INSTRUCTION FOR USE



GeneProof Aspergillus PCR Kit



1. LIST OF PRODUCT VARIANTS

Product	Package	REF
GeneProof Aspergillus PCR Kit	25 reactions	ASP/ISEX/025
GeneProof Aspergillus PCR Kit	100 reactions	ASP/ISEX/100

2. INTENDED PURPOSE AND USE

Indication	in vitro diagnostic medical device
Regulatory Status	CE IVD / EC Directive 98/79/EC
Function	Diagnostics and aid to diagnosis
What is Detected / Target	Aspergillus spp., Aspergillus terreus
Automated / Manual detection	Manual
Type of Analysis	Qualitative
Validated Specimen	Whole blood, plasma, serum, BAL, sputum, CSF
Testing Population	EU population
Intended User	For professional use in laboratories with trained staff
Test Principle	Real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) – amplification of the specific Target Sequence and detection using TagMan probes with fluorophore-based detection

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Target Sequence	ITS2/28S rDNA region	ITS2/28S rDNA region					
Analytical Specificity	Aspergillus spp. (A. fumigatus, A. flavus, A. niger, A. oryzae, A. candidus, A. foetidus, A. nidulans, A. ustus, A. versicolor, A. wentii, A. clavatus, A. niveus) (ASPspp), 100 %, Aspergillus terreus (ASPT), 100 %						
Analytical Sensitivity (LoD with 95% probability)	40.76 cp/ml, performed on AmpliRun® Aspergillus fun	nigatus DNA	control (Vircell)			
Extraction / Inhibition Control	PCR inhibition and DNA extraction efficiency control by	y Internal S	tandard (IS)			
Validated Extraction Methods	croBEE 201A Nucleic Acid Extraction Kit GeneProof PathogenFree DNA Isolation Kit						
	Instrument Name	ASPspp	ASPT	Internal Standard (IS)			
	croBEE Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	AMPLilab Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	Applied Biosystems 7500 Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	JOE			
	AriaMx Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	Bio Quant-96 Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
Applied Instruments	CFX96™/ Dx Real-Time PCR Detection System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
Applied Instruments	Gentier 96E/96R Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	LightCycler® 480	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	LineGene 9600 / 9600 Plus	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	Mic qPCR Cycler	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
	QuantStudio [™] 5 Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	VIC			
	Rotor-Gene 3000 / Q	FAM	Cy5	JOE			
	SLAN® Real-Time PCR System	FAM	Cy5	HEX			
Detection Channels	FAM (ASPspp), Cy5 (ASPT), HEX/JOE/VIC (IS),	FAM (ASPspp), Cy5 (ASPT), HEX/JOE/VIC (IS),					
External Quality Assessment	Regularly tested in QCMD External Quality Assessment	Regularly tested in QCMD External Quality Assessment Panels - results at www.geneproof.com					

4. KIT CONTENT

Vial Title	Cap Colour	Guaranteed Volume	Number of Vials	
viai ritte	Cap Colour	[µl]	ASP/ISEX/025 – 25 rxn	ASP/ISEX/100 – 100 rxn
MasterMix Aspergillus	Blue	750	1	4
Positive Control Aspergillus 10^2 cp/µl	White	200	1	2
Internal Standard Aspergillus	Red	1000	1	2

5. CALIBRATOR INFORMATION

No calibrators - qualitative detection only.

6. TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

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Storage Conditions	(-20 ± 5) °C
Transport Conditions	-20 °C and below
In-use Stability	Thaw a maximum of 5 times or use within 30 days after the first use of a particular vial, whichever comes first



7. ASSAY PROCEDURE

SPECIMEN COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING

- 1. Samples for DNA extraction must be collected and transported following professional guidelines.
- 2. Samples for DNA extraction must be transported and processed by the laboratory in the shortest possible time (preferably within 24 hours).

NUCLEIC ACID PURIFICATION

- 3. Prepare specimens for the assay according to the corresponding extraction kit manual.
- 4. Thaw required amount of Internal Standard (IS or UNIC*) vials, mix and briefly centrifuge.
- 5. Add Internal Standard (IS or UNIC) directly into the sample at the beginning of the extraction process so that 1 μl of the resulting elution volume contains 0.1 μl of the IS:

Elution Volume	25 µl	50 µl	100 µl	200 µl
Internal Standard (IS or UNIC)	2.5 µl	5 µl	10 µl	20 µl

6. Continue extraction according to the appropriate protocol.

NOTE

In case of using *UNIC - GeneProof Universal Internal Control (more information in chapter 11. Additional Products), see Instruction for Use of GeneProof Universal Internal Control.

PCR SETUP PROTOCOL

- 7. Thaw required vials and reagents completely.
- 8. Gently vortex and briefly centrifuge all vials before setting up the PCR run.

NOTE:

Keep the reagents at (5 ± 3) °C for the shortest time possible until the PCR reaction is set up.

- 9. Add 30 µl of Master Mix into PCR tubes.
- 10. Add 10 μl of the extracted nucleic acid sample or 10 μl of Positive Control into the individual PCR tubes and mix by pipetting. The total reaction mix volume is 40 μl.
- 11. Close the tubes, centrifuge shortly, insert them into the real-time PCR device and amplify according to the following PCR profile. NOTE:

It is recommended to perform at least 1 negative control and at least 1 positive control (for a qualitative kit) for each individual PCR run. Use your own negative control (not provided) in the form of nuclease-free water. For more information see chapter 9. Run Validity.

AMPLIFICATION PROFILE

Follow the thermocycler manufacturer's manual for setting the instrument and for analysis.

Universal PCR Profile

NOTE: The Universal PCR Profile is designed for parallel detection with other GeneProof PCR Kits.

