

PMA Real-Time PCR Bacterial Viability Kit – *Staphylococcus aureus* (mecA)

A kit designed to perform viability PCR on MRSA. It contains the viability PCR dye PMA and primers to amplify the *mecA* gene.



Product attributes

Viability dye	PMA
Storage Conditions	Store at -10 to -35 °C
Assay type/options	Live/dead discrimination, Viability PCR
Detection method/readout	PCR/qPCR

Product Description

This kit is designed to perform viability PCR on Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. It contains the viability PCR dye PMA and primers to amplify the *mecA* gene.

About this kit

Staphylococcus aureus is an anaerobic gram negative bacterium that can cause a variety of infections in humans, and methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* is a rising cause of hospital-acquired infections. The *mecA* gene confers methicillin-resistance in *S. aureus* and other methicillin-resistant bacterial species. The *mecA* primers included in the kit have been used for detection of methicillin-resistant *S. aureus*, and have been validated for qPCR using Biotium's Forget-Me-Not™ EvaGreen® qPCR Master Mix. Note that the *mecA* primers are not specific to *S. aureus*, because *mecA* is expressed by other methicillin-resistant bacteria. Biotium also offers the [Staphylococcus aureus \(nuc\) PMA-PCR kit](#), which includes primers against the *S. aureus*-specific *nuc* gene, expressed by methicillin-susceptible and methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* strains.

To learn more about the advantages of determining bacterial viability using viability PCR, visit the [Viability PCR Technology Page](#).

Strain-Specific Bacterial Viability PCR Kits

Bacteria Strain	Gene name	Kit with PMA (catalog #)	Kit with PMAxx™ (catalog #)
Salmonella enterica	invA	31033	31033-X
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	groEL2	31034	N/A
Staphylococcus aureus	nuc	31035	N/A
MRSA	mecA	31036	N/A
E. coli O157:H7	Z3276	31037	31037-X
E. coli	uidA	31050	31050-X
Listeria monocytogenes	hly	31051	31051-X
Legionella pneumophila	mip	31053	N/A

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References

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