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# User Manual

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# **Mycoplasma Sensitivity Standards**

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*(IMPORTANT: Please read this document carefully before experiment.)*

## **1. Product information**

### **■ Product description**

The MycoSHENTEK® Mycoplasma Sensitivity Standards are designed to validate the robustness and sensitivity of nucleic acid amplification techniques (NAT) for the detection of mycoplasma.

Traditional culture methods for mycoplasma testing are time-consuming, especially for cell therapy products, because the testing cycle may exceed the product's shelf life. Nucleic acid amplification technique, such as qPCR, offers rapid detection of mycoplasma contamination. According to the European Pharmacopoeia (EP), the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) and the Japanese Pharmacopoeia (JP), validated NAT methods are recommended to replace culture methods. According to EP 2.6.7, method sensitivity must reach 10 colony-forming units (CFU/mL) to replace culture methods and 100 CFU/mL to replace indicator cell culture methods.

The MycoSHENTEK® Mycoplasma Sensitivity Standards are non-infectious and are not intended for culture. Simply add the specified volume of sample matrix to the Sensitivity Standards to prepare the test solution for further use.

We also provide the MycoSHENTEK® Mycoplasma DNA Detection Kit and the MycoSHENTEK® Mycoplasma DNA Extraction Kit for Mycoplasma DNA extraction and qPCR detection assays.

## ■ Kit contents and storage

Table 1. Kit components and storage

Product Name	Product No.	Reagent	Part No.	Quantity
<i>Mycoplasma orale</i> Sensitivity Standard (10 CFU)	1501501	<i>Mycoplasma orale</i> (10 CFU)	NNE006	10 CFU × 5 tubes
		DNA Dilution Buffer (DDB)	NND001	1.5 mL × 5 tubes
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> Sensitivity Standard (10 CFU)	1501503	<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> (10 CFU)	NNE009	10 CFU × 5 tubes
		DNA Dilution Buffer (DDB)	NND001	1.5 mL × 5 tubes
<i>Mycoplasma hyorhinis</i> Sensitivity Standard (10 CFU)	1501505	<i>Mycoplasma hyorhinis</i> (10 CFU)	NNE008	10 CFU × 5 tubes
		DNA Dilution Buffer (DDB)	NND001	1.5 mL × 5 tubes

The strains should be stored at -65°C and the DDB should be stored at -20°C. The kit has a shelf life of 6 months. Please check the expiration date on the labels.

## ■ Required materials not included in the kit

- Low retention, RNase/DNase-free, sterile microcentrifuge tubes, 1.5 mL
- PCR 8-well strip tubes with caps or 96-well plates with seals
- Low retention, RNase/DNase-free, sterile filter tips 1000 µL, 100 µL and 10 µL

## ■ Related equipment

- Pipettes, 1000 µL, 100 µL and 10 µL
- High-speed refrigerated centrifuge

## ■ Procedure

1. Thaw the *Mycoplasma* strains at 2-8°C.
2. Based on the volume indicated on the label, add appropriate volume of sample matrix to each tube to fill it to 1 mL, to achieve a final concentration of 10 CFU/mL.
3. Vortex for 10 seconds and centrifuge for 30 min at 16,000x g, at 2-8°C.

4. Handle the Mycoplasma strain tube carefully to avoid resuspension, slowly remove 500 µL of the supernatant (try not to disturb the pellets), leave the remaining 500 µL and mix well for the DNA extraction step.
5. Perform real-time PCR after DNA extraction.

**Note**

- 1) Each strain **must not be diluted**, and dilution will cause uneven distribution of mycoplasma and create an undetected contamination risk.
- 2) Use only after equilibrating to room temperature and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. Appropriate sample DNA extraction is strongly recommended before PCR to reduce the risk of inhibition and to maximize assay sensitivity.

**■ Precaution**

1. Do not mix reagents from different batches.
2. Do not use reagents beyond their expiration date.
3. Any operational deviations from the user guide may affect the results.
4. Inhibition of PCR may be caused by the sample matrix, therefore, a negative control sample using the sample matrix should be included.
5. At least one negative control should be included for each test sample.
6. This product is intended for research use only and should not be used for clinical diagnosis or treatment. Use with appropriate caution.
7. For your safety and health, please wear lab clothes and disposable gloves.

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