New DNA extraction protocols from cat fecal sample

ADIAVET™ TOXO REAL TIME

TEST FOR THE DETECTION OF *TOXOPLASMA GONDII* BY REAL-TIME ENZYMATIC GENE AMPLIFICATION (PCR TEST)

References:
418027-50 (50 reactions)
418027 (100 reactions)

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I. General informations

1. Purpose of the test

ADIAVET™ TOXO REAL TIME kit is intended to detect *Toxoplasma gondii* parasite using real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology from swab, tissue and brain specimens of bovine, ovine and caprine and from cat faeces.

2. *Toxoplasma gondii*

Toxoplasma gondii is a widespread protozoan parasite that can determine serious disease in human, mammals and birds. *Toxoplasma gondii* may cause foetal resorption, abortion at any stage of pregnancy, foetal mummification and stillbirth. In non-pregnant animals, majority of infections are asymptomatic or of little consequence.
T.gondii is a cyst-forming coccidian parasite. Two asexual stages of development occur in the intermediate host (cattle, horse), tachyzoite and bradyzoite, and one sexual stage (oocyst) occurs in the definitive host (cat).
Routine diagnosis of *T. gondii* abortion is made by observation of clinical signs (abortion), by histology of foetal tissue and by indirect fluorescent antibody test (IFAT), and ELISA tests on maternal and foetal blood. Today, PCR based methods are useful diagnostic tools commonly used for detection of the parasite in aborted fœtus.

3. Description and purpose of the test

This test is based on enzymatic gene amplification or PCR technology.
Amplified products are detected in real-time thanks to a specific labelled hydrolysis probe (5'-exonulease technology).

The ADIAVET™ TOXO REAL TIME kit enables the simultaneous detection of:

- *Toxoplasma gondii* (probe labelled in FAM),
- GAPDH, an internal control of extraction and amplification steps specific from an endogenous DNA (probe labelled with a fluorochrome read in the same spectra as VIC and HEX).

Adiagene recommends using this test with DNA purification kits (Qiagen and Macherey-Nagel). Other purification kits can be used if they have been validated by the user.

Analysis options according to the specimen:

Specimen	Individual analysis
Swab (vaginal, placental…)	☑
Tissue (placenta, foetal tissues…)	☑
Brain	☑
Cat faeces	☑

II. Material & reagents

1. Reagents provided with the kit

Designation	Reagents	418027-50 (50R)	418027 (100R)
A5	Amplification solution	1 x 1000 µl green tubes	2 x 1000 µl green tubes
TOXO CTL+	Positive control *Toxoplasma gondii*	1 purple tube	1 purple tube
EPC-Ext	External control of extraction	1 x 300 µl yellow tubes	2 x 300 µl yellow tubes

2. Validity and storage

On receipt, the kit should be stored at **<-15°C**.
It is recommended to make fractions of A5 solution if it should be defrosted more than 3 times.
Do not defrost reagents more than 3 times.
Realtime reagents are susceptible to light: store them in the darkness.
The A5 reagent is ready to use for PCR reaction.
Do not mix reagents of two different batches.

3. Use of controls

A. Use of EPC-Ext

EPC-Ext is an external control of extraction used to analysis from fecal sample.
Make fractions of EPC-Ext and store them at <-15°C. It should not be defrosted more than 3 times.
For each faeces, it is recommended to add **5 µl** of EPC-Ext per sample.

B. Use of TOXO CTL+

TOXO CTL+ is a positive control of amplification.
Add **200 µl** of Nuclease-free water to the TOXO CTL+ tube and vortex at least 20 seconds.
Aliquot this solution by 6 or 12 µl and store them to <-15°C.
For each analysis, use **5 µl** of TOXO CTL+ in a well.

