

Ultra-Sensitive ASXL1 Mutation Detection Kit

User Manual

Catalog Number:	ASXL10001-20	ASXL10001-50
Size:	20 tests/Kit	50 tests/Kit

Intended Use: For Research Use Only

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1. PRODUCT INFORMATION

1.1 Background

ASXL1 gene, Somatic mutations in the additional sex comb-like 1 (ASXL1), are involved in the regulation or recruitment of the Polycomb-group repressor complex (PRC) and trithorax-group (trxG) activator complex. Recently, ASXL1 gene profiling has been studied in various types of diseases, which is also considered as a novel marker which may be a risk factor related with the prevalence and prognostic of myelodysplastic syndromes, and may be used to determine with the prevalence and prognostic of myeloid leukemia. It has been described in various types of myeloid malignancies, including acute myeloid leukemia (1). More and more studies indicate that ASXL1 mutations are associated with a poor therapy outcome (2).

1.2 Intended use

Medaysis Ultra-Sensitive ASXL1 Mutation Detection Kit is a highly specific and sensitive PCR technique that is able to detect common somatic mutations in the ASXL1 gene. Used with Sanger sequencing, it can detect less than 1% (as little as 20 ng to 100 ng of) mutant genes mixed with the wild-type (Table 1). It is designed to amplify ASXL1 gene from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissues, fresh or frozen tissues, cell smears, fine needle biopsies (FNA) or pleural effusion specimens.

Sample quality assurance for diagnostic tests has not been widely implemented in clinical laboratories.

Table 1. ASXL1 mutations detected by the kit:

No	Reagents	Exon	Mutation/ Hot spot	Amino Acid Range
1	ASXL1 Exon 12 Primer mix	12	G635/G646	635~677

2. KIT CONTENT

List of components *:

No.	Catalog Number	Name of Components	Volume (µl)	
			ASXL10001-20	ASXL10001-50
1	ASXL10021	ASXL1 Exon 12 PCR primer mix	90	225
2	ASXL10041	ASXL1 Exon 12 Seq primer-R	25	60
3	ASXL10081	DNA Quality Control Primer Mix	90	225
4	OTH0001	2x PCR Master Mix	450	600
5	OTH0002	Nuclease-Free Water	1000	1000

* Each component contains enough material to test 20 or 50 DNA samples

3. SHIPPING AND STORAGE

Medaysis ASXL1 mutation detection kit is shipped at 4°C and recommends being store at -20°C for long-term storage. When stored under the recommended storage conditions in the original packing, the kit is stable for one year from the date of shipment. Repeated thawing and freezing should be avoided. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

4. PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

- Please read the instruction carefully before use.
- The kit is intended for research use only, not for diagnostics purpose.
- Experiments should be performed under proper sterile condition with aseptic techniques.
- All reagents should be thawed thoroughly, mix the components by inverting and centrifuge briefly before use.
- Medaysis Ultra-Sensitive ASXL1 mutation detection kit is a PCR-based test to be used by trained laboratory technicians with the appropriate laboratory facilities and equipment.
- Avoid inhalation and ingestion.
- Positive and negative controls should be run simultaneously with all specimens.

5. ADDITIONAL REAGENTS AND INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED

5.1 Reagents

- DNA extraction
- 6 x sample loading buffer

- Agarose
- 1 x TAE buffer
- Novel juice or ethidium bromide
- 100 bp DNA ladder standard (Range: 100 – 1000 bp)
- Positive controls: ASXL1 Exon 12 mutation control

5.2 Materials

- Sterile, nuclease-free PCR tubes for preparing mastermixes
- Adjustable Pipettes for samples preparation
- Disposable sterile pipette tips with filter
- Disposable gloves

5.3 Instruments

- PCR instrument (Table 2)
- Electrophoresis equipment and power supply
- Sanger Sequencer (*our kit is compatible with DNA analyzer ABI3730 and ABI3130)
- The kit has currently been optimized by using ABI Veriti Thermo Cycler. Table 2. List of compatible PCR instruments which has been tested:
- Optimization might be necessary for other instruments. For more information of instrument compatibility, please contact the technical service at Medaysis.

