

MGB Alert® MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent

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Intended Use

The **MGB Alert® MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent** is intended for use in a nucleic acid amplification test, to detect and distinguish DNA from species in the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (MTC) in a nucleic acid sample. This product is intended for use with a real-time PCR system with appropriate optical specifications and melt curve analysis capability.

Assay Principle

The **MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent** is a multiplex real-time PCR reagent designed with MGB Pleiades® hybridization probe chemistry to detect and distinguish DNA from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *M. canettii*, *M. africanum*, *M. caprae*, *M. bovis*, *M. microti*, and the *M. bovis* BCG vaccine strain. To use this product effectively, thermal cycler parameters must include PCR thermal cycling and a dissociation stage, i.e., a melt stage. (See Recommended Reaction Setup.) The reagent contains multiple primer sets and probes labeled with a fluorophore, a minor groove binder (MGB), and an Eclipse® Dark Quencher (EDQ). The primer sets and probes serve to identify multiple genomic regions of difference (RDs) in the MTC species, such that the profile of presence or absence of each RD determines the species. Six targets are detected using five fluorophores; two probes are labeled with the same fluorophore and are differentiated by melt curve analysis. One RD is present in all MTC species and serves as an MTC identifier. (See Data Analysis Guidelines.)

The Pleiades hybridization probe chemistry in this product is unique. The fluorescence of unhybridized probes is quenched by a 5' MGB and a 3' EDQ. During each cycle of PCR, the primers and probes anneal to their DNA target template, if present, and a new DNA strand is synthesized from the primers by a polymerase.

Hybridization of the probe to its target DNA separates the fluorophore from its quencher and MGB, allowing fluorescence emission. As the polymerase encounters the Pleiades probe annealed to the DNA template, the MGB on the 5' end of the probe blocks the exonuclease activity of the polymerase, and the probe is displaced as DNA is synthesized. The PCR cycles result in exponential amplification of target DNA and, therefore, fluorescence levels. The dissociation stage results in exponential decrease of fluorescence levels, i.e., a melt curve, each characterized by a melt temperature (T_m).

Product Description

The **MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent** is a ready-to-use 20X mix of primer and probe sets specific to their DNA targets. Probes are labeled with FAM or an **AquaPhluor® (AP) fluorophore** (Table 1), and MGB and EDQ.

Table 1. MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent components description. The number in the AP fluorophore name indicates its peak excitation wavelength.

Target species	Probe target	Probe fluorophore	Analogous fluorophore (for optical channel selection)
Mt, Mcan, Ma, Mc, Mb	RD1	FAM	FAM
Mt, Mcan, Ma, Mc, Mm	RD4	AP525	VIC, JOE, HEX
Mt, Mcan	RD9	AP593	ROX, Texas Red
Mt, Ma, Mm	RD12	AP639	Cy5, Quasar 670
Mcan	Mcan	AP639	Cy5, Quasar 670
All target species in the MTC, including MbBCG	RD9	AP690	Cy5.5, Quasar 705

Mt, *M. tuberculosis*; Mcan, *M. canettii*; Ma, *M. africanum*; Mc, *M. caprae*; Mb, *M. bovis*; Mm, *M. microti*; MTC, *M. tuberculosis* complex; MbBCG, *M. bovis* BCG (vaccine strain).

The **MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent** is provided at a volume of 120 µL and is designed to be combined with a master mix containing the necessary components for PCR (not provided). The 20X concentration is relative to the optimal final concentration of the primers and probes in the PCR.

Recommended Materials Not Provided

Table 2. Additional materials recommended for real-time PCR not provided in the MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent.

Material	Use	Vendor	Part Number
MGB Alert® ELITaq Master Mix (2X)	Contains DNA polymerase, buffers, dNTPs, components for PCR	ELITechGroup	M800809, 48 reactions M800810, 480 reactions
Molecular biology grade water	Reaction mix preparation, negative controls	NA	NA
Positive controls	Positive control DNA for each pathogen target if available	NA	NA

Recommended Reaction Setup

For optimal performance, protect all reagents from light, store at ≤-10°C while not in use, and limit the number of freeze-thaw cycles.

The following is an example of how to set up a real-time PCR using the MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent for 50 µL reactions. Preparation of the reaction mix should be done in an area separate from preparation and addition of samples and controls.

Table 3. Example recipe for real-time PCR reaction mix.

Reagent	Stock concentration	Volume per reaction (µL)
PCR master mix	2X	25
Molecular biology grade water	--	12.5
MGB Alert RUO Detection Reagent	20X	2.5
Total reaction mix	--	40.0
Sample/control template	--	10.0

1. Prepare reaction mix as above (Table 3), or adjust volumes per reaction based on PCR master mix stock concentration and final reaction volume, multiplying the volumes per reaction by the number of samples + controls being run and an appropriate overage to add the needed dead volume (e.g., 20%).
2. Array 40 µL of the reaction mix into the wells of an optical plate or tubes.
3. Prepare positive and negative controls as appropriate.
4. Pipette 10 µL of sample or control into the appropriate well or tube containing reaction mix.
5. Seal the plate with optical adhesive film or cap PCR tubes.
6. Load the plate or tubes onto the real-time PCR instrument and program the thermal cycling as below (Table 4). Start the run.

Table 4. Recommended thermal cycling conditions. Adjustments may be required to optimize the PCR for various real-time PCR instruments. Refer to the instrument manual to set up the real-time PCR.

Stage		Temperature	Time
Denaturation	Hold	95°C	2 min
PCR (50 cycles)	Denaturation	95°C	5 sec
	Annealing*	56°C	20 sec
	Extension	76°C	20 sec
Dissociation (melt)	Hold	95°C	15 sec
	Annealing	45°C	15 sec
	Melt*	45→80°C	Ramp at 0.06°C/s

* Read fluorescence at the annealing stage of PCR and while ramping during the melt stage of dissociation.

Data Analysis Guidelines

Analysis of results from the MGB Alert MTB Speciation v2.0 RUO Detection Reagent should be performed for both the PCR stage and dissociation stage. The detection profile of each target determines the species (Table 5). Four of the six targets are indicated by PCR alone. Two targets must be distinguished by melt curve analysis.

For the dissociation stage, only the AP639 signal must be analyzed for each sample positive by PCR for AP639. The melt curve results will show the RD12 probe T_m is several degrees lower than the Mcan probe T_m . Positive controls for each probe should be included for comparison.

Table 5. Detection profile of each target RD for species in the MTC. One target, Ext-RD9, is present in all species in the MTC. Nontuberculosis mycobacteria (NTM) species will test negative for all targets. More than one species may be present in a nucleic acid sample.

	Probe target (Fluorophore)					
	RD1 (FAM)	RD4 (AP525)	RD9 (AP593)	RD12 (AP639)*	Mcan (AP639)*	Ext-RD9 (AP690)
<i>M. tuberculosis</i>	+	+	+	+	-	+
<i>M. canettii</i>	+	+	+	-	+	+
<i>M. africanum</i>	+	+	-	+	-	+
<i>M. caprae</i>	+	+	-	-	-	+

<i>M. microti</i>	-	+	-	+	-	+
<i>M. bovis</i>	+	-	-	-	-	+
<i>M. bovis</i> BCG	-	-	-	-	-	+
NTM	-	-	-	-	-	-

NTM, nontuberculosis mycobacteria

* RD12 and Mcan detection is distinguishable by melt curve analysis. RD12 $T_m \ll$ Mcan T_m .

Warnings and Precautions

- **This product is for Research Use Only, and not for use in diagnostic procedures.**
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