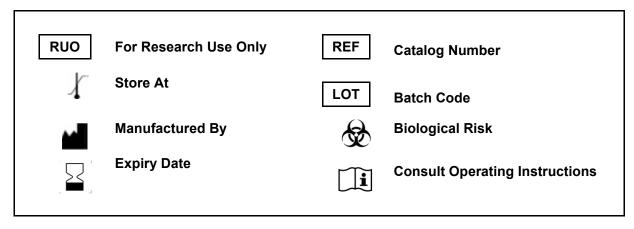
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DNA Assay Kit for Accurate Quantitation of Insect Cell Host Cell DNA from cell culture supernatant and other biological preparations



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#### Introduction:

For the production of biotechnological products, expression of therapeutic proteins in Insect Cells is commonly used. Due to which there is a possibility of DNA contamination from the host cells in the products which are manufactured. However, the limit of DNA contamination from the cell lines has been set by regulatory agencies. According to WHO the limit of DNA contamination should not exceed 10 ng/dose in the products manufactured. One of the most common method which is widely used for detection of host cell DNA contamination by biopharmaceutical manufacturers is the PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> Dye based assay. The research and development department at Krishgen Biosystems has designed a kit to detect and quantify host cell DNA in the products manufactured by recombinant expression in Insect Cells based on PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> Dye.

## Principle:

The Krishgen Insect Cells Host Cell DNA Kit is based on the DNA dye binding assay which utilizes PicoGreen dye. The DNA samples and the standards are reacted with PicoGreen dye, which is a DNA intercalator that binds strongly to the double stranded DNA. Upon binding to DNA, PicoGreen dye fluoresces with an excitation of 485 nm and emission of 525 nm. The intensity of the fluorescent signal is proportional to the quantity of DNA in the standard or the samples.

#### **Materials Provided:**

DNA Extraction Reagents					
*Buffer AL (Lysis solution)	35 ml				
Pico Green Assay					
Insect Cells DNA Standards 100 ug/ml	10 ul				
PicoGreen™ dsDNA reagent	100 ul				
TE Buffer (20X)	5 ml				
Assay Plate with Plate Sealing Foil	1 x 96 wells				
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<sup>\*</sup>Buffer AL may precipitate at cold temperature. If so, dissolve it in 37°C water bath.

## Materials Required By the End User:

# Reagent

- 1. Isoamyl Alcohol
- 2. Chloroform
- 3. Phenol
- 4. 70% ethanol.
- 5. Isopropanol
- 6. Optional RNase solution (not provided)

# **Disposable Material**

- 1. Sterile 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes
- 2. RNase free pipette tips

## Equipment

- 1. Micro centrifuge (4°C)
- 2. Adjustable and properly calibrated pipettes to measure volumes ranging from 10ul to 1000ul.
- Vortex
- 4. Heating Block; 37°C and 65°C
- 5. Appropriate personal protector (e.g. lab coat, disposable gloves, goggles etc.)
- 6. Fluorimeter



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## Handling/Storage

- 1. Buffer AL should be stored at room temperature (15-25°C). A precipitate can be formed in Buffer AL under cool condition. In such case, heat the bottle at 56°C until the precipitate completely dissolves.
- 2. Buffer PP should be stored at 2-8°C and bring to Room Temperature when in use.
- 3. The PicoGreen MdsDNA reagent is light sensitive and should be stored in the dark until use at -20 °C.
- 4. Insect Cells DNA standards should be stored at -20 °C.
- 5. All the components in the kit are stable until the expiration date mentioned in the kit.

## **Health Hazard Warnings**

- 1. All the reagents provided may be harmful if ingested, inhaled or absorbed through the skin.
- 2. For Research or Manufacturing Use only.

## **Precautions**

- 1. The DNA extraction reagent, Buffer AL and PP contain irritant which is harmful when it comes in contact with skin or eyes or when inhaled or swallowed Care should be taken during handling. Always wear gloves and eye protector, and follow standard safety precautions.
- 2. The PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> Solution is a DNA intercalating dye and should be handled with care. When working with PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> Solution, use gloves, eye protector and mask to avoid contact with skin or clothing and inhalation of vapor. In case of contact, wash immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

#### **Procedural Notes**

- 1. Bring the PicoGreen™ solution to room temperature before proceeding with the experiment.
- 2. The PicoGreen™ Solution will bind to all double stranded DNA. It is important to keep the working area clean to avoid contamination by DNA in the environment. Thoroughly clean pipettes and the immediate working area before initiating the protocol.
- 3. Always make sure the centrifuge is balanced to ensure proper assay performance. An improperly balanced centrifuge can result in loose pellets, which can adversely affect recovery and assay precision

## Reagent Preparation (all reagents should be diluted immediately prior to use):

## 1. TE buffer (1X)

To make TE (1X) buffer, add 1 ml of TE (20X) buffer to 19 ml of double distilled water.

