

# Kylt® Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari

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#### A. General

- Kylt<sup>®</sup> Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari kits are intended for the specific detection of bacterial DNA of Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari. The kits are suitable for the analysis of samples from material from cultural processes originating from feed and food samples as well as from hygienic environmental samples.
- After bacterial pre-enrichment and DNA extraction the qualitative testing with Kylt® Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari kits is based on a multiplex Real-Time PCR: In one reaction setting, the target genes for *Campylobacter* species *C. jejuni, C. coli* and *C. lari* as well as for the exogenous control (Internal Amplification Control (IAC)) are amplified in parallel by respective primer pairs in the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR). Amplified target gene fragments are detected via fluorescently labeled probes during the PCR reaction in real-time (Real-Time PCR). The probes specific for detection of amplified *C. jejuni, C. coli* and *C. lari* and the exogenous control target genes are labeled with fluorescent dyes FAM, Cy5, TXR and HEX, respectively, and their emitted fluorescence is separately optically measured by the Real-Time PCR thermal cycler. By means of all four individual analyses in one reaction vessel per sample and the Negative Control and Positive Control per run the *C. jejuni-, C. coli-* and *C. lari-* specific status of a sample can be evaluated in the end. This way, results can be achieved within a few hours after sample receipt.
- These kits were developed for use by trained laboratory personnel following standardized procedures. This Direction For Use must be followed strictly.
- It is recommended to follow the general requirements of ISO 22174:2005 (Microbiology of food and feed Polymerasechain-reaction (PCR) for detection of pathogenic microorganisms in food - General requirements and terms).

#### **B. Reagents and Materials**

The following Kylt® Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari kits are available and comprise the following reagents:

Reagent	Colour of Lid	100 Reactions Article No 31449	25 Reactions Article No 31450	Store at
Reaction-Mix	orange	4 x 450 μl	1 x 450 µl	≤ -18 °C
Positive Control	red	4 x lyophilizate (final 50 μl each)	2 x lyophilizate (final 50 µl each)	≤ -18 °C
Negative Control	blue	1 x 1 ml	1 x 1 ml	≤ -18 °C

- After receipt, the components are immediately stored at ≤ -18 °C. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing of all the reagents and keep them thawed as short as possible. If occasional processing of only few samples is expected you may prepare appropriate aliquots of reagents before storage at ≤ -18 °C. Prepare aliquots in such a way that freeze-thaw-cycles are reduced to a maximum of three. The Negative Control can alternatively be stored at +2°C to +8°C.
- The components are to be used within the indicated shelf life (see box label). The components of different batches may not be mixed.
- Before its first use, rehydrate the <u>Positive Control</u>: add 50 µl of Negative Control per vial, briefly incubate at room temperature and mix thoroughly by repeated vortexing. It is recommended to generate aliquots of suitable volumes and store them at ≤ -18 °C.
- The <u>Reaction-Mix</u> needs to be stored protected from abundant light. Do not expose to direct (sun)light.

#### C. Equipment and Reagents not included

- This detection method can be used on all commercially available Real-Time PCR thermal cyclers that detect the emitted fluorescence of the fluorescent dyes FAM, Cy5, TXR and HEX (emission 520, 670, 620 and 550 nm, respectively). Note that default normalization option against ROX (e.g. using ABI cyclers) must be deactivated.
- Apart from the disposables, the following further consumables and devices are needed but not included in the Kylt<sup>®</sup> Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari kits:
  - DNA preparation kit / protocol (e.g. Kylt® RNA / DNA Purification products or Kylt® DNA Extraction-Mix II)
  - Table top microcentrifuge
  - Vortex
  - Micropipettes covering volumes of 1 µl to 1000 µl
  - Centrifuge for PCR tubes or plates
- Accessory Kylt® products: see chapter F "Related and Accessory Products".
- We recommend the exclusive use of certified Nuclease-free disposables as well as powder-free protective gloves. Please wear gloves during the entire experimental procedure. Gloves need to be changed frequently, especially after spillage or suspected contaminations.

#### **D. Control Reactions**

- The <u>Positive Control</u> allows for control of the specificity and efficiency of the reagents and the reaction itself, including the performance of the Real-Time PCR and of the Real-Time PCR thermal cycler.
- The <u>Negative Control</u> allows for exclusion of contaminations. The sample testing is only valid if both, Positive and Negative Controls, are used and verified for validity in every Real-Time PCR run.
- The Internal Amplification Control is included in the Reaction-Mix in a defined copy number; it is co-amplified (channel HEX) with every single reaction to detect possible inhibitory effects of the DNA preparation on the Real-Time PCR itself and thus to verify true-negative results.

