Instructions for use

TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB® Kit

reagents for DNA Real-Time PCR

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1 INTENDED USE

The product **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB ®** is an in vitro diagnostic medical device intended to be used by healthcare professionals as qualitative nucleic acids Real-Time PCR assay for the detection of the DNA of *Toxoplasma gondii* extracted from clinical specimens.

The assay is validated in association with the **ELITe InGenius®** and **ELITe BeGenius®** instruments, automated and integrated systems for extraction, Real-Time PCR and results interpretation, using human specimens of whole blood collected in EDTA, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid.

The product is intended for use as an aid in the diagnosis of *Toxoplasma gondii* infections in patients suspected of having *Toxoplasma gondii* infection.

The results must be interpreted in combination with all relevant clinical observations and laboratory outcomes.

2 ASSAY PRINCIPLE

The assay is a qualitative Real-Time PCR detecting *Toxoplasma gondii* DNA isolated from specimens and amplified using the assay reagent **TOXO Q-PCR Mix** that contains primers and probes with ELITe MGB technology.

The ELITe MGB probes are activated when hybridize with the related PCR products. **ELITe InGenius** and **ELITe BeGenius** monitor fluorescence increase and calculate the threshold cycles (Ct).

In the ELITe MGB probes the fluorophores are quenched in the random-coiled, single-stranded state of probe. The fluorophores are active in the probe / amplicon duplex as the quencher is spatially separated from the fluorophore. Note the fluorophore is not cleaved during PCR and can be utilized for dissociation analysis and melting temperature calculation.

3 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** provides the assay reagent **TOXO Q-PCR Mix,** an optimized and stabilized PCR mixture that contains the specific primers and probes for:

- *Toxoplasma gondii* **RE region**, detected in Channel **TOXO**; the probe is stabilized by MGB, quenched by the Eclipse Dark Quencher®, and labelled by FAM dye,
- Internal Control **(IC)**, specific for artificial sequence **IC2,** detected in Channel **IC**; the probe is stabilized by MGB, quenched by the Eclipse Dark Quencher, and labelled by AquaPhluor 525 (AP525) dye.

The **TOXO Q- PCR Mix** also contains buffer, magnesium chloride, triphosphate nucleotides, the enzyme Uracil-N-glycosidase (UNG) to inactivate contamination by the amplification product and hot-start DNA Polymerase.

The **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** contains sufficient reagents for **96 tests** on the **ELITe InGenius** and **ELITe BeGenius (24 tests each tube)**, with 20 µL used per reaction.

The **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** can be also used in association with equivalent instruments.

4 MATERIALS PROVIDED IN THE PRODUCT

Table 1

Component	Description	Quantity	Classification of hazards
TOXO Q-PCR Mix ref. RTST01PLD	Mixture of reagents for Real-Time PCR in tube with **Natural cap**	**4 x 540 µL**	**-**

5 MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED IN THE PRODUCT

- Laminar airflow hood.

- Disposable nitrile powder-free gloves or similar material.
- Vortex mixer.
- Bench centrifuge (~5,000 RPM).
- Bench microcentrifuge (~13,000 RPM).
- Micropipettes and sterile tips with aerosol filter or sterile positive displacement tips (0.5-10 µL, 2-20 µL, 5-50 µL, 50-200 µL, 200-1000 µL).
- 2.0 mL sterile screw capped tubes (Sarstedt, Germany, ref. 72.694.005).
- Molecular biology grade water.

6 OTHER PRODUCTS REQUIRED

The reagents for the extraction of sample DNA, the extraction and inhibition internal control, the amplification positive and negative controls and the consumables are **not** provided with this product.

For automated extraction of nucleic acids, Real-Time PCR and result interpretation of samples, the following products are required.

Table 2

Instruments and softwares	Products and reagents
ELITe InGenius (ELITechGroup S.p.A., EG SpA, ref. INT030). **ELITe InGenius Software** version 1.3.0.19 (or later). **TOXO ELITe _PC**, Assay Protocol with parameters for Positive Control analysis **TOXO ELITe _NC**, Assay Protocol with parameters for Negative Control analysis **TOXO ELITe_WB_200_100**, Assay Protocol with parameters for whole blood specimen analysis. **TOXO ELITe_AF_200_100**, Assay Protocol with parameters for amniotic fluid l specimen analysis. **TOXO ELITe_CSF_200_100**, Assay Protocol with parameters for cerebrospinal fluid specimen analysis.	**ELITe InGenius SP200** (EG SpA, ref. INT032SP200). **ELITe InGenius SP 200 Consumable Set** (EG SpA, ref. INT032CS). **ELITe InGenius PCR Cassette** (EG SpA, ref. INT035PCR). **ELITe InGenius Waste Box** (EG SpA, ref. F2102-000). **300 µL Filter Tips Axygen** (Corning Life Sciences Inc., ref. TF-350-L-R-S) with ELITe InGenius only. **1000 µL Filter Tips Tecan** (Tecan, Switzerland, ref. 30180118) with ELITe BeGenius only. **CPE - Internal Control** (EG SpA, ref. CTRCPE). **TOXOPLASMA g.- ELITe Positive Control** (EG SpA, ref. CTRT01PLD).
ELITe BeGenius (EG SpA, ref. INT040). **ELITe BeGenius Software** version 2.2.1 (or later). **TOXO ELITe _Be_PC**, Assay Protocol with parameters for Positive Control analysis. **TOXO ELITe _Be_NC**, Assay Protocol with parameters for Negative Control analysis. **TOXO ELITe_Be_WB_200_100**, Assay Protocol with parameters for whole blood specimen analysis. **TOXO ELITe_Be_AF_200_100**, Assay Protocol with parameters for amniotic fluid specimen analysis. **TOXO ELITe_Be_CSF_200_100**, Assay Protocol with parameters for cerebrospinal fluid specimen analysis.	

7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

This product is designed for in-vitro use only.

7.1 General warnings and precautions

Handle and dispose of all biological samples as if they were infectious. Avoid direct contact with biological samples. Avoid splashing or spraying. Tubes, tips and other materials that come into contact with the biological samples must be treated for at least 30 minutes with 3% sodium hypochlorite (bleach) or autoclaved for one hour at 121°C before disposal.

Handle and dispose of all reagents and all materials used to carry out the assay as if they were infectious. Avoid direct contact with the reagents. Avoid splashing or spraying. Waste must be handled and disposed of in compliance with adequate safety standards. Disposable combustible material must be incinerated. Liquid waste containing acids or bases must be neutralized before disposal. Do not allow extraction reagents to contact sodium hypochlorite (bleach).

Wear suitable protective clothes and gloves and protect eyes and face.

Never pipette solutions by mouth.

Do not eat, drink, smoke or apply cosmetic products in the work areas.

Carefully wash hands after handling samples and reagents.

Dispose of leftover reagents and waste in compliance with the regulations in force.

Carefully read all the instructions provided before running the assay.

While running the assay, follow the product instructions provided.

Do not use the product after the indicated expiry date.

Only use reagents provided with the product and those recommended by the manufacturer.

Do not use reagents from different batches.

Do not use reagents from other manufacturers.

7.2 Warnings and precautions for molecular biology

Molecular biology procedures require qualified and trained staff to avoid the risk of erroneous results, especially due to sample nucleic acid degradation or sample contamination by PCR products.

Laboratory coats, gloves and tools dedicated to work session setup are needed.

The samples must be suitable and, if possible, dedicated for this type of analysis. Samples must be handled under a laminar airflow hood. Pipettes used to handle samples must be exclusively used for this specific purpose. The pipettes must be of the positive displacement type or be used with aerosol filter tips. The tips used must be sterile, free from DNases and RNases, and free from DNA and RNA.

