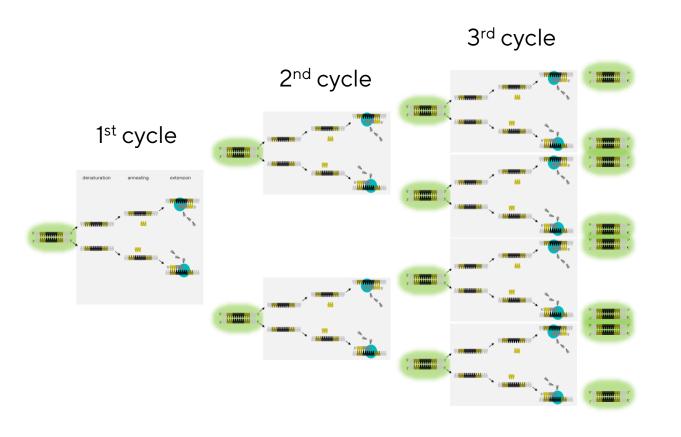
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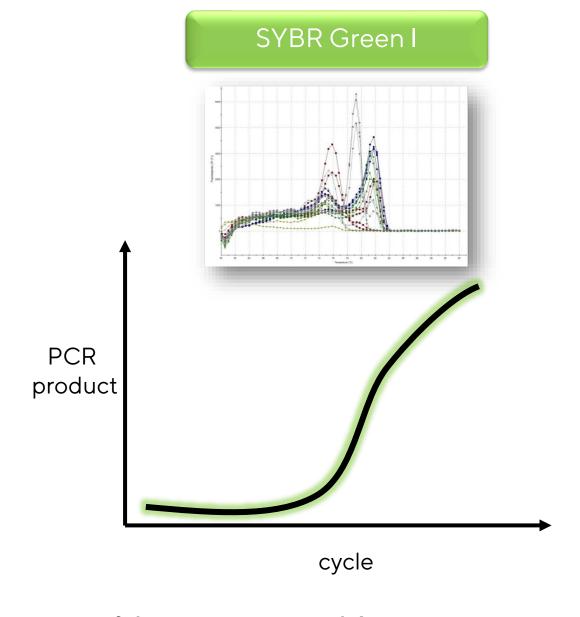




The dye SYBR Green I binds to double stranded DNA!

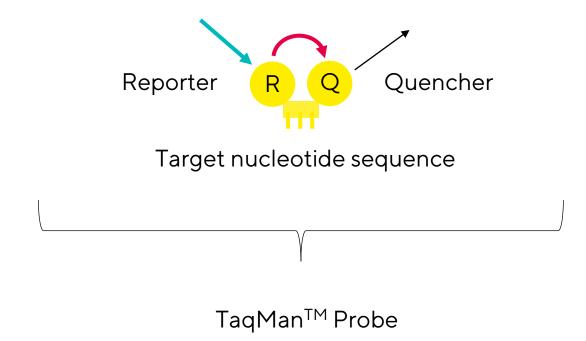
Real-time PCR



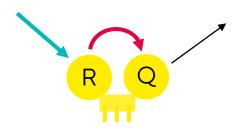


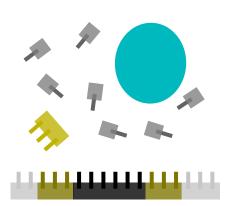
Unspecific binding of SYBR Green I can result in false-positive signals!

A TaqManTM probe is more specific compared to SYBR Green I



TaqManTM real-time PCR





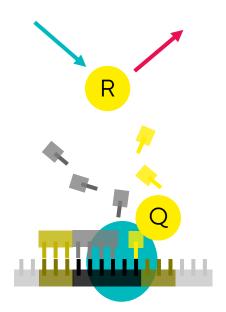
As long as the probe is complete no light signal can be detected

TaqMan[™] probe is degraded during real-time PCR



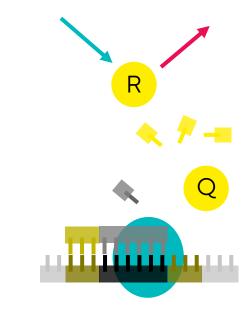
Taq Polymerase functions:

- DNA amplification
- 5'-3' exonuclease activity

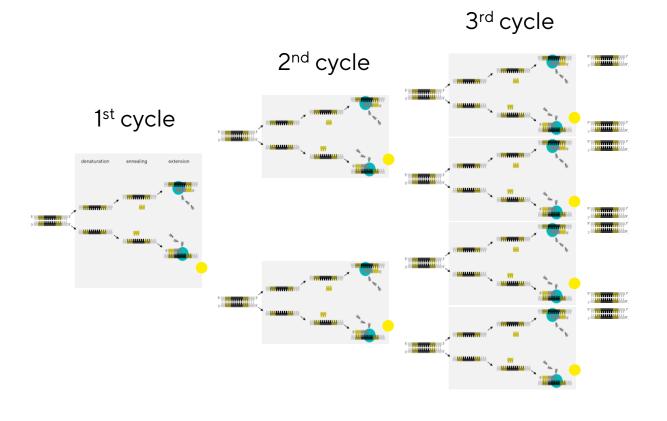


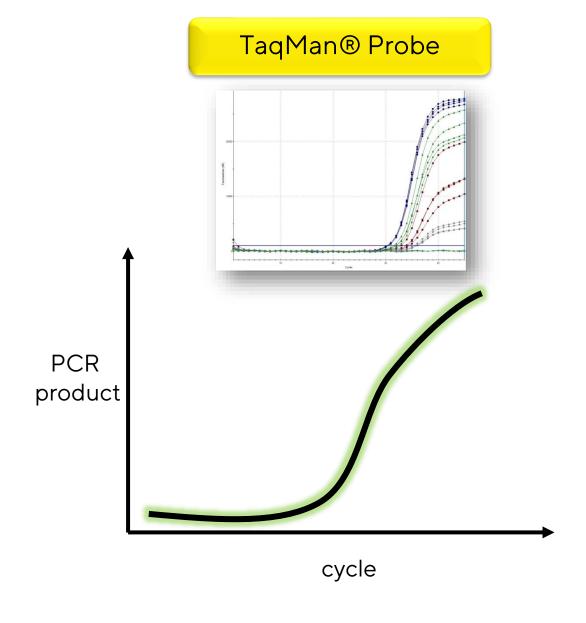
During elongation:

- Polymerase hydrolyses probe
- Dye and quencher are separated
- Reporter dye emits light signal



TaqManTM real-time PCR





The specificity of Taq Man^{TM} system reduces false-positive results!

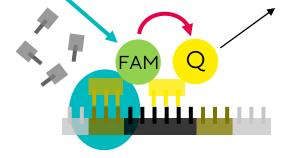
A duplex real-time PCR assay monitors PCR functionality

Problem:

What does **no signal** mean? No microbial contamination? PCR inhibition?

Solution: Include a second real-time PCR and a control DNA that must lead to a signal!

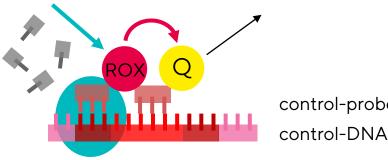
→ If this internal control reaction does not lead to a signal, the PCR is inhibited.



target-probe target-DNA

Duplex assay

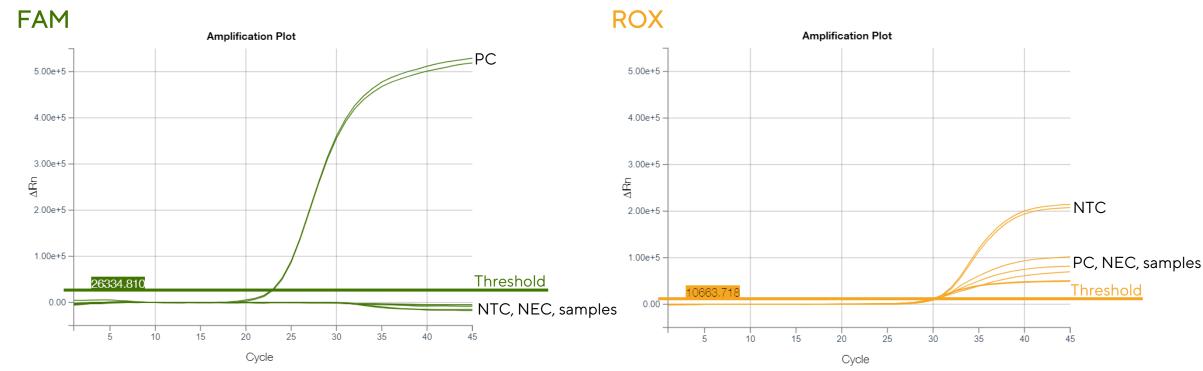
= two independent real-time PCRs in one run using different fluorophores



control-probe

The internal control reaction reduces false-negative results!