#### E. Protocol (see also "Protocol At A Glance" at the end of this Direction For Use)

- The overall protocol of the analysis consists of the following main workflow:
  - 1. Sample Preparation
  - 2. DNA Preparation
  - 3. Reaction Setup and Amplification (Real-Time PCR)
  - 4. Data Analysis Validity and Qualitative Result
- We recommend proceeding through the protocol without interruption to avoid potential degradation of the processed samples and reagents. If necessary, you may store the final DNA preparation at ≤ -18 °C until further processing. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing of the DNA preparations.

#### 1. Cultural Pre-Enrichment

All samples are homogenized with nine times the sample volume of Bolton Broth, respectively, in a stomacher bag (as a rule e.g. 25 g or 25 ml sample material in 225 ml Bolton Broth). To enable sufficient propagation of potentially present *Campylobacter* during incubation time, the Bolton Broth has to be pre-warmed to the incubation temperature prior to the start of incubation time. The pre-enrichment is incubated at +42 °C ± 1 °C for 20 h ± 2 h without agitation.

#### 2. DNA Extraction

- a) Kylt® DNA Extraction (requires Kylt® DNA Extractionmix II)
- For detailed information, please refer to the Direction For Use of Kylt® DNA Extractionmix II.

#### b) Kylt® RNA/DNA Purification products

- Samples may be processed with Kylt® RNA/DNA Purification products (please refer to chapter F "Related Products").
- For detailed information on the DNA preparation process, please refer to the respective Direction For Use.

#### c) Alternative methods

- Samples may be processed with appropriate DNA preparation kits or appropriate in-house methods.
- For detailed information on the DNA preparation process, please refer to the Direction For Use or Standard Operating Procedure of the specific kit or in-house method, respectively.

#### 3. Reaction Setup and Amplification (Real-Time PCR)

- Before each use, briefly vortex and spin down the Reaction-Mix and Negative Control.
- To determine the total number of reactions needed, count the number of samples and add two more for the Negative Control and the Positive Control.
- The <u>Reaction-Mix</u> is ready-to-use, add 16 μl to each of the PCR tubes or plate wells ("cavities").
- Keep exposure of the Reaction-Mix to (sun)light as short as possible and return it back to appropriate storage temperature right after application. Avoid the formation of bubbles when pipetting samples and controls.
- Add 4 μl of the <u>Negative Control</u> to the corresponding cavity and seal it individually, if possible.
- Add 4 µl of each DNA preparation to the corresponding cavities and seal them individually, if possible.
- To minimize risk of potential cross-contaminations, 4 µl of the <u>Positive Control</u> are added to the corresponding cavity after all previous samples and control reactions are set up. Before each use, briefly vortex and spin down the rehydrated Positive Control (see also chapter B "Reagents and Materials").
- If not already done, finally seal the cavities. It is recommended to briefly spin them down before the start of the Real-Time PCR run.
- Place the cavities in the Real-Time PCR thermal cycler and run the test with Kylt<sup>®</sup> Profile II as given below.

Kylt® Profile II					
Step No	Description	Temperature	Duration		
1	Activation of Polymerase	95 °C	10 min		
2	Denaturation	95 °C	15 sec	]	
3	Annealing & Extension	60 °C	1 min	42 cycles	
4	Fluorescence Detection	channels FAM, H	J		

- Kylt<sup>®</sup> Profile II allows for combined run of this and most other Kylt<sup>®</sup> qPCR detection methods.
- Alternatively, the Kylt<sup>®</sup> Profile I given below can be applied. Kylt<sup>®</sup> Profile I allows for combined run of this and most other Kylt<sup>®</sup> qPCR detection methods as well as Kylt<sup>®</sup> RT-qPCR detection products that need Reverse Transcription, such as those for detection of viral RNA.

Kylt® Profile I						
Step No	Description	Temperature	Duration			
1	Reverse Transcription	50 °C	10 min			
2	Activation of Polymerase	95 °C	1 min			
3	Denaturation	95 °C	10 sec	)		
4	Annealing & Extension	60 °C	1 min	42 cycles		
5	Fluorescence Detection	channels FAM, HEX, Cy5 and TXR				

- In the event of a combined Real-Time (RT-)PCR run, make sure all necessary channels are detected.
- Please follow the specified instructions of your Real-Time PCR thermal cycler as recommended by the manufacturer.

