

# BactoReal<sup>®</sup> Kit *Aerococcus viridans*

## Manual

For use with the

- ABI PRISM<sup>®</sup> 7500 (Fast)
- Mx3005P<sup>®</sup>
- LightCycler<sup>®</sup> 480



For veterinary use only



DVEB05311, DVEB05313



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DVEB05351, DVEB05353



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## 1. Product description

BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* is a real-time PCR assay for detection of *A. viridans* DNA. This test was developed and validated for the ABI PRISM® 7500 (Fast) instrument (Life Technologies), LightCycler® 480 (Roche), and for Mx3005P® (Agilent) but is also suitable for other real-time PCR instruments. This test allows the rapid and sensitive detection of DNA of *A. viridans* from samples purified from milk, swabs, tissues, etc. (e.g. with the QIAamp DNA Mini Kit).

BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* detects the 16S rRNA gene of *Aerococcus viridans*. A probe-specific amplification-curve at 530 nm (FAM channel) indicates the amplification of *A. viridans* specific DNA.

An internal positive control system for detection in VIC/HEX channel, (554 nm, order no. DVEB05311 or DVEB05351) or Cy5 channel (667 nm; order no. DVEB05313 or DVEB05353) excludes false-negative interpretation of results due to inhibition of real-time PCR (see 8. Interpretation of PCR-data).

When using PCR-platforms not validated by ingenetix, an evaluation of the multiplex-PCR is recommended. Please be aware that some PCR-platforms have to be calibrated with the corresponding dye before performing multiplex-PCR.

BactoReal®, MycoReal, ParoReal and ViroReal® Kits are optimized to run under the same thermal cycling conditions. RNA and DNA material can be analysed in one run.

## 2. Pathogen information

*Aerococcus viridans* is a Gram-positive bacterium causing gaffkemia, a fatal lobster disease, and it has been associated with septicemia in sea turtles. *Aerococcus viridans* has also been isolated from the milk of cows with subclinical mastitis. It can also cause different human infections such as endocarditis, urinary tract infections, arthritis, or meningitis.

### References:

Martín V, Vela AI, Gilbert M, Cebolla J, Goyache J, Domínguez L, Fernández-Garayzábal JF. 2007. Characterization of *Aerococcus viridans* isolates from swine clinical specimens. J Clin Microbiol. 45:3053-7.

## 3. Principle of real-time PCR

A specific DNA sequence of the pathogen genome is amplified and the generated PCR-product is detected by an oligonucleotide-probe labelled with a fluorescent dye. This technology allows for a sequence-specific detection of PCR amplicates.

## 4. General Precautions

The user should always pay attention to the following:

- Always include a negative control per PCR-run (water instead of sample).
- Optional: for valid interpretation of results, a negative control should be included during DNA-extraction (for example extraction of water instead of sample material), in order to exclude false-positive results due to contamination with *Aerococcus viridans* DNA during extraction.
- Be careful when handling the positive control.
- Store and extract positive material (specimens, controls and amplicons) separately from all other reagents and add it to the reaction mix in a spatially separated workspace.
- Periodically decontaminate benches and devices.
- Use sterile pipette tips with filters.
- Thaw all components thoroughly at room temperature before starting an assay. When thawed, mix the components and centrifuge briefly.
- For MSDS, see [www.ingenetix.com](http://www.ingenetix.com).

## 5. Contents of the Kit

### 5.1. BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* order no. DVEB05311 or DVEB05351

Labelling	Content	Amount		Storage
		DVEB05311	DVEB05351	
<i>Aerococcus viridans</i> Assay Mix (green cap)	Primer and probe (FAM) for detection of <i>Aerococcus viridans</i>	2 x 50 µl	1 x 50 µl	-20°C
CR-1 Assay Mix (yellow cap)	Primer, probe (VIC/HEX) and target for detection of IPC	2 x 50 µl	1 x 50 µl	-20°C
<i>Aerococcus viridans</i> Positive Control (red cap)*	Control-DNA (approx. 10,000 target copies/µl)	1 x 25 µl	1 x 25 µl	-20°C
DNA Reaction Mix (white cap)#	Reaction Mix	2 x 500 µl	1 x 500 µl	<b>-20°C until first use, then at +4°C</b>
Water (blue cap)	Water	1 x 1000 µl	1 x 1000 µl	-20°C to +4°C

