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For research use only
Cat. No. IP21666 | **48 Tests**

Toxoplasma gondii Detection Kit

Test for the detection of *Toxoplasma gondii* by one-step PCR

User Manual

REV.2.2

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■ **NOTE :**

7. NOTICE

- This product was designed to detect more than 100 copies of target gene(or gene segment). When the copy number of target present in the test reaction is less than 100, a false-negative(a negative test result when the attribute for which the subject is being tested actually exists in that subject) may occur. Use this product For Research Use Only.
- Do not use any reagent after the expiration date.
- Do not use together with reagents of other products.
- Follow the instructions.
- Take care in handling of specimen to minimize risk of infection.
- The PCR process is covered by patents issued and applicable in certain countries. iNtRON Biotechnology, Inc. does not encourage or support the unauthorized or unlicensed use of the PCR process. Use of this product is recommended for persons that either have a license to perform PCR or are not required to obtain a license.

8. TROUBLE SHOOTING

① In the case of difficult to interpret results due to non-specific bands.
☞ Reduce amount of template by 1/10 dilution and reacts again.

② Preparation of PCR reaction at room temperature may cause the non-specific band.

③ All procedure should be carried out on ice.

9. ORDERING INFORMATION

Product	Catalog No.
Toxoplasma gondii Detection Kit	IP21666
Viral Gene-spin™ Viral DNA/RNA Extraction kit	17151
SiZer ™ 100 DNA Marker	24073

1. DESCRIPTION

Toxoplasmosis, a disease of cats and other mammalian species, is caused by a parasitic protozoan, *Toxoplasma gondii*. Protozoa are single-celled organisms that are among the simplest creatures in the animal kingdom. Although infection with *Toxoplasma* is fairly common, actual disease caused by the parasite is relatively rare.

Most cats show no clinical signs of infection with *Toxoplasma.* Occasionally, however, clinical disease-*toxoplasmosis*-occurs, kittens and young adult cats being more often affected than older animals. Lethargy, depression, loss of appetite, and fever are typical early nonspecific signs. Pneumonia, manifested by respiratory distress of gradually increasing severity, is the outstanding sign in many cats. Inflammation of the pancreas and enlargement of lymph nodes also occur.

Toxoplasmosis can also affect the eyes and central nervous system, producing inflammation of the retina or anterior ocular chamber, abnormal pupil size and responsiveness to light, blindness, incoordination, heightened sensitivity to touch, personality changes, circling, head pressing, twitching of the ears, difficulty in chewing and swallowing food, seizures, and loss of control over urination and defecation.

Toxoplasma gondii Detection Kit is direct detection of *Toxoplasma gondii* on the basis of a genetic database, so it can diagnose very fast and accurately. It can amplify only specific gene using the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) method, and take only 2~3hours for detection. Therefore, it is a very fast accurate, reliable technique.

2. STORAGE

The components of ***Toxoplasma gondii Detection Kit*** should be stored at -20℃, under this condition, the kit is stable until expiration date stated on the label.

3. CONTENTS

Toxoplasma gondii PCR Pre-mixture ····· 48 tubes
DNase/RNase-free water (white cap) ····· 1 vial
TOXO positive control (Yellow cap) ····· 2 vial

Component in 20㎕ reaction
i-StarTaq™ DNA Polymerase
dNTPs
PCR Reaction buffer
Chemical stabilizer
Gel loading buffer
8-MOP (dissolved in DMSO)
Primers for TOXO

4. SPECIMEN

Performs the test with whole blood, feces (cat), amniotic fluid, CSF or tissue. The specimen should be stored at -20℃ prior to use.

5. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Disposable gloves
- DNA extraction kit (see 6.1 DNA preparation method)
- Pipettes
- Sterile pipette tip
- Vortex mixer
- Centrifuge for microcentrifuge tubes
- Thermal cycler
- Electrophoresis kit
- UV transilluminator

6. PROCEDURE

Please read through the entire procedure before starting.

6.1 DNA Preparation

Various manufacturers offer DNA isolation kits. Please carry out the DNA isolation according to the manufacturer's instructions. The following standard extraction kit is recommended.

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6.2 Amplification

① Prepare appropriate PCR premix tubes and label. And one PCR premix tube for positive control.
② Add 2㎕ of template DNA into the PCR premix tube.
③ Add 18㎕ of DNase/RNase-free water into the PCR premix tube to total volume as 20㎕.
④ Add 2㎕ of positive control and 18㎕ of RNase-free water into a PCR premix tube for monitoring of amplification and easy interpretation.
⑤ Dissolve the blue pellet by pipetting.
Note :The pellet is easily dissolved, by letting the mixture stand at R.T. for 1-2minutes after adding water.
⑥ (*Optional)* Add mineral oil. This step is unnecessary when using a thermal cycler that employs a top heating method (general methods).
⑦ Perform PCR reaction of samples as the below process using PCR machine.

PCR cycle		Temp.	Time
1 Cycle	Initial Denaturation	94℃	5 min.
40 Cycles	Denaturation	94℃	30 sec.
	Annealing	52℃	30 sec.
	Extension	72℃	40 sec.
1 Cycle	Final extension	72℃	5 min.

6.3 Detection of Amplified Products

① Prepare 1.5% agarose gel containing RedSafe™ Nucleic Acid Staining Solution. (Cat. No. 21141)
② Load 7㎕ of PCR product and positive control on agarose gel without adding a loading-dye buffer and perform electrophoresis.
③ Run electrophoresis by 100V (required about 30~40 minutes).
④ Identify the result on ultra-violet (UV) transilluminator.

6.4 Interpretation

- Expected PCR product size : **406 bp**

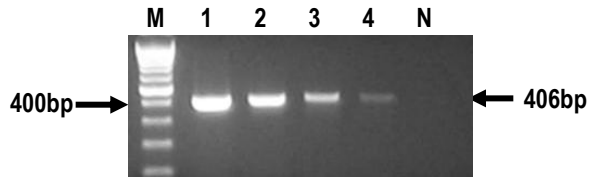

Fig 1. Electrophoresis of PCR product by **Toxoplasma gondii Detection Kit**
Lane M : 100bp Molecular ladder (iNtRON Biotechnology)
Lane 1~4 : *Toxoplasma* positive sample
Lane N : Negative control

6.5 Elimination of carry-over contamination

- Each PCR/RT-PCR Pre-mixture contains 8-methoxypsoralen (8-MOP) for preventing of carry-over contamination.
- All PCR products should be discarded after UV irradiation (10 min/365nm) for preventing from carry-over contamination.