A duplex real-time PCR Analysis



There is no contamination in the samples, because only the positive control is detectable in the FAM channel

There is no PCR inhibition, because the internal control DNA was detected in all reactions.

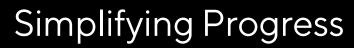
What is in the kits?

real-time PCR master mix

- Primer for target DNA
- Primer for control DNA
- FAM probe for target DNA
- ROX probe for control DNA
- Taq polymerase
- Buffer

Rehydration buffer Internal Control DNA Positive Control DNA Ultrapure Water



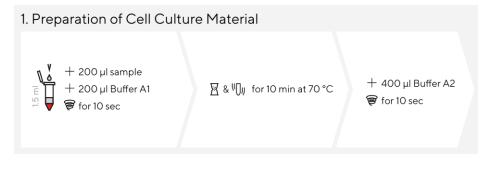




Hands on Mycoplasma detection

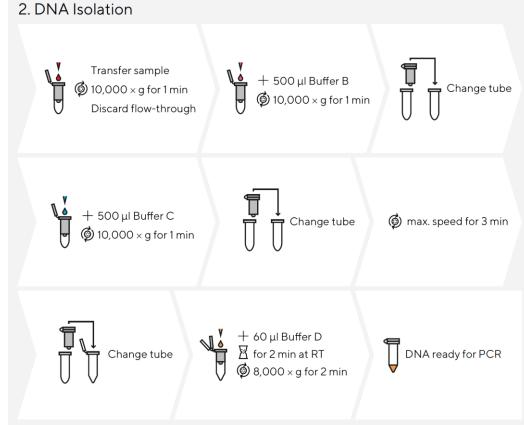


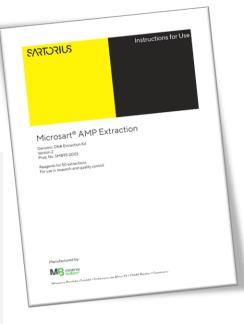
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storage +18 - +25 °C (RT)

This procedure overview is not a substitute for the detailed manual



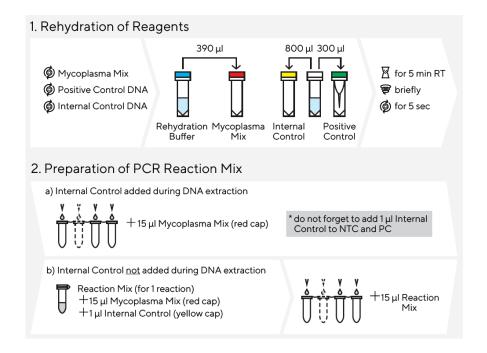


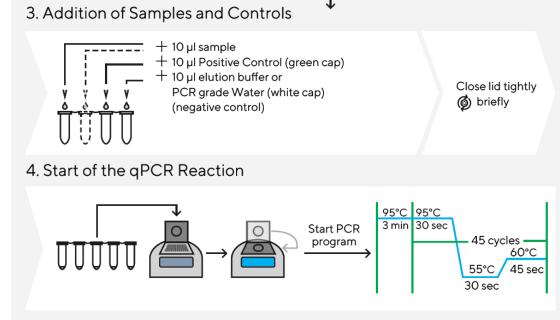
Silica membrane based extraction

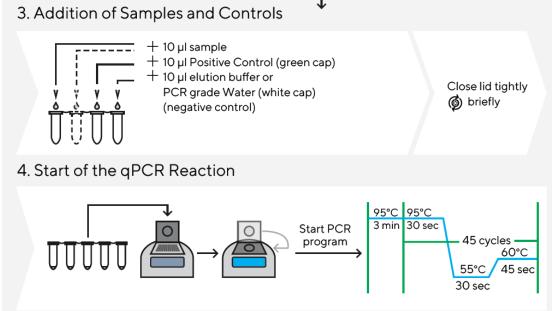
₩ incubate

vortex centrifuge add

Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma







Rehydration Buffer Mycoplasma Mix ☐ PCR grade Water Positive Control Internal Control