Table 2. PCR instruments

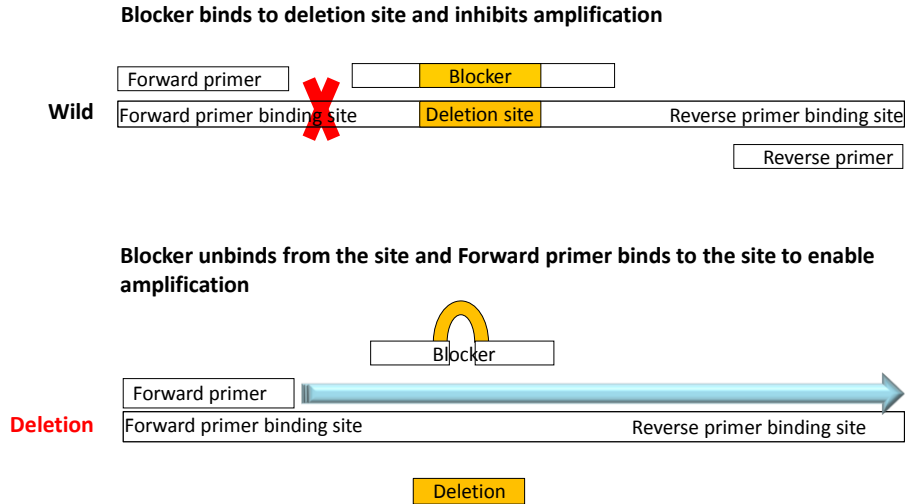
Company	Model
Applied Biosystems	Veriti
Bio-Rad	T100
Biometra	T-3000

6. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND PRINCIPLE

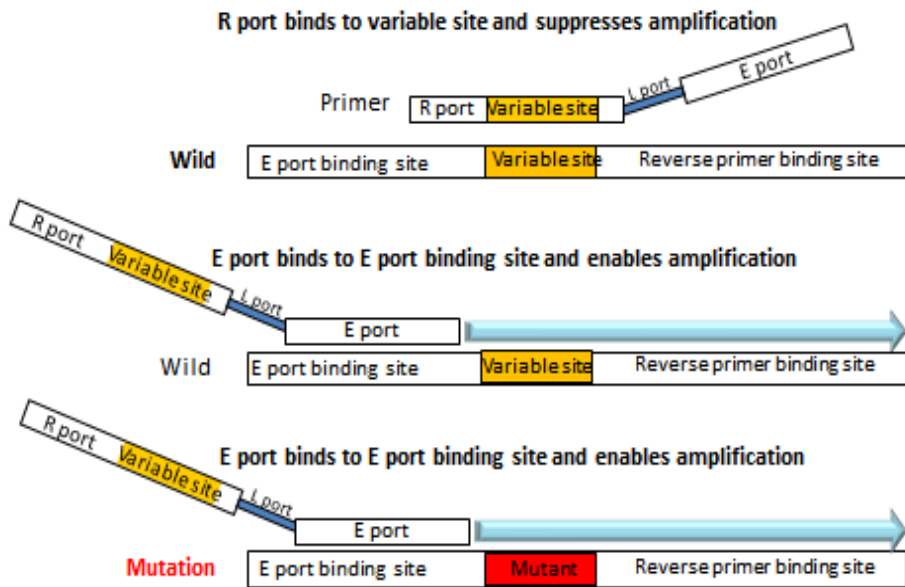
Ultra-Sensitive ASXL1 Mutation Detection Kit is a CloDiA™ PCR method using novel and proprietary mutation enrichment technology. CloDiA™ PCR has two types of technique involved - Unindel™ PCR and Stuntmer™ PCR. Unindel™ PCR is designed to detect a broad range of insertions/deletions (universal insertions/deletions) in the target region. The three-primer set consists of forward primer, reverse primer and blocker which inhibits amplification of wild type gene but enables amplification of exonic insertions/ deletions. Stuntmer™ PCR is designed to detect a broad range of point mutations in the target region. The structure of both the forwarder and reverse primer has three ports including R Port, E Port, and L Port to suppress amplification of wild type gene but maximize amplification of mutation type. Sanger sequencing can be used to analyze the sequence.

