

Product Description SALSA® MLPA® Probemix P388-A2 AGS

To be used with the MLPA General Protocol.

Version A2

For complete product history see page 8.

Catalogue numbers:

- P388-025R: SALSA MLPA Probemix P388 AGS, 25 reactions.
- **P388-050R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P388 AGS, 50 reactions.
- P388-100R: SALSA MLPA Probemix P388 AGS, 100 reactions.

To be used in combination with a SALSA MLPA reagent kit and Coffalyser.Net data analysis software. MLPA reagent kits are either provided with FAM or Cy5.0 dye-labelled PCR primer, suitable for Applied Biosystems and Beckman/SCIEX capillary sequencers, respectively (see www.mrcholland.com).

Certificate of Analysis

Information regarding storage conditions, quality tests, and a sample electropherogram from the current sales lot is available at www.mrcholland.com.

Precautions and warnings

For professional use only. Always consult the most recent product description AND the MLPA General Protocol before use: www.mrcholland.com. It is the responsibility of the user to be aware of the latest scientific knowledge of the application before drawing any conclusions from findings generated with this product.

General information

The SALSA MLPA Probemix P388 AGS is a **research use only (RUO)** assay for the detection of deletions or duplications in the *TREX1*, *RNASEH2B*, *RNASEH2C*, *RNASEH2A*, and *SAMHD1* genes, which are associated with Aicardi-Goutières Syndrome (AGS).

AGS is a genetically determined encephalopathy, characterised by calcification of the basal ganglia and white matter, demyelination and raised levels of lymphocytes in the cerebrospinal fluid. AGS is a heterogeneous disorder. To date mutations in several genes are linked to AGS, including *TREX1*, *RNASEH2B*, *RNASEH2C*, *RNASEH2A*, and *SAMHD1*. These are known as AGS1, AGS2, AGS3, AGS4 and AGS5, respectively. More recently, two additional genes (*ADAR1* and *IFIH1*) have been described in AGS patients. Probes for these genes are not present in this probemix.

More information is available at https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1475/.

This SALSA MLPA probemix is not CE/FDA registered for use in diagnostic procedures. Purchase of this product includes a limited license for research purposes.

Gene structure and transcript variants:

Entrez Gene shows transcript variants of each gene: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=gene For NM_ mRNA reference sequences: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=nucleotide Locus Reference Genomic (LRG) database: http://www.lrg-sequence.org/

Exon numbering

The *TREX1*, *RNASEH2B*, *RNASEH2C*, *RNASEH2A*, and *SAMHD1* exon numbering used in this P388-A2 AGS product description is the exon numbering from the LRG_282, LRG_279, LRG_280, LRG_278, and LRG_281 sequences, respectively. The *TREX1* exon numbering has changed; the exon numbering used in previous versions of this product description can be found in between brackets in Table 2. From description version 02 onwards, we have adopted the LRG sequence exon numbering. The exon numbering of the NM_ sequence that was used for determining a probe's ligation site does not always correspond to the exon numbering obtained



from the LRG sequences. As changes to the databases can occur after release of this product description, the NM_ sequence and exon numbering may not be up-to-date.

Probemix content

The SALSA MLPA Probemix P388-A2 AGS contains 48 MLPA probes with amplification products between 130 and 504 nucleotides (nt). This includes 40 probes targeting the aforementioned genes. In addition, eight reference probes are included that detect autosomal chromosomal locations. Complete probe sequences and the identity of the genes detected by the reference probes are available online (www.mrcholland.com).

This probemix contains nine quality control fragments generating amplification products between 64 and 105 nt: four DNA Quantity fragments (Q-fragments), two DNA Denaturation fragments (D-fragments), one Benchmark fragment, and one chromosome X and one chromosome Y-specific fragment (see table below). More information on how to interpret observations on these control fragments can be found in the MLPA General Protocol and online at www.mrcholland.com.

