

## IDENTIFICATION OF t(15; 17) TRANSLOCATION PML-RARA

**AMPLI-SET-PML RARA**  
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The translocation t(15;17) is associated with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL). The two genes involved in the translocation are PML, coding for a putative new transcriptional factor, on chromosome 15, and the gene  $\alpha$  receptor of retinoic acid (RARA) on chromosome 17. The breaking sites on chromosome 17 are located in a DNA fragment of 15 kb in the gene RARA intron. On the contrary, three regions of PML locus are involved in the translocations: intron 6 (bcr1; 55% of cases), exon 6 (bcr2; 5% of cases) and intron 3 (bcr3; 40% cases). The chimeric transcript PML-RARA and RARA-PML are formed as result of mutual translocation between PML and RARA loci. The presence of different "breakpoint" region in PML locus and the presence of alternative PML splicing are responsible for heterogeneity of PML-RARA junctions observed in patients with APL.

The Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) analysis of fusion genes is based on primers' design on opposite sites of fusion regions so that the PCR product will include the specific fusion sequence.

**Principle of assay:** A) extraction of RNA B) retro-transcription C) amplification and detection on agarose gel

**Applicability:** extracted and purified RNA

**Number of tests:** 45.

### ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

The amplified products size varies depending on where the fusion between the two genes take place.

1 PCR

Nested PCR

Amplified product size in bp



	1 PCR	Nested PCR
<b>bcr 1</b>	381	214
<b>bcr 2</b>	345	178
<b>bcr 3</b>	376	289

example of agarose in sample with rearrangement bcr3.

Nested PCR

M 1

M Marker

1) PCR product of 289 bp = sample bcr 3

### REAGENTS AND STORAGE

RETROTRASCRIZIONE e AMPLIFICAZIONE	
Mix RT	-20°C
Rnase inhibitor (40U/μl)	-20°C
Reverse Transcriptase (10U/μl)	-20°C
Random Primers	-20°C
Mix PCR bcr1-bcr2	-20°C
Mix PCR bcr1-bcr2 nested	-20°C
Mix PCR bcr3	-20°C
Mix PCR bcr3 nested	-20°C
H <sub>2</sub> O sterile	-20°C
Taq Polymerase (5U/μl)	-20°C
Control cDNA bcr3	-20°C
RIVELAZIONE	
Gel precast di agarosio 4% per elettroforesi in TBE 1X	T.A.
Loading buffer 10 X	T.A.
Buffer di corsa 5 X (TBE 5X)	T.A.
Marker di peso molecolare ladder 100 bp	-20°C

**Stability:** over 18 months if correctly stored (agarose gel have to be kept in the dark, they are stabile for one year at room temperature)

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