

Product Description

SALSA® MLPA® Probemix P455-A1 LZTR1

To be used with the MLPA General Protocol.

Version A1

Catalogue numbers:

- **P455-025R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P455 LZTR1, 25 reactions.
- **P455-050R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P455 LZTR1, 50 reactions.
- **P455-100R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P455 LZTR1, 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 P455 LZTR1 is a **research use only (RUO)** assay for the detection of deletions or duplications in the *LZTR1* gene, which is associated with schwannomatosis.

Schwannomatosis (MIM 162091), the third major form of neurofibromatosis, is a late-onset tumour predisposition disorder that is clinically and genetically distinct from neurofibromatosis types 1 (MIM 162200) and 2 (MIM 101000). In approximately 50% of the schwannomatosis cases, germline mutations in *SMARCB1* have been identified (Smith et al. 2012). Genetic analysis of the schwannomas showed that mutation of *SMARCB1* is often followed by loss of heterozygosity at the 22q region and subsequent mutation of the *NF2* gene. Together, these three events result in biallelic loss of the *SMARCB1* and *NF2* tumour suppressor genes in the schwannomas. In 22q-related schwannomatosis cases without constitutional *SMARCB1* mutations, Piotrowski identified germline mutations in *LZTR1* (Piotrowski et al. 2014). Mutations in *LZTR1* may account for up to 80% of the schwannomatosis cases lacking mutations in *SMARCB1*.

More information is available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK487394/>.

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 *LZTR1* exon numbering used in this P455-A1 LZTR1 product description is the exon numbering from the LRG_989 sequence. 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 P455-A1 LZTR1 contains 45 MLPA probes with amplification products between 124 and 500 nucleotides (nt). This includes 20 probes for the *LZTR1* gene, one probe for each exon with the exception of exons 4 and 17 and two probes for exon 21. Furthermore, this probemix also contains 11 flanking probes targeting the 22q11 and 22q12 chromosomal regions surrounding *LZTR1* gene. In addition, 14 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	D-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 schwannomatosis. 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.

- Arranging probes 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.
- False positive results: 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.
- Normal copy number variation in healthy individuals is described in the database of genomic variants: <http://dgv.tcag.ca/dgv/app/home>. 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.
- Copy number changes detected by reference probes or flanking probes are unlikely to have any relation to the condition tested for.
- False results can be obtained if one or more peaks are off-scale. 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 *LZTR1* gene are small (point) mutations, most of which will not be detected by using SALSA MLPA Probemix P455 LZTR1.
- 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.

LZTR1 mutation database

<https://databases.lovd.nl/shared/genes/LZTR1>. 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 *LZTR1* exons 8 and 10 but not exon 9) to MRC Holland: info@mrcholland.com.

