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PyroMark® APOE Handbook

For genotyping of two single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in codons 112 and 158 of the human APOE gene

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PyroMark APOE	
Catalog no.	**972422**
Number of preps:	
PyroMark Q96 ID	**1 x 96**
PyroMark Q96 MD	**2 x 96**
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Reverse PCR Primer for amplification of APOE	1 vial
APOE 112 Sequencing Primer	1 vial
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Introduction

The Apolipoprotein E (APOE)-encoding gene is polymorphic with three common alleles: ε2, ε3, and ε4 (Table 1 and Table 2). Two SNPs, designated APOE 112 and APOE 158, result in amino acid substitutions at positions 112 and 158 of the protein. This assay genotypes these two APOE polymorphisms.

Table 1. APOE alleles

Allele	APOE 112		APOE 158	
ε2	TGC	Cys	TGC	Cys
ε3	TGC	Cys	CGC	Arg
ε4	CGC	Arg	CGC	Arg

Table 2. APOE genotypes

Allele	APOE 112	APOE 158
ε2/ε2	T/T	T/T
ε2/ε3	T/T	T/C
ε2/ε4	T/C	T/C
ε3/ε3	T/T	C/C
ε3/ε4	T/C	C/C
ε4/ε4	C/C	C/C

Principle and procedure

A single PCR fragment spanning the two polymorphic positions is amplified, and the Pyrosequencing® analysis of the two APOE polymorphisms is performed in a single duplex reaction (Figure 1).

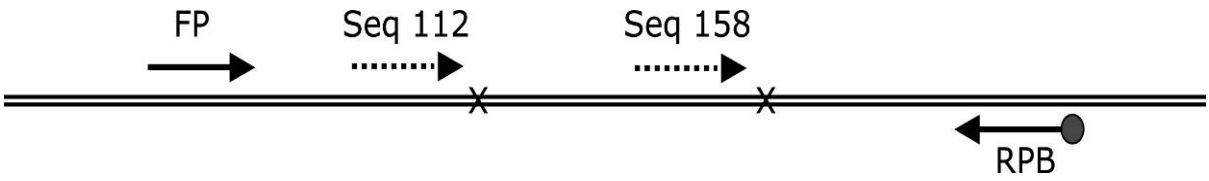

Figure 1. PyroMark APOE assay. PCR primers are shown as solid arrows, while sequencing primers are shown as dashed arrows. **FP**: Forward primer; **RPB**: Reverse biotinylated primer; **Seq**: Sequencing primer.

Description of protocols

This handbook provides all necessary information for Pyrosequencing analysis of APOE and is organized into sets of protocols specific for the PyroMark Q96 ID and PyroMark Q96 MD.

The workflow for both instruments begins with a common PCR amplification, regardless of instrument. Therefore, begin with the protocol "PCR Using PyroMark PCR Kit" (page 12). For the subsequent steps, use the protocols specific for the instrument you are using.

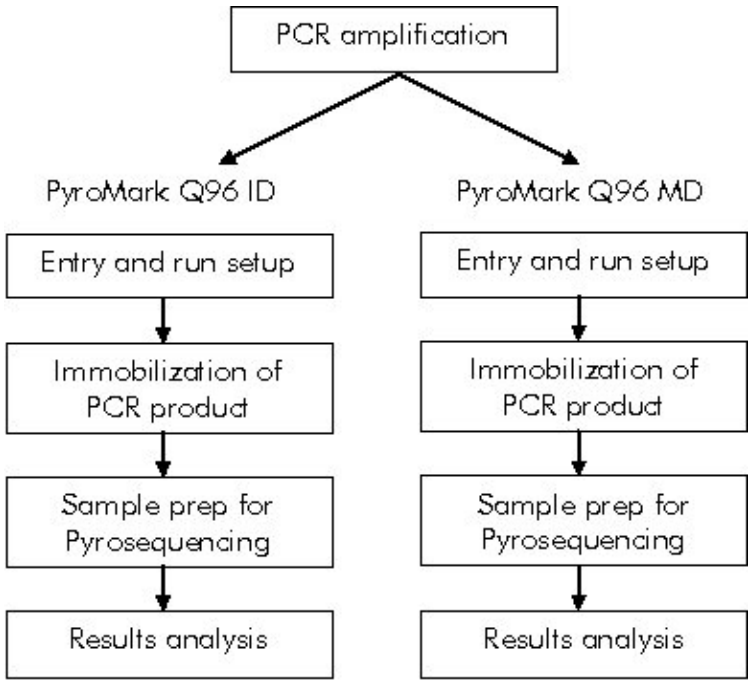

Figure 2. PyroMark APOE workflow.

Protocols for the PyroMark Q96 ID

If using the PyroMark Q96 ID, follow the instructions in protocol "Entry and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 ID Software" (page 14). Note that you only need to set up the APOE Entry the first time the PyroMark APOE is used, but a new Run must be set up each time the assay is performed. After amplification, follow the protocols "Immobilization of PCR Products to Streptavidin Sepharose® HP Beads for Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 ID" (page 17) and "Preparation of Samples for Pyrosequencing Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 ID" (page 19) to generate the sequencing templates. Finally, follow the protocol "Analysis of Polymorphisms in Codons 112 and 158 of the APOE Gene Using the PyroMark Q96 ID" (page 22) to perform the Pyrosequencing run and analyze the data.

