PetNAD™

FHV Detection Kit

For Feline Herpesvirus-1

User Manual

For Research Use Only

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INTENDED USE

PetNAD™ FHV Detection Kit is intended for *in vitro* detection of feline herpes virus-1 (FHV-1) DNA based on insulated isothermal polymerase chain reaction (iiPCR) technology. This kit is designed specially to be used with an iiPCR-compatible instrument, **POCKIT™** Nucleic Acid Analyzer. The assay is intended for use by people with basic laboratory skills.

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SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

FHV-1, an alphaherpesvirus, causes mainly keratoconjunctivitis and rhinitis (Povey, 1979) that lead to mortality exceeding 60% in kitten (Mickman et al., 1994). In the acute phase of infection, large amounts of infectious virus are excreted in nasal and ocular discharges (Gaskell et al, 1984). Recovered animals remain latently infected with virus in sensory nerve ganalia. During this stage, virus shedding may be induced by stress or occur spontaneously.

PCR is one of the most commonly accepted methods that provide high

sensitivity and specificity for FHV detection. However, conventional PCR assays take three to four hours, and require sophisticated thermocyclers and well-trained technicians to perform. GeneReach has developed **PetNAD™** FHV Detection Kit based on iiPCR technology, which significantly reduces reaction time and offers sensitivity and specificity comparables to those of conventional nested PCR (Tsai, 2012; Chang, 2012). Furthermore, this simple and easy assay could be completed rapidly in a portable **POCKIT™** Nucleic Acid Analyzer.

PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE

In iiPCR, hydrolysis probe-based chemistry is used to generate fluorescent signal during amplification of target DNA. The primers and probe target thymidine kinase (TK) gene and do not cross-react with nucleic acid from host and other major feline upper respiratory pathogens.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A. Materials Provided (24 tests/kit)

Component	Contents or Purpose	Amount
Premix Pack	■ FHV Premix (lyophilized pellet) containing dNTPs, primers, probe, and enzyme for amplification. ■ Desiccating agent pack.	24 bags (1 FHV Premix vial and desiccating agent/bag)
Premix Buffer B	■ Reaction buffer to re-dissolve the lyophilized pellet.	2 vials (1.3 ml/vial)
P(+) Standard	■ Dried plasmid containing FHV partial sequence.	1 vial
Standard Buffer	■ Reaction buffer to re-dissolve P(+) Standard.	1 vial (110 µl/vial)
R-tube		1 bag (24 pieces/bag)
Cap		1 bag (24 pieces/bag)
User Manual		1 copy

B. Materials and Equipments Required, but Not Provided

1) **PetNAD™** Nucleic Acid Co-prep Kit
2) **POCKIT™** Nucleic Acid Analyzer: **PetNAD™**-compatible instrument.
3) **cubee™** Mini-Centrifuge (cubee)
4) Micropipette and tips

C. Storage and Stability

1) The kit should be stored at 4℃ and is stable until the expiration date which is stated on the label.
2) Store Premix vials in sealed Premix Pack to avoid hydration of lyophilized components.
3) Reconstituted P (+) Standard is stable for 6 months at 4℃. Aliquot reconstituted P (+) Standard to avoid degradation and contamination of nucleic acid.

D. Sample Type

Nucleic acid extracted from whole blood or swab sample (i.e. oropharyngeal, conjunctival and nasal swab).

PRECAUTIONS

A. Do not open R-tube(s) after reaction to prevent any carryover contamination.

B. Perform extraction and amplification in two independent spaces to minimize contamination.

C. Do not reuse R-tube and Premix.

D. Include the P(+) Standard to:

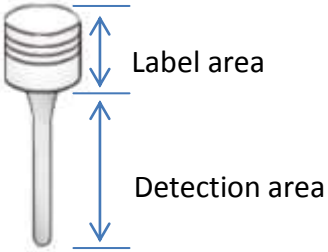
   1) Ensure **POCKIT™** Nucleic Acid Analyzer is working normally.

   2) Ensure detection kit performance after storage.

E. To get optimal fluorescence detection.

   1) Wear powder-free gloves to handle R-tubes.

   2) Do not label in the detection area of R-tube.



LIMITATIONS

A. The test should be used only for testing nucleic acid extracted from animal specimen. Do not add specimen (i.e. whole blood) directly into Premix.

