

Diagnostic Plasmid Containing the Small Subunit Ribosomal RNA Gene (18S) from *Plasmodium falciparum*

Catalog No. MRA-177

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Product Description:

The small subunit ribosomal RNA gene (18S rRNA gene; GenBank: [AF145334](#)) from *Plasmodium falciparum* was amplified from genomic DNA by nest 1 PCR primers and cloned into vector pCR2.1-TOPO (Invitrogen™).^{1,2} The size of the plasmid is approximately 5100 base pairs and contains the genes required for ampicillin and kanamycin resistance. The complete plasmid sequence and map are provided on the Certificate of Analysis. MRA-177 was produced in *E. coli* and extracted.

MRA-177 (clone 8) may be used in PCR assays for the diagnosis of mixed species malaria infections.^{1,2}

Material Provided:

Each vial of MRA-177 contains approximately 0.2 to 0.5 µg of plasmid DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl and 0.5 mM EDTA). The concentration is shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening.

Packaging/Storage:

MRA-177 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be minimized.

Citation:

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Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL). Current Edition. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

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