Protocols for the PyroMark Q96 MD

If using the PyroMark Q96 MD, follow the instructions in protocol "Entry and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 MD Software" (page 24). Note that you only need to set up the APOE Entry the first time the PyroMark APOE is used, but a new Run must be set up each time the assay is performed. After amplification, follow the protocols "Immobilization of PCR Products to Streptavidin Sepharose HP Beads for Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 MD" (page 26) and "Preparation of Samples for Pyrosequencing Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 MD" (page 28) to generate the sequencing templates. Finally, follow the protocol "Analysis of Polymorphisms in Codons 112 and 158 of the APOE Gene Using the PyroMark Q96 MD" (page 31) to perform the Pyrosequencing run and analyze the data.

Equipment and Reagents to Be Supplied by User

When working with chemicals, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves, and protective goggles. For more information, consult the appropriate material safety data sheets (MSDSs), available from the product supplier.

For use with PyroMark Q96 ID

- PyroMark Q96 ID (cat. no. 9001525)
- PyroMark Q96 ID Software (cat. no. 9019083)
- PyroMark Q96 Plate Low (100) (cat. no. 979002)
- PyroMark Q96 Sample Prep Thermoplate Low (cat. no. 9019070)
- PyroMark Q96 Cartridge (3) (cat. no. 979004)
- PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents (5 x 96) (cat. no. 972804)
- PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation (cat. no. varies depending on region, see Ordering Information, page 39)

For use with PyroMark Q96 MD

- PyroMark Q96 MD (cat. no. 9001526)
- PyroMark Q96 MD Software (cat. no. 9019085)
- PyroMark Q96 HS Plate (100) (cat. no. 979101)
- PyroMark Q96 HS Sample Prep Thermoplate (cat. no. 9019071)
- PyroMark Q96 HS Capillary Tip Holder (cat. no. 9019076) or PyroMark Q96 HS Dispensing Tip Holder (cat. no. 9019075)
- PyroMark Q96 HS Reagent Tips (4) (cat. no. 979102)
- PyroMark Q96 HS Capillary Tips (8) (cat. no. 979104) or PyroMark Q96 HS Nucleotide Tips (8) (cat. no. 979103)
- PyroMark Gold Q96 CDT Reagents (6 x 96) (cat. no. 972824) or PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents (5 x 96) (cat. no. 972804)
- PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation (cat. no. varies depending on region, see Ordering Information, page 39)

Additional equipment and reagents required

- PyroMark Binding Buffer (cat. no. 979006)
- PyroMark Denaturation Solution (cat. no. 979007)
- PyroMark Wash Buffer, concentrate (cat. no. 979008)
- PyroMark Annealing Buffer (cat. no. 979009)
- PyroMark PCR Kit (cat. no. 978703)
- High-purity water (Milli-Q® 18.2 MΩ x cm or equivalent)
- Ethanol (70%)
- Streptavidin Sepharose High Performance (GE Healthcare, cat. no. 17-5113-01; www.gelifesciences.com)
- Plate mixer for immobilization to beads
- Heating block capable of attaining 80°C
- 96-well PCR plate or strips
- Strip caps
- Pipets (adjustable)
- Sterile pipet tips (with filters for PCR setup)

Protocol: PCR Using the PyroMark PCR Kit

Important points before starting

- For more detailed information, see the *PyroMark PCR Kit Handbook*.
- HotStarTaq® DNA Polymerase requires an activation step of **15 min at 95°C** (step 6 of the protocol).
- Set up all reaction mixtures in an area separate from that used for DNA preparation or PCR product analysis.
- Use disposable tips containing hydrophobic filters to minimize cross-contamination.
- Before opening the tubes containing PCR primers, spin briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tubes.
- Dissolve each PCR primer in 120 µl high-purity water (Milli-Q 18.2MΩ x cm or equivalent, filtered through 0.22 µm filter).

Procedure

1. **Thaw the PyroMark PCR Master Mix, CoralLoad® Concentrate, primer solutions.**

   It is important to mix the solutions before use in order to avoid localized concentrations of salt.

2. **Set up the reaction according to Table 3.**

   It is not necessary to keep reaction vessels on ice since HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase is inactive at room temperature.

3. **Gently pipet the Master Mix up and down for thorough mixing and dispense appropriate volumes into PCR tubes.**
4. **Add 10 ng human genomic DNA to the individual PCR tubes.**

   If using a thermal cycler without a heated lid, overlay with approximately 100 µl mineral oil.

5. **Program the thermal cycler according to Table 4.**

Table 3. Reaction composition using PyroMark PCR Master Mix

Component	Volume/reaction	Final concentration
PyroMark PCR Master Mix, 2x	12.5 µl	Contains HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase,1x PyroMark PCR Buffer,* and dNTPs
CoralLoad Concentrate, 10x	2.5 µl	1x
Forward APOE Primer	0.5 µl	0.2 µM
Reverse APOE Primer	0.5 µl	0.2 µM
Nuclease-free water	Variable	–
Q-Solution®, 5x	5 µl	1x
Template DNA, added at step 4	Variable	10 ng human gDNA
Total volume	**25 µl**	

* Contains 3 mM $MgCl_2$ (final concentration of 1.5 mM)

Table 4. Optimized cycling protocol for PyroMark PCR Master Mix

			Additional comments
Initial PCR activation step	15 min	95°C	HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase is activated by this heating step
3-step cycling:			
Denaturation	30 s	94°C	
Annealing	30 s	62°C	
Extension	30 s	72°C	
Number of cycles	50		
Final extension	10 min	72°C	
Hold	∞	4°C	

6. **Place the PCR tubes in the thermal cycler and start the cycling program.**

   Note: After amplification, samples can be stored overnight at 2–8°C or at –20°C for longer storage.

