



MTB assay

For the detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex using the BD MAX™ system

Instructions for use

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Introduction

This protocol describes the system settings and run setup protocol for the detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (MTB) using the BD MAX system. The assay targets the IS6110 gene.

The MTB assay was optimized for the BD MAX system by PAMM laboratories, Veldhoven. Validation was performed on BAL and sputum samples.

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1. Protocol

This protocol describes the assay settings that are required for a to run the MTB assay on the BD MAX system. The MTB snap-ins contain primers and probes for the detection of MTB and require no further preparation. For monitoring failure in extraction procedure an internal Sample Process Control (SPC) is present in the BD MAX Sample Buffer tube which is detected using the BD MMK (SPC) mastermix.

1.1 Materials needed

- BD MAX instrument
- BD ExK DNA-1 Extraction kit (BD cat no: 442818)
- BD MMK (SPC) mastermix (BD cat no: 442829)
- BD MAX PCR Cartridges (BD cat no: 437519)
- Dried snap-ins MTB (Biolegio cat no: BDT-14004)
- Vortex Mixer
- Micropipettes
- Pipette tips with filters
- Disposable gloves
- Lab. coat

1.2 Run settings

The assay is performed on the BD MAX with use of the BD MMK(SPC) in combination with the ExK DNA-1 kit for extraction.

Create a full process assay in the test editor named “MTB assay” and use the following parameters:

The screenshot shows the 'Channel Settings' window in the BD MAX software. The test name is 'MTB', extraction type is 'ExK DNA-1 (Urine)', and master mix format is 'Type 1: BD MMK or MMK (SPC) and Dried Primers and Probes'. The interface includes a 'Channel Settings' table and a 'Color Compensation' table.

Channel	Wavelength	Alias	PCR Gain	Threshold (EP Min)	Ct. Min	Ct. Max	Melt Gain
Channel	475/520	MTB	40	100	0	0	40
	530/565		0	0	0	0	0
	585/630		0	0	0	0	0
	630/665		0	0	0	0	0
	680/715	SPC	40	100	0	0	40

Excitation Channel	False Receiving Channel					
	Wavelength	475/520	530/565	585/630	630/665	680/715
	475/520	--	0	0	0	0
	530/565	0.0	--	0	0	0
	585/630	0	0	--	0	0
	630/665	0	0	0	--	0
680/715	0	0	0	0.0	--	

At the bottom of the window, there is a warning icon and text: "To return melt data, test must have melt gain(s) and at least one melt step." Buttons for 'Save', 'Cancel', and 'Back to Test List' are visible.





Edit the test steps using the following settings:

Test Name: MTB Extraction Type: ExK DNA-1 (Urine) Master Mix Format: Type 1: BD MMK or MMK (SPC) and Dried Primers and Probes

Test Steps

Step Name: Denaturation Profile Type: Hold Cycles: 1

Type	Time (s)	Temp (°C)	Detect
	600	98	

Move Step Add Step

Step Name: Amplification Profile Type: 2 - Temperature Cycles: 45

Type	Time (s)	Temp (°C)	Detect
	10	98	
	30	63	✓

Move Step Add Step

If desired apply the result logic as follows;

Test Name: MTB Extraction Type: ExK DNA-1 (Urine) Master Mix Format: Type 1: BD MMK or MMK (SPC) and Dried Primers and Probes

Result Logic Steps

Target: MTB

Wavelength	Alias	Analyze
475/520	MTB	✓
530/565		
585/630		
630/665		
680/715	SPC	✓

Edit Logic Move Add

And edit the logic for each target as follows;

Edit Logic

Target: MTB

Result	MTB	SPC
POS	Valid	Valid
POS	Valid	Invalid
NEG	Invalid	Valid
UNR	Invalid	Invalid

OK



1.1 Setting up the experiment

- a. Create a Work List on the BD MAX instrument using the MTB assay (created in step 1.2) and label the lanes with appropriate sample names.
- b. Load the prepared Sample Buffer Tubes into their corresponding position in the BD MAX racks.
- c. Load the BD MAX racks with the corresponding Unitized Reagent Strips. Note: Shake the strip to ensure liquid is at the bottom of tubes.
- d. Snap-in the BD Extraction tubes (position 1), MMK(SPC) tubes (position 2) and MTB tubes (position 3) into the Reagent Strip.
- e. Load the racks and cartridges into the BD MAX and Start Run.



2. Results interpretation

- 2.1 For a run to be valid:
- No BD MAX System failures.
 - Negative control (optional) has a Cq value of -1 for all channels except 680/715 (SPC).
 - Positive control (optional) has a Cq values for both the 475/520 as the 680/715 channel.
- 2.2 Interpretation if run is valid:
- A Cq value of -1 indicates a negative result.
 - A Cq value of 0 indicates that no Cq value could be obtained. The curve needs to be investigated visually.
 - A Cq value for either of the targets indicates a positive result for the corresponding target.
 - The SPC (channel 680/715) should always give a Cq value. A negative value for the SPC indicates inhibition and therefore this sample should be repeated.
 - All curves need to be visually checked for right interpretation.

3. Results interpretation

- 3.1 For a run to be valid:
- No BD MAX System failures.
 - Negative control (optional) has a Cq value of -1 for all channels except 680/715 (SPC).
 - Positive control (optional) has a Cq value for all channels.
- 3.2 Interpretation if run is valid:
- A Cq value of -1 indicates a negative result.
 - A Cq value of 0 indicates that no Cq value could be obtained. The curve needs to be investigated visually.
 - A Cq value for either of the targets indicates a positive result for the corresponding target.
 - The SPC (channel 680/715) should always give a Cq value. A negative value for the SPC indicates inhibition and therefore this sample should be repeated.
 - All curves need to be visually checked for right interpretation.

Disclaimer:

PAMM Laboratories is not responsible for the results of the MTB assay on the BD MAX system. Using the “open protocol” (i.e. MTB dried snap in tubes with primer and probes, together with the BD mastermix) the laboratory itself is responsible for the validation of the assay.

