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DNA Methylation Detection Kit

(Cat# K5082100)

An Instructional Guide for Bisulfite Conversion of Methylated DNA

Features

- *Human Positive Control*
- *Conversion Rate: > 99 %*
- *CpG protection: > 99 %*
- *Range: 2 µg to 500 pg*
- *Total time: 3 hrs*

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Kit Contents

Methylated DNA Conversion Kit	Part No.	Amount	Storage
Conversion Reagent (CVR)*	K5082100-1	5 x 0.4 g	Room Temperature
Activator Solution (ACS)*	K5082100-2	5.0 ml	Room Temperature
Stabilizer Solution (STS)*	K5082100-3	500 µl	Room Temperature
Equilibration Buffer (EQB)	K5082100-4	20 ml	Room Temperature
Desulfonation Buffer (DSB)	K5082100-5	4 ml	Room Temperature
Elution Buffer (TE)	K5082100-6	2 x 1 ml	Room Temperature
Control MetPrimers, 5 µM (CMP)	K5082100-7	100 µl	-20°C
Control Human DNA (2 µg)	K5082100-8	100 µl	-20°C
Column	K5082100-9	50	Room Temperature

*After mixing ACS, STS, and CVR to prepare Conversion Buffer (CVB), store at -20°C.

Introduction

Methylated DNA occurs naturally in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. In humans, it has been implicated in epigenetics, genomic imprinting, embryonic development, X-chromosome inactivation and carcinogenesis. In humans, a majority of all cytosines in the dinucleotide 5'-CpG-3' are methylated, though non-CpG methylation patterns have also been found. A breakthrough in the detection of DNA methylation was made with the discovery that bisulfite has higher specificity for cytosine than 5-methyl cytosine (Fig1). The DNA after conversion is single stranded and non-complementary (Fig2).

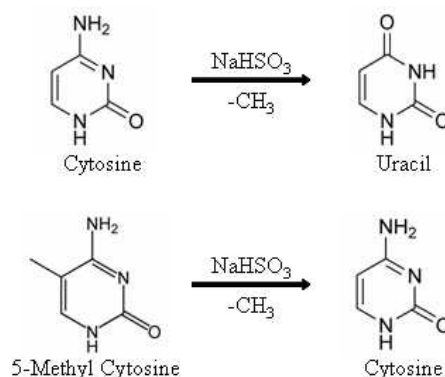


Fig 1: Bisulfite (NaHSO₃) Conversion of Cytosine and 5-Methyl Cytosine. Cytosine is converted to uracil and 5-methyl cytosine is converted is cytosine.

	DNA Before Conversion	DNA After Conversion
Forward Strand	5'TGCGCAAGCGCATGCGGCT	5'TGCGUAAGCGUATGUCGUT
Reverse Strand	3'ACGCGTTCGCGTACGGCGA	3'AUGCGTTUGCGTAUGGCGA

Fig 2: DNA before and after bisulfite conversion. Methylated cytosine is indicated as **C**. Non-methylated cytosine is indicated as **C**. After conversion, methylated cytosine remains unchanged, indicated as **C**; while non-methylated cytosine changes to uracil, indicated as **U**. Conversion generates non-complementary strands [(U)racil does not pair with (G)uanine].

Product Description

amsbio's DNA methylation detection kit offers a **fast, efficient and convenient** alternative to traditional bisulfite conversions. Our kit provides users with a **true endogenous human positive control** which eliminates any ambiguity in validating results. The positive control has been **tested in over 15 different human tissues**. We have optimized our protocol to minimize DNA degradation, reagent preparation, and conversion time. Our protocol guarantees **> 99 % conversion** of cytosine to uracil and **> 99 % CpG protection**, as calculated by sequencing, and is **sensitive over a range of 2 µg – 500 pg** of DNA. In less than **3 hours**, users can obtain high quality bisulfite modified DNA ready for analysis by PCR, sequencing, or microarrays. The kit is enough for 50 reactions.

Quality Control

Each lot of BCI- DNA Methylation Detection kit is tested under stringent conditions to ensure consistent high quality products.