🛚 incubate 🗑 vortex (d) centrifuge + add

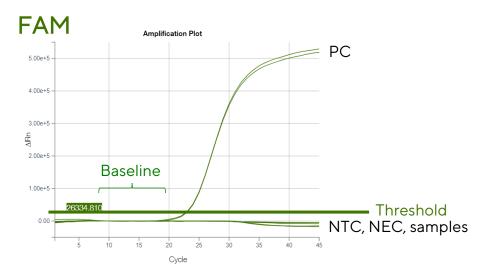
storage +2 - +8 °C after rehydration ≤ -18 °C

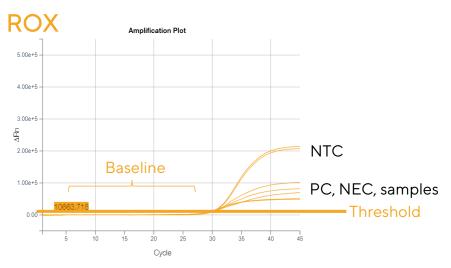
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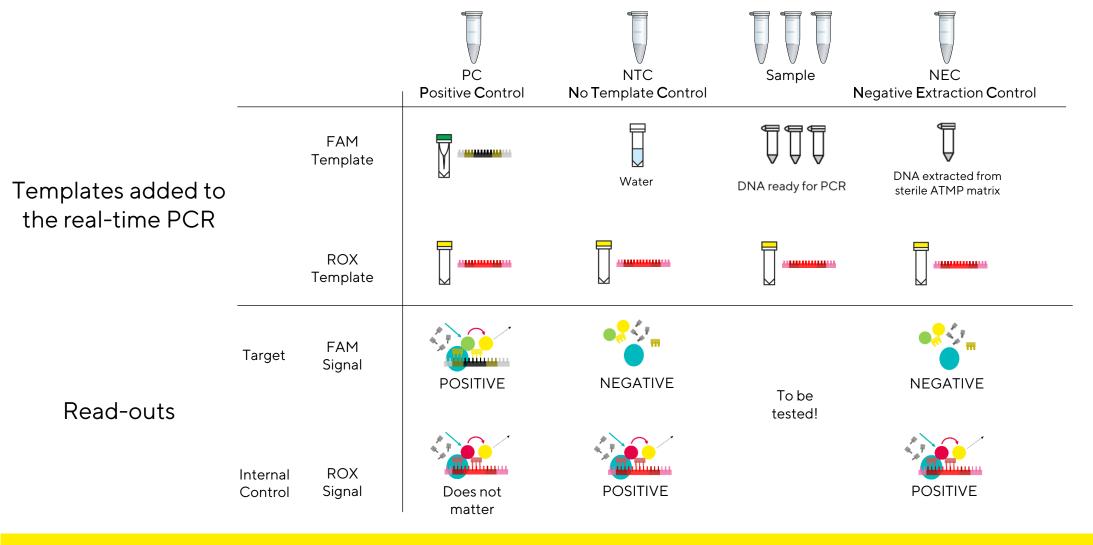
Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma - Analysis

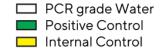




- 1. Set the baseline to level the curves
- 2. Set the threshold
- 3. Check if all controls are as expected→ see next slide
- 4. Analyze your samples

Result interpretation

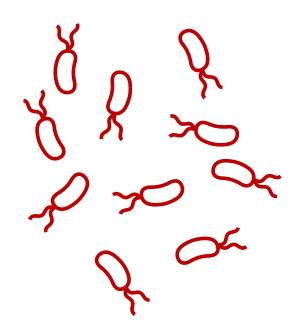




Tips and tricks

- Extensive cleaning with chlorine-based agents
- Avoid cleaning with ethanol → Ethanol precipitates DNA
- Work carefully e.g. do not touch the lids of open tubes
- It is recommended to wear gloves and mask

Mycoplasma DNA is on our skin!





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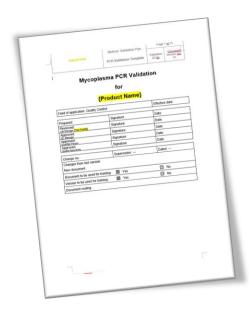
Sartorius validation support

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Validation reports, templates & testing proposals



- Product Validation Report
 - Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma + Microsart® AMP Extraction



- Validation Template
 - Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma + Microsart® AMP Extraction



- Validation Proposal
 - Standard matrix specific validation
 - Individual support

Further support for your validation

 Microsart® Validation Standard (10 CFU/Vial) & Microsart® Calibration Reagent (108 GC/Vial)

- Mycoplasma arginini
- Mycoplasma orale
- Mycoplasma gallisepticum
- Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- Mycoplasma synoviae
- Mycoplasma fermentans
- Mycoplasma hyorhinis
- Acholeplasma laidlawii
- Spiroplasma citri
- Mycoplasma salivarium

Non-viable CFU Standards!

