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LightMix[®] in-vitro diagnostics kit **VKORC1**

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Detection of the C1173T DNA variation
in the VKORC1 gene

for use with the

Roche Diagnostics LightCycler[®] Instruments

SimpleProbe[®] format

Reagents for 64 reactions

Upon arrival:

**Store Premixed PCR reagents and Controls
protected from light at room temperature (do not freeze)**

**Store FastStart DNA Master HybProbe reagents frozen (-20°C)
(if included)**



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1. Product Information

1.1 Contents: LightMix[®] Kit VKORC1 C1173T

Lyophilized premixed PCR reagents

⚠ Store at room temperature in the dark

Cap color	Label	Description content	Reaction / Tube status	Total
1 x	Red	PSR	Parameter Specific Reagents (PSR) containing premixed and lyophilized primers and probes for 64 reactions. <0,01pg unlabeled oligonucleotides (VKORC1 C1173T primers); <0,01pg SimpleProbe 519 labelled VKORC1 C1173T probe	64 reactions / Lyophilized yellow pellet 64 rxs

Standards (Control DNA)

⚠ Store at room temperature

Cap color	Label	Description content	Reaction Tube status	Total
1 x	Yellow	HT	Positive Control C1173T Heterozygous VKORC1 <0,01pg plasmid target (synthetic) [about 10E4 genome equivalents]	40 reactions / lyophilized blue pellet 40 rxs
1 x	Yellow	WT	Genotyping Standard Wildtype C1173 <0,01pg plasmid target (synthetic) [about 10E4 genome equivalents]	40 reactions / lyophilized blue pellet 40 rxs
1 x	Yellow	MT	Genotyping Standard Mutant 1173T <0,01pg plasmid target (synthetic) [about 10E4 genome equivalents]	40 reactions / lyophilized blue pellet 40 rxs

Polymerase Mix: LightCycler[®] FastStart DNA Master HybProbe

⚠ Store at -20°C upon arrival

FastStart DNA Master HybProbe is included in kits supplied directly by TIB MOLBIOL for customers in Central Europe only⁽¹⁾.

The FastStart DNA Master HybProbe is not included in VKORC1 kits supplied through Roche Diagnostics or its local distributor.

Cap color	Label	Description content	Reaction Tube storage	Total
1 x	Red	1a	LightCycler [®] FastStart Enzyme	64 reactions / frozen 64 rxs
1 x	White	1b	LightCycler [®] FastStart Reaction Mix HybProbe	64 reactions / frozen 64 rxs
1 x	Colorless	Water	H ₂ O PCR grade	frozen
1 x	Blue	MgCl ₂	MgCl ₂ , 25 mM	frozen

1) FastStart enzyme is shipped by TIB MOLBIOL at ambient temperature.

1.2 Intended Use

This kit allows the detection of the common single-base 1173 C>T polymorphism in the Vitamin K epoxide reductase complex subunit 1 gene (VKORC1) in genomic human DNA from a nucleic acid extract obtained from peripheral blood, which is in 100% linkage with the VKORC1 –1639 G>A (rs9923231) promoter variant.

Warfarin dosage may be adjusted based on Cytochrome 2C9 gene variants, and second line on VKORC1 gene variants. The following table is adapted from [1] :

VKORC1 1173	CYP 2C9					
	*1/*1	*1/*2	*1/*3	*2/*2	*2/*3	*3/*3
CC	5-7 mg	5-7 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	0.5-2 mg
CT	5-7 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg
TT	3-4 mg	3-4 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg	0.5-2 mg

Warfarin daily dosage

This kit should be used in conjunction with CYP 2C9 gene testing and is not intended to be the only basis for a therapy decision. The ranges of doses are derived from different studies. Other factors, such as age, race, body weight, sex, concomitant medications, and comorbidities have to be accounted. Consider also more rare mutations which might have an influence on the Warfarin activity.

Note: The performance of the assay can be guaranteed only when used with LightCycler® Instruments (see 1.3.2 for details).

1.3 Specifications

The *LightMix® Kit VKORC1 C1173T* is an *in-vitro* diagnostic test and allows the detection of the VKORC1 C1173T single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) as demonstrated with reference samples.

1.3.1 Clinical Samples

The test requires 2 µl of purified genomic DNA in aqueous solution extracted from clinical specimen.

1.3.2 Detection range

The detection rate is from 5 to 100 ng/µl of purified genomic DNA (10 ng - 200 ng total amount), as determined by UV spectrophotometry (1 OD = 50 µg DNA/ml).

1.3.2 Instruments, Software and Productivity

One kit contains reagents for 64 reactions performed in a 10 µl volume. Each run requires including one standard and one negative control. The table below summarizes some features of the kit :

LightCycler® Instrument	Software Version (or higher)	Run Time (approx.)	Max Samples per run ⁽²⁾	Maximum Productivity of the kit ⁽³⁾	Minimum Productivity of the kit ⁽⁴⁾
LC 1.2	4.10 ⁽¹⁾	60 min	30 + 2 ctrl.	58	20
LC 1.5	4.10 ⁽¹⁾	60 min	30 + 2 ctrl.	58	20
LC 2.0	4.05	60 min	30 + 2 ctrl.	58	20
LC480 (96 wells)	1.5	100 min	94 ⁽⁵⁾ + 2 ctrl.	60	20
LC480 (384 wells)	1.5	100 min	382 ⁽⁵⁾ + 2 ctrl.	60	20
Z480 (open channel)	1.5	100 min	94 ⁽⁵⁾ + 2 ctrl.	60	20
LC96	1.6 ⁽⁶⁾	100 min	94 ⁽⁵⁾ + 2 ctrl.	60	20
Nano	1.0 ⁽⁶⁾	60 min	30 + 2 ctrl.	60	21

- 1 Running the test with the LightCycler® 1.2 or 1.5 Instruments with the software version 3.5 yields comparable results. Instruction for programming, data analysis and interpretation of results are not described in this manual. **Upgrade to version 4.10 or higher when possible.** LightCycler® software 3.5.3 does not contain the automatic genotyping module; equivalent results can be obtained by trained personnel which must analyze each sample manually.
- 2 Each run must include one heterozygous control and one No-Target Control (NTC) for a total of 2 control reactions.
- 3 The first run of the kit requires to include 4 controls to teach the genotyping module (not LC Nano, and LC96). The maximum number of samples that can be processed is reduced accordingly. Depending on local regulations, all 4 genotyping controls may have to be included in each run, reducing the total number of patient's samples that can be analyzed
- 4 Calculated considering one single clinical sample analyzed in each run.
- 5 It requires using more than one kit.
- 6 Nano LightCycler® software 1.0 and LC96 software 1.6 do not contain the automatic genotyping module, therefore it is not necessary to add two Genotyping Standards; equivalent results can be obtained by trained personnel which must analyze each sample manually.

1.4 Storage and Stability

Note the **different storage conditions** for reagents and polymerase mix !

Storage Conditions

Reagents and Controls:

Store the lyophilized reagents (PSR and Standards) protected from light and at room temperature (18°C / 25°C).

Do not freeze these dried reagents. Expiration date is printed on the kit label.

Polymerase mix :

Store the LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master HybProbe at -15°C to -25°C. See expiration date on the polymerase tube label.

Shipping:

Products are shipped at ambient temperature. Transport stability of reagents and enzyme components have been tested under shipping conditions.