4. Equipment required but not supplied

Material should be Nuclease-free (e.g. autoclaved 25 minutes twice at +120°C or once 60 minutes at +121°C)

- Thermal cycler with consumables for real-time PCR: 0.2 ml PCR tubes or closed 96-wells PCR plates with optical quality.
- Class II Microbiological Safety Cabinet
- Centrifuge for microtubes
- Etuve, heating baths or block heaters
- Vortex
- Grinder (Mixer Mill or Fast Prep)
- 1 - 10 µl pipette, 20 - 200 µl pipette and 200 - 1000 µl pipette
- Nuclease-free filter tips
- Nuclease-free microtubes: 1.5 ml and 2 ml
- Sterile tube of 5, 10 or 15 ml
- Latex or nitrile powder-free gloves
- Scalpel blades
- 96-100% ethanol solution
- Nuclease-free water
- PBS buffer
- Sterile saline water (NaCl 8.5 g/L)
- MEM solution
- Grinding beads:
  - ADIAPURE™ GLASS BEADS (Bio-X Diagnostics, ref. ADIADPBI1-192 (192 tests), ref. ADIADPBI1-480 (480 tests)), only for disruption equipment such as Mixer Mill
  - ADIAPURE™ ALIQUOTED GLASS BEADS (Bio-X Diagnostics, ref. ADIADPBIA-192 (192 tests), ref. ADIADPBIA-480 (480 tests)), only for disruption equipment such as Mixer Mill
  - Lysing Matrix B tubes (MP Biomedical, 100 extractions: ref. 116911.100) only for grinder Fast Prep.

- **DNA extraction kit (individual silica columns)**
  - QIAamp® DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen, 50 tests: ref. 51304 or 250 tests: ref. 51306)
  - NucleoSpin® Tissue (Macherey-Nagel, 50 tests: ref.740952.50 or 250 tests: ref. 740952.250)

or

- **Automated DNA/RNA extraction kit using magnetic beads**

  See the NEKF user manual available of the web site mentioned on the certificate of analysis included in the used ADIAVET™ kit.

III. Recommendations before the analysis of samples

Before starting the test, read the entire protocol and scrupulously respect it.

1. Precautions

Adiagene has elaborated this PCR test with the use of Qiagen and Macherey-Nagel extraction kits. Other extraction kits can be used with a previous validation.

Follow the supplier's instructions for the storage, the preparation and the use of the extraction reagents.

Some kits include and/or need the use of toxic reagents. These reagents should be handled with gloves and into a chemical cabinet.

We strongly recommend that only appropriately trained personnel perform this test. Ensure the accuracy and precision of the micropipettes used. The quality of the obtained results depends upon rigorous respect of good laboratory practices.

The PCR generates large amount of amplified DNA. A few molecules of amplified products are sufficient to generate a positive result. It is important to reserve 2 rooms, one for manipulation of samples to be tested, and another one for amplified products analysis. Do not open the PCR tubes after amplification.
Samples for analysis should be handled and disposed of as biological waste. **Take all measures of security and confinement required for the manipulation of the concerned biological agents.**

We recommend using fractions of demineralised and saline water and to autoclave them 25 minutes at +120°C. Take a new fraction for each new manipulation to avoid contamination.

2. Storage of samples and DNA extracts

Samples can be stored a couple of days at +2/8°C. After 2 days, we recommend to store them at <-15°C. Extracted DNAs are quite sensitive molecules. Crude extracts should be stored at the end of extraction on melting ice or at +2/8°C for 24 hours, then at <-15°C.

3. Samples preparation

A. From swab

Mix the **swab** with **1 ml** of **1X PBS buffer.**
Transfer **200 µl** in a previously identified microtube.
See § IV for the extraction and purification of DNA.

B. From tissue

Particular case of placentas:
May contain a large amount of microorganisms, manipulate them with extreme precaution.
1st method
Cut the cotyledon with a scalpel, then rub inside with a swab.
Perform analysis according to swab protocol.
2nd method
Perform analysis according to tissue protocol.

Place **20-30 mg** of minced tissues in a previously identified microtube.
See § IV for the extraction and purification of DNA.