7. **See Table 5 for the amounts of PCR product per sample required for subsequent Pyrosequencing analysis.**
8. **Proceed to the protocols corresponding to the instrument in use:**

9a. If using the PyroMark Q96 ID, proceed to protocol "Entry and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 ID Software", page 15.

9b. If using the PyroMark Q96 MD, proceed to protocol "Entry and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 MD Software", page 24.

Table 5. Amounts of PCR product required for Pyrosequencing analysis

Instrument	PCR product required
PyroMark Q96 ID	10–20 µl
PyroMark Q96 MD	5–10 µl

Protocol: Assay and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 ID Software

This protocol is for creating an Entry Setup to assign assay parameters, and a Run Setup for analysis of two SNPs in codons 112 and 158 of the APOE gene. Genotyping of these two codons is performed in a single duplex Pyrosequencing reaction and thus, a single well is needed for each sample.

Important points before starting

- For further information on how to create a Run Setup, see the *PyroMark Q96 ID Software Online Help*.
- Steps 1–3 are only performed the first time the assay is run.

Protocol

1. **Set up a duplex entry for analysis of polymorphisms at codons 112 and 158. Use the following sequences to analyze and dispensation order.**

   Sequences to analyze:

   APOE 112: T/CGCGGCCGC

   APOE 158: AGT/CGCCTG

   Manually enter the following dispensation order:

   GTCTGAGTCTGCGT

2. **Save the Entry as APOE_112_158.**

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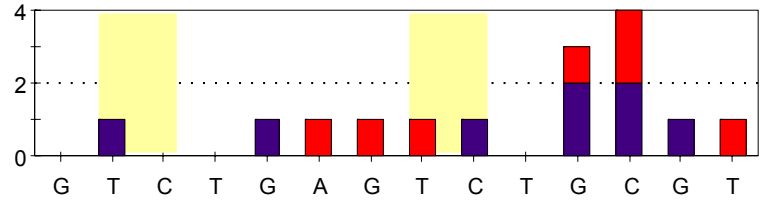
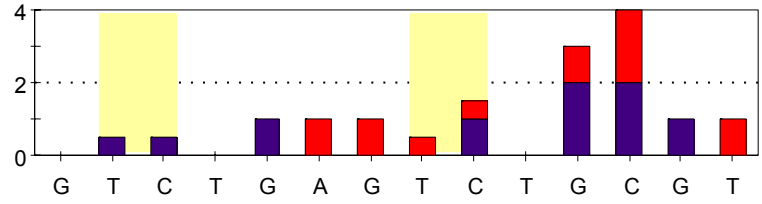
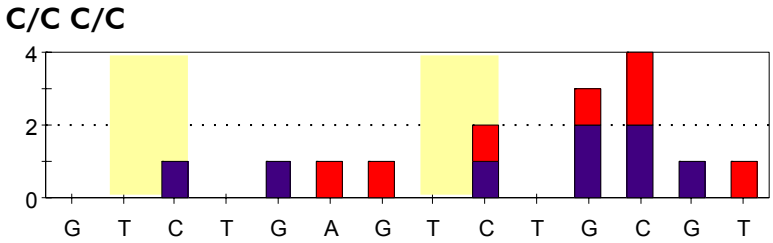


T/C T/C





Selected theoretical outcomes for APOE gene using PyroMark Q96 ID Software. Dark gray bars originate from the APOE 112 sequence. Light gray bars originate from the APOE 158 sequence.

3. **Select "SNP → SNP Runs" in the main menu.**
   The tree view for this sub-module opens in the tree view area.
4. **Right-click on a folder in the tree view and select "New SNP Run". The "SNP Run Setup" dialog opens.**
   The Run Setup will be saved in the selected folder.
5. **Design the plate layout by selecting instrument parameters and by adding the assay setup to the same number of wells as samples to analyze.**
6. **Click "Save" to save the Run setup.**
7. **Print a list of required volumes of enzyme mix, substrate mix, and nucleotides, and the plate setup.**
   Note: Click "View" and choose "Run" in the web browser area.
8. **Proceed with protocol "Immobilization of PCR Products to Streptavidin Sepharose HB Beads for Analysis on the PyroMark Q96 ID", page 17.**

Protocol: Immobilization of PCR Products to Streptavidin Sepharose HP Beads for Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 ID

This protocol is for immobilization of template DNA to Streptavidin Sepharose HP beads for subsequent analysis on the PyroMark Q96 ID.

Things to do before starting

- Allow all required reagents and solutions to reach room temperature before starting.

Procedure

1. **Gently shake the bottle containing Streptavidin Sepharose HP beads until a homogenous solution is obtained.**
2. **For each sample, prepare a solution for DNA immobilization as described in Table 6.**

   Note: Prepare a master mix with the components listed in Table 6. Aliquot the master mix to a PCR plate or strips and then add the required volume of PCR product. Adjust the volume of RNase-free water according to the volume of PCR product. Prepare a volume 10% greater than the number of samples to be analyzed.

   Note: The total volume per well should be 80 µl after addition of the master mix and PCR product.

Table 6. DNA immobilization components

	Volume per sample
Master mix component:	
Streptavidin Sepharose HP beads	3 µl
PyroMark Binding Buffer	40 µl
RNase-free water	17–27 µl
PCR product	**10–20 µl**
Total volume	**80 µl**

3. **Seal the PCR plate (or strips) using strip caps.**

   Note: Ensure that no leakage is possible between the wells.