2. Additional Devices and Reagents

2.1 Required

LightCycler® 2.0 Instrument

LightCycler® 2.0 Instrument
LightCycler® Software Version 4.05 or
LightCycler® Software Version 4.10 or higher
LightCycler® Capillaries (20 µl)
Or

LightCycler® 480 Instruments

LightCycler® 480 Instrument (model I)
LightCycler® 480 II Instrument
cobas z 480 Analyzer
LightCycler® Software Version 1.5 or higher
LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96 white or
LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 384 white
Or

LightCycler® 96 Instrument

LightCycler® 96 Instrument
LightCycler® Software Version 1.0 or higher
LightCycler® 480 Multiwell Plate 96 white
LightCycler® 8 tube strips (white)
Or

LightCycler® Nano Instrument

LightCycler® Nano Instrument
LightCycler® Software Version 1.0 or higher
LightCycler® Nano tubes
Or

LightCycler® 1.x Instruments

LightCycler® 1.2 and 1.5 Instruments
LightCycler® Software Version 4.10
LightCycler® Capillaries (20 µl)

Roche Diagnostics

Cat.-No. 12 011 468 001
Discontinued
Cat.-No. 04 779 584 001
Cat.-No. 11 909 339 001

Roche Diagnostics

Discontinued
Cat.-No. 05 015 278 001
Cat.-No. 05 200 881 001
Cat.-No. 04 994 884 001
Cat.-No. 04 729 692 001
Cat.-No. 04 729 749 001

Roche Diagnostics

05 815 916 001
Included with Instrument
Cat.-No. 04 729 692 001
Cat.-No. 06 612 601 001

Roche Diagnostics

Cat.-No. 06 407 773 001
Included with Instrument
Cat.-No. 06 327 672 001

Roche Diagnostics

Discontinued
Cat.-No. 04 779 584 001
Cat.-No. 11 909 339 001

2.2 Optional

LC Carousel Centrifuge 2.0 (230 Volt)
Capping Tool
Nuclease-free PCR grade water

Cat.-No. 03 709 582 001
Cat.-No. 03 357 317 001
any supplier

2.3 Sample Preparation

Manual Sample Preparation:

High Pure PCR Template Preparation Kit
Ethanol p.a.
Isopropanol p.a.

Roche Diagnostics

Cat.-No. 11 796 828 001
any supplier
any supplier

Automatic Sample Preparation:

MagNA Pure Instrument
MagNA Pure LC DNA Isolation Kit I
MagNA Pure 2.0 Instrument
MagNA Pure LC DNA Isolation Kit I
MagNA Pure Compact Instrument
MagNA Pure Compact Nucleic Acid Isolation Kit I
MagNA Pure 96 Instrument
MagNA Pure 96 DNA and Viral NA Small Volume Kit
MagNA Pure 96 IVD Instrument
MagNA Pure 96 DNA and Viral NA Small Volume Kit

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Discontinued
Cat.-No. 03 003 990 001
Cat.-No. 05 197 686 001
Cat.-No. 03 003 990 001
Cat.-No. 03 731 146 001
Cat.-No. 03 730 964 001
Cat.-No. 05 195 322 001
Cat.-No. 05 467 497 001
Cat.-No. 06 541 089 001
Cat.-No. 06 543 588 001

3. Background Information

3.1 Medical Background

Warfarin, a coumarin drug, is used to prevent thrombosis and thromboembolism. The drug elicits a dose dependent inhibition of VKORC1 protein activity.

The individual responsiveness to Warfarin is dependent on the amount of VKORC1 and the speed of the drug catabolism.

VKORC1 Activity

Vitamin K epoxide reductase complex subunit 1 (VKORC1, OMIM: 608547) is a membrane protein located in the endoplasmic reticulum of the hepatocytes. The enzyme catalyzes the rate-limiting step in Vitamin K recycling.

Warfarin reduces the availability of Vitamin K causing a decrease in the clotting factors II, VII, IX, and X and the anticoagulant proteins C and S, and thus slows or even inhibits the coagulation process.

The common VKORC1 promoter variant -1639 G>A is believed to be linked to lower protein expression. This variant is in complete linkage with at least four other variants including 1173 C>T (rs9934438, NG_011564.1:g.6399C>T) [2].

As a result, patients with the genotype VKORC1 1173 TT require lower Warfarin doses than 1173 CC and CT carriers [3].

Ethnic Groups Variations

The allele frequency of VKORC1 varies among ethnic groups. In Asian origin populations 1173 T is the major allele, in Caucasians about 40%, and in African Americans only 14%.

Warfarin Catabolism

Warfarin is metabolized by cytochrome P450 CYP2C9. Notably the bigger clinical effect is due to the presence of CYP2C9 slow-metabolizer variants, also requiring using lower Warfarin dosages

The two common slow-metabolizer CYP2C9 alleles *2 and *3 may be identified using the LightMix[®] Kit CYP 2C9.

Anticoagulation Therapy Algorithm

US-FDA and IWPC use VKORC1 and these two CYP 2C9 variants to guide the anticoagulation therapy (IWPC algorithm see: www.warfarindosing.org).

Genetic Variants and Warfarin Sensitivity

Other gene variants are known to influence the Warfarin sensitivity, but are not routinely tested for Caucasian origin individuals: VKORC1 missense mutations, CYP 24F2, EPHX1, and GGX with a role in the Vitamin-K cycle, CALU, a cofactor in VKOR complex, and in particular CYP 2C9 alleles *6 and *8 slow-metabolizer.

3.2 Methodology and Assay Principle

Using PCR methodology, a 176 bp fragment of the VKORC1 gene is amplified with specific primers. The fragment is detected with a mutation-specific detection probe internally labeled with SimpleProbe[®] 519 reagent.

SimpleProbe[®] probes are fluorescent only when bound to complement DNA.

The probe binds to a part of the amplified fragment spanning the mutation site. Any mismatch covered by the probe destabilizes the hybrid. During the melting curve analysis the temperature is slowly increased. The probe melts off at a specific melting temperature causing the fluorescence to decrease.

In this product the probe matches the sequence of the mutated 1173T variant and the presence of the WildType C1173 genotype will result a reduced T_m.

Reading of the genotype results is based on the melting temperatures compared to the supplied standards. If permitted by the instrument software reading of the genotype results can be achieved by the automated genotyping (instrument-dependent: software module 'Melt Curve Genotyping').

Automated genotyping results must be reviewed by eye for deviating curves and intermediate melting point temperatures. In case that automated typing fails to report consistent genotype results, the genotype must be deduced from the melting temperatures following the criteria described in chapter 7.

The supplied control DNA standards allow a comparison with clinical samples.

3.3 Performance Characteristics

Analytical Specificity

The specificity to the target gene and the suitability of the PCR amplification employed in the present test for the detection of the mutation site was demonstrated by direct sequencing of the generated amplicon.

Analytical Sensitivity

Detection of serial dilutions of several heterozygous human genomic DNAs has revealed that the limit of detection of the present kit is 250 copies (1.5 ng).

Diagnostic Specificity and Sensitivity

A total number of 31 different genomic DNA samples from individuals of Caucasian origin were compared with published assays [4]; moreover 12 samples were also analyzed by sequencing.

The study compared results were obtained with the kit in comparison with ABI 3730xl DNA sequencing data performed by LGC Genomics GmbH, Berlin.

Study results: Results for both analytical methods were in 100% concordance.

In particular, 5 samples (16.1 %) were homozygous CC, 13 samples (41.9 %) were heterozygous CT, and 13 samples (41.9 %) were homozygous 1173 TT.

4. Precautions and Warnings

Handling Requirements

The present product is an *in-vitro* diagnostic device and therefore must be used by qualified personnel only.

General precautions for the handling of generic laboratory materials are required.

The laboratory work-flow must conform to standard practices. Due to the risk of contamination, PCR preparation and PCR amplification must be performed in physically separated areas.

Do not mix reagents from different lots.

Do not use the reagents after the expiration date.

Use the manual version which is delivered with the kit (see kit label).

Laboratory Procedures

All materials of human origin and related waste must be considered potentially infectious. Thoroughly clean and treat all work surfaces with disinfectants approved by local authorities.

Do not eat, drink or smoke in the laboratory working area.