Table 1. SALSA MLPA Probemix P455-A1 LZTR1

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	Chromosomal position (hg18) ^a		
		Reference	LZTR1	Flanking
64-105	Control fragments – see table in probemix content section for more information			
124	Reference probe 18709-L21056	5q		
131	Reference probe 16316-L22397	3q		
136	Reference probe 10995-L11666	4q		
153 ~	THAP7 probe 20047-L27123			Telomeric
161 ~	KLHL22 probe 20041-L05815			Centromeric
166	LZTR1 probe 19994-L27073		Exon 6	
172	LZTR1 probe 19995-L27440		Exon 10	
178	LZTR1 probe 19996-L27075		Exon 15	
184 ~	RIMBP3C probe 20042-L05796			Telomeric
190	Reference probe 08838-L08898	2p		
196	Reference probe 18049-L22439	16q		
202	LZTR1 probe 19997-L27076		Exon 2	
214	LZTR1 probe 19999-L27078		Exon 8	
220 Ж	LZTR1 probe 20000-SP0909-L27079		Exon 21	
226 ~	CRKL probe 20043-L20997			Centromeric
232	Reference probe 16428-L25931	18q		
244	LZTR1 probe 20001-L27442		Exon 19	
250	LZTR1 probe 20002-L27081		Exon 12	
256 Ж	LZTR1 probe 20003-SP0910-L27443		Exon 21	
265	LZTR1 probe 20004-L27083		Exon 1	
275 ~	SNAP29 probe 20044-L23315			Centromeric
280	Reference probe 13350-L26120	9q		
288	Reference probe 13393-L26813	6q		
301 Ж	LZTR1 probe 20005-SP0911-L27084		Exon 5	
310	LZTR1 probe 20006-L27085		Exon 11	
318	LZTR1 probe 20007-L27086		Exon 20	
326	LZTR1 probe 20008-L27087		Exon 13	
334 Ж ~	THAP7 probe 20048-SP0915-L27124			Telomeric
346 ~	MYH9 probe 18630-L23987			Telomeric
355	Reference probe 05991-L05416	20p		
364	LZTR1 probe 20009-L27088		Exon 7	
373	LZTR1 probe 20010-L27089		Exon 18	
390 Ж	LZTR1 probe 20012-SP0912-L27750		Exon 14	
400 ~	CRKL probe 20045-L16112			Centromeric
409	Reference probe 08906-L20708	11p		
417	Reference probe 13817-L15311	2q		
427 ~	HIC2 probe 20046-L15009			Telomeric
436	LZTR1 probe 20013-L27092		Exon 9	
444 Ж	LZTR1 probe 20014-SP0913-L27093		Exon 16	
454	LZTR1 probe 20015-L27094		Exon 3	
463 ~	THAP7 probe 20049-L27125			Telomeric
474 ~	LARGE probe 12461-L13462			Telomeric
481	Reference probe 14909-L05359	18p		
494	Reference probe 19137-L26747	21q		
500	Reference probe 19675-L26275	4p		

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

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- Flanking probe. Included to help determine the extent of a deletion/duplication. Copy number alterations of only the flanking or reference probes are unlikely to be related to the condition tested.

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. LZTR1 probes arranged according to chromosomal location