DNA

Standards!

Do you miss a species? Let us know!

Application Notes

Rapid, real-time PCR-based detection of microbial contaminations in high cell density Jurkat-, HPBMC-and CHO-cultures using Microsart® ATMP kits

In this study, we assessed the detection capability of Microsart® ATMP Extraction, combined with Microsart® ATMP Bacteria/Fungi/Mycoplasma assays, in high-density cell cultures.



Detection limits in different cell types

Cell Type Background	Microorganism Spike	Background Cells /mL (In 10°)	Detection
CHO	99 CFU B. subtilis	19.0	Successful
CHO	10 CFU M. arginini	15.0 and 15.6 (two individual experiments)	Successful
CHO	10 CFU M. orale	15.5 and 16.3 (two individual experiments)	Successful
Jurkat	99 CFU K. rhizophila	10 to 40	Successful up to 25 x 10° c/mL
Jurkat	50 CFU C. albicans	10 to 40	Successful up to 20 x 10° c/mL
Jurkat	10 CFU M. orale	10 to 40	Not successful: PCR inhibition > 15 x 10° c/mL No detection of Mycoplasma spike
Jurkat	10 CFU M. synoviae	10 to 35	Not successful: Partial PCR inhibition No detection of Mycoplasma spike
НРВМС	99 CFU K. rhizophila	10 to 40	Successful only up to 10 x 10° c/mL
НРВМС	10 CFU M. arginini	15.0	Successful
НРВМС	10 CFU M. orale	19.1	Successful
НРВМС	99 CFU P. aeruginosa	20 and 25	Successful

Table 1: Results of Real-Time PCR detection of respective microbial spikes in varying cell types with respective cell densities.

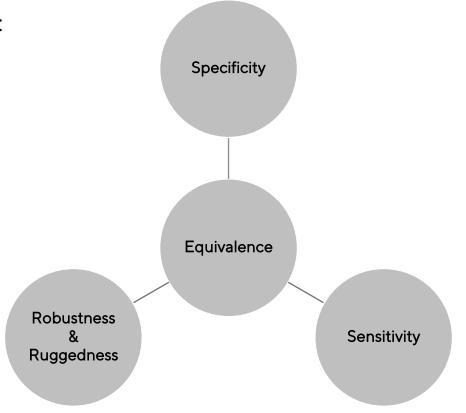
Status quo regulatory landscape

	Microbiological QC-Release testing			
Method	Mycoplasma	Bacteria Fungi		
Classical testing	USP<63> EP 2.6.7 28 days	USP<71> EP 2.6.1 Sterility testing 14 days		
real-time PCR-based	EP 2.6.7 (USP<1223>/EP 5.1.6)	USP<1071> EP 2.6.27 (USP<1223>/EP 5.1.6)		

Validation overview

Regulatory guidance for validation:

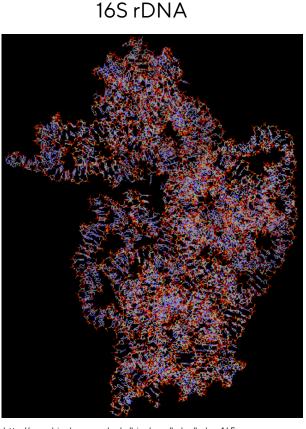
- EP 2.6.7 (Mycoplasma)
- EP 2.6.21 (NAT)
- ICH Q2B
- USP<63>
- USP<1223>
- EP 5.1.6
- PDA TR 33



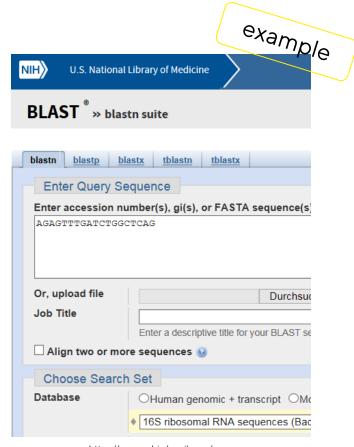
Including Guidance of the German Governmental Regulatory Agency (part of EMEA)