Do not pipet by mouth.

Wear disposable protective gloves, laboratory coats and adequate eye protection during the handling of samples and set components.

Avoid microbial or nuclease contamination of the reagents while pipetting the aliquots. The use of disposable sterile tips is essential.

Thoroughly wash your hands after handling the samples and the sets components.

Sample Preparation

Regarding proper handling and disposal refer to the safety instructions enclosed in the package insert of the product employed (see chapter 2.3).

Amplification and Detection

Before using this product, please read the LightCycler[®] Operator's Manual .

Save a sample file to identify each position for correct sample identification.

Check LightCycler[®] Instrument settings and make sure that they match those reported in the following section "PCR protocol" specific for your Instrument.

Do not touch the capillary surface or plate cover without gloves.

Please refer to all the operative and safety instructions of the LightCycler[®] Instrument.

Handling of Waste Materials

Dispose of the unused reagents and waste materials according to the current laws.

5. Programming

5.1 Color Compensation

No Color Compensation is required for use of the *LightMix® Kit VKORC1 C1173T*. Reading data with 'Color Compensation' activated will not change the readout of the results.

5.2 Capillary Based LightCycler® Instruments

For details see the LightCycler® Operator's Manual.

Programming:

The protocol consists of four program steps (Tab.1):

1. **Denaturation** of sample and activation of the enzyme
2. **Cycling** PCR-amplification of the target DNA
3. **Melting** Identification of PCR amplified DNA sequence
4. **Cooling** of the Instrument

Step:	1	2			3			4
Parameter								
Analysis Mode	None	Quantification mode			Melting Curves mode			None
Cycles	1	45			1			1
Target [°C]	95	95	60	72	95	43	75	40
Hold [hh:mm:ss]	00:10:00	00:00:05	00:00:10	00:00:15	00:00:20	00:00:20	00:00:00	00:00:30
Ramp Rate [°C/s]*	20	20	20	20	20	20	0.2	20
Sec Target [°C]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Step Size [°C]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Step Delay [cycles]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquisition Mode	None	None	Single	None	None	None	Cont.	None

* For LightCycler 1.x Instruments using software version 3.5.3 read 'Temperature Transition Rate' [°C/ s] instead of Ramp Rate.

Tab. 1: Programming of capillary based Instruments

Note:

While programming maintain default software values: channel = 530, max. samples = 32, seek temperature = 30°C and capillary size = 20 µl. Do not change the capillary size value to 100 µl. Store the program and the default values as '**RUN Template**' which can be loaded to start every run.

Just before starting the run, modify max. samples (default = 32) to the number of samples plus controls included in the run to prevent stopping of the instrument due to missing capillaries.

5.3 Roche 480 Instruments

For details see the LightCycler® Operator's Manual.

Detection Format: SimpleProbe

Note:

This kit can be run in combination with LightMix® Kit HFE H63D S65C C282Y CE (cat. 40-0340-32) following the instruction for the Detection Format and Programming described in the HFE kit manual.

Reaction Volume: 10 µl

Programming:

The protocol consists of four program steps (Tab.2):

1. **Denaturation** of sample and activation of the enzyme
2. **Cycling** PCR-amplification of the target DNA
3. **Melting** Identification of PCR amplified DNA sequence
4. **Cooling** of the Instrument

Step:	1	2			3			4
Parameter								
Analysis Mode	None	Quantification mode			Melting Curves mode			None
Cycles	1	45			1			1
Target [°C]	95	95	60	72	95	43	75	40
Acquisition Mode	None	None	Single	None	None	None	Cont.	None
Hold [hh:mm:ss]	00:10:00	00:00:05	00:00:10	00:00:15	00:00:30	00:02:00	00:00:00	00:00:30
Ramp Rate [C° s] 96	4.4	4.4	2.2	4.4	4.4	1.5	0.29	1.5
Ramp Rate [C° s] 384	4.6	4.6	2.4	4.6	4.6	2.0	0.29	2.0
Acquisitions [per °C]	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Sec Target [°C]	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Step Size [°C]	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Step Delay [cycles]	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-

Tab. 2: Programming of LightCycler® 480 Instruments (96 well and 384 well formats) and cobas z 480 Analyzer

Note:

- a) Store the program and the default values as '**RUN Template**' which can be loaded to start every run.
- b) Ensure to program **2 acquisitions per second** instead the default value 5; more acquisitions reduce the slope of the melting curve, increase experiment time and cause kit malfunction.

5.4 LightCycler® 96 Instrument

For details see the LightCycler® Operator's Manual.

Measurement:

Detection Format: 470/514 FAM			General
Quant Factor	Melt Factor	Integration Time (S)	Volumes (µl)
10.00	1.20	Dynamic	10

Profile:

The protocol consists of four program steps (Tab.3):

1. **Preincubation** of sample and activation of the enzyme
2. **Step Amplification** PCR-amplification of the target DNA
3. **Melting** Identification of PCR amplified DNA sequence
4. **Cooling** of the Instrument

Step:	1	2			3			4
Parameter								
Cycles	1	45			1			1
Ramp [°C/ s]	4.4	4.4	2.2	4.4	4.4	1.5	0.20	1.5
Duration [s]	600	5	10	15	30	120	1	30
Target [°C]	95	95	60	72	95	43	75	40
Mode		Standard	Standard	Standard				
Acquisition Mode	None	None	Single	None	None	None	Cont.	None
Readings /°C							5	

Tab. 3: Programming of LightCycler® 96 Instrument

Note: Store the program and the default values as 'Experiment file' which can be loaded to start every run.

5.5 LightCycler® Nano Instrument

For details see the LightCycler® Operator's Manual.

Run Setting / Optical setting

Intercalating Dyes

Normal Quality

Profile:

The protocol consists of four program steps (Tab.4):

1. **Denaturation** of sample and activation of the enzyme
2. **Cycling** PCR-amplification of the target DNA
3. **Denaturation** of amplified PCR product.
4. **Melting** Identification of PCR amplified DNA sequence

Step:	1	2			3	4	
Parameter							
Name	Hold	3 Step Amplification			Hold	Melting Stage	
						Initial Stage	Final Stage
Cycles		45					
Temp [°C]	95	95	60	72	95	43	75
Ramp (°C/s)	5	5	4	5	5	4	0.2
Hold (s)	600	10	15	20	30	120	1
Acquire			√				

Tab. 4: Programming of LightCycler® Nano Instrument

Note:

Store the program and the default values as '**Experiment file**' which can be loaded to start every run.

6. Experimental Protocol

Program the Instrument before preparing the solutions (see 5. Programming and read the LightCycler® Operator's Manual for details).

The described performance of the assay can be guaranteed only when used with Roche Diagnostics LightCycler® systems.

6.1 Sample Preparation



For preparation of genomic DNA use human peripheral blood (EDTA, citrate). The use of heparin is strongly discouraged since this anticoagulant might interfere with the PCR.

Perform nucleic acid purification using the High Pure PCR Template Preparation Kit or the MagNA Pure LC Instruments using the extraction kit appropriate to the MagNA Pure Instrument used (see 2. Additional Devices and Reagents) as described in the respective protocols.

In the depicted assays (7.5. Reading of the Results) the DNA was manually extracted from 200 µl of blood using the High Pure PCR Template Preparation Kit following the manufacturer's instructions; 100 µl of elution buffer were used for the final elution of the purified DNA from the column.

6.2 Reagents Preparation

6.2.1 Preparation of the LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master

1	Keep LightCycler® FastStart Enzyme 1a cold.
2	Thaw the LightCycler® FastStart Reaction Mix 1b by warming up the tube at 30°-35°C for 3 - 5 minutes.
3	Quickly spin tubes to collect drops.
4 	The solution must be free of particles. Inspect carefully the side of the tube, if particles are present repeat from step 3.
5	Add 60 µl of 1b to the vial 1a .
6 	Mix the solution carefully with a pipette. Do not vortex! Avoid the production of bubbles.
7	Spin the tubes to collect drops.
8	Use reagent to prepare the Reaction Mix (6.3).
9	Store left over reagent at 4°C.