Length (nt)	Name		
64-70-76-82	Q-fragments (only visible with <100 ng sample DNA)		
88-96	-fragments (low signal indicates incomplete denaturation)		
92	Benchmark fragment		
100	X-fragment (X chromosome specific)		
105	Y-fragment (Y chromosome specific)		

MLPA technique

The principles of the MLPA technique (Schouten et al. 2002) are described in the MLPA General Protocol (www.mrcholland.com).

MLPA technique validation

Internal validation of the MLPA technique using 16 DNA samples from healthy individuals is required, in particular when using MLPA for the first time, or when changing the sample handling procedure, DNA extraction method or instruments used. This validation experiment should result in a standard deviation ≤ 0.10 for all probes over the experiment.

Required specimens

Extracted DNA free from impurities known to affect MLPA reactions. For more information please refer to the section on DNA sample treatment found in the MLPA General Protocol.

Reference samples

A sufficient number (≥3) of reference samples should be included in each MLPA experiment for data normalisation. All samples tested, including reference DNA samples, should be derived from the same tissue type, handled using the same procedure, and prepared using the same DNA extraction method when possible. Reference samples should be derived from different unrelated individuals who are from families without a history of AGS. More information regarding the selection and use of reference samples can be found in the MLPA General Protocol (www.mrcholland.com).

Positive control DNA samples

MRC Holland cannot provide positive DNA samples. Inclusion of a positive sample in each experiment is recommended. Coriell Institute (https://catalog.coriell.org) and Leibniz Institute DSMZ (https://www.dsmz.de/) have diverse collections of biological resources which may be used as positive control DNA samples in your MLPA experiments. The quality of cell lines can change; therefore samples should be validated before use.

Data analysis

Coffalyser.Net software should be used for data analysis in combination with the appropriate lot-specific MLPA Coffalyser sheet. For both, the latest version should be used. Coffalyser.Net software is freely

downloadable at www.mrcholland.com. Use of other non-proprietary software may lead to inconclusive or false results. For more details on MLPA quality control and data analysis, including normalisation, see the Coffalyser.Net Reference Manual.

Interpretation of results

The standard deviation of each individual probe over all the reference samples should be ≤ 0.10 and the final ratio (FR) of each individual reference probe in the patient samples should be between 0.80 and 1.20. When these criteria are fulfilled, the following cut-off values for the FR of the probes can be used to interpret MLPA results for autosomal chromosomes or pseudo-autosomal regions:

Copy number status	Final ratio (FR)
Normal	0.80 < FR < 1.20
Homozygous deletion	FR = 0
Heterozygous deletion	0.40 < FR < 0.65
Heterozygous duplication	1.30 < FR < 1.65
Heterozygous triplication/homozygous duplication	1.75 < FR < 2.15
Ambiguous copy number	All other values

Note: The term "dosage quotient", used in older product description versions, has been replaced by "final ratio" to become consistent with the terminology of the Coffalyser.Net software. (Calculations, cut-offs and interpretation remain unchanged.) Please note that the Coffalyser.Net software also shows arbitrary borders as part of the statistical analysis of results obtained in an experiment. As such, arbitrary borders are different from the final ratio cut-off values shown here above.