Required Materials

- Heating block or Thermocycler with heating lid
- 96-100 % ethanol
- 1.5 ml microfuge tubes
- Microcentrifuge
- Pipettes and pipette tips
- Sterile dd-water
- *Optional:* PCR tubes



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Reagent preparation

- Conversion Buffer (CVB): Add 900 µl activator solution (ACS) and 100 µl stabilizer solution (STS) to pre-measured conversion reagent (CVR). Vortex vigorously till CVR is completely dissolved. Incubate for 10 min at room temperature. CVB is stable at -20°C for 1 month. Solubilize any precipitation by vortexing before use.
- Equilibration Buffer (EQB): Add 30 ml of 96 – 100 % ethanol to 20 ml buffer solution. Store at room temperature. Do not use if precipitated.
- Desulfonation Buffer (DSB): Add 6 ml of 96 – 100 % ethanol to 4 ml buffer solution. Store at room temperature. Do not use if precipitated.

Protocol

All centrifugations are performed at room temperature for 1 min at $\geq 10,000$ g.

1. Add **90 µl** of **Conversion Buffer (CVB)** to **10 µl** of **DNA** sample. Mix well.
2. Incubate at 92°C for 10 min, followed by 64°C for 2.5 hr.
Note: The sample can be stored at 4°C overnight if needed.
3. Add **600 µl** of **Equilibration Buffer (EQB)** to the sample and mix well.
4. Apply to the column. Centrifuge. Discard the flow through.
5. Add **200 µl** of **Equilibration Buffer (EQB)** to the column. Centrifuge.
6. Add **200 µl** of **Desulfonation Buffer (DSB)** to the column.
7. Incubate for 15 – 20 min at room temperature. Centrifuge.
8. Add **200 µl** of **Equilibration Buffer (EQB)** to the column. Centrifuge. Discard the flow-through.
9. Centrifuge. Transfer the column to a 1.5 ml microfuge tube.
10. Apply **20 µl** of **Elution Buffer (TE)** to the column. Incubate for 1 min. Centrifuge. Store eluate at -20°C. Eluted DNA is stable at -20°C for 3 months.

Note: If starting with less than 5 ng of DNA, elution with sterile dd-water is recommended. Eluted DNA is stable for 1 week at -20°C. Elution volume can be decreased to 10 µl to increase concentration. DNA recovery can be improved by increasing incubation up to 5 min.

Technical Notes

Amount of DNA: This kit gives optimal results within the range of 500 – 50 ng. When using over 500 ng of DNA, shredding the genomic DNA using a small gauge needle or restriction enzymes is recommended. When using under 5 ng of DNA elution in sterile dd-water instead of elution buffer is recommended.

Determination of DNA Concentration: Since the converted DNA is likely to have a high percentage of uracil nucleotides, measurement of DNA concentration should be calculated as

$$\text{DNA Concentration (ng/}\mu\text{l)} = 40 \times \text{O.D}_{260}$$

If measuring DNA concentration using a Nanodrop, select RNA40 instead of DNA50.

Designing MSP primers: Since bisulfite treatment generates random nicks in the DNA strand during conversion, it is recommended to design primers to amplify short target sequences (100 -200 bp). The converted DNA is non-complementary, so the primers should be designed for a single strand.

Uracil (U) residues are complementary to adenine (A).

How to use the Control Primers: The DNA methylation detection kit provides a pair of positive control primers. The positive primers are designed to target a human genomic DNA fragment that is methylated in normal tissues. If customers work on human DNA, it can be an internal positive control. The final converted DNA sample can be evaluated by PCR with the control primers. The PCR product is 127 bp that can be detected by 2.5% agarose gel. The optimal PCR conditions for the control primers has been determined as: 4 min. @ 92°C; 45 x [30 s @ 92°C, 30 s @ 60°C, 30 s @ 72°C]; 4 min. @ 72°C; hold @ 4°C. For 5 ng to 2 µg DNA, use 100 – 200 nM control primer; for less than 5 ng, use 50 nM control primers. Agarose gel electrophoresis can visualize results from 5 ng DNA starting material. For less than 5 ng, the results can be visualized via QPCR.

Control human DNA: This human genomic DNA provided in the kit is used as PCR template after it goes through the bisulfite conversion. The control primer should generate the 127 bp PCR fragment.

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