4. **Agitate the PCR plate (or strips) constantly for 5–10 minutes at room temperature (15–25°C) using a mixer (1400 rpm).**

   During immobilization, prepare the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation for sample preparation (see Appendix A, page 35).

5. **Proceed immediately with protocol "Preparation of Samples for Pyrosequencing Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 ID", page 19.**

   Note: Sepharose beads sediment quickly and capturing of beads must take place immediately once the agitation is complete.

Protocol: Preparation of Samples for Pyrosequencing Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 ID

This protocol is for the preparation of single-stranded DNA and annealing of the sequencing primers to the template before Pyrosequencing analysis using the PyroMark Q96 ID.

Important point before starting

- PyroMark Denaturation Solution contains sodium hydroxide, which is irritating to eyes and skin. Be sure to following the safety instructions included with the reagent bottle.

Things to do before starting

- Before opening the tubes containing sequencing primers, spin briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tubes.
- Dissolve each sequencing primer in 180 µl high-purity water (Milli-Q 18.2MΩ x cm or equivalent, filtered through 0.22 µm filter) to a final concentration of 10 µM.
- Dilute each sequencing primer in the same tube to 0.4 µM in Annealing Buffer.
- Carefully plan the addition of sequencing primers to the PyroMark Q96 Plate Low. Sequencing primers must be added in the same pattern as predefined in the plate setup.
- Prepare the vacuum workstation as described in Appendix A, page 35.
- Pre-warm a PyroMark Q96 Sample Prep Thermoplate Low to 80°C.

Procedure

1. **Add 40 µl diluted sequencing primers (0.4 µM each) to the wells to be analyzed of a PyroMark Q96 Plate Low, according to the plate set up in the protocol "Entry and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 ID Software".**
2. **Place the PCR plate (or strips) and PyroMark Q96 Plate Low on the worktable of PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation.**

   Ensure that the plate is in the same orientation as when samples were loaded.
3. **Apply vacuum to the tool by opening the vacuum switch on the workstation.**

4. **Carefully lower the filter probes into the PCR plate (or strips) to capture the beads containing immobilized template. Hold the probes in place for 15 s. Pick up the tool carefully.**

   Note: Sepharose beads sediment quickly. If more than 1 min has elapsed since the plate (or strips) was agitated, agitate again for 1 min before capturing the beads.

Placement of PCR plate (or strips) and PyroMark Q96 Plate Low (PM Plate) on the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation. The marked positions contain 70% ethanol (**1**), PyroMark Denaturation Solution (**2**), PyroMark Wash Buffer (**3**), and high-purity water (**4**).

5. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing 70% ethanol (trough 1). Flush the filter probes for 5 s.**
6. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing Denaturation Solution (trough 2). Flush the filter probes for 5 s.**
7. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing Wash Buffer (trough 3). Flush the filter probes for 10 s.**
8. **Raise the tool to beyond 90° vertical for 5 s to drain liquid from the filter probes.**

PyroMark Q96 vacuum tool.

9. **While holding the tool over the PyroMark Q96 Plate Low, close the vacuum switch on the workstation.**
10. **Release the beads into the wells containing sequencing primer by gently shaking the tool in the wells.**
11. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing high-purity water (trough 4) and agitate the tool for 10 s.**
12. **Wash the filter probes by lowering the probes into high-purity water (parking position) and applying vacuum. Flush the probes with 70 ml high-purity water.**
13. **Raise the tool to beyond 90° vertical for 5 s to drain liquid from the filter probes.**
14. **Close the vacuum switch on the workstation, and place the tool in the "Parking" position.**
15. **Turn off the vacuum pump.**

    Note: At the end of a working day, liquid waste and remaining solutions should be discarded and the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation should be checked for dust and spillage, see Appendix A, page 35.
16. **Heat the PyroMark Q96 Plate Low with the samples at 80°C for 2 min using a prewarmed PyroMark Q96 Sample Prep Thermoplate Low and a heating block.**
17. **Remove the PyroMark Q96 Plate from the plate holder, and let the samples cool to room temperature (15–25°C) for at least 5 min.**
18. **Proceed with the protocol "Protocol: Analysis of Polymorphisms in Codons 112 and 158 of the APOE Gene Using the PyroMark Q96 ID", page 22.**

Protocol: Analysis of Polymorphisms in Codons 112 and 158 of the APOE Gene Using the PyroMark Q96 ID

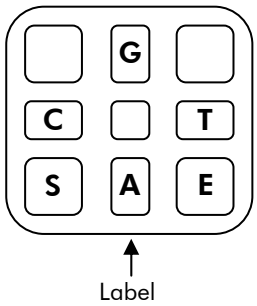
This protocol describes loading of PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents into the PyroMark Q96 Cartridge and analysis of polymorphisms of the APOE gene using the PyroMark Q96 ID. For a detailed description about how to set up a run, see *PyroMark Q96 ID Software Online Help*.

Things to do before starting

- Switch on the instrument (see the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual*).
- Allow all reagents and solutions to reach room temperature (15–25°C) before starting.
- PyroMark Q96 ID Software provides the volume of nucleotides, enzyme mixture, and substrate mixture needed for a specific run. In the Browser area of the PyroMark Q96 ID Software click "View" and choose "Run" to see these volumes.

