

## MBPCR097

## Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit

### Description:

A longstanding diagnostic challenge for fungal infections is to identify an infecting fungal pathogen early in the infection process and rapidly assess its susceptibility to antifungal drugs to facilitate appropriate therapy. In fungal infections, even when positive, results usually take longer than a week because these organisms are difficult to identify and/or are slow-growing. Also conventional culture-based approaches are too slow, often requiring several days. This has led to the development of culture-independent diagnostic tests such as PCR.

Real Time PCR detection is an important molecular method for diagnosis that amplifies and accurately identifies fungal-specific nucleic acid for diagnosis. A longstanding diagnostic challenge for fungal infections is to identify an infecting fungal pathogen early in the infection process and rapidly assess its susceptibility to antifungal drugs to facilitate appropriate therapy.

PCR assays offer several features that could overcome current shortcomings for the diagnosis of fungal infections.

The Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS) regions of fungal ribosomal DNA (rDNA) are highly variable sequences of great importance in distinguishing fungal species by PCR analysis. Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit is designed to specifically amplify a region (approx. 290bp) within the fungal rRNA.

**NOTE: The Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit is for *in vitro* use only.**

### Intended Use:

Recommended for sensitive detection of fungal samples.

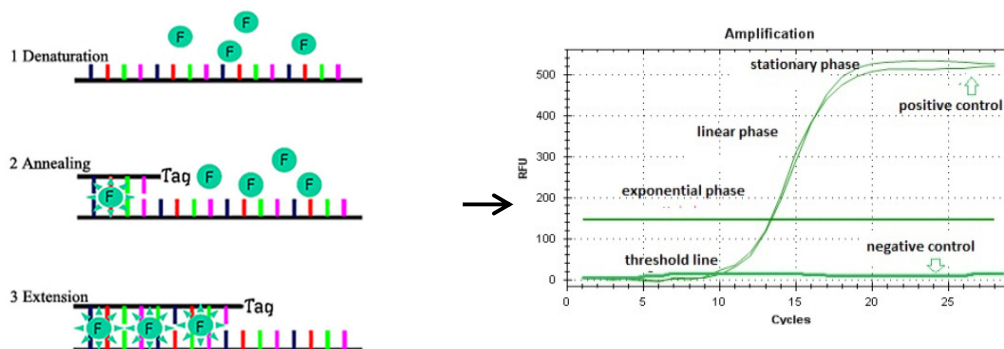
### Principle:

The Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit is designed for the detection of a specific sequence of the **ITS region of rRNA gene** in Fungus from various food sources, cells, clinical samples etc. 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.

Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction, also called quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (qPCR) or kinetic Polymerase Chain Reaction, is a laboratory technique based on the principle of Polymerase Chain Reaction. This technique is used to amplify and simultaneously quantitate a targeted DNA sequence. Real-time PCR systems based on SYBr Green assays have increasingly been used for accurate, reliable detection and quantitation of various food-borne pathogens. HiMedia's Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit is one such SYBr green based qPCR technique which allows amplification of **ITS region of rRNA gene** in fungus.

## Diagrammatic representation of SYBr Green Chemistry in Real-Time PCR



The SYBr Green dye cycles between an unbound (Denaturation step) and a bound (Annealing through Extension) state as the reaction progresses. Signal intensity increases as the quantity of amplicons increase in later cycles indicating amplification. During elongation, more and more dye molecules bind to the newly synthesized DNA. If the reaction is monitored continuously, an increase in fluorescence is viewed in real-time. Upon denaturation of the DNA for the next heating cycle, the dye molecules are released and the fluorescence signal falls.

### Features:

- Fast and simple
- Sensitive and specific results
- Guaranteed reproducible results

**Sample Source:** Clinical samples and food 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 kit contains:

Components	Product code	Reagents provided for (reactions)* ( $\mu$ L)	
		25R	50R
Hi-SYBr Master Mix (with Taq Polymerase)	MBT074	338	675
ITS Primer Mix	DS0301	27	54
Positive control DNA	DS0122D	5	10
Molecular Biology Grade Water for PCR	ML065	400	800

\* For a 25  $\mu$ l 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:

Various food, clinical and environmental samples are routinely examined.

For extraction and purification of high yield and pure bacterial DNA, perform the nucleic acid purification using HiMedia's HiPura® Fungal DNA Purification Kit (MB543) as instructed in the protocol.