# 2. Preparation of PicoGreen™ Solution

Dilute the PicoGreen<sup>™</sup> solution in the ratio of 1:200. For example, if the experiment has 20 samples, add 10 ul of PicoGreen<sup>™</sup> to 1990 ul of pre-warmed (37°C) TE Buffer. Mix by gently vortex for 5 seconds. *Note: PicoGreen<sup>™</sup> Solution must be diluted fresh for each experiment.* 

## 3. Preparation of PP Buffer

PP buffer is prepared by adding highly pure Phenol: Chloroform: Isoamyl Alcohol in the ratio of 25:24:1 and the pH is adjusted to 8.05-8.35 and should be stored at amber bottles.

Note: At 15 -30°C the buffer will appear as a one clear solution (homogeneous phase).

#### Sample Preparation: Protocol for Extraction of DNA

- 1. Dilute all test samples to concentrations within the analytical range of the assay and to < 20 mg/ml total protein using TE buffer (1X). All samples should be diluted at least 1:2.
- 2. Transfer 300 ul of Buffer AL to a fresh 1.5 ml micro centrifuge tube.
- 3. Add 300 ul of sample to the tube containing buffer AL and pipette 5 to 6 times to resuspend thoroughly.
- 4. Incubate the lysate at 37°C until clumps disappear.



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Note: Generally, cell lysis is completed in 5 min. However, complete resuspending of the cells is crucial for good DNA yield. If the clumps are still visible after 1 hour, add an additional 100ul of Buffer AL and repeat incubation.

- 5. If RNA-free DNA is required, add 1 ul of RNase solution (20 mg/ml) to the lysate and mix the sample by inverting the tube 5 times. Incubate the mixture for 15 min at 37°C.
- 6. Cool the sample to room temperature. Add 100 ul of Buffer PP to the mixture and vortex vigorously for 15sec. Centrifuge for 2 min at 14,000 x g.

  Note: Incubate the sample on ice for 5min before centrifugation. This may increase the yield of DNA. A dark brown protein pellet should be visible.
- 7. Carefully transfer the supernatant to a fresh 1.5 ml micro centrifuge tube containing 300 ul of isopropanol (room temperature) and gently mix the solution by inversion until the white thread-like strands of DNA forms a visible mass.

Note: Do not vortex after addition of isopropanol.

- 8. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 1 min. Decant the supernatant and add 300 ul of 70% ethanol (room temperature). Gently invert the tube several times to wash the DNA pellet and the side walls of the tube.
- 9. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 1 min. carefully discard the ethanol by aspirating or pipetting. Invert the tube on clean absorbent paper and air dry the pellet for 10 to15 min.

  Note: The DNA pellet is very loose at this point and care must be taken to avoid missing the pellet. Ethanol should be completely removed, but over drying will make the rehydration of DNA pellet difficult.

## **Assay Procedure:**

## **Detection and Quantification of Insect Cell Host Cell DNA**

- 1. Bring all reagents to room temperature prior to use. It is strongly recommended that all standards and samples be run in duplicate or triplicate. A standard curve is required for each assay.
- 2. **Standards Preparation:** Dilute 5 ul of original Standard (100 ug/ml) with 495 ul of standard diluent to generate a 1000 ng/ml Standard stock solution. Thus, the Insect Cells DNA standard concentrations are 1000 ng/ml, 500 ng/ml, 250 ng/ml, 125 ng/ml, 62.5 ng/ml, 31.25 ng/ml, 15.625 ng/ml and TE buffer (1X) serves as the zero standard (0ng/ml). Prepare the Standards by serially diluting the standard stock solution as per the below table.

Standard Concentration	Standard Vial	Dilution Particulars
1000 ng/ml	Standard No.8	5 ul Standard Provided (100 ug/ml) + 495 ul Standard Diluent
500 ng/ml	Standard No.7	250 ul Standard No.8 + 250 ul Standard Diluent
250 ng/ml	Standard No.6	250 ul Standard No.7 + 250 ul Standard Diluent
125 ng/ml	Standard No.5	250 ul Standard No.6 + 250 ul Standard Diluent
62.5 ng/ml	Standard No.4	250 ul Standard No.5 + 250 ul Standard Diluent
31.25 ng/ml	Standard No.3	250 ul Standard No.4 + 250 ul Standard Diluent
15.625 ng/ml	Standard No.2	250 ul Standard No.3 + 250 ul Standard Diluent
0 ng/ml	Standard No.1	Only Standard diluent

- 3. Add 100 ul of Standards and Samples to the micro centrifuge tube.

