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**Overcoming the limitations of working with FFPE-derived DNA samples**

Assessing the quality and quantity of FFPE-derived DNA can be a challenge before conducting any downstream PCR based NGS applications. Several factors contribute to the suboptimal performance of FFPE-derived DNA: (1) formalin fixation can lead to DNA crosslinking and DNA degradation; (2) presence of PCR inhibiting factors and (3) low DNA concentration. Measuring FFPE-derived DNA using spectrophotometric and/or fluorimetric methods provides information on the amount of DNA present but not on DNA integrity for which an extra measurement is required. However, often the amount of FFPE-derived DNA available is limited to perform further consecutive quality measurements to ensure reliable and reproducible assay results.

The QC Plex was developed to address the above issues. It is a simple, standardized, qualitative, multiplex PCR panel that can be used to determine the global FFPE-derived DNA quality prior to performing MASTR assays. The multiplex PCR generates 7 PCR fragments of different lengths of which 6 (100, 200, 300, 400, 600 and 700 bp) directly assess the DNA integrity and 1 DNA fragment (150 bp) serves as a positive PCR control fragment to control for the absence of PCR inhibitors. Data generated from the peak areas are used to calculate the DNA Quality Coefficient (DQC) value and DNA input requirement via the DQC Calculator (http://agilent.com).
Added Values

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| Reliable   | • Qualitative and quantitative assessment of FFPE-derived DNA  
             • One complete kit with all reagents included  
             • Positive PCR control fragment included to control for the absence PCR inhibitor |
| Rapid      | ~ 30 minutes hands-on protocol |
| Affordable | Cost effective assay determines sample suitability for downstream applications with somatic MASTR panels before committing time, money and resources |

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QC Plex Workflow

FFPE Sample

DNA Extraction

4 to 25 ng/µL gDNA

QC Plex (DNA Quality control)

2 ul of gDNA from FFPE sample

13 ul of QC Plex PCR Mix

PCR cycling

QC step: Fragment analyzer

Data analysis on microfluidics system

Export peak areas files

DQC calculator

DQC report

DQC value + DNA input

Somatic MASTR panels

Ordering Information

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