Figure 1. Principle of the Technology.

Unindel PCR: Detects a Broad Range of Insertions/Deletions



Stuntmer PCR: Detects a Broad Range of Point Mutations



7. PROTOCOL

To minimize the risk of contamination with foreign DNA, it is recommended that the kits should be conducted in a PCR clean environment.

7.1 DNA preparation

Human genomic DNA must be extracted from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded FFPE tissue, fine needle biopsy or pleural effusion specimens. For FFPE tissue, Medaysis recommends use of Qiagen DNA extraction kit (QIAamp DNA FFPE Tissue Kit, Cat. No. 56404) for genomic DNA extractions. For instructions, refer to the manufacturer’s manuals.

The kit can be used with DNA extracted with the most common manual and automated extraction methods.

The OD value of genomic DNA extractions should be measured using the spectrophotometer or similar approach. Make sure that OD 260/OD280 value of sample is between 1.8 and 2.0. Extracted genomic DNA specimens may be stored at -20°C for long-term storage or refer to the manufacturer's manuals.

For further information regarding the compatibility of the device with different extraction methods please contact the technical support at Medaysis.

7.2 PCR reaction preparation

1. Thaw and centrifuge all tubes (ASXL1 Exon 12 Primer Mix, 2x PCR Master Mix and Sterile H₂O at 4°C before use.
2. Prepare PCR tube and label it as S1.
3. Prepare separately PCR Reaction Mixture by adding 10 µl 2x PCR Master Mix, 4 µl Primer Mix and 5 µl Sterile H₂O with a total of 19 µl mixture per reaction for S1.
4. Add 1 µl (20~100 ng/µl) DNA specimen into the PCR reaction mixture S1.
5. Pipette the mixture gently and centrifuge briefly.

Note: Same as the preparation of the DNA quality control, if more than one DNA specimens need to be tested, it is recommended to prepare a reaction mix of table 3 & 4 (No. 2~4) and aliquot 19µl to each PCR tube.

Table 3. PCR tube preparation per one reaction:

S1	DNA QC	PC	NC
Exon 12 mixture	DNA quality control	Positive control	Negative control

Table 4. Prepare the reaction mixture per one reaction according to the table below:

No.	Component	Volume (µl)
1	DNA specimen (20~100 ng/µl) / positive or negative control	1
2	Each primer Mix	4
3	2x PCR Master Mix	10
4	Nuclease-Free Water	5
	Final Volume	20

7.3 PCR thermal cycling condition

Table 5. Follow the PCR protocol exactly when operate PCR instrument

	Temperature (°C)	Time (min)	Cycle(s)
Stage 1			
Pre-denaturation	95	5	1
Stage 2			
Denaturation	95	0.5	45
Primer Annealing	59	0.5	
Elongation	72	1	
Stage 3			
Extension	72	10	1

Preservation	10	∞
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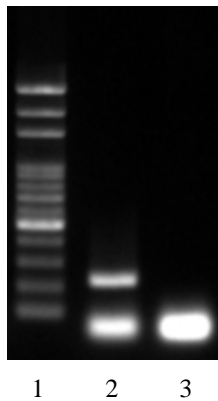
7.4 Run PCR gel electrophoresis (optional)

Before Sanger sequencing, the PCR products can be examined by the standard agarose gel electrophoresis (2% agarose in 100ml 1X TAE buffer). The DNA will be visualized by ethidium bromide or novel juice fluorescence.

1. Loading PCR products: mix 5µl of PCR products with 1 µl of 6X novel juice loading dye and load in the 2% agarose gel.
2. Check the results of ASXL1 amplicon (~210 bp)
3. Perform Sanger sequencing referring to the manufacturer’s manuals. Store the rest of PCR products at 4°C.

Note: For the instructions of DNA sequencer, refer to the manufacturer’s manuals.

Figure 2. The amplicons of each PCR product on gel electrophoresis



- Lane I : DNA Marker
- Lane II : ASXL1 Exon 12 PCR product (210 bp)
- Lane III : Negative control

Note: The result of gel electrophoresis is only used to determine PCR performance of sample. To analyze wild or mutant type should be determined based on the sequencing data.