  Note: If you want to check sensitivity on your end you can dilute samples further. Please check our justification summary
- 4. Add PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> in 1:1 proportion to standards. E.g. Add 100 ul of pre-diluted and pre-warmed PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> reagent to the 100 ul of Standards. For samples directly add 100 ul of PicoGreen<sup>TM</sup> reagent in the DNA Pellet obtained and mix to dissolve the pellet. Remember to run your each sample and standards in duplicate.
- 5. Vortex each tube for 5 seconds and incubate for 5 minutes at Room Temperature under dark.



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- 6. Remove 100 ul from each tube and pipette into the Assay Plate (provided). Seal the plate with the foil provided and incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature under dark conditions.
- 7. Read the plate at Excitation wavelength: 485nm, Emission wavelength: 525nm, Cutoff: 515nm

#### Calculation of Results:

The standards may be used to construct a standard curve with values reported in ng/ml host cell DNA after blanking for "0" concentration. This data reduction may be performed through computer methods using curve-fitting routines such as cubic spline and 4 parameter logistic fit (2<sup>nd</sup> order). Do not use linear regression analysis to interpolate values for samples as this may lead to significant inaccuracies.

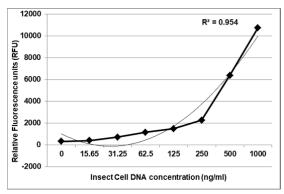
#### Note:

- 1. Precision on triplicate samples should yield average % coefficients of variation of less than 15% for samples in the range of 15 ng/ml to 1000ng/ml.
- 2. Coefficients of variation for samples above or below this range (15 ng/ml to 1000 ng/ml) may be greater than 15%.

Insect Cell Standard Concentration (ng/ml)	Relative Fluorescence units ( RFU)	Relative Fluorescence units after Blanking
0	325	0
15.65	396	71
31.25	706	381
62.5	1162	837
125	1497	1172
250	2266	1941
500	6371	6046
1000	10731	10406

**Typical Data** 

# **Typical Graph**



# **Quality Control:**

Insect Cell Host Cell DNA Kit is manufactured in strict clean condition and its degree of cleanness for the components provided is monitored periodically. For quality control, the quality certification process is carried out thoroughly and only the qualified is delivered.

It is recommended that for each laboratory assay appropriate quality control samples in each run to be used to ensure that all reagents and procedures are correct.

# **Precautions:**

Do not mix reagents from different kits or lots. Reagents and/or antibodies from different manufacturers should not be used with this set.

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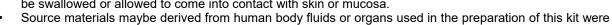
#### Precision:

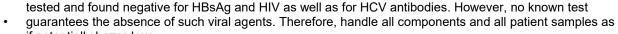
DNA samples were prepared in a Human IgG matrix at various concentrations spanning the Standard Curve. Four preparations were made for each sample and duplicate wells were collected for each preparation.

Pool	Concentration	% Nominal	Intra-Assay CV%	Inter-Assay CV%
Low	15.65 ng/ml	98%	10.1%	10.0%
Medium	125 ng/ml	95%	3.2%	7.4%
High	1000 ng/ml	92%	2.3%	9.7%

# **Safety Precautions:**

- This kit is For Research Purposes only. Follow the working instructions carefully.
- The expiration dates stated on the kit are to be observed. The same relates to the stability stated for reagents
- Do not use or mix reagents from different lots.
- · Do not use reagents from other manufacturers.
- Avoid time shift during pipetting of reagents.
- All reagents should be kept in the original shipping container.
- Some of the reagents contain small amount of sodium azide (< 0.1 % w/w) as preservative. They must not be swallowed or allowed to come into contact with skin or mucosa.





- if potentially hazardous.Since the kit contains potentially hazardous materials, the following precautions should be observed
- Do not smoke, eat or drink while handling kit material
- Always use protective gloves
- Never pipette material by mouth
- Wipe up spills promptly, washing the affected surface thoroughly with a decontaminant.
- In any case GLP should be applied with all general and individual regulations to the use of this kit.

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