In silico prediction by sequence alignment and blast



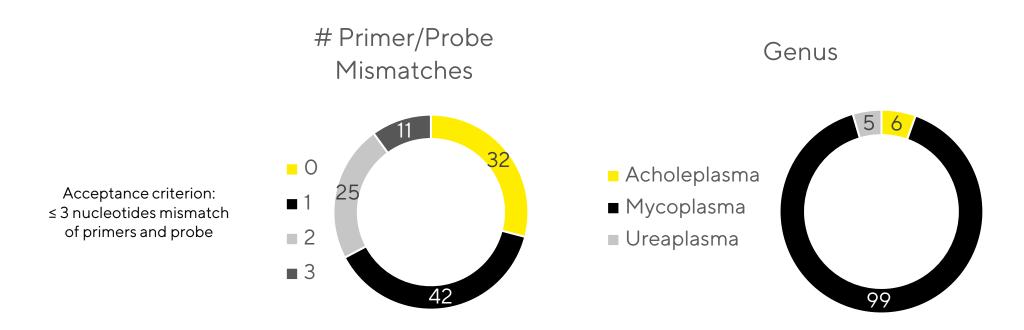
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Detection range



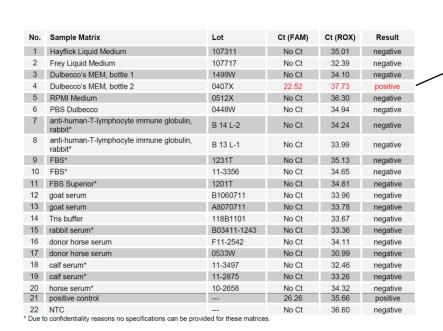


At least 110 species are detectable based on sequence alignment.

Matrix effects

Specificity

- Different matrices were tested for matrix effects and PCR inhibition
 - Typical cell culture media
 - Typical additives for cell culture media
 - Typical buffers





16S rDNA sequencing revealed an *M. hyorhinis* contamination in Dulbecco's MEM bottle 2

No.	Sample Matrix	Ct (FAM)	Ct (ROX)	Result
1	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 1, repeat 1	No Ct	32.76	negative
2	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 1, repeat 2	No Ct	34.13	negative
3	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 1, repeat 3	No Ct	34.28	negative
4	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 1, repeat 4	No Ct	34.24	negative
5	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 1, repeat 5	No Ct	33.90	negative
6	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 2, repeat 1	No Ct	34.00	negative
7	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 2, repeat 2	No Ct	34.70	negative
8	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 2, repeat 3	No Ct	32.88	negative
9	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 2, repeat 4	No Ct	33.43	negative
10	Dulbecco's MEM, bottle 2, repeat 5	No Ct	33.93	negative
11	positive control	28.47	34.37	positive
12	NTC	No Ct	35.34	negative
13	DNA extraction control	No Ct	36.40	negative

Second test on
Dulbecco's MEM was
contamination free
and showed as well as
the other matrices no
matrix effects

For the tested matrices, no matrix effects were detected.

Cross reactivity



- To exclude detection of other microorganisms or eukaryotic cells, the cross reactivity was accessed
- ≥ 0.1 ng DNA/PCR for microorganisms and ≥ 30 ng for mammalian cells

Species	Results	
Clostridium acetobutylicum	negative	
Lactobacillus acidophilus	negative	
Streptococcus pneumoniae	negative	
Vero-B4	negative	
Per.C6	negative	
RK13	negative	
CHO-K1	negative	
Murine Genomic DNA	negative	
Calf Thymus DNA	negative	

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Limit of detection



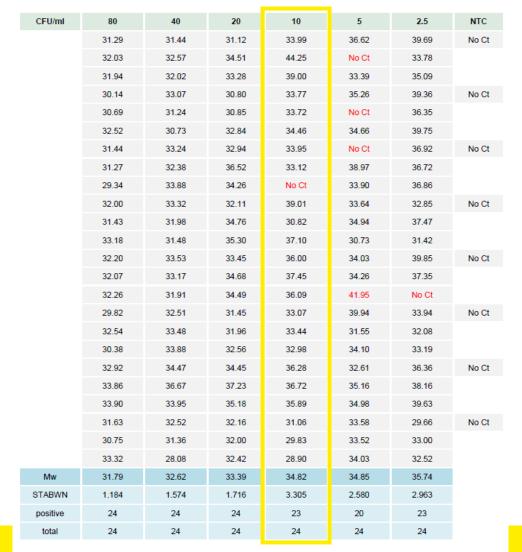


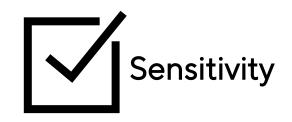
Limit of detection (LOD₉₅): 80, 40, 20, 10, 5, 2.5 CFU/ml