6.2.2 Preparation of Parameter-Specific Reagents (PSR)

▶	Each PSR reagent tube is sufficient for 64 reactions.
1	Spin the premixed PSR tube at 10,000 RPM for 1 minute.
2	Check that the pellet is located at the bottom.
3	To each PSR tube add 66 µl of PCR-grade Water .
4	Incubate for 20 sec at room temperature.
5	Vortex for 10 sec.
6	Spin the tubes to collect drops.

▶ Use 1 µl of **PSR** reagent for a 10 µl PCR reaction.

6.2.3 Preparation of Positive Control

▶	HT Positive Control tube is sufficient for 40 reactions.
1	Spin the tube at 10,000 RPM for 1 minute.
2	Check that the blue pellet is located at the bottom of the tube.
3	Dissolve pellet by adding 80 µl PCR-grade Water .
4	Incubate for 20 sec at room temperature.
5	Vortex for 10 sec.
6	Spin the tubes to collect drops.

▶ Use 2 µl of **Positive Control** for a 10 µl PCR reaction.

▶ **Positive Control** must be used in each run.

Please note: Opening the vials may cause contaminations of the work-space (aerosol).

6.2.4 Preparation of Genotyping Standards

The LightCycler[®] software 4.05 and later (capillary based instruments) and software 1.5 (LightCycler[®]480 instruments) can be calibrated with reference standards to perform an automated genotyping of unknown clinical samples.

▶	If not used, keep the Genotyping Standards lyophilized; dispose reagents when the kit is used up or after reaching the expiration date.
1	Spin the WT and MT Genotyping Standard tubes at 10,000 RPM for 1 minute.
2	Check that the blue pellet is located at the bottom of the tube.
3	Dissolve pellet by adding 80 µl PCR-grade Water .
4	Incubate for 20 sec at room temperature.
5	Vortex for 10 sec.
6	Spin the tubes to collect drops.

▶ Use 2 µl of **WT** and **MT Genotyping Standard** for a 10 µl PCR reaction.

▶ Both **Genotyping Standards** must be used in the first run of the kit to calibrate the genotyping module.


Please note: Opening the vials may cause contaminations of the work-space (aerosol).

6.3 Preparation of the Reaction Mix

6.3.1 Preparation of 64 LightCycler[®] Reaction Mix

We recommend preparing 64 reactions to prevent storage of dissolved or activated reagents in varying volumes (6.2). See chapter 6.4 for storage and stability of dilute components. For the preparation of reaction mix for less samples, please go to step 6.3.2 “Reaction mix for single reaction”.

Prepare the reaction mix in the PSR reagent tube (cooled):

Components	64 reactions
To the PSR tube (red cap) already containing	66.0 µl
Add:	
H ₂ O, PCR-grade (colorless cap)	343.2 µl
Mg ²⁺ solution 25 mM (blue cap)	52.8 µl
LightCycler [®] FastStart DNA Master HybProbe (red cap), see 6.2.1	66.0 µl
 Substitute of the “long neck cap” of the PSR tube with the red cap from FastStart	
Total Volume	528.0 µl

Tab. 5: Volumes of components for preparing 64 reaction mixture

6.3.2 Preparation of the Single LightCycler® Reaction Mix

Prepare the reaction mix by multiplying each volume (Tab. 6) by the number of biological samples to be analyzed plus three reactions (Negative Control, **Positive Control**, one excess) and (optionally) two **Genotyping Standards**.

Prepare the reaction mix in a cooled vial:

Components	Single reaction
H ₂ O, PCR-grade (colorless cap)	5.2 µl
Mg ²⁺ solution 25 mM (blue cap)	0.8 µl
PSR (red cap), see 6.2.2	1.0 µl
LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master HybProbe (red cap), see 6.2.1	1.0 µl
Volume of reaction mix	8.0 µl

Tab. 6: Volumes of components for preparing a single reaction mixture



Gently pipette up and down the reaction mix
A high percentage of experimental failure are
due to a non-homogeneous reaction mix!



6.3.3 Capillary / Well Loading Procedure

Each run must include one Negative Control (**NTC**) to demonstrate the absence of contaminations with genomic DNA or VKORC1 PCR product and **Positive Control** to identify run specific melting temperatures. Regulatory agencies or local laboratory rules might require including also the two Genotyping Standards.

Capillary / Well Loading Procedure

▶	Remember to include the controls when setting up the run.
1	Mix gently, spin down and check for the absence of air bubbles in the reaction mix vial.
2	Dispense 8 µl per capillary/well of reaction mix.
3	Mandatory: Add 2 µl of NTC Negative Control in position 1 (A1). Use PCR-grade H₂O
	Add 2 µl of HT Positive Control in position 2 (A2).
	Optional*: Add 2 µl of WT Genotyping Standard in position 3 (A3). Add 2 µl of MT Genotyping Standard in position 4 (A4).
4	Add 2 µl of Sample in the remaining capillaries / wells.
5	Close the capillary/plate and centrifuge. Check that no air bubbles are present.
6	Place the rotor/plate into the LightCycler® Instrument.
7	Capillary-based users only: input number of samples.
8	Start the run.
9	Input experiment's name when instructed.
10	Save sample data in the samples' window.

* See section 6.5 for the Sample loading and Genotyping Standards calibration.

6.4 Storage and Stability of Diluted Components

Reaction Mix

The complete reaction mix containing Parameter-Specific Reagents (**PSR**), LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master HybProbe and MgCl₂ can be stored refrigerated (4°C - 8°C) for 30 days.

Avoid prolonged exposure to light.

Parameter Specific Reagents (PSR)

Once diluted, store **PSR** refrigerated at 4°C - 8°C for up to 30 days.

Avoid prolonged exposure to light.

LightCycler® FastStart DNA Master HybProbe

The combined **FastStart** DNA Master HybProbe master mix (1a+1b) can be stored refrigerated (4°C - 8°C) for 30 days.

Positive Control

The dissolved **Positive Control** is stable for 30 days when stored refrigerated (4°C - 8°C).

Genotyping Standards

The dissolved **Genotyping Standard** is stable for 30 days when stored refrigerated (4°C - 8°C).

6.5 Loading of Controls and Genotyping Standards

Samples in positions 1 to 2 (A1 to A2) must be filled in each run as described in the table below.



Genotype results are based on melting temperatures.

The use of the automated genotyping module present in the LightCycler® 2.0 and LightCycler® 480 software is optional.

Samples in positions 3 to 4 (plate: A3 to A4) are required for teaching of Genotyping Standards only in the first run of the kit.

Refer to LightCycler® Operator's Manual for details.

6.5.1 Capillary Based Instruments

In "Samples data - Capillary View", input Sample Name as described in the second column.

Select "Analysis Type – Genotyping". Select Channel 530 and deselect all others. From the pull down menu select "Sample Type" and copy the "Genotype" description:

Pos	Sample Name	Channel	Target Name	Sample Type	Genotype
1	NTC	530	Target 1	Negative Control	
2	HT	530	Target 1	Melting Standard	VKORC1 C1173T Heterozygous
3	WT	530	Target 1	Melting Standard	VKORC1 C1173 WildType
4	MT	530	Target 1	Melting Standard	VKORC1 1173T Mutant

6.5.2 LightCycler® 480 Instruments

In the "Sample Editor" window, in "Step1: Select Workflow" section, select "Melt Geno". Filter combination 465-510. Input the description of **Positive Control** and **Genotyping Standards** as follows:

Pos	Sample Name	Melt Geno Sample Type	Melt Geno Genotype
1	NTC	Negative Control	
2	HT	Melting Standard	VKORC1 C1173T Heterozygous
3	WT	Melting Standard	VKORC1 C1173 WildType
4	MT	Melting Standard	VKORC1 1173T Mutant

6.5.3 LightCycler® 96 Instrument

In the “Sample Editor” window input, as described below, the description of **Positive Control** and optionally **Genotyping Standards** in:

Table View

Color	Position	Sample Name	Sample Type	Dye
	A1	NTC	Unknown	FAM
	A2	HT	Unknown	FAM
	A3	WT	Unknown	FAM
	A4	MT	Unknown	FAM

Leave empty all other not described cells.