#DNA Reaction Mix contains uracil-N glycosylase (UNG)

### 5.2. BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* order no. DVEB05313 or DVEB05353

Labelling	Content	Amount		Storage
		DVEB05313	DVEB05353	
<i>Aerococcus viridans</i> Assay Mix (green cap)	Primer and probe (FAM) for detection of <i>Aerococcus viridans</i>	2 x 50 µl	1 x 50 µl	-20°C
CR-3 Assay Mix (yellow cap)	Primer, probe (Cy5) and target for detection of IPC	2 x 50 µl	1 x 50 µl	-20°C
<i>Aerococcus viridans</i> Positive Control (red cap)*	Control-DNA (approx. 10,000 target copies/µl)	1 x 25 µl	1 x 25 µl	-20°C
DNA Reaction Mix (white cap)#	Reaction Mix	2 x 500 µl	1 x 500 µl	<b>-20°C until first use, then at +4°C</b>
Water (blue cap)	Water	1 x 1000 µl	1 x 1000 µl	-20°C to +4°C

#DNA Reaction Mix contains uracil-N glycosylase (UNG)

The components of BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* are stable until the expiry date stated on the label. Repeated thawing and freezing should be avoided. Please protect kit components from light.

## 6. Additionally required materials and devices

- Reagents and devices for DNA-extraction
- PCR-grade water
- Disposable powder-free gloves
- Pipettes (adjustable)
- Sterile pipette tips with filters
- Vortex mixer
- Desktop centrifuge with rotor for 2 ml reaction tubes
- Real-time PCR instrument which is able to detect and differentiate fluorescence in FAM and VIC/HEX or Cy5 channel
- Appropriate 96 well reaction plates or reaction tubes with corresponding (optical) closing material

## 7. Preparation of real-time PCR

### 7.1. Pipetting scheme

		<b>Per sample</b>
<b>Preparation of Master Mix</b> (mix well)	Water*	3.0 µl
	DNA Reaction Mix (2x)	10.0 µl
	<i>Aerococcus viridans</i> Assay Mix	1.0 µl
	CR Assay Mix	1.0 µl
	<b>Total volume Master Mix</b>	<b>15.0 µl</b>
<b>Preparation of PCR assay</b>	Master mix	15.0 µl
	Sample*	5.0 µl
	<b>Total volume</b>	<b>20.0 µl</b>

\*1-8 µl of the sample can be used. When using a volume other than 5 µl, the volume of H<sub>2</sub>O has to be changed accordingly.

**Positive Control:** As positive control use 1 µl of the *Aerococcus viridans* Positive Control + 4 µl H<sub>2</sub>O.

Optional: a 1:10 dilution of the positive control can be used and defined as second standard value (approx. 1000 target copies/µl).

### 7.2. Programming of the temperature profile

Please find further information on programming the real-time PCR instrument in the respective operator's manual. Please be aware that some PCR-platforms have to be calibrated with the corresponding dye before performing multiplex-PCR.

**Select dyes:** FAM-TAMRA for detection of *Aerococcus viridans*

Cy5-NONE (CR-3 Assay Mix) or VIC-TAMRA (CR-1 Assay Mix) for detection of IPC

**Select reference dye (passive reference):** ROX

**Sample Volume:** 20 µl

**Temperature Profile:**

<b>Program 1</b>	<b>Program 2</b>	<b>Program 3</b>
Cycles: 1 Analysis: None	Cycles: 1 Analysis: None	Cycles: 45 Analysis: Quantification Acquisition at 60°
50°C 2 min*	95°C 20 sec	95°C 5 sec
		60°C 1 min

For ABI PRISM® 7500:

Ramp speed: Without "fast cycling" parameter

For LightCycler® 480 instrument:

Detection format: 2 Color Hydrolysis Probe  
(dyes see above)

**\*Note:** If viral RNA should be also detected in the same PCR run, program 1 has to be prolonged to 15 min at 50°C. This temperature profile can be used for all BactoReal®, MycoReal®, ParoReal® and ViroReal® kits for the detection of DNA or RNA.

## 8. Interpretation of PCR-data

Examples for interpretation of positive reactions are shown in the amplification plots below.

