

Ames MPF® mutagenicity assay is a miniaturized modification of the Ames fluctuation assay and is based on the same principle as the agar plate test (OECD 471), but offers several advantages.

Large range of ready to use kits, individual reagents and technical support to run the Ames mutagenicity assay in your own lab.

Ames mutagenicity assays are important for:

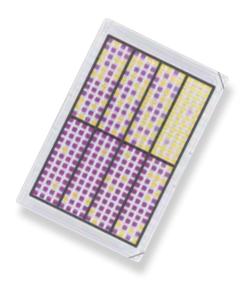
- the safety evaluation of cosmetics and pharmaceuticals
- the exclusion of genotoxic activity in chemicals or pesticides
- the exclusion of mutagenicity in medical devices
- the exclusion of micro-pollutants in drinking water
- the control of absence of genotoxic compounds in surface or waste water, air, soil or sediments
- the research in the field of food ingredients, food packaging material



Benefits of Ames MPF and Ames II

- Complete ready to use kits with strains, ampicilline, culture media, positive controls and S9
- Same test principle and same tester strains as agar plate test
- Miniaturized, liquid microplate format allowing simultaneous processing of several compounds and automation
- Detection of genotoxic activity in chemicals, medical devices, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, food ingredients, water, air, soil or sediments
- Certificate of analysis provided: Quality controlled reagents, biologicals and strains (genotyped and phenotyped)
- High concordance with agar plate-based assay (see literature)







Ames MPF versus agar plate test: 1 compound, 5 strains, +/- S9, triplicates, neg. / pos. control

- Up to 4-fold less compound consumption: 55 mg versus 220 mg
- 5 times less operator intervention: 1.5 h versus 5 h hands-on-time
- At least 3-fold less contaminated waste: 30 plates versus 240 plates
- In line with 3R: Up to 11-fold less consumption of rat liver S9 and thus 11 fold less test animals: 0.45 ml versus 5.25 ml of rat liver S9
- In line with OECD 471, FDA and ICH M7
- Fast, easy and no error prone counting of revertants

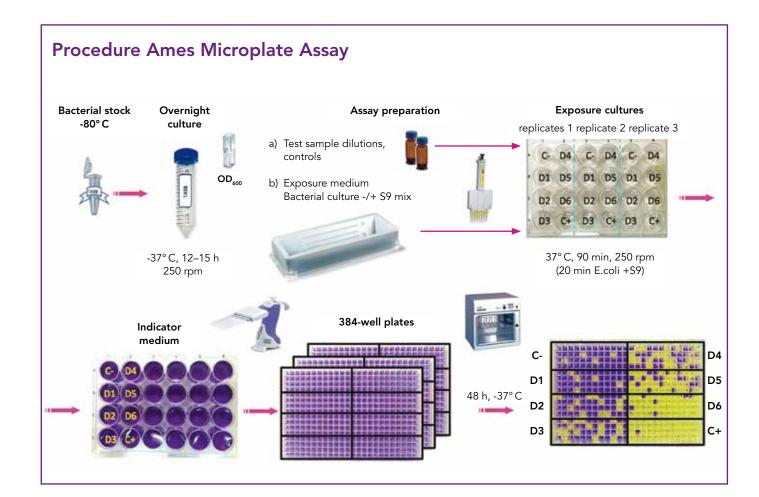


Ames MPF ready-to-use kits

Article number	Product description	Kit configuration
A10-210	Ames MPF 98/100 (2 x 480 Measuring Points)	10 samples
A10-210-S2-P	Ames MPF 98/100 (2 x 480 Measuring Points)	10 samples + S9 + pos. contr.
E10-213	Ames II (2 x 480 Measuring Points)	10 samples
E10-213-S2-P	Ames II (2 x 480 Measuring Points)	10 samples + S9 + pos. contr.
B10-513	Ames MPF PENTA 2 (5 x 480 Measuring Points)	10 samples
B10-513-S2-P	Ames MPF PENTA 2 (5 x 480 Measuring Points)	10 samples + S9 + pos. contr.

Individual reagents

	Product description	Quantity
Strains		
PSS-0110 PSS-0111 PSS-0112 PSS-0113 PSS-0114 PSS-0120 PLI-0114 PSS-0115 PSS-0116 PSS-0118 PSS-0119 PSS-0121 PSS-0122 PSS-0123	TA98 - semisolid TA100 - semisolid TA1535 - semisolid TA1537 - semisolid TA97a - semisolid TA102 - semisolid TAMix liquid (TA7001–TA7006) E.coli WP2 uvrA - semisolid E.coli WP2 [pKM101] - semisolid TA1535pSK1002 - semisolid E.coli WP2 UvrA[pKM101] - semisolid YG1041 - semisolid YG1042 - semisolid	250 µl 250 µl
Liquid Media		
PMM-GM00 PMM-EM02 PMM-IM10 PME-EM22 PME-IM31	Ames MPF / Ames II growth medium (RT) Ames MPF / Ames II exposure medium (RT) Ames MPF / Ames II indicator medium (RT) Ames MPF E.coli exposure medium (RT) Ames MPF E.coli indicator medium (RT)	50 ml 50 ml 550 ml 50 ml 550 ml
Microsomal fraction	ns of rat liver S9, co-factors	
PRS-PB01 PRS-PB02	Lyophilized, PB/BN-induced rat liver S9 Lyophilized, PB/BN-induced rat liver S9	1 ml 2 ml
PCO-0800 PCO-1800	S9 cofactor kit (Buffer Salts, G6P, NADP) S9 cofactor kit (Buffer Salts, G6P, NADP)	20 ml 70 ml
Positive Controls		
PPC-NF00 PPC-AA01 PPC-AA02 PPC-NQ02 PPC-AC02 PPC-AR05 PPC-AF10 PPC-IC01 PPC-MM04	2-NF: 2-Nitrofluorene 2-AA: 2-Aminoanthracene 2-AA: 2-Aminoanthracene 4-NQO: 4-Nitroquinoline-N-oxide N4-ACT: N4-Aminocytidine 9-AAC: 9-Aminoacridine 2-AF: 2-Aminofluorene ICR191 MMS: Methyl Methanesulfonate	20 μg 100 μg 2 mg 50 μg 2.5 mg 1000 μg 10 mg 100 μg 96 μl
Ampicillin		
PAM-0002	Ampicillin	120 µl



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