B. **PetNAD™** Nucleic Acid Co-prep Kit is recommended for nucleic acid extraction.

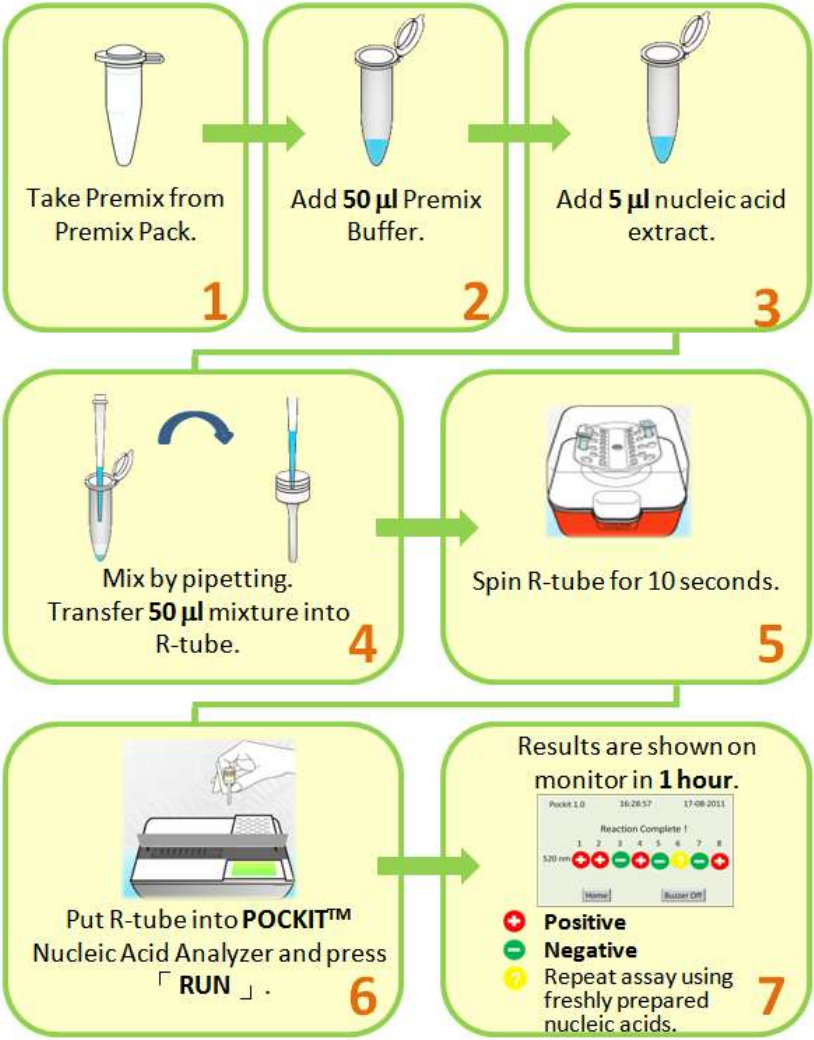
C. Any deviation from recommended procedure may not achieve the optimal results and should be validated by the users.

D. It is strongly recommended to use freshly prepared nucleic acid (within 1 hour after extraction) to achieve optimal results with **PetNAD™** FHV Detection Kit.

E. Vaccination with a modified-live FHV vaccine may result in positive PCR results for a few weeks after vaccination. Killed or vectored-recombinant vaccines will not interfere with PCR testing. PetNAD™ is recommended in sick animals with clinical signs and/or laboratory abnormalities consistent with infection or in an animal with a suspected subclinical infection as based upon history, physical examination and clinical laboratory findings.

PROCEDURE

A. PetNAD™ FHV Detection Kit Quick Guide



B. Procedure

Note: Before using for the first time, add 100 µl Standard Buffer to P(+) Standard. Store reconstituted P(+) Standard at 4°C.

1) Label R-tube(s) in the label area.
2) Prepare one Premix for each sample. (Premix tube is in Premix Pack. Each Premix Pack contains one Premix.)

Note: If the pellet is not found at the bottom of the tube, spin tube briefly to bring it down.

3) Add 50 µl Premix Buffer B to each Premix tube.
4) Add 5 µl nucleic acid extract or P(+) Standard to each Premix tube. Mix by pipetting up and down.
5) Transfer 50 µl Premix/sample mixture into R-tube.
6) Seal top of each R-tube with a cap. Make sure R-tube is capped tightly.
7) Place R-tube into the holder of **POCKIT™**.
8) Spin tube briefly in **cubee™** to make sure all solution is collected at the bottom of R-tube.

Note: Start reaction within 1 hour to prevent nucleic acid degradation.

Note: Make sure there are no bubbles in the tube.

9) **POCKIT™** reaction:

Note: Please see the user manual of POCKIT™ for details.

a) Turn on **POCKIT™**, which should complete

self-testing within 5 minutes.

b) Select ″520 nm″.

c) When ″System READY″ is displayed, place the holder with R-tube(s) into the reaction chamber.

d) Tap cap of each R-tube to make sure the tube is positioned properly.

10) Close lid and press ″Run″ to start reaction program.

11) Test results are shown on the monitor after reaction is completed.

DATA INTERPRETATION

* One example of results shown on the monitor.

520nm	Interpretation
	FHV Positive
	FHV Negative
	Repeat reaction with freshly prepared nucleic acid

ANYLYTICAL SENSITIVITY

The detection limit of **PetNAD™** FHV Detection Kit is about 10 copies/ reaction.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problems	Possible causes	Solutions
False Positive	1) Reuse of micro-centrifuge tubes, tips, R-tubes and Premix.	■ Micro-centrifuge tubes, tips, R-tubes and Premix are for single-use only. Reusing these accessories would cause cross-contamination. ■ Used micro-centrifuge tubes, tips, R-tubes and Premix should be collected and discarded according to local regulation. Do not place the waste close to the working area to prevent cross-contamination.
	2) Contaminated micropipette	■ Disassemble and clean up micropipette. ■ Use aerosol-free tips.
	3) Contaminated reagent	■ Consult with a GeneReach technical support representative or local distributor.
	4) Contaminated working area	■ Consult with a GeneReach technical support representative on how to clean up working area.

Problems	**Possible causes**	**Solutions**
False Negative	1) Nucleic acid extraction failed.	■ Consult manual of nucleic acid extraction kit.
	2) Bad nucleic acid quality or nucleic acid concentration too high	■ Check sample storage condition. ■ Please refer to Troubleshooting section of PetNAD™ Nucleic Acid Co-prep Kit. ■ If a spectrophotometer is available, check OD 260/280 ratio. This ratio should be between 1.4 and 2.0.
	3) PCR inhibition	■ Do not overload nucleic acid. ■ Spike nucleic acid sample into P(+) Standard reaction for a parallel PCR reaction. Negative results indicate the presence of inhibitors in the nucleic acid. In that case, prepare another nucleic acid extract.
Heavy contamination of amplicons in reaction chamber of **POCKIT™**.	1) Leakage or spill of reaction from R-tube into reaction chamber of **POCKIT™**.	■ Consult with a GeneReach technical support representative or local distributor.

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