

## MBPCR095

## Hi-PCR<sup>®</sup> 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit

### Description:

Eukaryotic 18S ribosomal RNA (rRNA) gene primers that feature a wide coverage are critical in detecting the composition of eukaryotic microscopic organisms in ecosystems. Here, 18S rRNA primers based on consecutive conserved sites and evaluated their coverage efficiency and scope of application to different eukaryotic groups. Common conserved regions in eukaryotic 18S rRNA sequences is used to design 18S universal primers.

**NOTE: The Hi-PCR<sup>®</sup> 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit is for *in vitro* use only.**

**Intended Use:** The Hi-PCR<sup>®</sup> 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit is designed to specifically amplify a region (approx. 182bp) within the 18S rRNA.

### Principle:

The The Hi-PCR<sup>®</sup> 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit is designed for the detection of a specific sequence of the **18S rRNA gene** in clinical and environmental samples. The 18S rRNA specific primers generate an amplicon of **182 bp**. This kit also contains **Positive control**.

**Positive control:** This is a control reaction using a known template. A positive control is usually used to check that the primers have been designed properly and the PCR conditions have been set up correctly.

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is a very sensitive and specific method for amplification based detection of genes. The three steps of a successful PCR reaction include Denaturation, Annealing and Extension. The double-stranded DNA melts and forms single stranded DNA at a high temperature (Denaturation). Sequence-specific primers bind to the target sequence on single-stranded DNA at lower temperature (Annealing). The Taq DNA Polymerase adds dNTPs onto the single stranded DNA at intermediate temperature (Extension). These 3 steps of PCR are usually repeated between 25 to 40 times in each PCR assay.

Gel electrophoresis is used to analyze the amplification of desired gene region for target pathogen based on separation of DNA fragments according to their size.

### Features:

- Fast and simple
- Sensitive and specific results
- Guaranteed reproducible results
- Rapid detection of all relevant clinical pathogens

**Sample Source:** Various clinical and environmental samples.

**Storage:**

The provided kit has a shelf-life of 12 months when stored between -10°C to -20°C. Repeated thawing and freezing of PCR reagents should be avoided as this may reduce the sensitivity. If reagents are to be used multiple times, we recommend storing reagents as aliquots to avoid repeated freeze and thaw. Degradation of sample DNA specimens can also reduce sensitivity of the assay. HiMedia does not recommend using the kit after the expiry date stated on pack.

**Kit Contents:**

The provided PCR contains:

Components	Product codes	Reagents provided for (reactions)* (µL)	
		25R	50R
Hi-Quanti 2X Realtime PCR Mastermix	MBT180	675	1350
18S Primer Mix	DS0300	54	108
Positive control	DS0122B	5	10
Molecular Biology Grade Water for PCR	ML065	600	1200

\* For a 50µl PCR reaction

**Specimen collection and Handling:**

Follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens; after use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens and items contaminated with blood and other body fluids. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

**Sample Preparation:**

For extraction and purification of high yield and pure DNA, perform the nucleic acid purification using HiMedia's Extraction kits.

**Materials needed but not provided:**

- PCR tubes (Product code PW1255) or PCR Strips (Product code: PR17) or PCR Plates (Product code: PR2 / PR3 / PR19)
- Thermal Cycler (Product Code: LA948/LA949/LA950/LA1006/LA1015/LA1059/LA1060/LA1066)
- Barrier Micropipette Tips (Product Code: LA749 / LA749A / LA751 / LA751A / LA750 / LA750A / LA859 / LA859A)
- Micropipettes

**General Preparation Instructions:**

- Before use, suitable amount of all PCR components should be completely thawed on ice (4°C).
- Perform the amplification reactions in a clean area.
- Use of aerosol barrier pipette tips is recommended to reduce contamination risks from extraneous DNA templates.

- Extract and store positive control material (if used) separately from all other reagents to avoid contamination and add it to the reaction mix in a separate area.