**For a valid interpretation, the following criteria must be fulfilled:**

	<b>Ct/Cp (FAM channel) <i>A. viridans</i> target</b>	<b>Ct/Cp IPC target</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
Negative control	Negative	36.0 ± 2	Valid
Positive control (undiluted, 1 µl/PCR)	28.0-31.0	36.0 ± 2	Valid
Or: positive control (1:10 diluted, 1 µl/PCR)	31.0-34.0	36.0 ± 2	Valid
Extraction negative control (optional)	Negative	36.0 ± 2	Valid
Negative sample	Negative	36.0 ± 2	Valid
Positive sample	Positive	Positive/Negative	Valid

**For analysis of PCR data please proceed as follows:**

For analysis of PCR results gained with BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* please select fluorescence display options FAM channel for the *Aerococcus viridans* target and VIC/HEX channel (order no. DVEB05311, DVEB05351) or Cy5 channel (order no. DVEB05313, DVEB05353) for the internal positive control target. Samples with a positive Cp or Ct-value are considered positive. Please also check the presence of amplification-curves manually.

**Once the analysis is completed, the following results are possible:**

### 1. Signal in FAM channel:

→ DNA of *Aerococcus viridans* was amplified. The sample has to be interpreted as positive.

*Aerococcus viridans* DNA can lead to a reduced or absent fluorescence signal of the internal positive control (competition of PCR).

### 2. No signal in FAM channel:

→ No *Aerococcus viridans* DNA is detectable in the sample. The sample has to be interpreted as negative. An inhibition of PCR cannot be excluded.

### 2a. No signal in FAM channel but signal of the internal positive control:

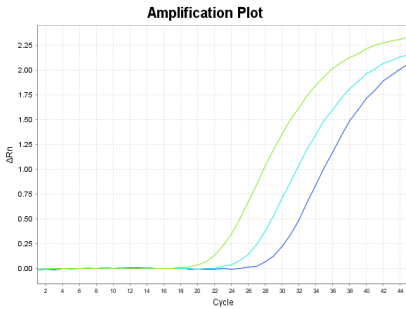
→ No *Aerococcus viridans* DNA is detectable in the sample. The sample has to be interpreted as negative. The positive signal of the internal positive control assay excludes a putative PCR inhibition.

### 2b. No signals in FAM channel and no signal with internal positive control:

→ No interpretation statement can be made.

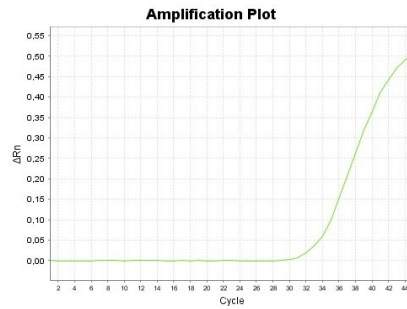
Information about possible sources of error and their solution can be found in 9. Troubleshooting.

Detection of *Aerococcus viridans*



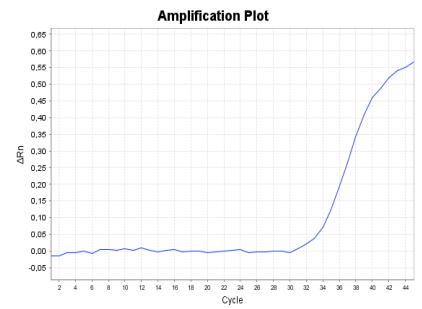
**ABI Prism® 7500:** FAM channel, 530 nm  
1:10 serial dilution of *A. viridans* DNA

Detection of internal positive control CR-3

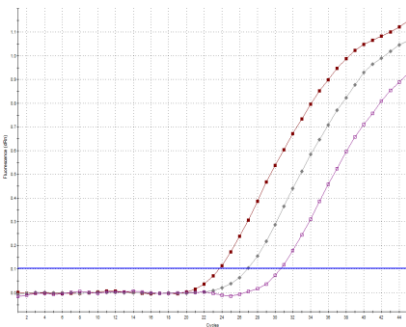


**ABI Prism® 7500:** Cy5 channel, 667 nm  
Internal positive control

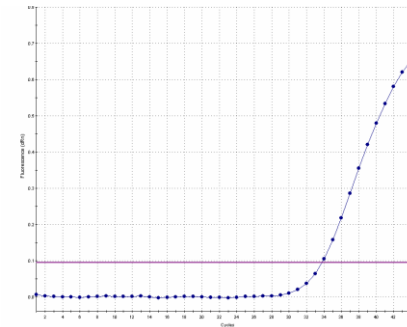
Detection of internal positive control CR-1