- <u>Arranging probes</u> according to chromosomal location facilitates interpretation of the results and may reveal more subtle changes such as those observed in mosaic cases. Analysis of parental samples may be necessary for correct interpretation of complex results.
- <u>False positive results</u>: Please note that abnormalities detected by a single probe (or multiple consecutive probes) still have a considerable chance of being a false positive result. Sequence changes (e.g. SNVs, point mutations) in the target sequence detected by a probe can be one cause. Incomplete DNA denaturation (e.g. due to salt contamination) can also lead to a decreased probe signal, in particular for probes located in or near a GC-rich region. The use of an additional purification step or an alternative DNA extraction method may resolve such cases. Additionally, contamination of DNA samples with cDNA or PCR amplicons of individual exons can lead to an increased probe signal (Varga et al. 2012). Analysis of an independently collected secondary DNA sample can exclude these kinds of contamination artefacts.
- <u>Normal copy number variation</u> in healthy individuals is described in the database of genomic variants: <u>http://dgv.tcag.ca/dgv/app/home</u>. Users should always consult the latest update of the database and scientific literature when interpreting their findings.
- Not all abnormalities detected by MLPA are pathogenic. In some genes, intragenic deletions are known that result in very mild or no disease (as described for *DMD* by Schwartz et al. 2007). For many genes, more than one transcript variant exists. Copy number changes of exons that are not present in all transcript variants may not have clinical significance. Duplications that include the first or last exon of a gene (e.g. exons 1-3) might not result in inactivation of that gene copy.
- <u>Copy number changes detected by reference probes</u> or flanking probes are unlikely to have any relation to the condition tested for.
- <u>False results can be obtained if one or more peaks are off-scale</u>. For example, a duplication of one or more exons can be obscured when peaks are off-scale, resulting in a false negative result. The risk on off-scale peaks is higher when probemixes are used that contain a relatively low number of probes. Coffalyser.Net software warns for off-scale peaks while other software does not. If one or more peaks are off-scale, rerun the PCR products using either: a lower injection voltage or a shorter injection time, or a reduced amount of sample by diluting PCR products.

Limitations of the procedure

- In most populations, the major cause of genetic defects in the aforementioned genes are small (point) mutations, none of which will be detected by using SALSA MLPA Probemix P388 AGS.
- MLPA cannot detect any changes that lie outside the target sequence of the probes and will not detect copy number neutral inversions or translocations. Even when MLPA did not detect any aberrations, the possibility remains that biological changes in that gene or chromosomal region *do* exist but remain undetected.
- Sequence changes (e.g. SNVs, point mutations) in the target sequence detected by a probe can cause false
 positive results. Mutations/SNVs (even when >20 nt from the probe ligation site) can reduce the probe
 signal by preventing ligation of the probe oligonucleotides or by destabilising the binding of a probe
 oligonucleotide to the sample DNA.

Confirmation of results

Copy number changes detected by only a single probe always require confirmation by another method. An apparent deletion detected by a single probe can be due to e.g. a mutation/polymorphism that prevents ligation or destabilises the binding of probe oligonucleotides to the DNA sample. Sequence analysis can establish whether mutations or polymorphisms are present in the probe target sequence. The finding of a heterozygous mutation or polymorphism indicates that two different alleles of the sequence are present in the sample DNA and that a false positive MLPA result was obtained.

Copy number changes detected by more than one consecutive probe should be confirmed by another independent technique such as long range PCR, qPCR, array CGH or Southern blotting, whenever possible. Deletions/duplications of more than 50 kb in length can often be confirmed by FISH.

LOVD mutation database

https://databases.lovd.nl/shared/genes/. We strongly encourage users to deposit positive results in the Leiden Open Variation Database (LOVD). Recommendations for the nomenclature to describe deletions/duplications of one or more exons can be found on http://varnomen.hgvs.org/.

Please report copy number changes detected by the reference probes, false positive results due to SNVs and unusual results (e.g., a duplication of *SAMHD1* exons 4 and 6 but not exon 5) to MRC Holland: info@mrcholland.com.