Step	Process	Temperature [°C]	Time	Cycles	Fluorescence Acquisition
1	UNG decontamination	42	15 min	1 cycle	
2	Initial denaturation	95	10 min	1 cycle	
	Denaturation	95	5 s		
3	Annealing	60	40 s	45 cycles	FAM, Cy5, HEX/JOE/VIC
	Extension	72	20 s	1	

DNA PCR Profile

Step	Process	Temperature [°C]	Time	Cycles	Fluorescence Acquisition
1	UNG decontamination	37	2 min	1 cycle	
2	Initial denaturation	95	10 min	1 cycle	
	Denaturation	95	5 s		
3	Annealing	60	40 s	45 cycles	FAM, Cy5, HEX/JOE/VIC
	Extension	72	20 s	1	

8. INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Channel FAM (ASPspp)	Channel Cy5 (ASPT)	Channel HEX/JOE/VIC (IS)	Result	Interpretation
+	+	+/-	Valid	Aspergillus terreus * positive
+	-	+/-	Valid	Aspergillus spp. positive
-	+	+/-	Valid	Aspergillus terreus positive
-	-	+ (Ct<38)	Valid	Aspergillus spp. and Aspergillus terreus negative
-	-	+ (Ct>38)	Invalid	-
-	-	-	Invalid	-

^{*} In rare cases, co-infection with other Aspergillus spp. cannot be ruled out.

NOTE: For interpretation of PCR run see chapter 9. Run Validity.



9. RUN VALIDITY

OVERALL VALIDITY OF DETECTION

	Signal	Channel	Run Validity	Recommendation
Positive Control	+	FAM, Cy5	Valid	-
Positive Control	-	FAM, Cy5	Invalid	Repeat PCR run
Negative control	-	FAM, Cy5	Valid	-
Negative control	+	FAM, Cy5	Invalid	Repeat PCR run

NOTE: If the issue persists, please contact Customer Support, see Contact information.

10. QUANTITATIVE DETECTION EVALUATION

Qualitative detection only.

11. ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

GeneProof Universal Internal Control

GeneProof Universal Internal Control (UNIC) is intended to be used as the Internal Control / Standard for the microbiological GeneProof PCR kits and as an alternative product to Internal Controls / Standards included in the GeneProof microbiological PCR kits. The UNIC works only in combination with GeneProof PCR kits. It is intended to simplify the user's workflow in cases where multiple detection kits with single extract are used. For more details see the Instruction for Use for UNIC.

Product	REF
GeneProof Universal Internal Control	UNIC/GP/050

NOTE: IS is applied to the solution only once. Add UNIC instead of IS from the package of the PCR kit. Do not add IS and UNIC to the same sample at the same time.

12. MATERIAL AND DEVICES REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

CONSUMABLE MATERIAL

96-well reaction plates or PCR tubes (0.2 ml volume), pipette tips with filters, powder-free gloves, biohazard waste bin, nuclease-free water

DEVICES

Real-time PCR instrument (see chapter 3. Technical Specification), nucleic acid extraction system or kit (see chapter 3. Technical Specification), desktop centrifuge (for 0.2 ml PCR tubes or 96-well plates), vortex mixer, freezer (-20 ± 5) °C, refrigerator (5 ± 3) °C, cooling rack

13. WARNINGS, PRECAUSIONS AND PROCEDURE LIMITATIONS

- Patient management decisions should never be made based solely on the results from this test. Other laboratory and clinical factors must also be considered in making clinical decisions.
- Any serious incident occurred in relation to the using of GeneProof PCR Kit shall be reported to the manufacturer and to the competent local authority.
- Use all necessary protective equipment (protective disposable gloves, a laboratory coat and eye protection) when handling specimens and kit reagents.
- Avoid microbial and ribonuclease contamination of the reagents when removing aliquots from reagent vials.
- Use RNase- and DNase-free filter pipette tips only.
- Use new tips for each pipetting step.
- Use separate working places for sample preparation / nucleic acid extraction and amplification reactions. Never introduce an amplified product in reacent and/or nucleic acid extraction (sample preparation) area.
- Close the kit components vials immediately after use and never interchange lids.
- Do not pool reagents from different lots or from different vials within the same lot.
- Do not substitute the reagents between different lots.
- Do not use reagents from damaged or leaking vials.
- Dispose of unused reagents and waste in accordance with national, federal, state or local regulations.
- Be very careful when handling the Positive Control or the clinical material; incorrect handling could result in contamination and the consequent impairment of the kit components! The manufacturer is not responsible for the kit impairment due to incorrect handling.



Procedure Limitations:

- Read the whole Instruction for Use properly before starting the manipulation. Not following these instructions can lead to an erroneous result which can cause misdiagnosis or inappropriate treatment!
- Appropriate specimen collection, transport, storage and processing procedures are required for the optimal performance of this test.
- Do not use kit after the expiry date.
- The presence of UNG decontamination step reduces the risk of lower levels of amplicon contamination. However, contamination from very high levels of amplicons can be avoided only by good laboratory practices and careful adherence to the procedures specified in this Instruction for Use. All reagents should be closely monitored for impurity and contamination. Any suspicious reagents should be discarded.
- This product is designed for use with the applied PCR instruments and validated extraction methods mentioned in chapter 3. Technical Specification.

Clinical Limitations:

Use only with validated specimens (see chapter 2. Intended Purpose and Use) otherwise incorrect results could occur.

14. EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

Symbol	Explanation	Symbol	Explanation
C€	This product complies with the relevant EU requirements	LOT	Lot number
IVD	in vitro diagnostic medical device	Σ	Contains sufficient amount for n-tests
REF	Catalogue number	*	Temperature limitation
•••	Manufacturer		Expiry date
[]i	Read Instruction for Use		Date of Manufacture (for selected territories only)

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