C. From brain

Put **one volume** of brain and **one volume** of MEM or sterile saline water. Homogenise.
When more than 10g of brain sample is analysed, it is possible to put the sample in a bag for blender (Mix 2 or Blender with paddles)
Transfer **200 µl** supernatant in a previously identified microtube.
See § IV for the extraction and purification of DNA.

D. From fecal sample

Place **1 g** of faeces in a previously identified 10 ml or 15 ml sterile tube.
Add **10 ml** of PBS 1X *(This preparation is stable 24h at room temperature).*
Vortex until a homogenous solution is obtained
Allow to settle 2 to 5 minutes.
Transfer **500 µl** of supernatant in a previously identified microtube.
Centrifuge at 3 000 g for 5 minutes. Discard the supernatant.
Homogenise the pellet with **1 ml** of PBS 1X *(This solution is stable 24h at room temperature).*
Transfer **500 µl** of the supernatant in a containing 300 mg of glass beads
Disrupt 10 minutes at 30 Hz with a Mixer Mill (or transfer the obtained solution in a Lysis Matrix B tube and disrupt 3 x 45 seconds at 4 m/sec with the Fast Prep).
Centrifuge at 15 000 g 5 minutes.
Transfer **200 µl** supernatant in a previously identified microtube.
Add **5 µl** of **EPC-Ext** in the sample.
See § IV for the extraction and purification of DNA.

4. Controls preparation

The use of controls allows verifying the reliability of the results.
The controls are included per trial of analysis. A trial is defined as all the samples treated in the same conditions.

All the steps of the analysis procedure (extraction+amplification), for all the types of samples, are validated with the association of the controls included in the kit.

- The internal endogenous control (GAPDH) naturally found in the samples verifies the extraction and amplification steps of each sample.
- The TOXO CTL+ validates the amplification of the target.

Other controls must or could be added:

- **Negative control of extraction (required)**

To verify the absence of cross-contamination, at least one negative control must be included per trial. The control is a negative sample, for example a buffer used for dilutions.

- **Positive control of extraction (recommended)**

A positive control could be added in each trial. The control is a sample including *T. gondii*. It could come from a positive sample available in the laboratory or from a negative sample spiked with a solution of *T. gondii*. This positive control will be closed to the limit of detection of the method. It will inform about the fidelity of the obtained results between different trials.

IV. Extraction and Purification

1. Extraction using QIAamp® DNA Mini kit

All the centrifugations are performed at room temperature.

Preparation of the sample	Take **200 µl of liquid sample** or **20/30 mg of minced tissues**, prepared as described before.
Lysis	Add **180 µl** of **ATL buffer**, **20 µl** of **proteinase K**. Vortex. Incubate **30 minutes** at **+70°C** (or a night at +56°C).
	Add **200 µl** of **AL buffer**. Vortex. Incubate **10 minutes** at **+70°C**.
Binding preparation	Add **200 µl** of **ethanol 100%**. Homogenise the mixture by pipeting (~10 times) or by vortex (~15 secondes).
Transfer to columns and binding to the membrane	Identify columns, apply the **whole** obtained solution to the corresponding column. Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g. *If the whole sample has not been loaded once, apply the residual volume onto the column and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.*
1st wash	Change the collection tube and add **500 µl** of **AW1 buffer** to the column. Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.
2nd wash	Change the collection tube and add **500 µl** of **AW2 buffer** to the column. Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.
Column dry step	Change the collection tube. Centrifuge 3 minutes at 10 000 g.
Elution	Transfer the column to a microtube. Add **200 µl** of **AE buffer**. Incubate ~1 minute at room temperature and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.
Storage	Close the tubes, identify and store at +2/8°C for 24 hours, then at <-15°C.

2. Extraction using NucleoSpin® Tissue kit

All the centrifugations are performed at room temperature.