Table 1. SALSA MLPA Probemix P388-A2 AGS

Length	SALSA MLPA probe	Chromosomal position (hg18) ^a					
(nt)	SALSA WEFA PIODE	Reference	TREX1	SAMHD1	RNASEH2B	RNASEH2C	RNASEH2A
64-105	Control fragments – see table in probemix	content see	ction for m	ore informat	ion		
130	Reference probe 00797-L13645	5q					
142	SAMHD1 probe 16251-L18543			Exon 10			
148	RNASEH2B probe 16252-L18544				Exon 5		
155	RNASEH2A probe 16253-L18545						Exon 3
160	SAMHD1 probe 16254-L19129			Exon 8			
167	RNASEH2B probe 16255-L19128				Exon 2		
172	Reference probe 14464-L16184	4q					
178	SAMHD1 probe 16256-L18548			Exon 2			
184	RNASEH2A probe 16257-L18549						Exon 7
190	RNASEH2C probe 16258-L18550					Exon 2	
196	TREX1 probe 16259-L18551		Exon 2				
202	RNASEH2B probe 16260-L18552				Exon 8		
208	SAMHD1 probe 16261-L18553			Exon 9			
214	Reference probe 13265-L15166	1р					
220	RNASEH2A probe 16262-L18554						Exon 8
226 Ж	RNASEH2A probe 17002-SP0338-L18583						Exon 2
232	RNASEH2B probe 16264-L18556				Exon 10		
238	RNASEH2A probe 16265-L18557						Exon 4
244	SAMHD1 probe 16266-L19130			Exon 13			
250	SAMHD1 probe 16267-L18559			Exon 3			
262 Ж	SAMHD1 probe 16268-SP0335-L18560			Exon 7			
269	RNASEH2A probe 16269-L19283						Exon 1
274	SAMHD1 probe 16270-L18562			Exon 11			
283	RNASEH2B probe 16271-L18563				Exon 3		
292 Ж	RNASEH2C probe 16272-SP0336-L18564					Exon 3	
301	RNASEH2B probe 16273-L18565				Exon 7		
310	Reference probe 10689-L11271	бр					
319	SAMHD1 probe 16274-L18566			Exon 12			
326	RNASEH2A probe 16275-L18567						Exon 5
337	RNASEH2B probe 16276-L18568				Exon 1		
346	SAMHD1 probe 16277-L18569			Exon 15			
355	RNASEH2B probe 16278-L19474				Exon 4		
364	SAMHD1 probe 16279-L18571			Exon 5	-		
373	Reference probe 08878-L08934	2р					
382 Ж	RNASEH2B probe 16280-SP0337-L18572	F			Exon 6		
390	SAMHD1 probe 16281-L18573			Exon 14			
400	RNASEH2C probe 16282-L18574					Exon 1	
409	RNASEH2B probe 16283-L18575				Exon 9		
418	RNASEH2C probe 16284-L18576					Exon 4	
427	SAMHD1 probe 17000-L18555			Exon 6			
436	Reference probe 10634-L11182	8q					
445	RNASEH2B probe 16286-L18578	- 7			Exon 11	+	
453	SAMHD1 probe 16287-L18579			Exon 1			
463	Reference probe 14308-L15978	15q					
472	TREX1 probe 16289-L18581	• • • •	Exon 2				
481	SAMHD1 probe 16299-L18582			Exon 4			
492	SAMHD1 probe 170230 E10002			Exon 16			
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^a See section Exon numbering on page 1 for more information.



X This probe consists of three parts and has two ligation sites. A low signal of this probe can be due to depurination of the sample DNA, e.g. due to insufficient buffering capacity or a prolonged denaturation time. When this occurs in reference samples, it can look like an increased signal in the test samples.

SNVs located in the target sequence of a probe can influence probe hybridization and/or probe ligation. Single probe aberration(s) must be confirmed by another method.

Table 2. P388-A2 probes arranged according to chromosomal location

Table 2a. TREX1 (AGS1)

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	TREX1 exon ^a	Ligation site NM_033629.6	<u>Partial</u> sequence ^b (24 nt adjacent to ligation site)	Distance to next probe
		start codon	107-109 (Exon 2)		
472	16289-L18581	Exon 2 (1)	364-365	GAGATCACAGGT-CTGAGCACAGCT	0.3 kb
196	16259-L18551	Exon 2 (1)	665-666	ACACTCGCCTGT-ATGGGCAGTCCC	
		stop codon	1049-1051 (Exon 2)		

Table 2b. RNASEH2B (AGS2)