The reagents must be handled under a laminar airflow hood. The pipettes used to handle the reagents must be exclusively used for this purpose. The pipettes must be of the positive displacement type or be used with aerosol filter tips. The tips used must be sterile, free from DNases and RNases, and free from DNA and RNA.

The extraction products must be handled in such a way as to minimize dispersion into the environment in order to avoid the possibility of contamination.

The PCR Cassette must be handled carefully and never opened to avoid PCR product diffusion into the environment and sample and reagent contamination.

7.3 Warnings and precautions specific for the components

Table 3

Component	Storage temperature	Use from first opening	Freeze / thaw cycles	On board stability (ELITe InGenius and ELITe BeGenius)
TOXO Q-PCR Mix	-20°C or below (protected from light)	one month	up to five	up to five separate* sessions of three hours each or up to 7 consecutive hours (2 sessions of 3 hours each and the time needed to start a third session)

* with intermediate freezing

8 SPECIMENS AND CONTROLS

8.1 Specimens

This product is intended for use on the **ELITe InGenius** and **ELITe BeGenius** with the following clinical specimens identified and handled according to laboratory guidelines, and collected, transported, and stored under the following conditions:

Table 4

Specimen	Collection requirements	Transport/Storage conditions			
		+16 / +26 °C (room temperature)	**+2 / +8 °C**	**-20 ± 10 °C**	**-70 ± 15 °C**
Whole blood	collected in EDTA	≤ 24 hours	≤ 72 hours	≤ 1 month	≤ 1 month
Amniotic fluid	collected without preservatives	≤ 2 hours	≤ 4 hours	≤ 1 month	≤ 1 month
Cerebrospinal fluid	collected without preservatives	≤ 2 hours	≤ 4 hours	≤ 1 month	≤ 1 month

It is recommended to divide the specimens into aliquots before freezing to prevent repeated freeze / thaw cycles. When using frozen samples, thaw the samples just before the extraction to avoid possible nucleic acid degradation.

To perform samples testing on the **ELITe InGenius** and **ELITe BeGenius**, the following Assay Protocols must be used. These IVD protocols were specifically validated with ELITe MGB Kits and the **ELITe InGenius** or **ELITe BeGenius** with the indicated matrices.

Table 5 Assay Protocols for TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit

Specimen	Instrument	Assay Protocol Name	Report	Characteristics
Whole blood (WB)	**ELITe InGenius**	**TOXO ELITe_WB_200_100**	Positive /Negative	Extraction Input Volume: 200 µL Extraction Elution Volume: 100 µL Internal Control: 10 µL Sonication: NO Dilution Factor: 1 PCR Mix volume: 20 µL Sample PCR input volume: 10 µL
	ELITe BeGenius	**TOXO ELITe_Be_WB_200_100**		
Amniotic fluid (AF)	**ELITe InGenius**	**TOXO ELITe_AF_200_100**	Positive /Negative	Extraction Input Volume: 200 µL Extraction Elution Volume: 100 µL Internal Control: 10 µL Sonication: NO Dilution Factor: 1 PCR Mix volume: 20 µL Sample PCR input volume: 10 µL
	ELITe BeGenius	**TOXO ELITe_Be_AF_200_100**		
Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)	**ELITe InGenius**	**TOXO ELITe_CSF_200_100**	Positive /Negative	Extraction Input Volume: 200 µL Extraction Elution Volume: 100 µL Internal Control: 10 µL Sonication: NO Dilution Factor: 1 PCR Mix volume: 20 µL Sample PCR input volume: 10 µL
	ELITe BeGenius	**TOXO ELITe_Be_CSF_200_100**		

NOTE

Verify if the primary tube and the volume of the sample are compatible with ELITe InGenius or ELITe BeGenius, following the Instruction for use of the extraction kit **ELITe InGenius SP200** (EG SpA, ref. INT032SP200)

The volume of the sample in a primary tube varies according to the type of the tube loaded. Refer to the instructions for use of the extraction kit for more information on how to set up and perform the extraction procedure. If required, 200 µL of sample must be transferred into Extraction tube (for ELITe InGenius) or 2 mL Sarstedt Tube (for ELITe BeGenius).

NOTE

Pipetting samples to the **Extraction tube** or to the **2 mL Sarstedt Tube** might **generate contamination.** Use the appropriate pipettes and follow all recommendations reported in the7 “Warnings and Precautions” page 5 section.

Purified nucleic acids can be left at room temperature for 16 hours and stored at -20 °C or below for no longer than one month.

Refer to “Potentially Interfering Substances” in the Performance Characteristics section to check data concerning interfering substances.

8.2 PCR controls

PCR control results must be generated and approved for each lot of PCR reagent.

- For the Positive Control, use the product **TOXOPLASMA g. RE - ELITe Positive Control** (not provided with this kit) with the **TOXO ELITe _PC** or **TOXO ELITe_Be_PC** Assay Protocols.
- For the Negative Control, use molecular biology grade water (not provided with this kit) with the **TOXO ELITe _NC** or **TOXO ELITe_Be_NC** Assay Protocols.

NOTE

The **ELITe InGenius** and **ELITe BeGenius** allow generation and storage of the PCR control validation for each lot of PCR reagent. PCR control results expire after **15 days**, at which time it is necessary to re-run the positive and negative controls. The PCR controls must be re-run if any of the following events occur:

- a new lot of reagents is used,
- results of quality control analysis (see following paragraph) are out of specification,
- any major maintenance or service is performed on the **ELITe InGenius** or **ELITe BeGenius**.

8.3 Quality controls

Verification of the extraction and PCR procedure is recommended. Archived samples or certified reference material may be used. External controls should be used in accordance with local, state, and federal accrediting organizations, as applicable.

9 ELITe InGenius PROCEDURE

The procedure to use the **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** with the **ELITe InGenius** consists of three steps:

Table 6

STEP 1	Verification of the system readiness	
STEP 2	Session setup	A) Sample run (Extract + PCR)
		B) Eluted sample run (PCR Only),
		C) Positive Control and Negative Control run (PCR Only).

Table 6 (continued)

STEP 3	Review and approval of results	1) Validation of Positive Control and Negative Control results
		2) Validation of sample results
		3) Sample result reporting

9.1 STEP 1 - Verification of the system readiness

Before starting the session:

- switch on the **ELITe InGenius** and login in "**CLOSED**" mode,
- in the "Controls" menu on the Home page, verify the PCR Controls (**Positive Control, Negative Control**) are approved and valid (Status) for the **PCR Mix** lot to be used. If no valid PCR Controls are available for the **PCR Mix** lot, run the PCR Controls as described in the following sections,
- choose the type of run, following the instructions on the Graphical User Interface (GUI) for the session setup and using the Assay Protocols provided by EG SpA (see "Specimens and Controls")

If the Assay Protocol of interest is not loaded in the system, contact your local ELITechGroup Customer Service.

9.2 STEP 2 - Session Setup

The **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** can be used on **ELITe InGenius** to perform:

A. Sample run (Extract + PCR),

B. Eluted sample run (PCR Only),

C. Positive Control and Negative Control run (PCR Only).

All required parameters are included in the Assay Protocols available on the instrument and are loaded automatically when the Assay Protocol is selected.

NOTE

The **ELITe InGenius** can be connected to the "Laboratory Information System" (LIS) which enables downloading the session information. Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

Before to setup a run:

Thaw the needed **PCR Mix** tubes at room temperature for 30 minutes. Each tube is sufficient for **24 tests** in optimized conditions (2 or more tests per session). Mix gently then spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block.

NOTE

Protect the **PCR Mix** from light while thawing because this reagent is photosensitive.