Preparation of the sample	Take **200 µl of liquid sample** or **20/30 mg of minced tissues**, prepared as described before.
Lysis	Add **180 µl** of **T1 buffer**, **25 µl** of **proteinase K**. Vortex. Incubate **30 minutes** at **+70°C** (or a night at +56°C).
	Add **200 µl** of **B3 buffer**. Vortex. Incubate **10 minutes** at **+70°C**.
Binding preparation	Add **200 µl** of **ethanol 100%**. Homogenise the mixture by pipeting (~10 times) or by vortexing (~15 secondes).
Transfer to columns and binding to the membrane	Identify columns, apply the **whole** obtained solution to the corresponding column. Centrifuge at 10 000 g/1 minute. *If the whole sample has not been loaded once, apply the residual volume onto the column and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.*
1st wash	Change the collection tube and add **500 µl** of **BW buffer** to the column. Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.
2nd wash	Change the collection tube and add **600 µl** of **B5 buffer** to the column. Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.
Column dry step	Change the collection tube. Centrifuge 3 minutes at 10 000 g.
Elution	Transfer the column to a microtube. Add **200 µl** of **BE buffer**. Incubate ~1 minute at room temperature and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.
Storage	Close the tubes, identify and store at +2/8°C for 24 hours, then at <-15°C.

3. Extraction using DNA/RNA magnetic beads kit

See the NEKF user manual available of the web site mentioned on the certificate of analysis included in the used ADIAVET™ kit.

V. Amplification

a - Determine the number of analysed samples including the controls (e.g. positive and negative extraction controls, positive control of amplification (CTL+) and No Template Control (NTC)).

b - Defrost the A5 solution at room temperature. Vortex. Dispense **20 µl** of the A5 solution in each PCR tubes or PCR plate wells with a micropipette with a Nuclease-free tip.

c- **Immediately replace the A5 tube at <-15°C and in darkness.**

d- For each sample, the extraction negative control (obligatory) and the extraction positive control (recommended) add **5 µl** of purified extract to the 20 µl of A5 solution.
For the CTL+, add **5 µl** of the solution obtained in § II-3 to the 20 µl of A5 solution.
For the No Template Control (NTC), nothing is added to the A5 solution.
Immediately replace purified DNA extracts at +2/8°C or at **<-15°C**. Take care to have no bubbles in the bottom of the wells.

e- Once all the tubes have been prepared, run the real-time PCR amplification.

The *Toxoplasma gondii* target is read in FAM. The Internal Control is read in VIC or HEX. The Quencher is non fluorescent. The solution contains a passive reference ROX for the ABI machines. Fluorescence is read during the elongation step (1 minute at 60°C).

The following program is defined for **ABI Prism** thermalcyclers (like 7500, StepOne...) from **Applied Biosystems** (check the "emulation 9600" option if available), for the **Rotorgene** from **Qiagen** and for the **Chromo 4** from **Biorad**:
2 minutes 50°C
10 minutes 95°C
15 seconds at 95°C and 1 minute at 60°C during 45 cycles

This program is concerning the **MX3000P** and **MX3005P** of **Stratagene**:
2 minutes 50°C
10 minutes 95°C
30 seconds at 95°C and 1 minute at 60°C during 45 cycles

Roche diagnostic: LightCycler 2*, LightCycler 480*
**** NOTE:*** *The use of LightCycler thermalcyclers requires a calibration manipulation. Adiagene will furnish process chart and reagents required for this calibration.*

Contact us if you wish to use other thermalcyclers.

VI. Interpretation of results

1. Definitions

The **« base line »** corresponds to the background of fluorescence and qualifies the non characteristic part of the curve observed during the first cycles.