#### 4. Data Analysis – Validity and Qualitative Result

#### General

- The amplification data can be processed automatically using the specific software tool of your Real-Time PCR thermal cycler. Alternatively, the threshold can be set manually considering the following directions: The threshold should cross the FAM-curve, the Cy5-curve, the TXR-curve and the HEX-curve in the exponential increase of their slope (linear slope if the y-axis scaling is set to logarithmic). By setting the threshold, the crossing points with the FAM-, Cy5-, TXR-, and HEX-curves determine the respective cycle threshold (Ct), which is negatively correlated with the initial concentration of copies of the target genes in the Real-Time PCR reaction.
- Only curves with the typical exponential amplification, meaning the curve of the raw data shows a flat baseline at the beginning, followed by a clear (exponential) slope in fluorescence and possibly reaching a plateau-phase, should be regarded as positive.
- The actual test analysis starts with the validity check of the entire Real-Time PCR run. Afterwards, by means of the Internal Control the validity of each sample reaction and its true test result can be verified according to the Ct-value of the Internal Control channel (HEX). Finally, the *Campylobacter jejuni, coli & lari*-specific status of each sample is analyzed (FAM, Cy5, TXR).

#### **Test Evaluation - Control Reactions**

Control Reactions	Channel					
Control Reactions	HEX	FAM	Cy5	TXR		
Negative Control	<b>positive</b>	negative	negative	negative		
	Ct ≤ 40	Ct > 42	Ct > 42	Ct > 42		
Positive Control	<b>positive</b>	<b>positive</b>	<b>positive</b>	<b>positive</b>		
	Ct ≤ 40	Ct > 15 and ≤ 35	Ct > 15 and ≤ 35	Ct > 15 and ≤ 35		

• The **Real-Time PCR test run** is only **valid** if the curves of the control reactions can be evaluated as follows:

#### **Test Evaluation - Samples**

Target	Channel	Signal				
Internal Control	HEX	positive	positive / negative	positive / negative	positive / negative	negative
C. jejuni	FAM	negative	positive	negative	negative	negative
C. coli	Cy5	negative	negative	positive	negative	negative
C. lari	TXR	negative	negative	negative	positive	negative
The sample is C. j	iejuni	negative	positive	negative	negative	
The sample is C.	coli	negative	negative	positive	negative	inhibited
The sample is C. I	ari	negative	negative	negative	positive	

- A sample is negative for Campylobacter jejuni, C. coli & C. lari, if its HEX-curve is positive (Ct ≤ 40), but its FAM-, Cy5and TXR-curves are negative.
- A sample is positive for *C. jejuni*, if its FAM-curve is positive (Ct ≤ 42), independent of the Cy5-, TXR- and HEX-curves.
- A sample is positive for *C. coli*, if its Cy5-curve is positive (Ct ≤ 42), independent of the FAM-, TXR- and HEX-curves.
- A sample is positive for *C. lari*, if its TXR-curve is positive (Ct ≤ 42), independent of the FAM-, Cy5- and HEX-curves.
- A **sample** is **inhibited**, if neither the FAM-curve nor the Cy5-, TXR- and HEX-curves are positive.
- Recommendation: In the case of an inhibited sample the test may be repeated with a dilution of the DNA preparation at e.g. 1:10 (9 volumes Negative Control + 1 volume DNA Extract or eluted DNA). The Negative Control is used as the diluting agent. Preferably, the entire DNA preparation process is repeated using Kylt<sup>®</sup> RNA/DNA Purification products or appropriate alternative.
- Convenient and reliable sample data entry, Real-Time PCR start, final qualitative analysis and documentation can be conducted with the Kylt<sup>®</sup> Software, please inquire.

#### F. Related and Accessory Products

Product	Article No	Reactions	Description
Kylt <sup>®</sup> DNA Extraction-Mix II	31398	100	Simplified and economic DNA extraction.
Kylt <sup>®</sup> RNA / DNA Purification	31315	50	Combined RNA and DNA purification from veterinary samples (spin-column based).
Kylt® RNA / DNA Purification HTP	31826	4 x 96	Magnetic bead based combined RNA and DNA purification kit for veterinary diagnostic samples. Suitable for Kylt® Purifier and Kylt® Purifier 48.
Kylt® Purifier	31436	1 unit	Purification system for magnetic bead based kits. Up to 96 samples are processed in under 30 minutes. Intended for high-throughput laboratories.
Kylt® Purifier 48	31748	1 unit	Purification system for magnetic bead based kits. Up to 48 samples are processed in under 30 minutes. Intended for low to medium throughput laboratories.
Kylt <sup>®</sup> Purifier Spin Tips	31434	5 Sets	Plate with 96 separate spin tips, used by the Kylt® Purifer to mix the well contents by stirring. Sufficient for 480 samples.
Kylt® Purifier Plates	31435	20 Plates	Plates to be used for the several reactions and reagents during automated nucleic acid purification. Sufficient for 320 to 480 samples (depending on device and protocol).

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### PROTOCOL AT A GLANCE Real-Time PCR Setup