To set up one of the three types of run follow the steps below while referring to the GUI

Table 7

	A. Sample run (Extract + PCR)	B. Eluted sample run (PCR Only)	C. Positive and Negative Control run (PCR Only)
1	**Identify samples** and, if needed, thaw at room temperature. If required, transfer **200 µL of sample** in an Extraction tube previously labelled.	**Thaw Elution tubes** containing the extracted nucleic acids at room temperature. Mix gently, then spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block.	**Thaw Positive Control** tubes at room temperature for 30 minutes. Mix gently, then spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block. (Each tube is sufficient for 4 reactions.)
2	**Thaw** the needed **CPE tubes** at room temperature for 30 minutes. Mix gently, spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block. Each tube is sufficient for 12 extractions.	Not applicable	**Prepare** the **Negative Control** by transferring at least 50 µL of molecular biology grade water to an “Elution tube”, provided with ELITe InGenius SP 200 Consumable Set.
3	Select “Perform Run” from the “Home” screen.	Select “Perform Run” from the “Home” screen.	Select “Perform Run” from the “Home” screen.
4	Ensure the “Extraction Input Volume” is 200 µL and the “Extracted Elute Volume” is 100 µL.	Ensure the “Extraction Input Volume” is 200 µL and the “Extracted Elute Volume” is 100 µL.	Ensure the “Extraction Input Volume” is 200 µL and the “Extracted Elute Volume” is 100 µL.
5	For each sample, assign a Track and enter the “SampleID” (SID) by typing or by scanning the sample barcode.	For each sample, assign a Track and enter the “SampleID” (SID) by typing or by scanning the sample barcode.	Not applicable
6	**Select the Assay Protocol** in the “Assay” column (see “Specimens and Controls”).	**Select the Assay Protocol** in the “Assay” column (see “Specimens and Controls”).	**Select the Assay Protocol** in the “Assay” column (see “Specimens and Controls”). Enter the lot number and expiry date of the Positive Control and of the molecular biology grade water.
7	Ensure the “Protocol” displayed is: “Extract + PCR”.	Select “PCR Only” in the “Protocol” column.	Ensure “PCR Only” is selected in the “Protocol” column.
8	Select the sample loading position as ”Primary tube” or “Extraction Tube” in the “Sample Position” column.	Ensure the sample loading position in the “Sample Position” column is “Elution Tube (bottom row)”.	Ensure the sample loading position in the “Sample Position” column is “Elution Tube (bottom row)”.
9	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
10	**Load CPE and PCR Mix** on the “Inventory Block” referring to the “Load List” and enter CPE and PCR Mix lot number, expiry date and number of reactions for each tube.	**Load PCR Mix** on the “Inventory Block” referring to the “Load List” and enter PCR Mix lot number, expiry date and number of reactions for each tube.	**Load PCR Mix** on the “Inventory Block” referring to the “Load List” and enter PCR Mix lot number, expiry date and number of reactions for each tube.
11	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
12	Verify the tips in the “Tip Racks” in the “Inventory Area” and replace Tip Racks if necessary.	Verify the tips in the “Tip Racks” in the “Inventory Area” and replace Tip Racks if necessary.	Verify the tips in the “Tip Racks” in the “Inventory Area” and replace Tip Racks if necessary.
13	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
14	**Load** PCR Cassette, ELITe InGenius SP 200 extraction cartridges, and all required consumables and samples to be extracted	**Load** PCR Cassette and Elution tubes with samples extracted	**Load** PCR Cassette, Positive Control and Negative Control tubes.
15	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
16	Close the instrument door.	Close the instrument door.	Close the instrument door.
17	Press “Start”.	Press “Start”.	Press “Start”.

When the session is finished, the **ELITe InGenius** allows users to view, approve, store the results, print and save the report.

NOTE

At the end of the run the remaining Extracted Sample in the **Elution tube** must be removed from the instrument, capped, identified and stored at -20 ± 10 °C for no longer than one month. Avoid spilling of the Extracted Sample.

NOTE

At the end of the run the **PCR Mix** can be removed from the instrument, capped and stored at -20 °C or below or can be kept on board in the refrigerated block up to 7 hours (for 2 sessions of 3 hours each and the time needed to start a third session), mix gently and spin down the content for 5 seconds before starting the next session.

NOTE

At the end of the run the remaining **Positive Control** can be removed from the instrument, capped and stored at -20 °C or below. Avoid the spilling of the **Positive Control** .The remaining **Negative Control** must be discarded.

NOTE

The **Positive Control** can be used for 4 separate sessions of 3 hours each.

NOTE

At the end of the run, the **PCR Cassette** and the other consumables must be disposed of following all governmental and environmental regulations. Avoid spilling the reaction products.

9.3 STEP 3 - Review and approval of results

The **ELITe InGenius** monitors target and Internal Control fluorescence signals for each reaction and automatically applies the Assay Protocol parameters to generate PCR curves which are then interpreted into results.

At the end of the run, the “Results Display” screen is automatically shown. In this screen the results and the run information are shown. From this screen, results can be approved, and reports printed or saved (“Sample Report” or “Track Report”). Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

NOTE

The **ELITe InGenius** can be connected to the “Laboratory Information System” (LIS) which enables uploading the session results to the laboratory data center. Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

The **ELITe InGenius** generates results with the **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** through the following procedure:

1. Validation of Positive Control and Negative Control results,
2. Validation of sample results,
3. Sample result reporting.

9.3.1 Validation of amplification Positive Control and Negative Control results

The **ELITe InGenius software** interprets the PCR results for the targets of the Positive Control and Negative Control reactions with the **TOXO ELITe_PC** and **TOXO ELITe_NC** Assay Protocols parameters.The resulting Ct and Tm values are used to verify the system (reagents lot and instrument).

The Positive Control and Negative Control results, specific for the PCR reagent lot, are recorded in the database (Controls).They can be viewed and approved by “Administrator” or “Analyst” users, following the GUI instructions.

The Positive Control and Negative Control results expire after **15 days**.

The results of the Positive Control and Negative Control amplification are used by the **ELITe InGenius software** to set up the Control Charts monitoring the amplification step performances. Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

NOTE

If the Positive Control or Negative Control result does not meet the acceptance criteria, the "Failed" message is shown on the "Controls" screen. In this case, the results cannot be approved, and the Positive Control or Negative Control runs must be repeated.

NOTE

If the Positive Control or Negative Control result is not valid and samples were included in the same run, the samples can be approved but their results are not validated. In this case, the failed Control(s) and samples must all be repeated.

9.3.2 Validation of Sample results

The **ELITe InGenius software** interprets the PCR results for the targets (channel **TOXO**) and the Internal Control (channel **IC**) with the **TOXO ELITe_WB_200_100**, **TOXO ELITe_AF_200_100**, **TOXO ELITe_CSF_200_100** Assay Protocol parameters.

Results are shown in "Results Display" screen.

The sample results can be approved when the two conditions in the table below are true.

Table 8

1) Positive Control	**Status**
TOXO RE — Positive Control	APPROVED
2) Negative Control	**Status**
TOXO RE — Negative Control	APPROVED

The sample results are automatically interpreted by the **ELITe InGenius software** using Assay Protocol parameters. The possible result messages are listed in the table below.

For each sample the system reports a combination of the following messages specifying if the pathogen DNAs are either detected or not detected.

Table 9

Result of sample run	**Interpretation**
TOXO:DNA detected.	***Toxoplasma gondii* DNA was detected** in the sample.
TOXO:DNA not detected or below the LoD.	***Toxoplasma gondii* DNA was not detected** in the sample. The sample is negative for *Toxoplasma gondii* DNA, or its concentration is below the assay Limit of Detection.
Invalid-Retest Sample.	**Not valid assay result** caused by Internal Control failure (due to e.g., incorrect extraction, inhibitors carry-over). The test should be repeated.