7.5 Recommended Sanger sequencing protocol

Our kit is validated and compatible with DNA analyzer ABI3730. For the instructions of DNA sequencer, refer to the manufacturer’s manuals.

For more information of instrument compatibility, please contact the technical service at techsupport@medaysis.com.

Note: PCR products may need to be cleaned up before performing Sanger sequencing.

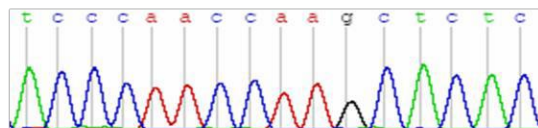
8. DATA ANALYSIS

PCR products must be sequenced for further analysis. For data analysis, please interpret results refer to the manufacturer’s manuals of the software.

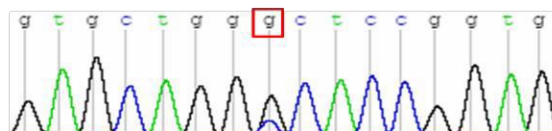
Note: To get reasonable interpretation of your results, it is recommended to eliminate baseline “noise” of data. For the common mutation information, please refer to the following data.

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Wild type:



Point mutation:



Deletion / insertion:

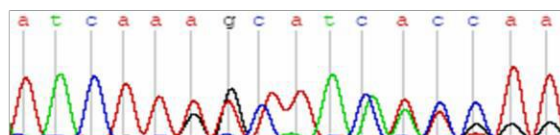
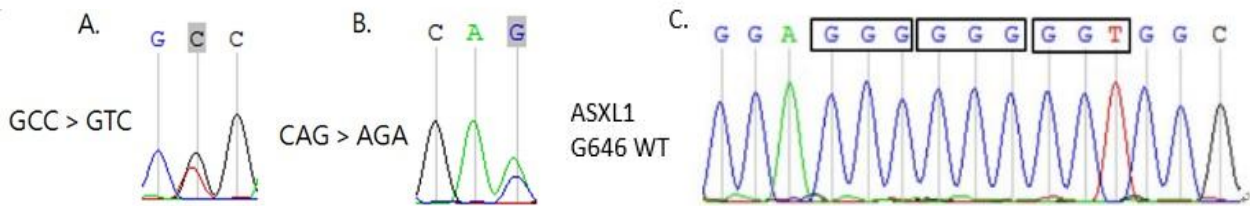


Figure 3. Example of sequence data

(A) Harbored a C-to-T transition; (B) Harbored a C-to-T transition and G-to-A transition; (C) ASXL1 G646WT



9. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

This troubleshooting guide may be helpful in solving similar problems that may arise. If there is any other question, please welcome to contact techsupport@medaysis.com.

Problems	Questions	Suggestions
No Amplicon /no band	No PCR products observed on gel electrophoresis.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check the results of DNA Quality Control. If there is no amplicon shown at the size within DNA Quality Control, DNA may be fragmented during inadequate fixation steps. Please check your sample fixation process. 2. Remove presence of inhibitor in reaction in case it exists, and then repeat DNA Quality Control reaction. 3. Inspect temperature calibration on PCR instrument. 4. Check both the storage conditions and the expiration date on the label. Use a new kit if needed.
Non-specific amplification/ multiple products/ wrong size band amplified	How to adjust or eliminate the multiple or non-specific PCR products?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct kit in PCR workstation to minimize the risk of contamination with foreign DNA. 2. Inspect temperature calibration on PCR instrument. 3. Blocking primer annealing temperature is too low. Increase 2 to 3°C at annealing step to reduce non-specific binding and amplification.
Equipment variation	Have you checked the discrepancy among different PCR instruments?	Yes. We had done parallel tests on different instruments to make sure our kit compatible with different instrument models including ABI, Bio metra, Bio Rad (Table2).
Novel mutation	How to verify the novel mutation and confirm the accuracy of the results?	Please check any existing mutations on COSMIC website or do parallel tests with the proven data.

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