6.5.4 LightCycler® Nano Instrument

Samples:

Input, as shown below, the description of **Positive Control** and optionally **Genotyping Standards** into the “Samples” window; input name and select Dye into the “Target” window:

Samples:

Color	Name	Note
	NTC	
	HT	
	WT	
	MT	

Target:

Color	Name	Dye	Reference
	channel 530	FAM	

Well as table

Pos	#	Note	Sample	FAM	Type
A1	1		NTC	channel 530	U
A2	2		HT	channel 530	U
A3	3		WT	channel 530	U
A4	4		MT	channel 530	U

7. Data Analysis and Interpretation

7.1 Limits and Interferences

The present assay is specific for the VKORC1 C1173T DNA. No interferences for this assay are known.

7.2 Calibration

Calibration has to be performed following the procedure described in 6.2.4, 6.3.3, 6.5, 7.3.2 and 7.3.3.

7.3 Quality Control – Acceptance Criteria

In order to perform a reliable genotyping analysis, it is essential that Negative Control **NTC** and **HT** Positive Control are included in each run.

NOTE: The test is performed at an annealing temperature of 60°C at which the probes will not bind well, yielding low or even no signals in 'quantification'. For this reason, the acceptance criteria are based only on the definition of the melting-curve patterns as described below.

7.3.1 Negative Control

NTC Negative Control (Mandatory - position 1).

Melting-curve analysis of the Negative Control must provide a negative result: no assay-specific melting peaks (see 7.3.2) must be detected.

In case that the **NTC** should report one or more specific peaks (compare signal with sample results to avoid that the software enlarges background noise to window size suggesting the presence of melting peaks), a contamination or a pipetting error has occurred; the session is not valid and the procedure has to be repeated. If the problem sustains, change water and/or reagents and repeat. Feel free to ask for assistance at service@tib-molbiol.de.

In case a peak is detected at an unspecific temperature (see paragraph 7.3.4), the software might incorrectly identify it as positive, causing automatic genotyping impossible (LightCycler® 480 software 1.5 reports : “*Sample NTC in position A1 is a negative control not in the negative group*”).

In this case - to enable the automatic genotyping – change the NTC sample from “Negative Control” to “Unknown” (see 6.5 Sample loading and calibration of Genotyping Standards); alternatively, results must be read from the melting temperatures (see 7.3.4 **Samples** and 7.6 **Interpretation of the Results**).

7.3.2 Positive Control DNA

Melting-curve analysis should always show:

HT Positive Control (Mandatory - position 2).

Melting-curve analysis must always show two melting peaks in channel 530.

HT is mimicking an **Heterozygous** clinical samples.

See 7.6 **Interpretation of the Results** for expected melting temperature and variation allowed.

7.3.3 Genotyping Standards DNA

Melting-curve analysis should always show:

WT Genotyping Standard (Optional - position 3).

Melting-curve analysis must always show one single melting peak in channel 530

WT is mimicking a homozygous **WildType** clinical sample.

MT Genotyping Standard (Optional – position 4).

Melting-curve analysis must always show one single melting peak in channel 530.

MT is mimicking an homozygous **Mutant** clinical samples.

Melting temperature and variation allowed are described in **7.6 Interpretation of the Results**.

7.3.4 Samples

The result of the present assay must always show one or two melting peaks.

 No more than two peaks per sample are expected.

The melting peak profiles must be conformable to the acceptance criteria described in the present chapter and expected melting temperature and variation allowed as described in **7.6 Interpretation of results**. Otherwise, the result is not valid and the whole procedure has to be repeated (sample preparation, amplification and detection).



Before repeating a run consider common errors; check in particular the amplification profile, correct master-mix and MgCl₂ concentration used, and keep in mind that also inadequate storage of reagents may cause a failure of the device.


7.3.5 Abnormal Melting Curves

If an abnormal melting curve persists, it can be due to a defect in the product or can be caused by other variations (mutations) in the probe binding region. In the latter case another method must be used for identification of the sequence.

Submit the PCR fragment for DNA sequencing to confirm the sequence or identify any unknown mutations. Report deviations to service@tib-molbiol.de

Feel free to send deviant melting samples to the Berlin laboratories to confirm the obtained results and/or identify other mutations by DNA sequencing.

7.4 Saving External Genotyping Standards

 Not applicable for LC1.x software versions below 4.0, LightCycler[®]96 and Nano Instruments).

After the genotyping analysis, if samples 1 to 4 comply with the acceptance criteria (see **7.3 Quality Control – Acceptance Criteria**), save the Genotyping Standards as follows and use External Standard in all successive runs.

7.4.1 Capillary Based Instruments

In the Melting Curve analysis - Genotyping window open the “Standard (Int)” menu and select “Save standards as External”.

7.4.2 Roche 480 Instruments

In the Melt Curve Genotyping analysis window open the “Standards (In-run)” menu and select “Save as ext.”

7.5 Reading the Results

Perform data analysis as described in the LightCycler[®] Operator's Manuals.

7.5.1 Typical Data for Amplification

The **amplification curves do not contain any analytical information** (see section 7.3 Quality Control – Acceptance Criteria), but, nevertheless, an example from LightCycler[®] 2.0 is depicted below (Fig. 1).

The PCR has been performed with approximately 100 ng of genomic DNA from samples previously sequenced, one Negative Control **NTC**, **Positive Control**, and **Genotyping Standards**.

View data for amplification as follows:

LC 2.0 Instrument (or LC1.x with software versions 4.1):

View amplification in channel 530, "Absolute Quantification" analysis mode.

480 Instruments:

View amplification data in "Abs Quant/2nd Derivative Max" analysis mode.

For use in LightCycler[®] 480 Instrument select channel 483-533.

For use in LightCycler[®] 480 II Instrument select channel 465-510.

For use in in cobas z 480 Analyzer select channel 465-510.

LC 96 Instrument:

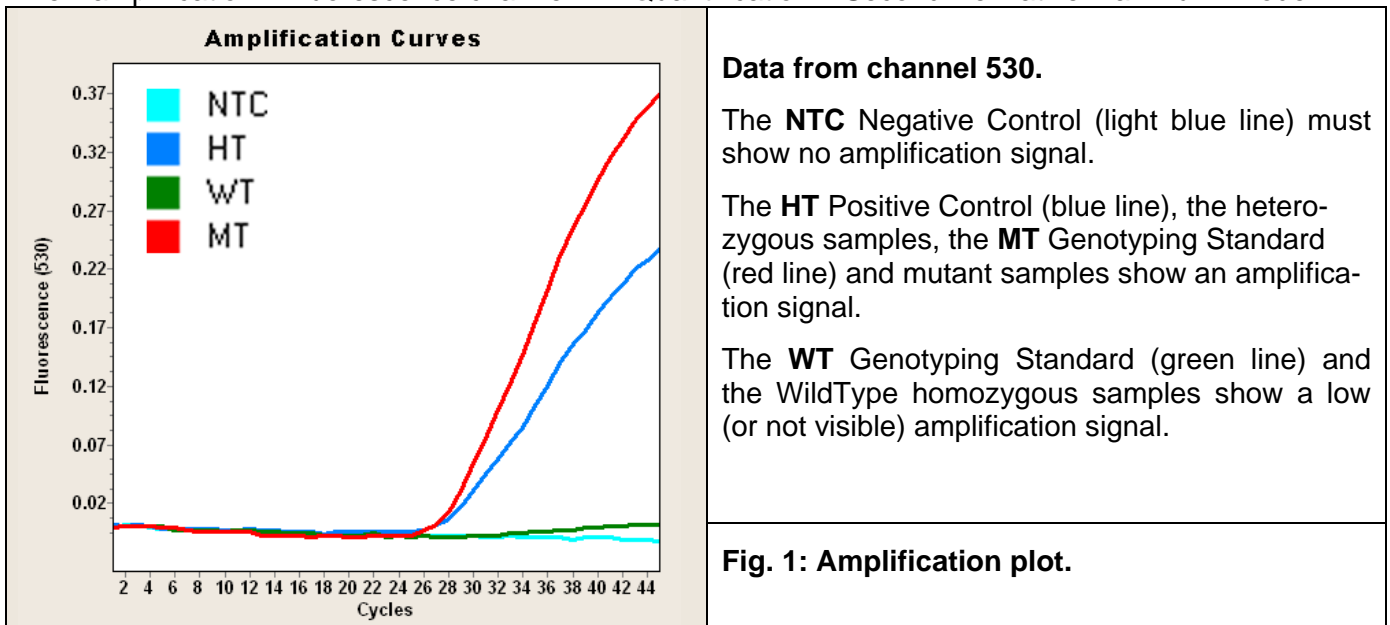
View amplification in "Abs Quant" analysis mode.

LC Nano Instrument:

View amplification in "Automatic Quantification" mode.

LC1.x, software versions 3.5:

View amplification in fluorescence channel F1 "Quantification – Second Derivative Maximum" mode.



7.5.2 Melting Analysis: Capillary Based Instruments

The melting-curve peaks (Fig. 2) discriminate among wild type, heterozygous and homozygous mutant genotypes.

View data for Melting as follows:

LC 2.0 Instrument (or LC1.x with software versions 4.1):

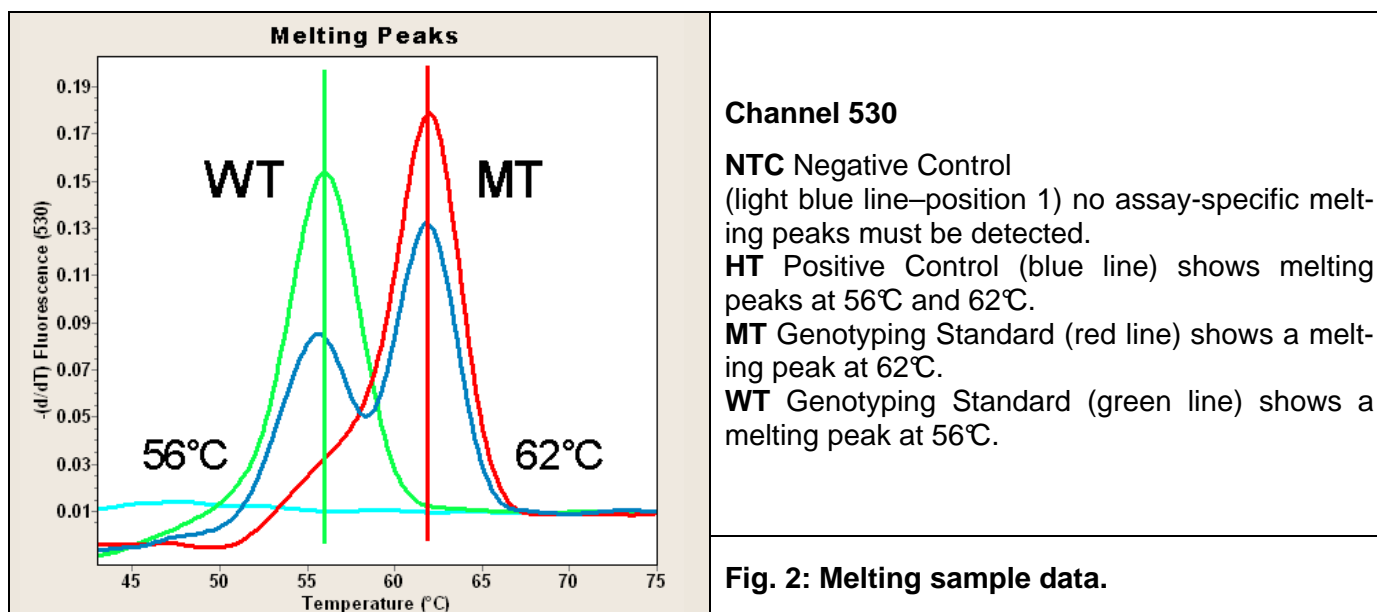
View Melting data in channel 530.

Analysis Type "Melting Curve Analysis – Genotyping" mode.

LC1.x, software version 3.5.3

View Melting data in channel F1 instead of channel 530.

"Melting Curve" mode.



Interpretation of the Results

Genotype:	homozygote VKORC1 C1173	heterozygote VKORC1 C1173T	homozygote VKORC1 1173T
Number of melting peaks	1	2	1
Melting temperature of peaks	56°C	56°C and 62°C	62°C
Temperature difference between peaks	---	6°C	---
Phenotype	Asymptomatic	Combined with CYP2C9 *1/*2 or *2/*3 increased Coumarin Sensitivity	Increased Coumarin Sensitivity

Tab. 7: Typical analysis results

Note:

The values of the melting temperatures (T_m) may vary $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ between different instruments/runs. The ΔT between the melting peaks for heterozygous genotypes may vary $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$.

In case of variations see instructions: **7.3.5 Abnormal Melting Curves.**



In case of automatic genotype module failure (score < 0.6 or $\text{res} < 0.4$), switch to manual identification of melting curve (T_m calling) and compare results with table above or use table 11 in chapter 7.6. **Interpretation of the Results.**

7.5.3 Melting Analysis: Roche 480 Instruments

The melting-curve peaks (Fig. 3) discriminate among wild type, heterozygous and homozygous mutant genotypes.

View data for Melting as follows:

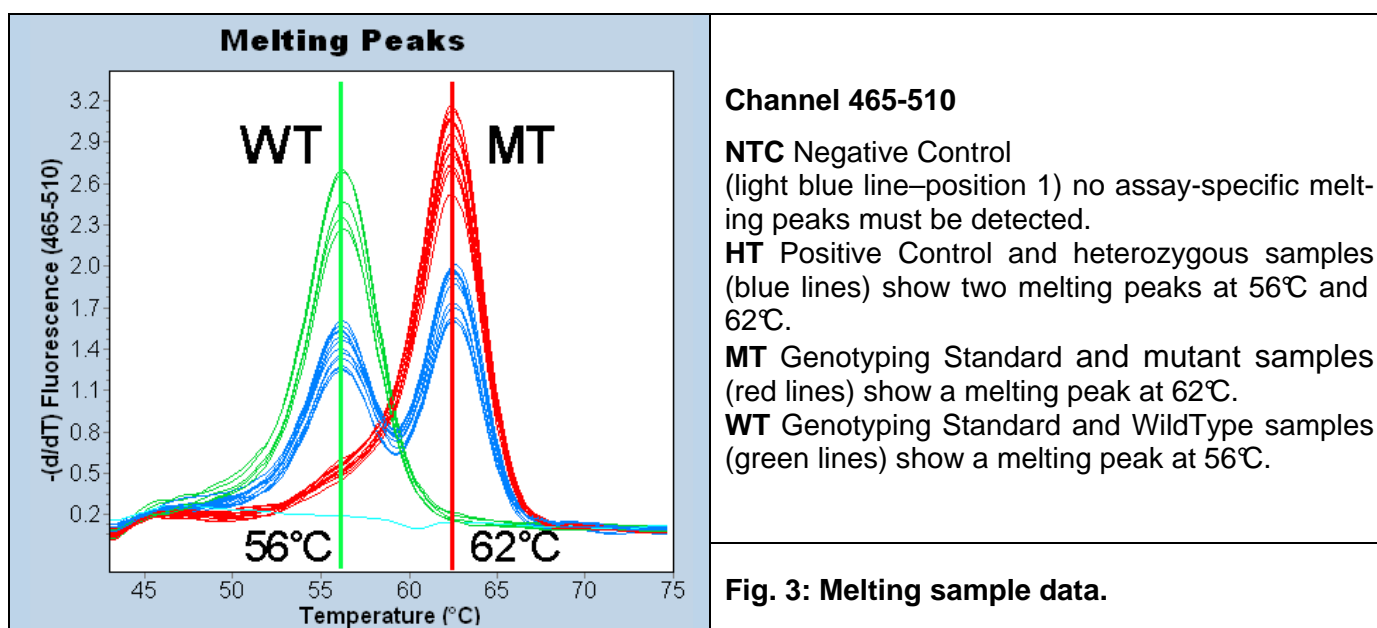
LC 480 Instruments:

For use in LightCycler® 480 Instrument view Melting data in channel 483-533.

For use in LightCycler® 480 II Instrument view Melting data in channel 465-510.

For use in cobas z 480 Analyzer view Melting data in channel 465-510.

“Melt Curve Genotyping” mode.



Interpretation of the Results

Genotype:	homozygote VKORC1 C1173	heterozygote VKORC1 C1173T	homozygote VKORC1 1173T
Number of melting peaks	1	2	1
Melting temperature of peaks	56°C	56°C and 62°C	62°C
Temperature difference between peaks	---	6°C	---
Phenotype	Asymptomatic	Combined with CYP2C9 *1/*2 or *2/*3 increased Coumarin Sensitivity	Increased Coumarin Sensitivity

Tab. 8: Typical analysis results

Note:

The values of the melting temperatures (T_m) may vary $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ between different instruments/runs.

The ΔT between the melting peaks for heterozygous genotypes may vary $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$.

In case of variations see instructions: **7.3.5 Abnormal Melting Curves.**



In case of automatic genotype module failure (score < 0.6 or res < 0.4), switch to manual identification of melting curve (T_m calling) and compare results with table above or use table 11 in chapter 7.6. **Interpretation of the Results.**

7.5.4 Melting Analysis: LightCycler® 96 Instrument

The melting-curve peaks (Fig. 4) discriminate among wild type, heterozygous and homozygous mutant genotypes.

Add Analysis: **Tm Calling**

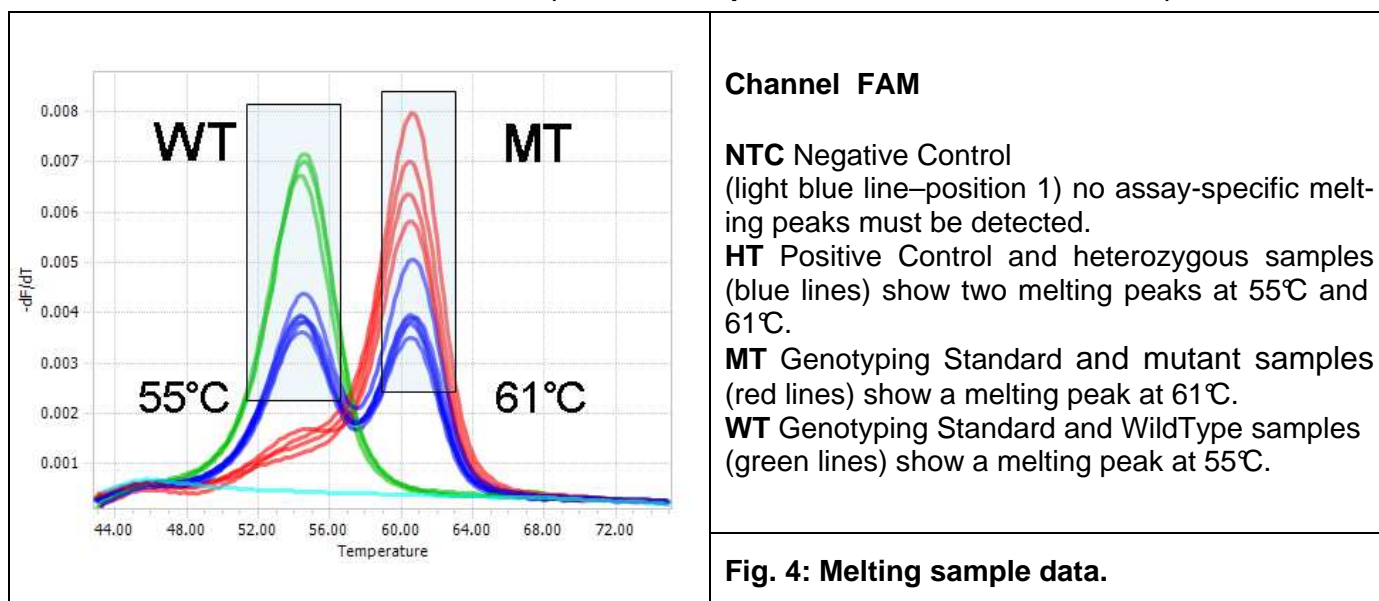
View data in: **Melting peak**

Select peaks by using the: **Area marker tool**

Note : The LightCycler® 96 Instrument needs a manual input to mark the region which shall be used for determining the melting peak; if the peak is not contained in the box (marker tool) the software will not report a Tm value.

Visually analyze the melting curve of each patient in comparison with the melting curve of **Positive Control**.

Use also table 9 below or table 11 in chapter 7.6. **Interpretation of the Results** for comparison.



Interpretation of the Results

Genotype:	homozygote VKORC1 C1173	heterozygote VKORC1 C1173T	homozygote VKORC1 1173T
Number of melting peaks	1	2	1
Melting temperature of peaks	55°C	55°C and 61°C	61°C
Temperature difference between peaks	---	6°C	---
Phenotype	Asymptomatic	Combined with CYP2C9 *1/*2 or *2/*3 increased Coumarin Sensitivity	Increased Coumarin Sensitivity

Tab. 9: Typical analysis results

Note:

The values of the melting temperatures (Tm) may vary $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ between different instruments/runs.

The ΔT between the melting peaks for heterozygous genotypes may vary $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$.

In case of variations see instructions: **7.3.5 Abnormal Melting Curves.**

7.5.5 Melting Analysis: LightCycler® Nano Instrument

The melting-curve peaks (Fig. 5) discriminate among wild type, heterozygous and homozygous mutant genotypes.