Length	SALSA MLPA	RNASEH2B	Ligation site	Partial sequence ^b (24 nt	Distance to
(nt)	probe	exonª	NM_024570.4	adjacent to ligation site)	next probe
		start codon	287-289 (Exon 1)		
337	16276-L18568	Exon 1	132-133	CTCGGAAACGAA-ACGAAATTCGGT	17.4 kb
167	16255-L19128	Exon 2	47 nt before exon 2	AAGGTGAGCAAC-AAAACAGCTGTG	2.3 kb
283	16271-L18563	Exon 3	38 nt after exon 3	TAACTAAACACA-TACTCCAGCTTT	1.1 kb
355	16278-L19474	Exon 4	601-602	ATAAAGGCTGAT-AAGGAGGTGAGT	4.1 kb
148	16252-L18544	Exon 5	16 nt before exon 5	CTTGCTTTCCAA-CTAACTGTTTTT	8.6 kb
382 Ж	16280-SP0337-	Exon 6	104 nt & 146 nt after	TCTTGTATATTC-42 nt spanning	2.0 kb
302 /K	L18572	EXONO	exon 6	oligo -GAAGGCTTTGAC	2.0 KU
301	16273-L18565	Exon 7	869-870	CAACTGCATTTT-TCTCTGGTGACC	2.6 kb
202	16260-L18552	Exon 8	44 nt after exon 8	ACCATTTGCTTC-TTGGTTTCCCCA	1.4 kb
409	16283-L18575	Exon 9	20 nt after exon 9,	CCCCCAAAGATA-TCTTAGTCACAG	4.4 kb
409	10283-L18575 EX0119	reverse	CCCCCAAAGATATCTTAGTCACAG	4.4 KU	
232	16264-L18556	Exon 10	1043-1044	TAAAGTTATCAG-ATGAGCCTGTAG	2.6 kb
445	16286-L18578	Exon 11	1298-1299	TGACTGTTAATG-ACTACCTTTGGT	
		stop codon	1223-1225 (Exon 11)		

Table 2c. RNASEH2C (AGS3)

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	RNASEH2C exonª	Ligation site NM_032193.4	<u>Partial</u> sequence ^b (24 nt adjacent to ligation site)	Distance to next probe
		start codon	41-43 (Exon 1)		
400	16282-L18574	Exon 1	84 nt before exon 1	AAGGGGACTACA-CTTCCCGTGAAG	0.6 kb
190 #	16258-L18550	Exon 2	336-337	GCCAGACCCCTT-GCGGGATTCCGG	0.2 kb
292 Ж	16272-SP0336- L18564	Exon 3	390-391 & 414-415	CCTTCCCCAGGA-24 nt spanning oligo -CTTCAGCCGCTT	0.4 kb
418	16284-L18576	Exon 4	600-601	CTTTGGAACCGA-TTCCATCACCCC	
		stop codon	533-535 (Exon 4)		



Table 2d. RNASEH2A (AGS4)

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	RNASEH2A exonª	Ligation site NM_006397.3	<u>Partial</u> sequence ^b (24 nt adjacent to ligation site)	Distance to next probe
		start codon	91-93 (Exon 1)		
269	16269-L19283	Exon 1	45-46	CCGAGACCCGCT-CCTGCAGTATTA	0.4 kb
226 Ж	17002-SP0338- L18583	Exon 2	241-242 & 265-266	ACGCCATCTGTT-24 nt spanning oligo -ATCTGGAGGCGC	0.2 kb
155	16253-L18545	Exon 3	352-353	AGGACACGGACT-TTGTCGGCTGGG	0.2 kb
238	16265-L18557	Exon 4	447-448	CTGTCACATGAT-ACAGCCACTGGG	2.7 kb
326	16275-L18567	Exon 5	590-591	GGTCAAGGCCAA-AGCAGATGCCCT	2.9 kb
	No probe	Exon 6			
184	16257-L18549	Exon 7	21 nt before exon 7	CTTGGACTGTCA-CCATTGCCCACC	0.3 kb
220	16262-L18554	Exon 8	897-898	AGGAAGATCACA-TCCTACTTCCTC	
		stop codon	988-990 (Exon 8)		