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	LZTR1 exon ^a	Ligation site NM_006767.4	Partial sequence ^b (24 nt adjacent to ligation site)	Distance to next probe
161 -	20041-L05815	<i>KLHL22</i>		TCTTCGATGTTG-TGCTGGTGGTGG	392.1 kb
275 -	20044-L23315	<i>SNAP29</i>		GTATCCACTTAC-CTGTATCATCCA	36.8 kb
226 -	20043-L20997	<i>CRKL</i> Exon 1		GGTTCGACTCCT-CGGACCGCTCCG	32.0 kb
400 -	20045-L16112	<i>CRKL</i> Exon 3		ATTGCCGAAGTC-CAGCTTTCTGCA	32.6 kb
		<i>start codon</i>	76-78 (Exon 1)		
265	20004-L27083	Exon 1	257-258	CCCGCCCTGCGA-CGAGTTCGTGGG	0.5 kb
202	19997-L27076	Exon 2	316-317	AAGATGCCATTT-ATGTATTTGGTG	2.8 kb
454	20015-L27094	Exon 3	359-360	GCTCAATGACCT-CCTGCGGTTCTGA	2.3 kb
	No Probe	Exon 4			
301 Ж	20005-SP0911-L27084	Exon 5	1 nt and 34 nt after exon 5	ATTGAAGGACGG-33 nt spanning oligo-GGGTCCTGGGTG	0.7 kb
166	19994-L27073	Exon 6	603-604	GTCGCTAGGTCA-GCCCATGGGGCC	0.8 kb
364	20009-L27088	Exon 7	14 nt before exon 7	GTCCTCACTGGT-CTGTCTAATAC	0.8 kb
214	19999-L27078	Exon 8	764-765	ATCTTGCTGCAA-CTTCCCCGTGGC	1.2 kb
436	20013-L27092	Exon 9	868-869	GTACCCCCAGGT-GGACACGCATCC	0.7 kb
172	19995-L27440	Exon 10	1224-intron 10	CCTGCCTCGGAG-GTACAGGCTGGG	0.5 kb
310	20006-L27085	Exon 11	1269-1270	GTCATCTCGGAC-GCCATGTACATC	0.8 kb
250	20002-L27081	Exon 12	1350-1351	TCCTGTTACCCT-AAATGCACGCTG	0.3 kb
326	20008-L27087	Exon 13	1455-1456	CAGGGCCACGTA-GCCATTGTCACA	0.1 kb
390 Ж	20012-SP0912-L27750	Exon 14	17 nt before exon 14 and 1534-1535	GGTGTCTTGAG-27 nt spanning oligo-AGGAGGCCGCC	0.5 kb
178	19996-L27075	Exon 15	1741-1742	AACTGGCACTGA-GCTTCCAGTTGT	0.3 kb
444 Ж	20014-SP0913-L27093	Exon 16	1883-1884 and 1922-1923	GAACTTCGTGGT-39 nt spanning oligo-GTTCGAGCGCCT	1.1 kb
	No Probe	Exon 17			
373	20010-L27089	Exon 18	2150-2151	CTGCAGCTACTT-TGAAGCCATGTT	0.7 kb
244	20001-L27442	Exon 19	2303-2304	CAGCTACTTGTG-TGCGGCCCCCTA	0.3 kb
318	20007-L27086	Exon 20	2472-2473	ATTGTGCACCAG-TTCACCAAGGTC	0.5 kb
220 Ж	20000-SP0909-L27079	Exon 21	2705-2706 and 2732-2733	GTGCACCTGCCA-27 nt spanning oligo-CCAAAGAGAGCT	1.4 kb
256 Ж	20003-SP0910-L27443	Exon 21	4120-4121 and 4146-4147	TGGCTCTGCCA-26 nt spanning oligo-CCCTCCTGGAGG	1.9 kb
		<i>stop codon</i>	2596-2598 (Exon 21)		
463 -	20049-L27125	<i>THAP7</i> Exon 3		CTTTCTCCAAGT-TGCGCCGGACAA	1.2 kb
153 -	20047-L27123	<i>THAP7</i> Exon 1		TCTTTCCAGAT-GCCGCGTCACTG	0.2 kb
334 Ж -	20048-SP0915-L27124	<i>THAP7</i> Exon 1		CGCAGCAATGGC-29 nt spanning oligo-AGAGAATCGGCT	443.1 kb
427 -	20046-L15009	<i>HIC2</i>		GTTCCAGCAGAT-CTTGGACTTCAT	117.7 kb
184 -	20042-L05796	<i>RIMBP3C</i>		CTGGGCCCAAGG-CCTAATAGGTGA	12.2 Mb
474 -	12461-L13462	<i>LARGE</i>		ATCTCCAGTGCT-AAGAACTCAGGC	2.5 Mb
346 -	18630-L23987	<i>MYH9</i>		CAGCTGAACTCG-TTTGAGCAGCTG	

^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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Related SALSA MLPA probemixes

P044 NF2	Contains probes for the <i>NF2</i> gene, involved in Neurofibromatosis type 2.
P081/P082 NF1	Contains probes for the <i>NF1</i> gene, involved in Neurofibromatosis type 1.
P250 DiGeorge	Contains probes for the 22q11 region, used for primary screening of this region.
P258 SMARCB1	Contains probes for the <i>SMARCB1</i> gene. Deletions and mutations in <i>SMARCB1</i> are associated with malignant rhabdoid tumours and schwannomatosis.
P295 SPRED1	Contains probes for the <i>SPRED1</i> gene, involved in Neurofibromatosis type I-like syndrome.

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P455 product history	
Version	Modification
A1	First release.

Implemented changes in the product description

Version A1-01 – 14 May 2021 (04P)

- Product description rewritten and adapted to a new template.
- Ligation sites of the probes targeting the *LZTR1* gene updated according to new version of the NM_ reference sequence.


Version 02 – 12 October 2017 (55)

- Product description adapted to a new lot (lot number added, small changes in Table 1 and Table 2, new picture included).

Version 01 – 05 February 2015 (54)

- Not applicable, new document.

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