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Limit of detection

Mycoplasma synoviae

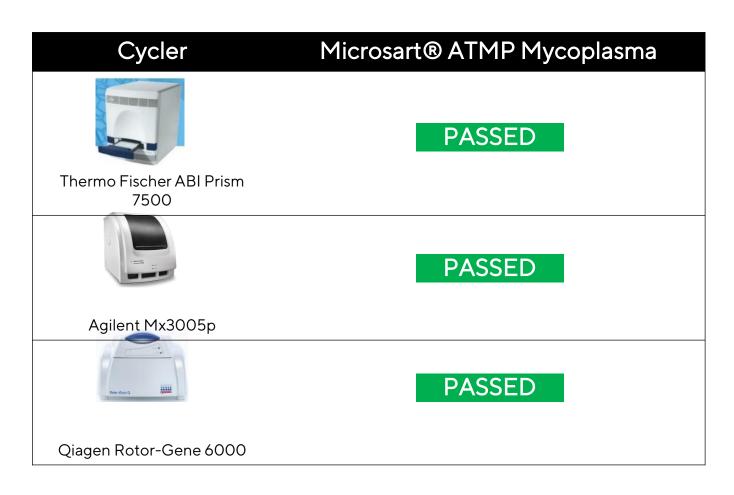




Species (CFU-based)	Acceptance criterion	LOD ₉₅ (CFU/mL)
Mycoplasma arginini	23/24	10
Mycoplasma orale	23/24	10
Mycoplasma gallisepticum	23/24	10
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	23/24	≤5
Mycoplasma synoviae	23/24	10
Mycoplasma fermentans	23/24	10
Mycoplasma hyorhinis	23/24	≤5
Acholeplasma laidlawii	23/24	10
Spiroplasma citri	23/24	≤5

Device comparability

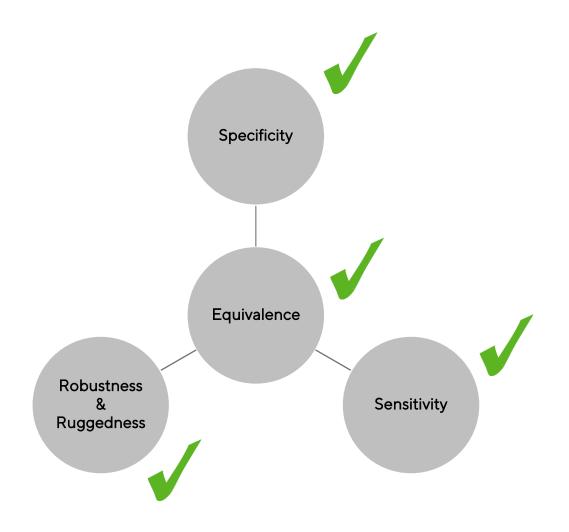




... by today many more devices are used by our customers.

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Validation overview



- Sensitivity
 - LOD₉₅ limit of detection
 - Culture media comparison
- Specificity
 - Sequence alingment
 - Sample matrix effects
 - Cross reactivity
 - Mollicutes detection range
 - Identification of unspecific amplification
- Robustness
 - Cell culture material
 - Real-time PCR cycler compatibility

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Customer Validation Data Service Lab **Labor Dr. Quade**







- Service Lab Labor Dr. Quade provides mycoplasma testing service for a cell therapy manufacturer (release testing of a T-cell-based product)
 - Samples
 - transduced **human T lymphocytes** at a concentration of **12.5 million cells per mL** in cultivation medium
 - Mycoplasma contamination detection system
 - automated DNA extraction using MagnaPure Compact Instrument
 - Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma
 - Spikes
 - Sartorius Microsart® Validation Standards (10 CFU)
 - included species: M. orale, M. fermentans, M. pneumoniae, A. laidlawii
 - Acceptance criterion
 - 23 positive signals out of 24 replicates (each species)