Protocol

1. **Load the PyroMark Q96 Cartridge with the appropriate volumes of PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents, according to the figure.**

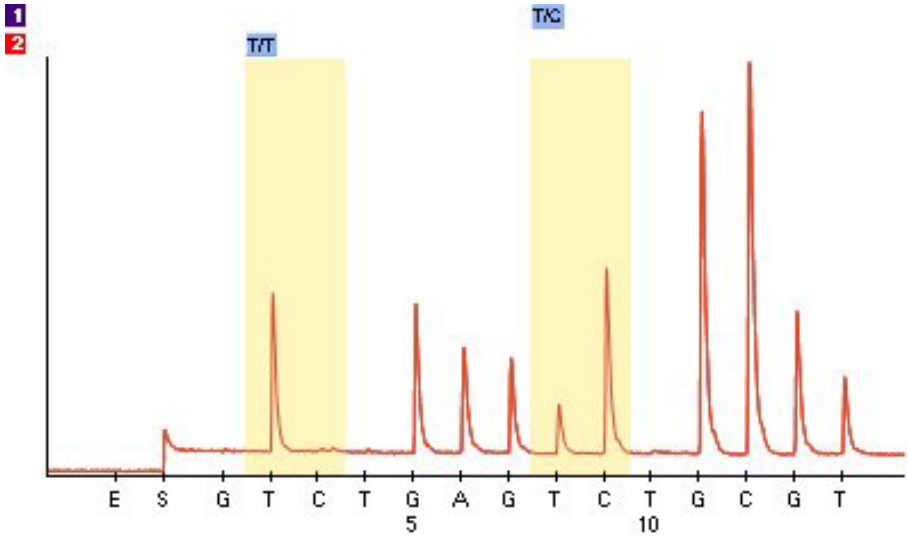


Schematic diagram of the PyroMark Q96 Cartridge (viewed from above). E: Enzyme Mixture; **S**: Substrate Mixture; **G**: dGTP; **C**: dCTP; **T**: dTTP; **A**: dATPαS.

2. **Open the instrument lid and the process chamber lid.**
3. **Open the plate-holding frame and place the PyroMark Q96 Plate Low on the heating block.**
4. **Close the plate-holding frame and the processing chamber lid.**
5. **Open the dispensing unit cover, release the latch, and then open the cover.**
6. **Insert the filled reagent cartridge with the label facing you.**

7. **Close the dispensing unit cover. Ensure that the latch snaps into its locked position.**
8. **Close the instrument lid and perform the run (see the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual*).**
9. **When the run is complete, open the instrument lid.**
10. **Open the dispensing unit and remove the reagent cartridge by lifting it up and pulling it out.**
11. **Close the dispensing unit.**
12. **Open the process chamber lid and remove the PyroMark Q96 Plate Low from the heating block (see the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual*).**
13. **Close the process chamber and the instrument lid (see the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual*).**
14. **Discard the PyroMark Q96 Plate Low and clean the PyroMark Q96 Cartridge (see the *PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents Handbook*).**
15. **Open the run in the PyroMark Q96 ID Software and analyze all wells (see *PyroMark Q96 ID Software Online Help*). The analysis results (genotypes) and quality assessment are displayed above the variable position in the Pyrogram® trace.**

Note: For reliable results, we recommend single peak heights above 15 RLU. The mean single peak height for a well should be at least 15 RLU.



Pyrogram trace obtained after analysis of samples with T/T genotype in SNP 112 and T/C genotype in SNP 158.

Protocol: Assay and Run Setup Using PyroMark Q96 MD Software

This protocol is for creating an Entry Setup to assign assay parameters, and a Run Setup for analysis of two SNPs in codons 112 and 158 of the APOE gene. Genotyping of these two codons is performed in a single duplex Pyrosequencing reaction. Therefore, a single well is needed for each sample replicate.

Important points before starting

- For further information on how to create a Run Setup, see the *PyroMark Q96 MD Software Online Help*.
- Steps 1–3 are only performed the first time the assay is run.

Protocol

1. **Set up a duplex entry for analysis of polymorphisms at codons 112 and 158. Use the following sequences to analyze and dispensation order.**

   Sequences to analyze:

   APOE 112: T/CGCGGCCGC

   APOE 158: AGT/CGCCTG

   Manually enter the following dispensation order:

   GTCTGAGTCTGCGT

2. **Save the Entry as APOE_112_158.**

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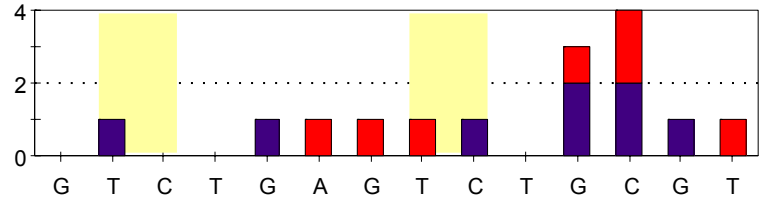
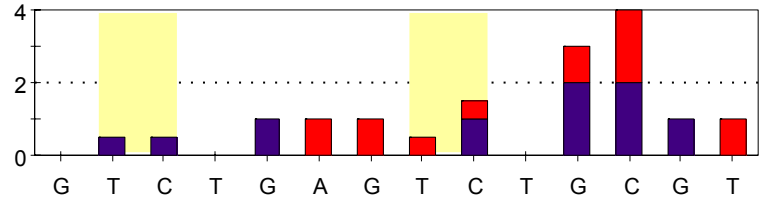
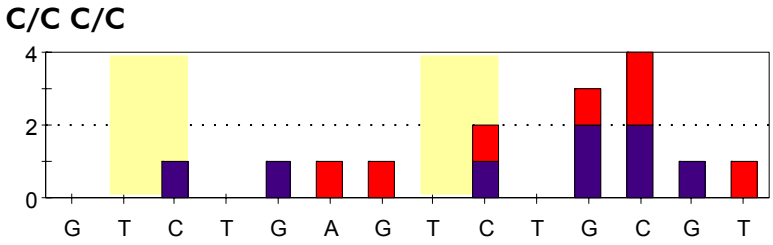


T/C T/C





3. **Select "SNP → SNP Runs" in the main menu.**

   The tree view for this sub-module opens in the tree view area.

