

Quality Management in PCR

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5 Technical requirements

5.2 Accommodation & environmental conditions

5.2.4 Laboratory design & environment suitable for tasks

- primary sample collection / examinations
- energy sources, ventilation, water, waste disposal

5.2.5 Monitor, control and record environmental conditions

5.2.9 Storage space and conditions

- samples, documents, supplies, records, results

5.3 Laboratory equipment

5.3.1 The laboratory shall have equipment required

5.3.5 Operated by authorized personnel only



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5.2 Accommodation & environmental conditions

5.2.4 Laboratory design

- Work up / PGD clinical cycles / IVF unit
- Pre PCR (Primary reactions / Split reactions)
 - Restricted access / Responsibility
 - Documentation and training for use
 - Positive pressure / UV decontamination
 - Cleaning / waste disposal
- Post PCR



5.2.5 Monitor, control and record environmental conditions

- Restricted access / Monitor and record contamination rates

5.2.9 Storage space and conditions

- Storage of Pre PCR reagents procedures
- Samples, consented genomic DNA, post PGD product
- Workup reports, PGD reports, electrophoretograms

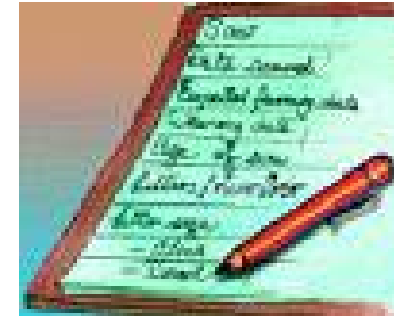
5.3 Laboratory equipment

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5.4 Pre-examination procedures

5.4.1 Request form has information to identify

- patient / authorized requester / examination



5.4.2 Specific instructions for the proper collection

5.4.5 Primary samples shall be

- traceable individual / not accepted if lacking identification

5.4.6 Monitor samples to check transportation

- time frame / specified temperature interval / safety

5.4.7 Record

- all samples received / date & time of receipt / receiving officer

5.4.8 Criteria for acceptance/rejection of primary samples

- final report indicate / if problem / if caution interpreting result

5.4.14 Samples stored for a specified time

- Suitable conditions / repetition of the examination

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5.4 Pre-examination procedures

5.4.1 Request form

- Disorder / Mutation reports / tested affected relatives

5.4.2 Sample collection

- Bloods from couples / Bloods from relatives / Blastomeres
- Tubes for collection - Lithium heparin / EDTA / ALB / PK

5.4.5 Primary samples

- Bloods
 - Name / Disorder / Code
 - Samples from relatives / consent
- Blastomeres
 - Who does tubing?
 - Transport PGD



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5.4 Pre-examination procedures

5.4.6 Monitor samples to check transportation

- Transport PGD
 - Contact person in IVF lab and PGD lab
 - Tracking with courier



5.4.7 Record

- Bloods received / Fate
- Tubing table for Blastomeres

5.4.8 Criteria for acceptance/rejection of primary samples

- Bloods for genomic DNA / single cell isolation
 - identification / date taken
- Tubing table for blastomeres

5.4.14 Samples stored for a specified time

- Genomic DNA from consented couples – IQC
- Single cells for control samples in PGD cycle



PCR – Tubing table

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Tubing Table

Patient Name			
Patient Number	ACU/PGD		EC Date
Disorder			Affected
Cycle			Date
Biopsy			Tubing
Labelling			
Start time			Finish time

Embryo number	Embryo grade	Embryo comment	Cell number	Cell comment	Nucleus seen during biopsy

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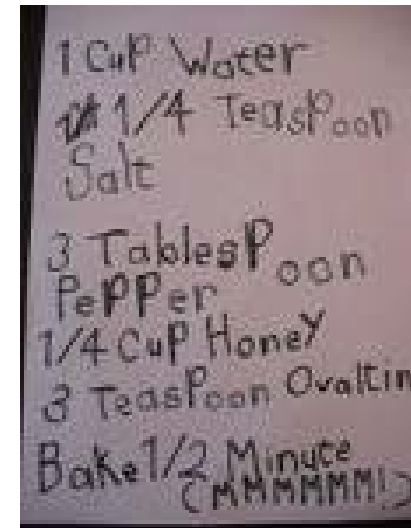
5.5 Examination procedures

5.5.1 If in-house examination procedures used

- appropriately validated
- fully documented

5.5.2 Document

- purpose of the examination
- principle of the procedure used for examinations
- performance specifications (sensitivity specificity)
- required equipment and reagents
- quality control procedures
- reportable interval of examination results
- alert/critical values
- laboratory interpretation
- potential sources of variability



Workup Report

Work up report and protocol summary for a PCR PGD Case

Referral Reason –

Information provided by

Patient Name	Female	Male	Relative
Date of birth			
Mutation			

Date samples received –

Date DNA extracted-

ACU/PGD number –

RESULTS

Marker	Female Partner	Male Partner	Relative	Comments

Date	Marker 1	Marker 2	Mutation	Cells with Diagnosis %
Efficiency %				
ADO %				

Workup Completed by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Protocol authorized for application in treatment cycle by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROTOCOL SUMMARY