Samples reported as "Invalid-Retest Sample": in this case, the Internal Control DNA was not efficiently detected, which could be due to problems in sample collection, extraction or PCR steps (e. g., incorrect sampling, degradation or loss of DNA during the extraction or inhibitors in the eluate), which may cause incorrect results.

If sufficient eluate volume remains, the eluate can be retested (as is or diluted) by an amplification run in "PCR Only" mode. If the second result is invalid, the sample must be retested starting from extraction of a new sample using "Extract + PCR" mode (see "14 TROUBLESHOOTING page 24").

Samples reported as “TOXO:DNA not detected or below the LoD" are suitable for analysis but the DNA of the targets was not detected.In this case, the sample may be either negative for the DNA of the targets or the DNA of the Toxoplasma is present at a concentration below the Limit of Detection of the assay (see “11 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS page 17”).

NOTE

The results obtained with this assay must be interpreted in combination with all relevant clinical observation and laboratory outcomes.

The sample results are stored in the database and, if valid, can be approved (Results Display) by “Administrator” or “Analyst” users, following the GUI instruction. From the “Results Display” window it is possible to print and save the Sample run results as “Sample Report” and “Track Report”.

9.3.3 Sample result reporting

- The sample results are stored in the database and reports can be exported as “Sample Report” and “Track Report”.
- The “Sample Report” shows the results details by selected sample (SID).
- The “Track Report” shows the results details by selected Track.
- The "Sample Report" and "Track Report" can be printed and signed by authorized personnel.

10 ELITe BeGenius PROCEDURE

The procedure to use the **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** with the **ELITe BeGenius** consists of three steps:

Table 10

STEP 1	Verification of the system readiness	
STEP 2	Session setup	A) Sample run (Extract + PCR)
		B) Eluted sample run (PCR Only),
		C) Positive Control and Negative Control run (PCR Only).
STEP 3	Review and approval of results	1) Validation of Positive Control and Negative Control results
		2) Validation of sample results
		3) Sample result reporting

10.1 STEP 1 - Verification of the system readiness

Before starting the session:

- switch on the **ELITe BeGenius** and login in “**CLOSED**” mode,
- in the “Controls” menu on the Home page, verify the PCR Controls (**Positive Control, Negative Control**) are approved and valid (Status) for the **PCR Mix** lot to be used. If no valid PCR Controls are available for the **PCR Mix** lot, run the PCR Controls as described in the following sections,
- choose the type of run, following the instructions on the Graphical User Interface (GUI) for the session setup and using the Assay Protocols provided by EG SpA (see “Specimens and Controls”).

If the Assay Protocol of interest is not loaded in the system, contact your local ELITechGroup Customer Service.

10.2 STEP 2 - Session Setup

The **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** can be used on the **ELITe BeGenius** to perform:

A. Sample run (Extract + PCR),

B. Eluted sample run (PCR Only),

C. Positive Control and Negative Control run (PCR Only).

All the required parameters are included in the Assay Protocols available on the instrument and are loaded automatically when the Assay Protocol is selected.

NOTE

The **ELITe BeGenius** can be connected to the "Laboratory Information System" (LIS) which enables downloading the session information. Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

Before to setup a run:

Thaw the needed **PCR Mix** tubes at room temperature for 30 minutes. Each tube is sufficient for **24 tests** in optimized conditions (2 or more tests per session). Mix gently then spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block.

NOTE

Protect the **PCR Mix** from light while thawing because this reagent is photosensitive.

To set up one of the three types of run follow the steps below while referring to the GUI:

Table 11

	A. Sample run (Extract + PCR)	B. Eluted sample run (PCR Only)	C. Positive and Negative Control run (PCR Only)
1	**Identify samples** and, if needed, thaw at room temperature). If required, transfer **200 µL of sample** in a 2 mL Sarstedt tube previously labelled.	If needed, **thaw the Elution tubes** containing the extracted nucleic acids at room temperature. Mix gently then spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block.	**Thaw Positive Control** tubes at room temperature for 30 minutes. Each tube is sufficient for 4 reactions. Mix gently then spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block.
2	**Thaw** the needed **CPE** tubes at room temperature for 30 minutes. Mix gently, spin down the contents for 5 seconds and keep on ice or cool block. Each tube is sufficient for 12 extractions.	Not applicable	Prepare the **Negative Control** by transferring at least 50 µL of molecular biology grade water to an "Elution tube", provided with the ELITe InGenius SP 200 Consumable Set.
3	Select "**Perform Run**" from the "Home" screen.	Select "**Perform Run**" from the "Home" screen	Select "**Perform Run**" from the "Home" screen.
4	Remove all the Racks from the "Cooler Unit" and place them on the preparation table.	Remove the "Racks" from "Lane 1, 2 and 3" (L1, L2, L3) of the "Cooler Unit" and place them on the preparation table	Remove the "Racks" from "Lane 1, 2 and 3" (L1, L2, L3) from the "Cooler Unit" and place them on the preparation table.
5	Select the "Run mode": "**Extract + PCR".**	Select the "Run mode": "**PCR Only**".	Select the "Run mode": "**PCR Only**".
6	**Load the samples** into the "Sample Rack". When secondary tubes "2 mL Tubes" are loaded, use the blue adaptors for the "Sample Rack".	**Load the samples** into the "Elution Rack".	**Load the Positive Control and Negative Control** tubes into the "Elution Rack".
7	**Insert** the "**Sample Rack**" into the "Cooler Unit" starting from the "Lane 5" (L5). If needed, insert the "Sample ID" (SID) for each "Position" used (If secondary tubes are loaded, flag "2 mL Tube". If secondary tubes are not barcoded, type manually the "Sample ID").	**Insert** the "**Elution Rack**" into the "Cooler Unit" starting from "Lane 3" (L3). If needed, for each "Position" enter the "Sample ID", the "Sample matrix", the "Extraction kit" and the "Extracted eluate vol." (eluate volume).	**Insert** the "**Elution Rack**" into the "Cooler Unit" starting from the "Lane 3" (L3). If needed, for each "Position" enter the "Reagent name" and the "S/N" (serial number), the "Lot No." (lot number), the "Exp. Date" (expiry date) and the "T/R" (number of reactions).

Table 11 (continued)

	A. Sample run (Extract + PCR)	B. Eluted sample run (PCR Only)	C. Positive and Negative Control run (PCR Only)
8	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
9	Ensure “Extraction Input Volume” is 200 µL and “Extracted Elute Volume” is 100 µL	Ensure “Extraction Input Volume” is 200 µL and “Extracted Elute Volume” is 100 µL	Ensure “Extraction Input Volume” is 200 µL and “Extracted Elute Volume” is 100 µL.
10	Select the Assay Protocol in the “Assay” column (see “Specimens and Controls”).	Select the Assay Protocol in the “Assay” column (see “Specimens and Controls”).	Select the Assay Protocol in the “Assay” column (see “Specimens and Controls”).
11	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
	NOTE When more than 12 samples are processed, repeat the procedure from point 6.		-
12	Load the “Elution tubes” into the “Elution Rack” (Elution tubes can be labelled with barcode to improve traceability).	Not applicable	Not applicable
13	Insert the “Elution Rack” into the “Cooler Unit” starting from “Lane 3” (L3). When more than 12 samples are processed, repeat using “Lane 2” (L2).	Not applicable	Not applicable
14	Click “Next” to continue.	Not applicable	Not applicable
15	**Load CPE and PCR Mix** into the “Reagent/Elution Rack”.	**Load the PCR Mix** into “Reagent/ Elution Rack”.	**Load the PCR Mix** into “Reagent/ Elution Rack”.
16	Insert the “Reagent/Elution Rack” into the “Cooler Unit” in “Lane 2” (L2) if available or in “Lane 1” (L1). If needed, for each PCR Mix reagent and / or CPE enter the “S/N” (serial number), the “Lot No.” (lot number), the “Exp. Date” (expiry date) and the “T/R” (number of reactions).	Insert the “Reagent/Elution Rack” into the “Cooler Unit” in “Lane 2” (L2) if available or in “Lane 1” (L1). If needed, for each PCR Mix reagent enter the “S/N” (serial number), the “Lot No.” (lot number), the “Exp. Date” (expiry date) and the “T/R” (number of reactions).	Insert the “Reagent/Elution Rack” into the “Cooler Unit” in “Lane 2” (L2) if available or in “Lane 1” (L1). If needed, for each PCR Mix reagent enter the “S/N” (serial number), the “Lot No.” (lot number), the “Exp. Date” (expiry date) and the “T/R” (number of reactions).
17	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
18	Verify the tips in the “Tip Racks” in the “Inventory Area” and replace Tip Racks if necessary.	Verify the tips in the “Tip Racks” in the “Inventory Area” and replace Tip Racks if necessary.	Verify the tips in the “Tip Racks” in the “Inventory Area” and replace Tip Racks if necessary.
19	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
20	Load the “**PCR Rack**” with “PCR Cassette” in the Inventory Area.	Load the “**PCR Rack**” with “PCR Cassette” in the Inventory Area.	Load the **“PCR Rack**” with “PCR Cassette” in the Inventory Area.
21	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.	Click “Next” to continue.
22	Load the “Extraction Rack” with the “ELITe InGenius SP 200” extraction cartridges and the required extraction consumables.	Not applicable	Not applicable