Table 2e. SAMHD1 (AGS5)

Length	SALSA MLPA	SAMHD1	Ligation site	Partial sequence ^b (24 nt	Distance to
(nt)	probe	exon ^a	NM_015474.4	adjacent to ligation site)	next probe
		start codon	66-68 (Exon 1)		
453	16287-L18579	Exon 1	195-196	CCGACTACAAGA-CATGGGGTCCGG	4.8 kb
178	16256-L18548	Exon 2	33 nt after exon 2	CACGTTATAACC-AAACACACTTTA	5.6 kb
250	16267-L18559	Exon 3	383-384	TATATCCAGCGA-TTGGTTCAAATC	6.0 kb
481	16290-L18582	Exon 4	487-488	TACACCTCAATT-TCAACGTCTTCG	4.3 kb
364	16279-L18571	Exon 5	650-651	AGTGAACGAGAT-GTTCTCTGTGTT	3.6 kb
427	17000-L18555	Exon 6	722-723	ATGTTTGATGGA-CGATTTATTCCA	7.8 kb
262 Ж	16268-SP0335- L18560	Exon 7	810-811 & 843-844	TTAATTCTAATG-33 nt spanning oligo -TCCCTGAAGAAG	2.4 kb
160	16254-L19129	Exon 8	942-943	GGCGTCCTGAAA-ACAAAAGCTTCC	0.3 kb
208	16261-L18553	Exon 9	1102-1103	AGTAGACAATGA-GTTGCGTATTTG	4.2 kb
142	16251-L18543	Exon 10	1173-1174	GCAACTCTTTAC-ACCGTAGAGCTT	1.3 kb
274	16270-L18562	Exon 11	1315-1316	TGACGACATGGA-AGCCTATACTAA	5.8 kb
319	16274-L18566	Exon 12	1385-1386	AAATTGAAAGAC-GCACGAGAGATT	1.2 kb
244	16266-L19130	Exon 13	1514-1515	GTTGCCAGTGCT-AAACCCAAAGTA	5.8 kb
390	16281-L18573	Exon 14	1654-1655	CAACAGAGCAAT-CAGGATTACTAA	0.5 kb
346	16277-L18569	Exon 15	38 nt before exon 15	CTCCAATGTGTG-ACTTCAAGGTGA	5.6 kb
492	17001-L18577	Exon 16	2525-2526	CCCTGTCACCTC-AAGTTTGAGGAT	
		stop codon	1944-1946 (Exon 16)		

^a See section Exon numbering on page 1 for more information.

^b Only partial probe sequences are shown. Complete probe sequences are available at www.mrcholland.com. Please notify us of any mistakes: info@mrcholland.com.

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This probe's specificity relies on a single nucleotide difference compared to a related gene or pseudogene. As a result, an apparent duplication of only this probe can be the result of a non-significant single nucleotide sequence change in the related gene or pseudogene.

SNVs located in the target sequence of a probe can influence probe hybridization and/or probe ligation. Single probe aberration(s) must be confirmed by another method.



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P388 produ	P388 product history			
Version	Modification			
A2	Three reference probes have been replaced compared to version A1.			
A1	A1 First release.			

Implemented changes in the product description

Version A2-02 - 22 September 2022 (04P)

- Product description rewritten and adapted to a new template.
- Exon numbering of the *TREX1* has been changed.
- Ligation sites of the probes targeting the *TREX1*, *RNASEH2B*, *RNASEH2C*, *RNASEH2A*, and *SAMHD1* genes updated according to new version of the NM_ reference sequence.
- Warning added to Table 2 for probe specificity relying on a single nucleotide difference between target gene and related gene or pseudogene.
- Version A2-01 21 February 2019 (01P)
- Product description restructured and adapted to a new template.
- Transcript variant for TREX1 has been updated from NM_016381.3 to NM_033629.6.

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