4. **Right-click on a folder in the tree view and select "New SNP Run". The "SNP Run Setup" dialog opens.**

   The Run Setup will be saved in the selected folder.

5. **Design the plate layout by selecting instrument parameters and by adding the assay setup to the same number of wells as samples to analyze.**
6. **Click "Save" to save the Run setup.**
7. **Print a list of required volumes of enzyme mix, substrate mix, and nucleotides, and the plate setup.**

   Note: Click "View" and choose "Run" in the web browser area.

8. **Proceed with protocol "Immobilization of PCR Products to Streptavidin Sepharose HB Beads for Analysis on the PyroMark Q96 MD", page 26.**

Protocol: Immobilization of PCR Products to Streptavidin Sepharose HP Beads for Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 MD

This protocol is for immobilization of template DNA to Streptavidin Sepharose HP beads for subsequent analysis on the PyroMark Q96 MD.

Things to do before starting

- Allow all required reagents and solutions to reach room temperature before starting.

Procedure

1. **Gently shake the bottle containing Streptavidin Sepharose HP beads until a homogenous solution is obtained.**
2. **For each sample, prepare a solution for DNA immobilization as described in Table 7.**

   Note: Prepare a master mix with the components listed in Table 7. Aliquot the master mix to a PCR plate or strips and then add the required volume of PCR product. Adjust the volume of RNase-free water according to the volume of PCR product. Prepare a volume 10% greater than the number of samples to be analyzed.

   Note: The total volume per well should be 80 µl after addition of the master mix and PCR product.

Table 7. DNA immobilization components

	Volume per sample
Master mix component:	
Streptavidin Sepharose HP beads	2 µl
PyroMark Binding Buffer	40 µl
RNase-free water	28–33 µl
PCR product	**5–10 µl**
Total volume	**80 µl**

3. **Seal the PCR plate (or strips) using strip caps.**

   Note: Ensure that no leakage is possible between the wells.

4. **Agitate the PCR plate (or strips) constantly for 5–10 minutes at room temperature (15–25°C) using a mixer (1400 rpm).**

   During immobilization, prepare the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation for sample preparation (see Appendix A, page 35).

5. **Proceed immediately with protocol "Preparation of Samples for Pyrosequencing Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 MD", page 28.**

   Note: Sepharose beads sediment quickly and capturing of beads must take place immediately once the agitation is complete.

Protocol: Preparation of Samples for Pyrosequencing Analysis Using the PyroMark Q96 MD

This protocol is for the preparation of single-stranded DNA and annealing of the sequencing primers to the template before Pyrosequencing analysis using the PyroMark Q96 MD.

Important points before starting

- PyroMark Denaturation Solution contains sodium hydroxide, which is irritating to eyes and skin. Be sure to following the safety instructions included with the reagent bottle.

Things to do before starting

- Before opening the tubes containing sequencing primers, spin briefly to collect contents at the bottom of the tubes.
- Dissolve each sequencing primer in 180 µl high-purity water (Milli-Q 18.2MΩ x cm or equivalent, filtered through 0.22 µm filter) to a final concentration of 10 µM.
- Dilute each sequencing primer in the same tube to 0.3 µM in Annealing Buffer.
- Carefully plan the addition of sequencing primers to the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate. The sequencing primers must be added in the same pattern as predefined in the plate setup.
- Prepare the vacuum workstation as described in Appendix A, page 35.
- Pre-warm a PyroMark Q96 HS Sample Prep Thermo Plate to 80°C.

Procedure

1. **Add 12 µl diluted sequencing primers (0.3 µM each) to the wells to be analyzed of a PyroMark Q96 HS Plate, according to the plate set up in "Assay and Run set up using PyroMark Q96 MD Software".**
2. **Place the PCR plate (or strips) and the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate on the worktable of the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation.**

   Ensure that the plate is in the same orientation as when samples were loaded.
3. **Apply vacuum to the tool by opening the vacuum switch on the workstation.**

4. **Carefully lower the filter probes into the PCR plate (or strips) to capture the beads containing immobilized template. Hold the probes in place for 15 s. Pick up the tool carefully.**

   Note: Sepharose beads sediment quickly. If more than 1 min has elapsed since the plate (or strips) was agitated, agitate again for 1 min before capturing the beads.

Placement of PCR plate (or strips) and PyroMark Q96 HS Plate (PM Plate) on the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation. The marked positions contain 70% ethanol (**1**), PyroMark Denaturation Solution (**2**), PyroMark Wash Buffer (**3**), and high-purity water (**4**).

5. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing 70% ethanol (trough 1). Flush the filter probes for 5 s.**
6. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing Denaturation Solution (trough 2). Flush the filter probes for 5 s.**
7. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing Wash Buffer (trough 3). Flush the filter probes for 10 s.**
8. **Raise the tool beyond 90° vertical, for 5 s to drain liquid from the filter probes.**

PyroMark Q96 vacuum tool.