Table 11 (continued)

	A. Sample run (Extract + PCR)	B. Eluted sample run (PCR Only)	C. Positive and Negative Control run (PCR Only)
23	Close the instrument door.	Close the instrument door.	Close the instrument door.
24	Press “Start”.	Press “Start”.	Press “Start”.

When the session is finished, the **ELITe BeGenius** allows users to view, approve, store the results, print and save the report.

NOTE

At the end of the run the remaining Extracted Sample in the **Elution tube** must be removed from the instrument, capped, identified and stored at -20 ± 10 °C for no longer than one month. Avoid the spilling of the Extracted Sample.

NOTE

At the end of the run the **PCR Mix** can be removed from the instrument, capped and stored at -20 °C or below or can be kept on board in the refrigerated block for up to 7 hours (2 sessions of 3 hours each and the time needed to start a third session), mix gently and spin down the content for 5 seconds before starting the next session.

NOTE

At the end of the run the remaining **Positive Control** can be removed from the instrument, capped and stored at -20 °C or below. Avoid the spilling of the Positive Control. The remaining **Negative Control** must be discarded.

NOTE

The **Positive Control** can be used for 4 separate sessions of 3 hours each.

NOTE

At the end of the run the **PCR Cassette** and the other consumables must be disposed of following all governmental and environmental regulations. Avoid spilling the reaction products.

10.3 STEP 3 - Review and approval of results

The **ELITe BeGenius** monitors target and Internal Control fluorescence signals for each reaction and automatically applies the Assay Protocol parameters to generate PCR curves which are then interpreted into results.

At the end of the run, the “Results Display” screen is automatically shown. In this screen the results and the run information are shown. From this screen results can be approved, and reports printed or saved (“Sample Report” or “Track Report”). Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

NOTE

The **ELITe BeGenius** can be connected to the “Laboratory Information System” (LIS) which enables uploading the session results to the laboratory data center. Refer to the instrument manual for more details.

The **ELITe BeGenius** generates the results with the **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit** through the following procedure:

1. Validation of Positive Control and Negative Control results,
2. Validation of sample results,
3. Sample result reporting.

NOTE
Please, refer to the same paragraph of the **ELITe InGenius** Procedure for the details.

11 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

11.1 Analytical sensitivity: Limit of Detection (LoD)

The Limit of Detection (LoD) of the assay was determined for ELITe BeGenius and ELITe InGenius instruments by testing whole blood samples spiked with reference material of *1st WHO International Standard for Toxoplasma gondii DNA* (NIBSC, UK, ref: 10/242).

Probit regression analysis was performed on the results, and the LoD estimated as the concentration corresponding to 95% probability of a positive call.

The results are reported in the following table.

Table 12 Limit of Detection for whole blood samples and ELITe InGenius

Pathogen	LoD	95% confidence interval limits	
		Lower limit	Upper limit
Toxoplasma gondii	2.26 IU / mL	1.74 IU / mL	3.72 IU / mL

The calculated LoD value was verified by testing on ELITe BeGenius and ELITe InGenius whole blood, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid samples, spiked with *Toxoplasma gondii* reference material (WHO).

The results obtained confirmed the claimed concentration of *Toxoplasma gondii* with the three matrices on both ELITe BeGenius and ELITe InGenius instruments.

11.2 Inclusivity: Efficiency of detection on different strain or isolates

The Inclusivity of the assay, as efficiency of detection for different strain or isolates of *Toxoplasma gondii*, was evaluated by in silico analysis. The analysis showed sequence conservation and absence of significant mutations. So, an efficient detection for the most of strains or isolates is expected.

11.3 Potentially interfering organisms: Cross-reactivity

The potential cross-reactivity of unintended organisms that may be found in clinical whole blood, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid specimens was evaluated for the assay by *in silico* analysis. The analysis showed no significant homology with other unintended organisms (viruses, bacteria, protozoa and fungi). Therefore, no cross-reactivity is expected. The absence of cross-reactivity with potential interfering organisms was also verified through the analysis of a panel of unintended organisms (ATCC and ZeptoMetrix).

Table 13 Cross-reactivity with potentially interfering organisms test results

Organism	Positive / Replicates	Outcome
	TOXO	
L. donovani	0 / 5	No cross-reactivity
Citomegalovirus	0 / 5	No cross-reactivity
V. zoster	0 / 5	No cross-reactivity
Adenovirus2	0 / 5	No cross-reactivity

Table 13 Cross-reactivity with potentially interfering organisms test results (continued)

Organism	Positive / Replicates	Outcome
	TOXO	
Parvovirus B19	0 / 5	No cross-reactivity
P. falciparum	0 / 5	No cross-reactivity

All potentially interfering organisms tested showed no cross-reactivity for the targets using the TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit.

11.4 Potentially interfering organisms: Inhibition

The potential inhibition of unintended organisms that may be found in clinical whole blood, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid specimens was evaluated for the assay by *in silico* analysis. The analysis showed no significant homology with other unintended organisms (viruses, bacteria, protozoa and fungi). Therefore, no inhibition is expected. The potential inhibition of unintended organisms that may be found in clinical stool specimens was evaluated for the assay through the analysis of a panel of unintended organisms (ATCC and ZeptoMetrix) spiked with *Toxoplasma gondii* reference material (WHO).

The results are reported in the following table.

Table 14 Inhibition with potentially interfering organisms test results

Organism	Positive / Replicates	Outcome
	TOXO	
L. donovani	5 / 5	No inhibition
Citomegalovirus	5 / 5	No inhibition
V. zoster	5 / 5	No inhibition
Adenovirus2	5 / 5	No inhibition
Parvovirus B19	5 / 5	No inhibition
P. falciparum	5 / 5	No inhibition

The test showed that all the tested organisms do not inhibit the targets detection using the TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit.

11.5 Potentially interfering substances: Inhibition

The potential inhibition of interfering substances (endogenous and exogenous) that might be found in clinical whole blood, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid specimens was evaluated for the assay by analysis of a panel of substances at relevant concentration in samples spiked with *Toxoplasma gondii* reference material (WHO).

The results are reported in the following table.