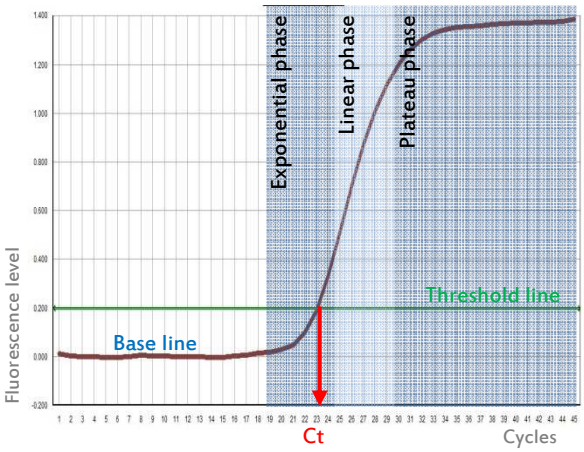
The **« Characteristic amplification curve »** qualifies a fluorescence curve with an exponential phase, a linear phase and a plateau phase.

The **« threshold line »** has to be placed over the background in the exponential phase of a characteristic amplification curve or a group of characteristic amplification curves.

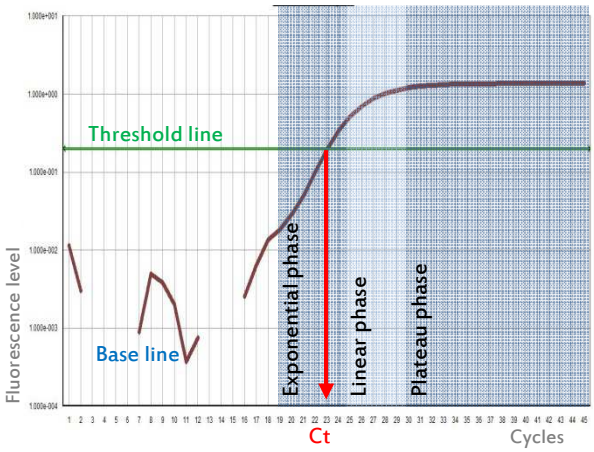
The **« threshold cycle » (Ct)** of a well corresponds, for each detected fluorophore, at the crossing point of the threshold line with the fluorescent curve. The Ct value expressed by the machine for each well depends on the threshold position and on the quantity of target sequences initially present in the PCR well.

Example of characteristic amplification curve

Arithmetic scale of Y axis



Logarithmic scale of Y axis



2. Validation and interpretation of results

Display the FAM curves from the plate and set the threshold value as indicated above.
Proceed in the same mean for the VIC/HEX curves.

A. Validation of the run

Amplification is **valid** if the following results are obtained for the controls:

Controls	No Template Control (NTC)	Amplification positive control (CTL+)	Extraction negative control	Extraction positive control *
FAM amplification	No	yes	no	yes
VIC/HEX amplification	No	no/yes	no	no/yes
Validation of	Absence of contamination for amplification	Amplification of the target	Absence of contamination for extraction	Extraction and amplification steps

* Optional

The indicative Ct values (FAM and VIC/HEX dyes) of the positive control (CTL+) are indicated in the certificate of analysis of the kit.

B. Result interpretation

DNA extraction and amplification for each sample are **valid** if at least a characteristic amplification curve is observed for *Toxoplasma gondii* (FAM) or for the internal control (VIC/HEX).

Example	A	B	C	D
FAM amplification	no	yes	yes	no
VIC/HEX amplification	yes	no	yes	no
Result	negative	positive	positive	undetermined

The sample is considered as **negative** if a characteristic amplification curve is observed in VIC or HEX without any amplification in FAM (example A).

The sample is considered as **positive** if a characteristic amplification curve is observed in FAM (example B). Internal control can be co-amplified (example C).

A total absence of characteristic amplification curve for a sample (example D) shows a defective DNA extraction (lost or destruction of DNA) or a deficient real-time PCR (inhibitors in the sample, program error or no template added). In this case, we recommend first to repeat the test with pure and tenfold diluted DNA in Nuclease-free water. Then, if the test is still not valid, a new extraction is recommended.

VII. Index of symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Catalogue number
	Manufacturer
	Upper temperature limit
	Use by date
	Batch code
	Consult Instructions for Use
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests
	Keep away from sunlight
	For veterinary in vitro use only – For animal use only

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