

1. DESCRIPTION

The causal agent of avian aspergillosis is a filamentous fungal pathogen; *Aspergillus fumigatus*, although *A. flavus*, *A. niger*, *A. nidulans*, and *A. terreus* may cause the disease as well. Fungal infection occurs in acute and chronic forms. The acute form primarily occurs in young birds and newly imported birds and is the result of exposure to a large number of spores. The chronic form is more likely to occur in older birds that have been in captivity. Aspergillosis spores are widespread in the environment and many birds may carry them in their lungs and air sacs until immunosuppression or stress triggers clinical disease. Aspergillosis has been diagnosed in a variety of captive and free-living species of birds. The fungus is ubiquitous in the environment and flourishes in rotting vegetation and decaying organic material. In the acute form, anorexia, dyspnea, or sudden death may occur. White, mucoid exudation, marked congestion of the lungs and air sacs, and pneumonic nodules may be present. In the chronic form, dyspnea, voice change, lethargy, depression, emaciation, polydipsia, and polyuria may occur. Extensive involvement of the respiratory tract can be present before clinical signs are apparent. Ataxia and paralysis occur if the central nervous system is affected.

VetPCR™ ASP.FUMI Detection Kit is the direct detection of *Aspergillus fumigatus* on the basis of a genetic database, so it can diagnose very fast and accurately. It can amplify only specific gene using the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) method, and take only 3 hours for detection. Therefore, it is a very fast, accurate and reliable technique.

2. STORAGE

The components of VetPCR™ ASP.FUMI Detection Kit should be stored at -20°C. Under this condition, the kit is stable until expiration date stated on the label.

3. CONTENTS

	Kit 48	Kit 96	
VetPCR™ ASP.FUMI PCR Pre-mixture.....	48	96	tubes
DNase/RNase-free water	1	1	vial
ASP.FUMI PCR Positive control.....	1	1	vial
ASP.FUMI PCR Positive control Pre-mixture.....	4	8	tubes
Brig™ Molecular Weight marker	1	1	vial
Mineral Oil	1	1	vial
DNA purification kit (see step 6.1)	50	100	tests

4. SPECIMEN

Throat swab or cloacal swab.

5. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Disposable gloves
- Pipettes
- Sterile pipette tip
- Vortex mixer
- Centrifuge for microcentrifuge tubes
- Thermal cycler
- Electrophoresis kit
- UV transilluminator

6. PROCEDURE

Please read through the entire procedure before starting.

6.1 DNA PREPARATION

Various manufacturers offer DNA isolation kits. Please carry out the DNA isolation according to the manufacturers instructions. The following standard DNA Purification kit is recommended.

Product	Catalog No.	Manufacturer
Bioingentech™ Genomic DNA Purification Kit (50 test)	230040(50)	Bioingentech Biotechnology Inc.
Bioingentech™ Genomic DNA Purification Kit (100 test)	230040(100)	Bioingentech Biotechnology Inc.

6.2 AMPLIFICATION

1.- Prepare appropriate PCR Premix tubes and one PCR Premix tube for Positive control. Label.

2.- Add 6µl of DNase/RNase-free water into the PCR Premix tube to total volume as 11µl.

3.- Add 2µl of template DNA into the PCR Premix tube to total volume as 13µl.

4.- Add 6µl of DNase/RNase-free water and 2µl of PCR Positive control into a PCR Positive control Premix tube for monitoring of amplification and easy interpretation.

5.- Add mineral oil (11µl). This step is necessary, even when using a thermal cycler that employs a top heating method.

6.- Perform PCR reaction of samples as the below process, using a PCR thermal cycler.

PCR cycle		Temp.	Time
1 Cycle	Initial Denaturation	94°C	2 min.
	Denaturation	94°C	30 sec.
	Annealing	55°C	30 sec.
30 Cycles	Extension	72°C	30 sec.
	Final extension	72°C	5 min.

6.3 DETECTION OF AMPLIFIED PRODUCTS

1.- Prepare 1.5% agarose gel containing Ethidium bromide (Et-Br).

2.- Load 7µl of PCR product, 7µl of positive control and 2µl of Brig™ Molecular Weight marker on agarose gel without adding a loading-dye buffer and perform electrophoresis.

3.- Run electrophoresis by 100V (required about 30~40 minutes).

4.- Identify the result on ultra-violet (UV) transilluminator.

6.4 INTERPRETATION

- Expected PCR product size : 348 bp

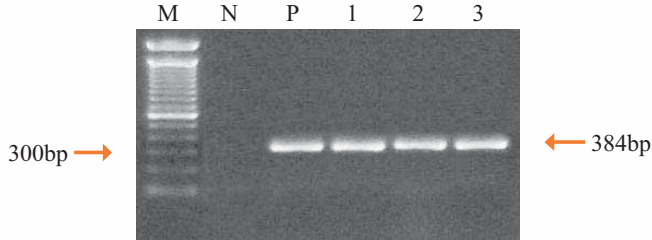


Fig1. Electrophoresis of PCR product by VetPCR™ ASP.FUMI Detection Kit
 Lane M : Brig™ Molecular Weight Marker (Bioingentech Ltd.)
 Lane N : Negative control
 Lane P : Positive control
 Lane 1~3 : ASP.FUMI Positive sample

7. NOTICE

- For research purpose only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures for clinical purposes. *For in Vitro Use Only.*
- Take care in handling of specimen to minimize risk of infection.
- The PCR process is covered by patents issued and applicable in certain countries. Bioingentech Biotechnology Inc. does not encourage or support the unauthorized or unlicensed use of the PCR process. Use of this product is recommended for persons that either have a license to perform PCR or are not required to obtain a license.

8. TROUBLE SHOOTING

- 1.- In the case of difficult to interpret results due to non-specific bands; reduce amount of template by 1/10 dilution, heated at 65° C for 5 min. and reacts again.
- 2.- Preparation of PCR reaction at room temperature may cause the non-specific band.
- 3.- All procedure should be carried out on ice.

9. ORDERING INFORMATION

Product	Catalog No.
VetPCR™ ASP.FUMI Detection Kit 48	VET0003A(48)
VetPCR™ ASP.FUMI Detection Kit 96	VET0003A(96)
Brig™ Molecular Weight Marker	24012



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