Cell lysis

Mastermix – add μ l of 1M NaOH/KOH plus μ l of Water according to table to g of already aliquoted DTT

aliquot 2.5 μ l of this into each tube

Dissociation Buffer- Add 40 μ l BSA to 960 μ l of DB

After tubing - -80°C for 1 hour
then 65°C for 10 mins

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Multiplex reaction – Lodi amplified, X Round

	Stock	Volume/Tube	Concentration in tube
Primer 1 Forward (label)	50 μ M	0. μ l	0. μ M
Primer 1 Reverse	50 μ M	0. μ l	0. μ M
Primer 2 Forward (label)	50 μ M	0. μ l	0. μ M
Primer 2 Reverse	50 μ M	0. μ l	0. μ M
Primer 3 Forward (label)	50 μ M	0. μ l	0. μ M
Primer 3 Reverse	50 μ M	0. μ l	0. μ M
dNTP	10mM	0.5 μ l	0.2mM
HiFi Buffer (with Mg++)	15mM	2.5 μ l	1.5mM
Mg++			
Tricine		2.5 μ l	
Glycerol			
Enzyme	5U/ μ l	0.25 μ l	1.25U
Water		To make up to final volume of 21.5 μ l	

Checklist for a PGD case

Check list prior to a PGD clinical case and PGD day

Prepared by:

Patient Name	Female	Male
Date of birth		
Mutation		

ACU/PGD number –

Reagent	Date Tested	Batch No	Comment
DTT			
NaOH			
Dissociation buffer			
BSA batch			
Sterile water			
Expand High Fidelity PCR polymerase (HiFi)			
10xPCR buffer for HiFi			
MgCl ₂			
dNTPs			
Tricine			
Glycerol			
Primers for PCR:			
500 ROX Size standard			

DNA Controls:	Mutation: Date tested	Marker 1: Date Tested	Marker 2 Date Tested
Maternal DNA No:			
Paternal DNA No:			
Relative DNA No:			
Normal DNA No:			
Normal DNA No:			
Single cells	Efficiency	ADO	

Examination forms

Patient Name			
Patient Number	ACU/PGD		EC Date
Disorder			Affected
Cycle			Date
Operator			Observer

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
A													A
B													B
C													C
D													D
E													E
F													F
G													G
H													H
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

	Lot Number	Vol/sample	No. Of samples	Total volume
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Size Standard				

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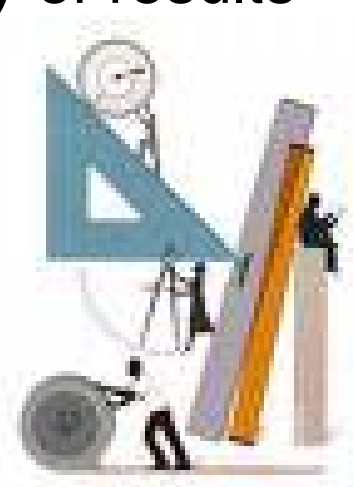
5.6 Assuring quality of examination procedures

5.6.1 internal quality control systems

5.6.2 laboratory shall determine the uncertainty of results

5.6.4 participation in EQA

- clinically relevant challenges
- mimic patient samples
- checking the entire examination process
- pre- and post-examination procedures

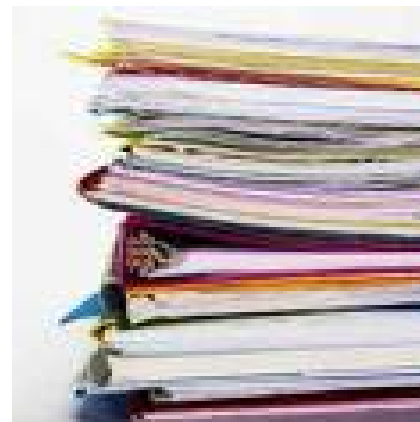


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5.7 Post-examination procedures

5.7.1 Authorized personnel shall

- systematically review the results of examinations
- evaluate them with the clinical information
- authorize the release of results



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5.8 Reporting of results



5.8.1 Laboratory management responsible for

- formatting reports
- manner to be communicated from the laboratory

5.8.6 Copies or files of reported results retained

5.8.13 Documented procedures for

- release of examination results
- who may release results and to whom
- guidelines for release of results directly to patients

5.8.14 Policies and practices for

- telephone / electronic results reach only authorized receivers
- Verbal results followed by a properly recorded report

4 Management requirement

4.10 Corrective action

- 4.10.1 Process to determine cause of problem
- 4.10.2 Document implemented changes
- 4.10.3 Monitor results of corrective action
- 4.10.4 Doubt on compliance - audit of activity



4.11 Preventive action

- 4.11.1 Process to identify improvements (technical / QMS)
 - review procedures, trend- and risk-analyses, EQA

4.12 Continual improvement

- 4.12.1 All procedures reviewed at regular intervals
- 4.12.2 Evaluate effectiveness of action by review / audit
- 4.12.4 Quality indicators for contribution to patient care



PCR Key Quality Indicators

- Protocol on single lymphocytes
 - Efficiency
 - ADO rate
- Contamination rates PGD blanks
- Cell diagnosis rate
- Embryo diagnosis rate
- Follow up of spare embryos
- Follow up of pregnancies / Babies



Quality Management in PCR

- Standardized formatting of
 - Data received
 - Results generated
 - Reports
- Traceability of
 - Samples received
 - PCR products from workups / PGD cases
- Enables
 - Monitoring of KQIs
 - Can lead to continual improvement of service