**A. Protocol for PCR Master Mix Preparation:**

Perform PCR reactions for each DNA sample as per the following table:

Components	Recommended volume to be added per reaction (µL)
Hi-Quanti 2X Realtime PCR Mastermix ( <b>MBT180</b> )	25 µL
18S Primer Mix ( <b>DS0300</b> )	2 µL
Template DNA	2 µL
Molecular Biology Grade Water for PCR ( <b>ML065</b> )	Up to 50 µL

**NOTE: (Optional) – The user can also set up an additional PCR reaction containing 1µL of Positive control DNA (provided) in a separate tube.**

Centrifuge the tube briefly at 6000 rpm for about 10 seconds and place the tubes in the PCR machine and set the recommended PCR program (mentioned below). Interpret the data using Agarose Gel Electrophoresis.

**B. Recommended PCR program:**

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| 1. Initial denaturation | : 94°C for 05 minutes | No. of cycles: 1    |
| 2. Denaturation         | : 94°C for 30 seconds | } No. of cycles: 30 |
| 3. Annealing            | : 58°C for 30 seconds |                     |
| 4. Extension            | : 72°C for 30 seconds |                     |
| 5. Final Extension      | : 72°C for 5 minutes  | No. of cycles: 1    |

**After amplification, the products can be kept at 4°C overnight or frozen at –20°C for long-term storage.**

**18S PCR Assay Results Interpretation:**

- For analysis of the PCR data, load 10 µl of amplicon on a 1.5% Agarose gel along with 1 µl of 6X Gel Loading Buffer (ML015).
- Load 4 µl of 100 bp DNA ladder (MBT049) in separate well.

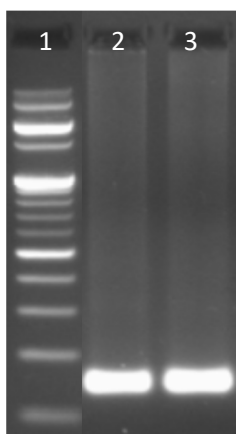
**C. EtBr-staining to check results:**

- Incorporate EtBr in the agarose gel or stain the agarose gel with EtBr for 10-15 min.
- Confirm the expected amplicon size comparing with 100 bp DNA marker.

**D. Quality Control:**

Each lot of HiMedia's The Hi-PCR® 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit is assayed for contaminating endonuclease, exonuclease and non-specific DNase activities. Functionally tested in DNA amplification.

### E. Amplification Data:



Lane no.	Samples
1	100 bp DNA ladder
2	Positive control amplicon (182bp)
3	Test sample amplicon (182 bp)

Figure: Gel image representing amplification of 18S rRNA gene (182bp)

### Precautions

Read the procedure carefully before beginning the protocol. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Follow good clinical laboratory practices while handling clinical samples. Standard precautions should be followed as per established guidelines. Safety guidelines may be referred in safety data sheets of the product.

### Performance and Evaluation

Each lot of HiMedia's The Hi-PCR® 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality.

### Troubleshooting Guide:

Sr.No.	Problem	Cause	Solution
1.	No amplification	Degraded samples	1. Check the integrity of DNA using agarose gel electrophoresis. 2. Use freshly prepared DNA to ensure the availability of intact template sequence for efficient amplification.
		Error in protocol setup	Verify that the correct reagent volumes, dilutions and storage conditions have been used.
2.	Variability between replicates	Error in reaction set-up	Prepare large volume reaction mix, vortex thoroughly and aliquot appropriately into reaction tubes.
		Air bubbles in reaction mix	Briefly centrifuge reaction samples/plate prior to running on a PCR machine.
		Pipetting error	Replicates can show increased variation due to poor laboratory techniques or imprecise pipettes.

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3.	Amplification in negative control	Reagents contaminated	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace all critical solutions.</li> <li>2. Repeat the analysis of all tests with fresh aliquots of critical reagents.</li> </ol>
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### Safety Information

The The Hi-PCR® 18S rRNA Semi-Q PCR Kit is for laboratory use only, not for drug, household or other uses. Take appropriate laboratory safety measures and wear gloves when handling.









### Disposal

User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed off in accordance with current laboratory techniques.

### Technical Assistance

At HiMedia, we pride ourselves on the quality and availability of our technical support. For any kind of technical assistance, mail at [mb@himedialabs.com](mailto:mb@himedialabs.com).

### Symbols

	Manufacturer		Do not use if package is damaged
	Batch code		Temperature limit
	Date of manufacture (YYYY-MM)		Consult instructions for use
	Use-by date (YYYY-MM)		Catalogue number

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