Table 1: Mycoplasma pneumoniae

Sample spiked with	Result CP	Result CP	Result CP	Inter-Assay
10 CFU/mL	19.11.2019	20.11.2019	21.11.2019	CV%
Sample 1	29.93	29,23	32,99	6,51
Sample 2	29.85	29,60	32,85	5,88
Sample 3	29,33	29,27	32,27	5,66
Sample 4	30.00	29,63	32,47	5,03
Sample 5	29.87	29,58	32,24	4,77
Sample 6	30.08	29,50	32,45	5,09
Sample 7	29.73	29,79	32,09	4,41
Sample 8	29,87	30,03	31,92	3,73
Intra-Assay CV%	0.77	0,88	1.12	



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Table 2:	MYCODI	asma	fermentans

Sample spiked with 10 CFU/mL	Result CP 20.11.2019	Result CP 21.11.2019	Result CP 22.11.2019	Inter-Assay CV%
Sample 1	33,60	33,15	31,29	3,75
Sample 2	33,65	32,67	31,57	3,19
Sample 3	33,35	32,83	31,50	2,93
Sample 4	32,91	33,22	31,61	2,62
Sample 5	33,44	32,94	31,48	3,12
Sample 6	32,99	32,79	31,55	2,40
Sample 7	32,80	33,12	31,80	2,11
Sample 8	33,16	30,00	31,56	5,00
Intra-Assay CV%	0.97	3.27	0.45	



Sample spiked	Result CP 20.11.2019	Result CP 21.11.2019	Result CP 22.11.2019	Inter-Assay CV%
with 10 CFU/mL		32,47	31,64	1,61
Sample 1	31,53	32,47		. 70
Sample 2	31,56	32,68	31,93	1,78
		33,02	31,21	2,94
Sample 3	31,68	33,02	0.,	
Sample 4	31,21	32,36	31,84	1,81
		32,48	31,27	2,28
Sample 5	31,19	32,40	0.,	
Sample 6	31,20	32,86	31,54	2,75
	24.22	32,14	31,43	1,51
Sample 7	31,23	02,11	·	2.50
Sample 8	31,00	32,47	32,04	3,50
0) (0)	0.76	1.06	0.97	
Intra-Assay CV%	0.75		CP value >40 or a plane st	traight line





Table 4: Acholeplasma laidlawii

Table 4: Acholeplas	Result CP	Result CP	Result CP	Inter-Assay
Sample spiked	20.11.2019	21.11.2019	22.11.2019	CV%
with 10 CFU/mL		28,61	31,06	5,08
Sample 1	31,46	20,01	01,00	
Comple 2	31,28	28,17	30,73	5,52
Sample 2	01,20			1.10
Sample 3	31,07	29,00	31,27	4,13
Sample 4	31,52	29,00	30,93	4,32
Jan., p. 10		24.00	24.01	0,45
Sample 5	31,12	31,29	31,01	0,43
Sample 6	30,97	31,33	30,94	0,70
		04.55	24.45	0,64
Sample 7	31,38	31,55	31,15	0,04
Sample 8	30,74	31,44	30,98	1,15

Intra-Assay CV% 0.85 4.9 0.52



- Matrix specific validation was successful
- The transduced **human T lymphocytes** at a concentration of **12.5 million cells per mL** in cultivation medium are suitable for release testing using automated extraction and the Microsart® ATMP Mycoplasma kit





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Workflow Mycoplasma contamination detection

- Concentration of the matrix to be tested
 - Vivaspin® 6 or Vivaspin® 20
 - Volume is reduced to 200 μl sample



• Columns allow to isolate DNA from the whole 200 µl ATMP sample (supernatant & cells)



- PCR contains 50 μ l sample DNA \rightarrow complete analysis of 20 ml sample
- Taq-Man® System → reduce false-positive signals
- Duplex assay → reduce false-negative signals
- Universal assay for different real-time PCR cycler \rightarrow High volume thermo cycling, FAMTM and ROXTM
- High stability & no freezing → Lyophilized reagents









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Microsart® RESEARCH Mycoplasma



In-process contamination control of Mycoplasma

- Key advantages
 - Very robust towards inhibitors
 - No prior DNA extraction required
 - Internal control DNA included in real-time PCR master mix
 - One step preparation

ATMP (CHO, HEK,...)

23 μl Detection in real-time PCR cycler:

master mix

→Quick 'n' Dirty for process monitoring

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Contamination? Yes/No

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Thank you.





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