View data for Melting as follows:

Analysis

In window: **Select Analysis**

Select: Tm Calling

In window: **Setting**

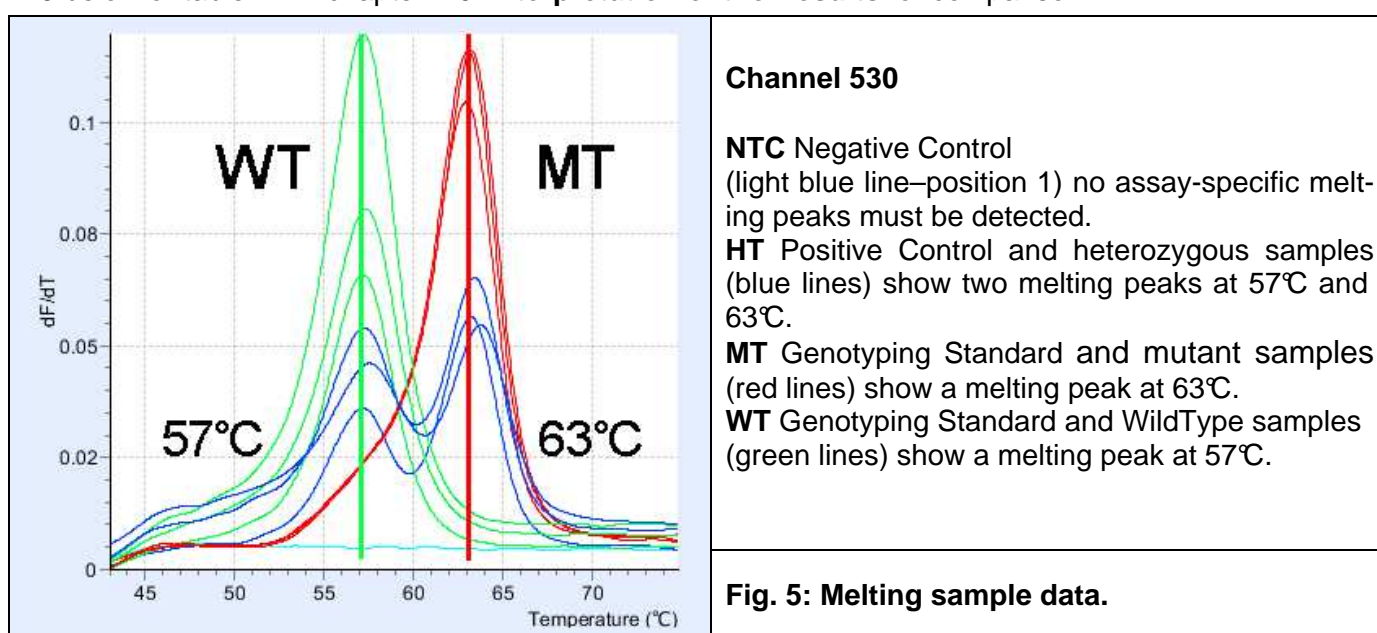
Select: Use negative Derivative “Yes”

Select: Noise Reduction Range (°C) = 1

Select: Target: Channel 530

Melt Peaks

Manually compare the melting curve of each patient with the melting curve of Standards and use table 10 below or table 11 in chapter 7.6. **Interpretation of the Results** for comparison.



Interpretation of the Results

Genotype:	homozygote VKORC1 C1173	heterozygote VKORC1 C1173T	homozygote VKORC1 1173T
Number of melting peaks	1	2	1
Melting temperature of peaks	57°C	57°C and 63°C	63°C
Temperature difference between peaks	---	6°C	---
Phenotype	Asymptomatic	Combined with CYP2C9 *1/*2 or *2/*3 increased Coumarin Sensitivity	Increased Coumarin Sensitivity

Tab. 10: Typical analysis results

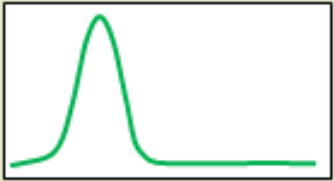
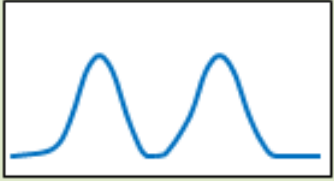
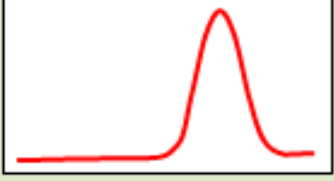
Note:

The values of the melting temperatures (Tm) may vary $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ between different instruments/runs. The ΔT between the melting peaks for heterozygous genotypes may vary $\pm 1.5^\circ\text{C}$.

In case of variations see instructions: **7.3.5 Abnormal Melting Curves.**

7.6. Interpretation of the Results

In case of automatic genotype module failure, switch to manual identification of melting curve (T_m calling) and compare results

VKORC C1173T Melting peak(s)		VKORC1 Genotypes	Metabolizers Phenotype
C1173	1173T		
Melting Peaks  530 Temperature (°C)		VKORC1 C1173 wild type	Normal Warfarin Dosage unless there are CYP2C9 or other gene mutations
55 - 57	-		
Melting Peaks  530 Temperature (°C)		VKORC1 C1173T	Only combined with certain CYP2C9 alleles slightly increased Coumarin Sensitivity
55 - 57	61 - 63		
Melting Peaks  530 Temperature (°C)		VKORC1 1173T	Increased Coumarin Sensitivity (additive to CYP2C9)
-	61 - 63		
ΔTm 6°C			Tab. 11: Typical analysis results



Variation of the melting temperatures allowed:

- ±0.5°C between samples of the same genotype
- ±1.5°C between genotyping standard and biological samples
- ±1.5°C of ΔT between the melting peaks for heterozygous genotypes
- ±1.5°C between the melting peaks with the same genotype between runs
- ±5.0°C between temperatures reported in the cartoon above and the local instruments. This variation are instrument dependent: always refer to the temperature obtained with the **Positive Control** included in the run

Compare your results with the known allele frequency.

In Caucasians the allele frequency for the T allele is = 0,3558, thus expect about 13% of T and 41% C homozygous results.

In case of variations see instructions: **7.3.5 Abnormal Melting Curves**

8. Troubleshooting

Instrument specific codes:	Capillary based instruments	LightCycler® 480 instruments
	LightCycler® Nano	LightCycler® 96 instrument
Event	Possible Reason	Solution
No sample detected	No centrifugation	Centrifuge capillary
All negative PCRs	Incorrect selection of detection channel	Set correct channel before analyzing
	Incorrect amplification protocol	Check instrument program
Inconsistent baseline among various samples	Incorrect pipetting	Ensure homogeneity of mix quantity in each sample
	Non homogenous reaction mix	Pipette reaction mix up and down 10 x with a clean 200µl tip before distribution in reaction vessel
	Multiwell plate badly sealed	Ensure that multiwell plate is properly sealed
Baseline "Saw teeth like"	Bubble in the well	Centrifuge plate before run
	Bubble in the well	Centrifuge plate before run
	Incorrect positioning of capillary in the carousel	Firmly press capillary in the carousel
No signal in the Positive Control	Error while setting the instrument	Check the position settings of the Positive Control
	Incorrect PSR / MgCl ₂ concentration	Repeat assay
	Positive Control or standard degradation	Use a new aliquot of Positive Control or standard
Positive signal in NTC Negative Control	Error while setting the instrument	Check the position settings of the Negative Control
	Dispensing error	Comply with the work sheet when dispensing samples, Negative Controls, Positive Controls and standards
	Dispensing error	Always change tips among samples
	Dispensing error	Avoid spilling the contents of the sample test tube
	Contamination of the PCR- grade water.	Use a new aliquot of PCR- grade water
	Contamination of the reaction mix	Use new aliquots of reagents to prepare the reaction mix
	Contamination of the extraction/preparation area for amplification reactions	Clean surfaces and instruments with aqueous detergents, wash lab coats, replace test tubes and tips in use
	Contamination of the extraction/preparation area for amplification reactions	Add LightCycler® Uracil-DNA Glycosylase (Cat.-No.03 539 806 001) to the reaction mix according to instructions
No signal in samples	Low DNA amount	Check DNA concentration
	Sample inhibition	Dilute sample and repeat PCR, or repeat extraction and PCR, or add Positive Control and repeat
Melting curve outside the expected temperature range	With peaks TM concordant with Positive Control: Incorrect reagent concentration	Manually assign results accordingly to Positive Control
	With peaks TM discordant with Positive Control: Possible extraction inhibitor	Repeat assay diluting the DNA 1:3
	With peaks TM discordant with Positive Control: Possible different mutation	Repeat assay by sequencing and report unexpected variant to service@tib-molbiol.de

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