9. **While holding the vacuum tool over the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate, close the vacuum switch on the workstation.**
10. **Release the beads into the wells containing sequencing primer by gently shaking the tool in the wells.**
11. **Transfer the tool to the trough containing high-purity water (trough 4) and agitate the tool for 10 s.**
12. **Wash the filter probes by lowering the probes into high-purity water (parking position) and applying vacuum. Flush the probes with 70 ml high-purity water.**
13. **Raise the tool beyond 90° vertical, for 5 s to drain liquid from the filter probes.**
14. **Close the vacuum switch on the workstation, and place the tool in the Parking (P) position.**
15. **Turn off the vacuum pump.**

    Note: At the end of a working day, liquid waste and remaining solutions should be discarded and the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation should be checked for dust and spillage, see Appendix A, page 35.
16. **Heat the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate with the samples at 80°C for 2 min using a heating block and the prewarmed PyroMark HS Q96 Sample Prep Thermo Plate.**

    Note: Use one Sample Prep Thermo Plate as lid on the plate to prevent evaporation of the samples.
17. **Remove the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate from the thermo plate, and allow the samples cool to room temperature (15–25°C) for at least 5 min.**
18. **Proceed with the protocol "Analysis of Polymorphisms in Codons 112 and 158 of the APOE Gene Using the PyroMark Q96 MD", page 31.**

Protocol: Analysis of Polymorphisms in Codons 112 and 158 of the APOE Gene Using the PyroMark Q96 MD

This protocol describes loading of PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents into the PyroMark Q96 HS Reagent Tips (RDTs) and Capillary Tips (CDTs) and analysis of polymorphisms of the APOE gene using the PyroMark Q96 MD. If using the PyroMark Q96 HS Nucleotide Tips and PyroMark Q96 Dispensing Tip Holder, please refer to the *PyroMark Q96 HS Nucleotide Tip Product Sheet* for filling instructions. For a detailed description about how to set up a run, see *PyroMark Q96 MD Online Help*.

Things to do before starting

- Switch on the instrument (see the *PyroMark Q96 MD User Manual*).
- Allow all reagents and solutions to reach room temperature (15–25°C) before starting.
- PyroMark Q96 MD Software provides the volume of nucleotides, enzyme mixture, and substrate mixture needed for a specific run. In the Browser area of the PyroMark Q96 ID Software, click "View" and choose "Run" to see these volumes.

Protocol

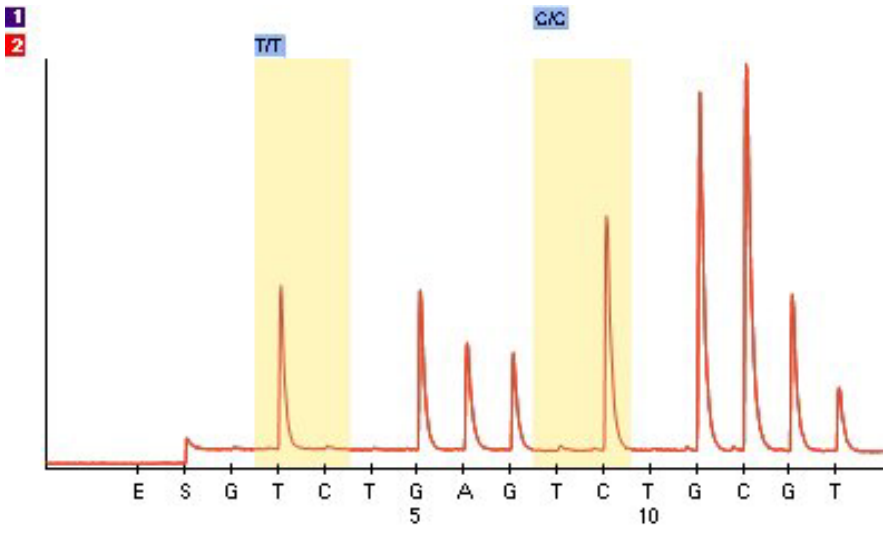
1. **Load the PyroMark Q96 Reagent Tips and Capillary Tips in the PyroMark Q96 Dispensing Tip Holder with the appropriate volumes of PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents.**

Arrangement of tips in the PyroMark Q96 Capillary Tip Holder.
E: Enzyme Mixture; **S**: Substrate Mixture; **G**: dGTP; **C**: dCTP; **T**: dTTP; **A**: dATPαS.

2. **Open the processing chamber lid using the software.**
3. **Place the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate on the heating block. Close the process chamber lid.**

4. **Open the dispensing unit cover by releasing the latch. With the two RDTs furthest away from you, insert the filled dispensing tip holder into position.**
5. **Close the dispensing unit cover. Ensure that the latch snaps into its locked position.**
6. **Close the instrument lid and perform the run (see the *PyroMark Q96 MD User Manual*).**
7. **After the run has finished, open the instrument lid.**
8. **Open the dispensing unit and remove the dispensing tip holder and the PyroMark Q96 HS plate.**
9. **Close the dispensing unit and the instrument lid (see the *PyroMark Q96 MD User Manual*).**
10. **Discard the PyroMark Q96 HS Plate and clean the tips in the PyroMark Q96 HS Dispensing tip holder (see the *PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents Handbook*).**
11. **Open the run in the PyroMark Q96 MD Software and analyze all wells (see *PyroMark Q96 Software Online Help* for more information). The analysis results (allele frequencies) and quality assessment are displayed above the variable position in the Pyrogram trace.**

    Note: For reliable results, we recommend single peak heights above 100 RLU. The mean single peak height for a well should be at least 100 RLU.