Table 15 Inhibition with potentially interfering substances test results

Substance	Positive / Replicates	Outcome
	TOXO	
Azithromycin	5 / 5	No inhibition
Vancomycin	5 / 5	No inhibition
Metronidazole	5 / 5	No inhibition
Ampicillin	5 / 5	No inhibition
Cefpodoxime	5 / 5	No inhibition
Ciprofloxacin	5 / 5	No inhibition
Aciclovir	5 / 5	No inhibition
Ganciclovir	5 / 5	No inhibition
Heparin	5 / 5	No inhibition
EDTA	5 / 5	No inhibition
Cyclosporine A	5 / 5	No inhibition
Pyrimethamine	5 / 5	No inhibition
Sulfadiazine	5 / 5	No inhibition
Folinic Acid	5 / 5	No inhibition
Human whole blood	5 / 5	No inhibition

The test showed that the tested substances do not inhibit the targets detection using the TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit

11.6 Repeatability

The Repeatability of the assay was evaluated on ELITe BeGenius and ELITe InGenius by analysis of a panel of *Toxoplasma gondii* negative whole blood samples or spiked with 1st WHO International Standard for *Toxoplasma gondii DNA* (NIBSC, UK, ref: 10/242).

An example of Intra-Session Repeatability (on one day) results on ELITe BeGenius is shown in the table below.

Table 16 Example of Intra-Session Repeatability (BeGenius, on one day) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	8	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	8	38.04	1.01	2.66	100%
10xLoD	8	34.90	0.66	1.90	100%

An example of Intra-Session Repeatability (on one day) on ELITe InGenius is shown in the table below.

Table 17 Example of Intra-Session Repeatability (InGenius, on one day) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	8	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	8	35.50	0.63	1.76	100%
10xLoD	8	34.33	0.81	2.35	100%

An example of Inter-Session Repeatability (on two days) on ELITe BeGenius is shown in the table below.

Table 18 Example of Inter-Session Repeatability (BeGenius, on two days) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	16	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	16	37.46	0.96	2.57	100%
10xLoD	16	34.92	0.57	1.64	100%

An example of Inter-Session Repeatability (on two days) on ELITe InGenius is shown in the table below.

Table 19 Example of Inter-Session Repeatability (InGenius, on two days) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	16	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	15	35.76	0.58	1.61	100%
10xLoD	16	34.28	0.59	1.71	100%

In the Repeatability test, the TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit detected all the samples as expected and showed a maximum variability of target Ct values as %CV equal to 2.66 %.

11.7 Reproducibility

The Reproducibility of the assay was evaluated on ELITe BeGenius and ELITe InGenius by analysis of a panel of *Toxoplasma gondii* negative whole blood EDTA samples or spiked with 1st WHO International Standard for *Toxoplasma gondii DNA* (NIBSC, UK, ref: 10/242).

The results of Inter-Batch Reproducibility (on two days and two lots) on ELITe BeGenius are shown in the table below.

Table 20 Inter-Batch Reproducibility (BeGenius, on two days and two lots) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	8	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	8	37.15	0.71	1.92	100%
10xLoD	8	35.11	0.31	0.89	100%

The results of Inter-Batch Reproducibility (on two days and two lots) on ELITe InGenius are shown in the table below.

Table 21 Inter-Batch Reproducibility (InGenius, on two days and two lots) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	8	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	8	36.08	1.35	3.74	100%
10xLoD	8	33.83	0.63	1.85	100%

The results of Inter-Instrument Reproducibility (on two days, two lots and two instruments) on ELITe BeGenius are shown in the table below.

Table 22 Inter-Instrument Reproducibility (BeGenius, on two days, two lots and two instruments) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	8	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	8	36.42	0.46	1.25	100%
10xLoD	8	34.86	0.49	1.41	100%

The results of Inter-Instrument Reproducibility (on two days, two lots and two instruments) on ELITe InGenius are shown in the table below.

Table 23 Inter-Instrument Reproducibility (InGenius, on two days, two lots and two instruments) test results

Sample	N	Mean Ct	SD Ct	%CV	%Agreement
Negative	8	-	-	-	100%
3xLoD	8	36.08	1.11	3.08	100%
10xLoD	8	33.62	0.47	1.40	100%

In the Reproducibility test, the TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit detected all the samples as expected and showed a maximum variability of target Ct values as %CV equal to 3.74 %.

11.8 Diagnostic Specificity: confirmation of negative samples

The diagnostic specificity of the assay, as confirmation of negative samples, was evaluated in association with **ELITe InGenius** by analyzing clinical samples of whole blood collected in EDTA, amniotic fluid and CSF, certified negative or presumably negative for the target.

As ELITe BeGenius has equivalent analytical performances to ELITe InGenius, the diagnostic performances of the assay performed on the two instruments are also considered equivalent. Therefore, the Diagnostic Specificity of the assay obtained in association with ELITe InGenius is also applicable to ELITe BeGenius.

The results are summarized in the following table.

Table 24 Diagnostic Specificity

Whole blood EDTA sample	**N**	**Positive**	**Negative**	**% Diagnostic Specificity**
Negative for *Toxoplasma gondii*	58	1	57	98.3%
Amniotic Fluid sample	**N**	**Positive**	**Negative**	**% Diagnostic Specificity**

Table 24 Diagnostic Specificity (continued)

Negative for *Toxoplasma gondii*	66	0	66	100%
CSF sample	**N**	**Positive**	**Negative**	**% Diagnostic Specificity**
Negative for *Toxoplasma gondii*	47	0	47	100%
Presumably negative for *Toxoplasma gondii*	27	0	27	
Total	74	0	74	

One (1) Whole blood EDTA sample resulted discrepant positive.

The IC Ct cut-off value is set at 36 for whole blood samples collected in EDTA and amniotic fluid samples when tested with ELITe InGenius and ELITe BeGenius. The IC Ct cut-off value was set at 35 for CSF samples when tested with ELITe InGenius and ELITe BeGenius.

11.9 Diagnostic Sensitivity: confirmation of positive samples

The diagnostic sensitivity of the assay, as confirmation of positive samples, was evaluated in association with **ELITe InGenius** by analyzing clinical samples of whole blood collected in EDTA, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), certified positive for the target or spiked with reference material.

As ELITe BeGenius has equivalent analytical performances to ELITe InGenius, the diagnostic performances of the assay performed on the two instruments are also considered equivalent. Therefore, the Diagnostic Sensitivity of the assay obtained in association with ELITe InGenius is also applicable to ELITe BeGenius.

The results are summarized in the following table.

Table 25 Diagnostic Sensitivity

Whole blood EDTA sample	**N**	**Positive**	**Negative**	**% Diagnostic Sensitivity**
Positive for *Toxoplasma gondii*	16	16	0	100%
Spiked with *Toxoplasma gondii*	35	35	0	
Total	51	51	0	
Amniotic Fluid sample	**N**	**Positive**	**Negative**	**% Diagnostic Sensitivity**
Positive for *Toxoplasma gondii*	51	50	1	98%
CSF sample	**N**	**Positive**	**Negative**	**% Diagnostic Sensitivity**
Positive for *Toxoplasma gondii*	8	8	0	100%
Spiked with *Toxoplasma gondii*	48	48	0	
Total	56	56	0	

One (1) Amniotic Fluid sample resulted discrepant negative. This sample had a very low titer and could therefore generate random negative or positive calls.

NOTE

The complete data and results of the tests carried out to evaluate the product performance characteristics with matrices and instruments are recorded in the Section 7 of the Product Technical File "TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB® Kit", FTP RTST01PLD.

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13 PROCEDURE LIMITATIONS

Use this product only with the following clinical samples: whole blood collected in EDTA, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid.

Do not use DNA extracted from heparinized samples with this product: heparin inhibits the amplification reaction of nucleic acids and causes invalid results.

Do not use extracted DNA that is contaminated with hemoglobin, ethanol or 2-propanol with this product: these substances inhibit the amplification reaction of nucleic acids and may cause invalid results.