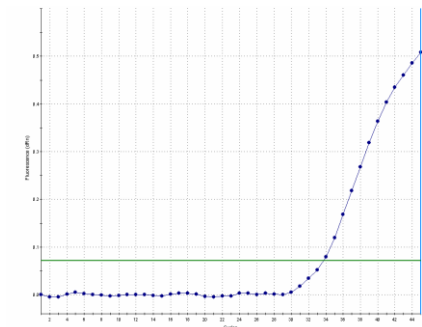
**ABI Prism® 7500:** VIC channel, 554 nm  
Internal positive control



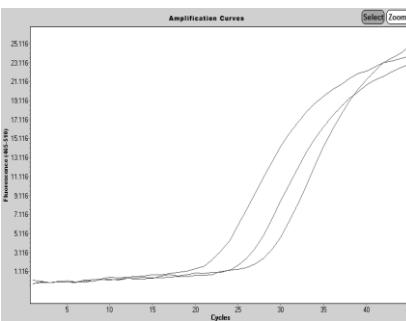
**Mx3005P®:** FAM channel  
1:10 serial dilution of *A. viridans* DNA



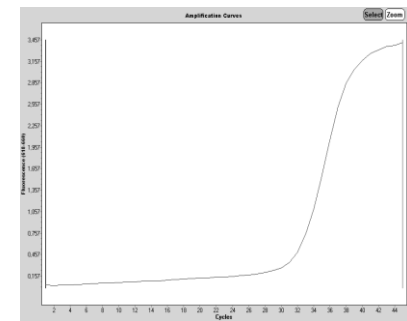
**Mx3005P®:** CY5 channel  
Internal positive control



**Mx3005P®:** HEX channel  
Internal positive control



**LightCycler® 480:** FAM channel  
1:10 serial dilution of *A. viridans* DNA



**LightCycler® 480:** Cy5 channel  
Internal positive control

## 9. Troubleshooting

### 1. No *Aerococcus viridans* specific signal with positive control:

- Incorrect programming of the temperature profile of the real-time PCR instrument.  
→ Compare the temperature profile with the protocol (see 7. Preparation of real-time PCR).
- Incorrect configuration of the PCR reaction.  
→ Check your work steps (see 7. Preparation of real-time PCR) and repeat the PCR, if necessary.

### 2. No signal with the internal positive control and no *Aerococcus viridans* specific signal with the sample:

- The PCR reaction was inhibited. No interpretation can be made.  
→ Make sure that you use a recommended method for DNA isolation and stick closely to the manufacturer's instructions.  
→ If no operating mistakes during extractions can be retraced, it is recommended to repeat the PCR with lower amounts of DNA-eluate (1/5 or 1/10 of sample volume + the adequate amount of H<sub>2</sub>O).
- Incorrect PCR conditions.  
→ Check the PCR conditions and repeat the PCR, if necessary.

### 3. *Aerococcus viridans* specific signal with the negative control:

- A contamination occurred during preparation of the PCR.  
→ Repeat the PCR with new reagents in replicates.  
→ Strictly pipette the positive controls at last.  
→ Make sure that work space and instruments are decontaminated at regular intervals.

### 4. *Aerococcus viridans* specific signal with the negative control of DNA-extraction:

- A contamination occurred during extraction.  
→ Repeat the extraction and PCR using new reagents.  
→ Make sure that work space and instruments are decontaminated at regular intervals.

## 10. Specifications

BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* was evaluated with the ABI PRISM® 7500 (Fast) instrument (Life Technologies), with the LightCycler® 480 (Roche) and the Mx3005P® (Agilent). For further validation data please contact ingenetix.

### 10.1. Analytical sensitivity

The analytical sensitivity is 5 target copies/PCR reaction.

### 10.2. Analytical specificity

The specificity is ensured by the selection of highly specific primers and probes. The primers and probes were checked for possible homologies to currently published sequences by sequence comparison analyses. This also validated the detection of so far known *Aerococcus viridans* strains.

BactoReal® Kit *Aerococcus viridans* is specific for *Aerococcus viridans* and *Aerococcus urinaequi*.

## 11. Annex – symbols



Batch code



Catalogue number



Contains sufficient for <n> tests



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