Pyrogram trace obtained after analysis of samples with T/T genotype in SNP 112 and C/C genotype in SNP 158.

Troubleshooting Guide

This troubleshooting guide may be helpful in solving any problems that may arise. For more information, see also the Frequently Asked Questions page at our Technical Support Center: www.qiagen.com/FAQ/FAQList.aspx. The scientists in QIAGEN Technical Services are always happy to answer any questions you may have about either the information and protocols in this handbook or sample and assay technologies (for contact information, see back cover or visit www.qiagen.com).

	Comments and suggestions
Low or missing peaks in the Pyrogram	
a) PCR failed	Check the PCR samples using a gel technique to confirm that there is one strong, specific band. If not, rerun the PCR using high-quality DNA.
b) The wells marked in the run setup do not agree with the sample placement on the plate for immobilization	Check that the PCR plate (or strips) was loaded on the vacuum workstation according to the plate setup.
c) One or several of the reagent compartments in the dispensing unit were not correctly filled	Be sure to add sufficient reagents in the correct compartment of the dispensing unit.
d) One of the reagent needles in the dispensing unit is blocked or damaged	Clean the dispensing unit and check that it is working correctly. For detailed instructions, see the user manual of your PyroMark instrument. In case of bent needles, discard the dispensing unit according to federal, state, and local environmental regulations for disposal of laboratory waste.
e) The reagent cartridge or tip holder is inserted incorrectly	Ensure that the reagent cartridge or dispensing tip holder is inserted correctly.

	Comments and suggestions
f) Low signal due to dirty lens array	**PyroMark Q96 ID**: Clean the heating block and lens array; see sections 7.3 and 7.4 of the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual*. **PyroMark Q96 MD**: Clean the heating block and lens array; see sections 7.4 and 7.5 of the *PyroMark Q96 MD User Manual*.
g) Filter probes not working correctly	**PyroMark Q96 ID**: Test the filter probes and ensure they are working correctly. See section 7.8 of the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual*. **PyroMark Q96 MD**: Test the filter probes and ensure they are working correctly. See section 7.12 of the *PyroMark Q96 MD User Manual*.
Poor or faulty sequence	
a) Incorrect sequence to analyze	Check typing and reference sample.
b) Nucleotides incorrectly diluted or stored	Be sure to follow the instructions in the *PyroMark Gold Q96 Reagents Handbook*.
c) Crosstalk (light from one well appears in the neighboring well)	Avoid placing assays with high signals close to assays with low signals.
d) Dispensation error	Replace the reagent cartridge. If the problem remains, contact QIAGEN Technical Service.

Appendix A: Preparation of the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation

This protocol describes how to prepare the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation before preparation of single-stranded DNA.

Important point before starting

- PyroMark Denaturation Solution contains sodium hydroxide, which is irritating to eyes and skin. Be sure to following the safety instructions included with the reagent bottle.

Procedure

1. **Fill five separate troughs (supplied with the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstations) according to Table 8.**

   A suggested setup is shown in Figure 3. Refill the troughs to these levels whenever necessary.

Table 8. Vacuum workstation volumes

Trough	Solution	Volume
1	Ethanol (70%)	110 ml
2	Denaturation Solution	90 ml
3	Wash Buffer	110 ml
4	High-purity water	110 ml
P	High-purity water	180 ml

Figure 3. PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation.

2. **Switch on the vacuum pump.**
3. **Apply vacuum to the tool by opening the vacuum switch. Wash the filter probes by lowering the probes into the Parking Position (trough P) and flushing them with 180 ml high-purity water.**

   Ensure that the water is being transferred to the waste container. If not, ensure that the tubing is connected correctly and is not broken. Broken tubing should be replaced, see the *PyroMark Q96 User Manual* section on replacing the tubing.
4. **Refill trough 5 with 70 ml high-purity water or Parking Position with 180 ml high-purity water.**
5. **Close the vacuum switch and place the tool in the Parking (P) position.**

Appendix B: Emptying the Waste Container and Troughs

WARNING	Hazardous chemicals
	The Denaturation Solution used with the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation contains sodium hydroxide, which is irritating to eyes and skin. Always wear safety glasses, gloves, and a lab coat. The responsible body (e.g. laboratory manager) must take the necessary precautions to ensure that the surrounding workplace is safe and that the instrument operators are not exposed to hazardous levels of toxic substances (chemical or biological) as defined in the applicable Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) or OSHA,*ACGIH,† or COSHH‡ documents. Venting for fumes and disposal of wastes must be in accordance with all national, state and local health and safety regulations and laws.

* OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (United States of America).

† ACGIH: American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (United States of America).

‡ COSHH: Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (United Kingdom).

Be sure to observe federal, state and local environmental regulations for the disposal of laboratory waste.

The following item is required:

- High-purity water (Milli-Q 18.2 MΩ x cm, www.millipore.com, or equivalent).

Procedure

1. **Ensure that no vacuum is applied to the vacuum tool, the vacuum switch is closed (Off), and the vacuum pump is switched off.**
2. **Discard any solutions left in the troughs.**
3. **Rinse the troughs with high-purity water, or replace them, if necessary.**
4. **Empty the waste container.**
   The cap can be removed without disconnecting the tubing.
5. **If the PyroMark Q96 Vacuum Workstation must be cleaned (for dust or spillage), follow the instructions in the *PyroMark Q96 ID User Manual* or *PyroMark Q96 MD User Manual*.**

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