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ABSTRACT

Universal 16S rRNA probe-based-qPCR assay for bacteria.

The primers target the V4 region of the 16S rRNA gene and were specifically designed for Illumina amplicon sequencing. The original primers were designed by Caporaso *et al.* (2012) and modified by Walters *et al.* (2015). For barcoding, we use the [Fludigm Access Array](#) for barcoding the sample and therefore the primers are synthesized with the CS1 and CS2 regions.

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MATERIALS TEXT

STEP MATERIALS

- [Agarose Sigma](#)
- Aldrich Catalog #A9539** Step 6
- [GeneRuler DNA Ladder Mix Thermo Fisher](#)
- Scientific Catalog #SM0331** Step 6
- [DNA Gel Loading Dye \(6X\) Thermo Fisher](#)
- Scientific Catalog #R0611** Step 6
- [TAE buffer \(50x\), molecular biology grade Serva,](#)
- Germany Catalog #4254901** Step 6
- [Primer: 515Fmod_CS1 Elisabeth Pharmacon](#) Step 1
- [Primer: 806mod_CS2 Elisabeth Pharmacon](#) Step 1
- [DreamTaq Green DNA Polymerase \(5 U/μL\) Thermo Fisher](#)
- Scientific Catalog #EP0712** Step 2
- [dNTP Set \(100 mM each\) Contributed by](#)
- users Catalog #BR0600601** Step 2
- [PCR H2O Top](#)
- Bio Catalog #P040** Step 2
- [Bovine Serum Albumin \(BSA\) Thermo Fisher](#)
- Scientific Catalog #B14** Step 2

Primers

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Name	Direction	Sequence ¹	Target region ²
515Fmod_CS1	Forward	ACA CTG ACG ACA TGG TTC TAC AGT GYC AGC MGC CGC CGT AA	515-533
806Rmod_CS2	Reverse	TAC GGT AGC AGA GAC TTG GTC TGG ACT ACN VGG GTW TCT AAT	787-806

1. CS + primer sequence (in bold)
2. Relative to *E. coli* SSU rRNA gene

[✕ Primer: 515Fmod_CS1 Elisabeth Pharmacon](#)

[✕ Primer: 806mod_CS2 Elisabeth Pharmacon](#)

PCR reaction

- 2 Prepare the following master mixture [🔗 On ice](#).

Do not forget to prepare some additional mixture for the negative (NTC) and positive controls, and to account for pipetting errors.

A	B	C	D
Reagent	Final. conc.	1 tube (25 µl)	100 reactions (96-well plate; µl)
PCR H ₂ O		17.525	1752.5
10X DreamTaq Green Buffer	1X	2.5	250
dNTP (2 mM each)	0.2 mM	2.5	250
BSA (20 µg µl ⁻¹)	80 ng µl ⁻¹	0.1	10
515Fmod-CS1	0.2 µM	0.625	62.5
806Rmod-CS2	0.2 µM	0.625	62.5
DreamTaq Green DNA Polymerase	0.625 U	0.125	12.5
Final volume		24	2400

[✕ DreamTaq Green DNA Polymerase \(5 U/µL\) Thermo Fisher](#)

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- 3 Vortex and spin down [🕒 00:00:03](#)

3s

- 4 Distribute [📄 24 µl](#) of the mixture to each tube and add [📄 1 µl](#) of template DNA or cDNA

PCR reaction 3s

17m 15s

5 Run the following PCR program:

1. 94 °C 00:05:00
2. x 28 {
 - 2.1 94 °C 00:00:45
 - 2.2 52 °C 00:00:45
 - 2.3 72 °C 00:00:45
3. 72 °C 00:10:00
4. 4 °C hold

Evaluate PCR products on an agarose gel 40m

6 Prepare a 1.5% agarose gel by mixing:

100 mL TAE

1.5 g agarose

Heat in the microwave until dissolved and pour into a gel frame.
Place solid gel into an electrophoresis bath filled with TAE buffer.

Agarose Sigma

Aldrich Catalog #A9539

GeneRuler DNA Ladder Mix Thermo Fisher

Scientific Catalog #SM0331

DNA Gel Loading Dye (6X) Thermo Fisher

Scientific Catalog #R0611

TAE buffer (50x), molecular biology grade Serva,

Germany Catalog #4254901

7 Mix up to 5 µl of the PCR reaction sample with 1 µl of loading dye and load the sample into a well.
In addition load 5 µl of DNA ladder mix (80-10,000 bp) into an empty well, as a marker.

40m

8 Run the gel at 110V, 265mA for approx. 00:40:00

9 Stain gel for at least 40min in an Ethidium bromide TAE bath (or any other DNA stain).

10 Visualise the gel using a gel documentation system.