### Materials needed but not provided:

- PCR tubes (Product code PW1255) or PCR Strips (Product code: PR17) or PCR Plates (Product code: PR2 / PR3 / PR19)
- Insta Q Real Time PCR System (Product Code: LA1012/LA1073/LA1023/LA1024/LA1074)
- Barrier Micropipette Tips (Product Code: LA749 / LA749A / LA751 / LA751A / LA750 / LA750A / LA859 / LA859A)
- Micropipettes

### General Preparation Instructions:

- Before use all PCR components should be completely thawed on ice (4°C).
- Perform the amplification reactions in a clean area, preferably in a biosafety cabinet.
- Use of aerosol barrier pipette tips is recommended to reduce contamination risks from extraneous DNA templates.
- Extract and store positive control sample (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	Product Code	Recommended volume to be added per reaction (µL)
Hi-SYBr Master Mix (with Taq Polymerase)	MBT074	12.5 µL
ITS Primer Mix	DS0301	1 µL
Template DNA	-	2 µL
Molecular Biology Grade Water for PCR	ML065	Up to 25 µL

**NOTE: (Optional) – The user can also set up an additional PCR reaction containing 1µL of Positive control DNA (DS0122D) (provided) in a separate tube.**

Centrifuge the tube briefly at 6000 rpm for about 10 seconds. Place the tubes in real-time PCR machine and set the recommended PCR program (mentioned below). Interpret the data from the amplification plot (observe the Ct values).

## B. Recommended PCR program

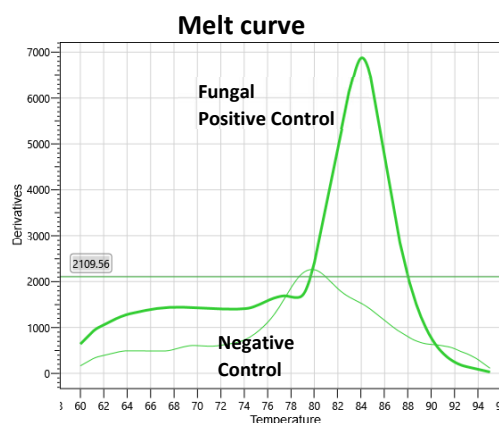
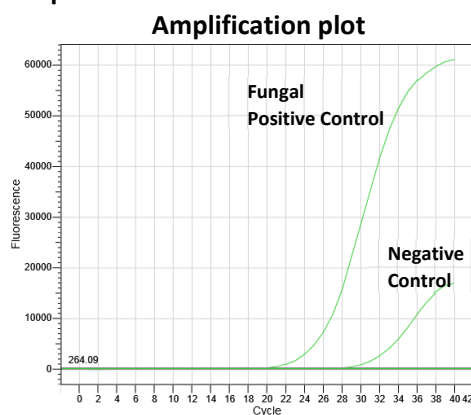
1. Initial denaturation : 94°C for 3 minutes No. of cycles: 1
2. Denaturation : 94°C for 30 seconds
3. Annealing (Plate Read) : 55°C for 30 seconds } No. of cycles: 40
4. Melt Curve Analysis as per HiMedia's Insta Q96 Real-Time PCR Machine
  - 95°C : 15 seconds
  - 60°C : 1 minute
  - 95°C : 15 seconds
  - Increment : 0.5°C
  - On Hold : 10 seconds
5. Hold : 4°C for ∞

**NOTE:** The user can also set up a melt curve program as per their existing PCR instrument.

## Quality Control

Each lot of HiMedia's Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit is functionally tested in DNA amplification.

## Amplification Data:



Sr. No.	Sample	C <sub>t</sub> value	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)
1	Positive control	19.6	84.1
2	Negative control	27.8	79.8

**Figure:** Data representing amplification of Fungal ITS PCR with C<sub>t</sub> values (provided in table)

## Data Interpretation

Melting Temperature (T <sub>m</sub> )*	Result Interpretation
82.5°C-85.5°C	Positive for <i>ITS gene</i>

\* T<sub>m</sub> values can slightly vary for different sample types. If the T<sub>m</sub> values show significant variation from those mentioned in the above table, then the sample is considered to be negative for *ITS gene*.

## Precautions

Read the procedure carefully before starting the experiment. 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 Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr PCR Kit is tested against predetermined specifications to ensure consistent product quality.

### Troubleshooting Guide:

Sr.No.	Problem	Cause	Solution
1.	No amplification	Degraded samples	Check the integrity of DNA using agarose gel electrophoresis. 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 master mix, vortex thoroughly and aliquot into reaction tubes.
		Air bubbles in reaction mix	Briefly centrifuge reaction samples/plate prior to running on a real-time PCR instrument.
		Pipetting error	C <sub>t</sub> values of replicates can show increased variation due to poor laboratory technique or imprecise pipettes.
3.	Amplification in negative control	Reagents contaminated	1. Replace all critical solutions Repeat the analysis of all tests with fresh aliquots of critical reagents.

### Safety Information

The Hi-PCR® Fungal ITS SYBr 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

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## 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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