Do not use with this product extracted DNA containing high quantity of human genomic DNA that may inhibit the amplification reaction of nucleic acids.

Currently there are no data available concerning product performance with DNA extracted from the following clinical samples: vitreous humor.

There are no data available concerning inhibition caused by antiviral, antibiotic, chemotherapeutic or immunosuppressant drugs.

The results obtained with this product depend on proper identification, collection, transport storage and processing of the samples. To avoid incorrect results, it is therefore necessary to take care during these steps and to carefully follow the instructions for use provided with the product.

Owing to its high analytical sensitivity, the Real Time PCR method used in this product is sensitive to contamination from positive clinical samples, Positive Controls and PCR products. Cross-contamination cause false positive results. The product format is designed to limit cross-contamination. However, cross-contamination can only be avoided by good laboratory practices and following these instructions for use.

This product must be handled by qualified personnel trained in the processing of potentially infective biological samples and chemical preparations classified as dangerous to prevent accidents with potentially serious consequences for the user and other persons.

This product requires the use of personal protective equipment and areas that are suitable for the processing of potentially infective biological samples and chemical preparations classified as dangerous to prevent accidents with potentially serious consequences for the user and other persons.

This product requires the use of personal protective equipment and instruments dedicated to work session setup to avoid false positive results.

To avoid incorrect results, this product must be handled by professional personnel, qualified and trained in molecular biology techniques such as extraction, PCR and detection of nucleic acids.

Due to inherent differences between technologies, it is recommended that users perform method correlation studies to estimate technology differences prior to switching to a new technology.

A negative result obtained with this product indicates that the target DNA is not detected in the DNA extracted from the sample; however, it cannot be excluded that the target DNA has a lower titer than the product detection limit (see 11 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS page 17). In this case the result could be a false negative.

Results obtained with this product may sometimes be invalid due to failure of internal control. In this case the sample shall be retested, starting from extraction, which can lead to a delay in obtaining final results.

Possible polymorphisms, insertions or deletions within the region of the DNA targeted by the product primers and probes may impair detection of target DNA.

As with any other diagnostic medical device, the results obtained with this product must be interpreted in combination with all relevant clinical observations and laboratory results.

As with any other diagnostic medical device, there is a residual risk of obtaining invalid, or erroneous results with this product. This residual risk cannot be eliminated or further reduced. In some cases, this residual risk could contribute to wrong decisions with potentially dangerous effects for the patient. However, this residual risk associated to the intended use of the product has been weighed against the potential benefits to the patient and it has been assessed acceptable.

14 TROUBLESHOOTING

Table 26

Invalid Positive Control reaction	
Possible Causes	**Solutions**
Instrument setting error.	Check the position of PCR Mix and Positive Control. Check the volumes of PCR Mix and Positive Control.
PCR Mix degradation.	Do not use the PCR Mix for more than 5 independent sessions (3 hours each in the Inventory Area Cool Block or in the Cooler Unit). Do not use the PCR Mix for more than 3 consecutive sessions (7 hours in the Inventory Area Cool Block or in the Cooler Unit). Do not leave the PCR Mix at room temperature for more than 30 minutes. Use a new aliquot of PCR Mix.
Positive Control degradation.	Do not use the Positive Control for more than 4 independent sessions (3 hours each in the Extraction Area or in the Cooler Unit). Use a new aliquot of Positive Control.
Instrument error.	Contact ELITechGroup Technical Service.

Table 27

Invalid Negative Control reaction	
Possible Causes	**Solutions**
Instrument setting error.	Check the position of PCR Mix and Negative Control. Check the volumes of PCR Mix and Negative Control.
Contamination of the Negative Control.	Do not use the Negative Control for more than 1 session. Use a new aliquot of molecular biology grade water.
Contamination of the PCR Mix.	Use a new aliquot of PCR Mix.
Contamination of the extraction area, Racks, Inventory Block or Cooler Unit	Clean surfaces with aqueous detergents, wash lab coats, replace tubes and tips in use.
Instrument error.	Contact ELITechGroup Technical Service.

Table 28

Invalid Sample reaction	
Possible Causes	**Solutions**
Instrument setting error.	Check the position of PCR Mix, Internal Control, and sample. Check the volumes of PCR Mix, Internal Control, and sample.
PCR Mix degradation.	Do not use the PCR Mix for more than 5 independent sessions (3 hours each in the Inventory Area or in the Cooler Unit). Do not use the PCR Mix for more than 3 consecutive sessions (7 hours in the Inventory Area Cool Block or in the Cooler Unit). Do not leave the PCR Mix at room temperature for more than 30 minutes. Prepare a new aliquot of PCR Mix.
Internal Control template degradation.	Use a new aliquot of Internal Control.
Inhibition due to interfering substances in the sample.	Repeat the amplification with a 1:2 dilution in molecular biology grade water of eluted sample in a “PCR Only” session. Repeat the extraction with a 1:2 dilution in molecular biology grade water of the sample in an “Extract + PCR” session.
Instrument error.	Contact ELITechGroup Technical Service.

Table 29

Error in Ct calculation	
Possible Causes	**Solutions**
Too high concentration of target in the sample or sample with anomalous fluorescence signal.	If significant amplification is observed in PCR plot select the track related to the sample and manually approve the result as positive. If no amplification is observed in PCR plot select the track related to the sample and manually approve the result as negative or leave it as invalid. If a Ct value is required: - repeat the amplification of eluted sample with a 1:10 dilution in molecular biology grade water in a “PCR Only” session. - repeat the extraction of the sample with a 1:10 dilution in molecular biology grade water in an “Extract + PCR” session.

Table 30

Abnormal high rate of positive results within the same session (reactions with similar late Ct values)	
Possible Causes	**Solutions**
Sample-to-sample contamination in preanalytical steps.	Clean the micropipette with fresh 3% sodium hypochlorite solution (bleach) or DNA/RNA cleaner after pipetting each sample. Do not use Pasteur pipettes. The pipettes must be of the positive displacement type or used with aerosol filter tips. Introduce samples in the last positions of the instruments, as indicated by the GUI. Follow the loading sequence indicated by the software.
Laboratory environmental contamination.	Clean all surfaces in contact with the operator and samples (including the pipettes) with fresh 3% sodium hypochlorite solution (bleach) or DNA/RNA cleaner. Perform an U.V. decontamination cycle. Use a new tube of PCR Mix and / or CPE.

15 SYMBOLS

REF	Catalogue Number.
	Upper limit of temperature.
LOT	Batch code.
	Use by (last day of month).
IVD	*in vitro* diagnostic medical device.
CE 0123	Fulfilling the requirements of the IVDR Regulation 2017/746/EC for *in vitro* diagnostic medical device. Certification released by TÜV SÜD Product Service GmbH, Germany.
UDI	Unique Device Identification
	Contains sufficient for "N" tests.
	Consult instructions for use.
CONT	Contents.
	Keep away from sunlight.
	Manufacturer.

16 NOTICE TO THE USERS

Any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device shall be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and /or the patient is established. At the moment of the current revision of the IFU, no serious incident or recall with impact on product performance and safety of the device has occurred.

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Appendix A TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit used in association with Genius series® platforms

CAUTION

This document is a simplified version of the official instruction for use. Please refer to the complete document before use: www.elitechgroup.com

Intended use

The product **TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB ®** is an in vitro diagnostic medical device intended to be used by healthcare professionals as qualitative nucleic acids Real-Time PCR assay for the detection of the DNA of *Toxoplasma gondii* extracted from clinical specimens.

The assay is validated in association with the **ELITe InGenius®** and **ELITe BeGenius®** instruments, automated and integrated systems for extraction, Real-Time PCR and results interpretation, using human specimens of whole blood collected in EDTA, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid.

The product is intended for use as an aid in the diagnosis of *Toxoplasma gondii* infections in patients suspected of having *Toxoplasma gondii* infection.

The results must be interpreted in combination with all relevant clinical observations and laboratory outcomes.

Amplified sequence

Sequence	Gene	Fluorophore	Channel
Target	RE region	FAM	TOXO
Internal Control	IC2	AP525	IC

Validated matrix

- Whole blood EDTA
- Amniotic fluid
- CSF

Kit content and related products

TOXOPLASMA g. ELITe MGB Kit (RTST01PLD)		TOXOPLASMA g - ELITe Positive Control (CTRT01PLD)	
 X 4		 X 1	
Ready-to-use PCR Mix 4 tubes of 540 µL 96 reactions per kit 5 freeze-thaw cycles per tube		Ready-to-use PC 1 tube of 160 µL 4 reactions per kit 4 freeze-thaw cycles (4 separate sessions on board)	
Maximum shelf-life:	**24 months**	Maximum shelf-life	**24 months**
Storage temperature	**≤ -20°C**	Storage temperature	**≤ -20°C**

Other products required not provided in the kit

• ELITe InGenius instrument: INT030. • ELITe BeGenius instrument: INT040. • ELITe InGenius SP 200: INT032SP200. • ELITe InGenius SP 200 Consumable Set: INT032CS.	• ELITe InGenius PCR Cassette: INT035PCR. • ELITe InGenius Waste Box: F2102-000. • CPE - Internal Control: CTRCPE • 300 µL Filter Tips Axigen: TF-350-L-R-S. • 1000 µL Filter Tips Tecan: 30180118.

ELITe InGenius and ELITe BeGenius Protocol

• Sample volume • CPE Internal Control volume • Total eluate volume	200 µL 10 µL 100 µL	• PCR eluate input volume • TOXO Q-PCR Mix volume • Frequency of controls • Unit of quantitative result	10 µL 20 µL 15 days IU/mL

ELITe InGenius and ELITe BeGenius Performances

Matrix	Limit of Detection	Diagnostic Sensitivity	Diagnostic Specificity
Whole blood	2.26 IU / mL	100%	98.3%
Amniotic fluid	2.26 IU / mL	98%	100%
Cerebrospinal fluid	2.26 IU / mL	100%	100%

Sample preparation

This product is intended for use on the **ELITe InGenius** and **ELITe BeGenius** with the following clinical specimens identified according to laboratory guidelines, and collected, transported, and stored under the following conditions.

Sample type	Transport/Storage conditions			
	+16 / +26 °C (room temperature)	**+2 / +8 °C**	**-20 ± 10 °C**	**-70 ± 15 °C**
Whole blood EDTA	≤ 24 hours	≤ 72 hours	≤ 1 month	≤ 1 month
Amniotic fluid	≤ 2 hours	≤ 4 hours	≤ 1 month	≤ 1 month
Cerebrospinal fluid	≤ 2 hours	≤ 4 hours	≤ 1 month	≤ 1 month

ELITe InGenius Procedures

The user is guided step-by-step by the Graphic User Interface (GUI) of ELITe InGenius software to setup the run. All the steps: extraction, Real-Time PCR and result interpretation are automatically performed. Two operational modes are available: complete run (Extract + PCR) or PCR Only.

Before analysis

1. Switch on ELITe InGenius. Log in with username and password. Select the mode "**CLOSED**".	**2.** Verify controls: **Positive Control** and **Negative Control** in the "Controls" menu. Note: Both must have been run, approved and not expired.	**3.** Thaw the **PCR Mix** and the **CTRCPE** tubes. Vortex gently. Spin down 5 sec.

Procedure 1 - Complete run: Extract + PCR (e.g., samples)

1. Select "Perform Run" on the touch screen	**2.** Verify the extraction volumes: Input: "200 µL", elution: "100 µL"	**3.** Scan the sample barcodes with hand-barcode reader or type the sample ID
4. Select the "Assay Protocol" of interest: TOXO ELITe_WB_200_100 or TOXO ELITe_AF_200_100 or TOXO ELITe_CSF_200_100	**5.** Select the method "Extract + PCR" and the sample position: Primary tube or Extraction Tube	**6.** Load the PCR Mix and the Internal Control in the Inventory Block
7. Load: PCR Cassette, Extraction cartridge, Elution tube, Tip Cassette, Extraction Tube racks and primary sample racks	**8.** Close the door. Start the run	**9.** View, approve and store the results

NOTE
If an Extract Only mode is needed, refer to the instrument user's manual for procedure.

Procedure 2: PCR Only (e.g., eluates, controls)

1. Select "Perform Run" on the touch screen	**2.** Verify the extraction volumes: Input: "200 µL", elution: "100 µL"	**3.** Scan the sample barcodes with hand-barcode reader or type the sample ID
4. Select the "Assay protocol" of interest: TOXO ELITe_PC and TOXO ELITe_NC)	**5.** Select the method "PCR Only" and the sample position "Elution Tube"	**6.** Load the PCR Mix in the Inventory Block
7. Load: PCR Cassette rack and the Elution tube rack with the extracted nucleic acid	**8.** Close the door. Start the run	**9.** View, approve and store the results

ELITe BeGenius Procedures

The user is guided step-by-step by the Graphic User Interface (GUI) of ELITe BeGenius software to setup the run. All the steps: extraction, Real-Time PCR and result interpretation are automatically performed. Two operational modes are available: complete run (Extract + PCR) or PCR Only.

Before analysis

1. Switch on ELITe BeGenius. Log in with username and password. Select the mode "**CLOSED**".	**2.** Verify controls: **Positive Control** and **Negative Control** in the "Controls" menu. Note: Both must have been run, approved and not expired.	**3.** Thaw the **PCR Mix** and the **CTRCPE** tubes. Vortex gently. Spin down 5 sec.

Procedure 1 - Complete run: Extract + PCR (e.g., samples)

1. Select “Perform Run” on the touch screen and then click on the run mode «Extract + PCR»	**2.** Insert the Sample Rack with the barcoded samples in the Cooler Unit. The barcode scan is already active	**3.** Verify the extraction volumes: Input: “200 µL”, Eluate: “100 µL”
4. Select the “Assay protocol” of interest (TOXO ELITe_Be_WB_200_100 or TOXO ELITe_Be_AF_200_100 or TOXO ELITe_Be_CSF_200_100) **Note:** If a second extraction is performed repeat steps from 2 to 4	**5.** Print the labels to barcode the empty elution tubes. Load the tubes in the Elution Rack and insert it in the Cooler Unit	**6.** Load the PCR Mix and the Internal Control in the Reagent/Elution Rack and insert it in the Cooler Unit
7. Load “PCR Rack” with “PCR Cassette” and the “Extraction Basket” with the “ELITe InGenius SP 200” extraction cartridges and the required extraction consumables	**8.** Close the door. Start the run	**9.** View, approve and store the results

NOTE
If an Extract Only mode is needed, refer to the instrument user’s manual for procedure.

Procedure 2: PCR Only (e.g., eluates, controls)

1. Select “Perform Run” on the touch screen and then click on the run mode «PCR Only»	**2.** Load the extracted nucleic acid or controls barcoded tubes in the Elution Rack and insert it in the Cooler Unit	**3.** Verify the extraction volumes: Input: “200 µL”, Eluate: “100 µL”
4. Select the “Assay protocol” of interest (TOXO ELITe_Be_PC and TOXO or ELITe_Be_NC)	**5.** Load the PCR-Mix in the Reagent/ Elution Rack and insert it in the Cooler Unit	**6.** Load “PCR Rack” with “PCR Cassette”
7. Close the door. Start the run	**8.** View, approve and store the results	

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