

# AZtaq™ DNA Polymerase

AZtaq DNA Polymerase is a high-quality DNA polymerase, originating from *Thermus aquaticus*. Being highly thermostable, AZtaq is ideal for use in polymerase chain reaction (PCR) applications.

The enzyme catalyses the synthesis of a complementary DNA strand using a primed DNA or cDNA strand as template. It possesses 5'-3' exonuclease activity while lacking 3'-5' proofreading activity.

AZtaq is compatible with the use of dUTP, enabling highly efficient removal of carry-over contamination with Cod UNG.



Excellent qPCR performance

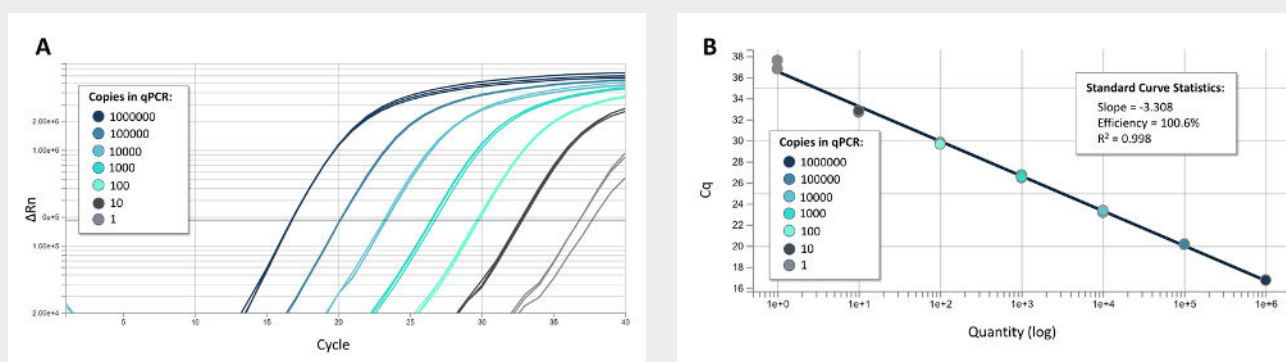


Compatible with dUTP



Thermostable

## AZtaq demonstrates excellent performance in qPCR



A serial dilution of M13KO7 DNA was used as template for qPCR amplification using specific primers together with a fluorescently labelled hydrolysis probe detecting the M13v1.1 target. Data showing amplification plots (A) and standard curve (B) for the qPCR reactions containing from 1 000 000 down to 1 copy of M13v1.1 target DNA, in triplicate measurements.



**Fig 2. AZtaq demonstrates equal performance compared to commonly used DNA polymerases**

A serial dilution of M13KO7 DNA was used as template for qPCR amplification using specific primers together with a fluorescently labelled hydrolysis probe detecting the M13v1.1 target. Performance of AZtaq was compared against commercially available *Taq* DNA polymerases from three different vendors (termed A, B and C). Data showing mean cycle of quantification (Cq) for qPCR reactions containing from 1 000 000 down to 1 copy of M13v1.1 target DNA, in triplicate measurements. Error bars represent the standard deviation of replicates (n=3). All tested polymerases showed similar amplification efficiency in qPCR (data not shown).

## Properties

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| Source                | Recombinantly produced in <i>E. coli</i> .                                                                                      |
| Size                  | 95.1 kDa                                                                                                                        |
| Storage and stability | AZtaq is stable at -20°C for up to 1 year in the supplied storage buffer. Additional data on stability is available on request. |
| Inactivation          | NA                                                                                                                              |

## Properties

### Unit definition

One unit (U) is defined as the amount of enzyme that will incorporate 10 nmol of dNTP into acid insoluble material in 30 min at 72°C. The enzyme is assayed in 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.8, 55 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.02 mg/ml BSA, 15 nM primed M13mp18 ssDNA, 0.8 mM dNTPs (0.2 mM each), 1.888 µM 3H-dTTP.

## Quality control

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| <b>dsDNA endonuclease activity</b> | 20 U AZtaq was incubated with a supercoiled plasmid (1 µg) for 4 hours at 37°C. Agarose gel electrophoresis did not reveal any transformation of closed circular DNA to nicked DNA.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>ssDNA endonuclease activity</b> | 20 U AZtaq was incubated with M13 ssDNA (0.5 µg) for 4 hours at 37°C. Agarose gel electrophoresis did not reveal any visible signs of ssDNA degradation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>dsDNA exonuclease activity</b>  | 20 U AZtaq was incubated with 3H-dATP labelled dsDNA (0.5 µg, 500 bp) for 4 hrs at 37°C. Acid soluble radioactivity from labelled DNA was not significantly over blank test for either substrate.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>RNase activity</b>              | 20 U AZtaq was incubated with a 2 kb RNA transcript (1 µg) for 4 hours at 37°C. Agarose gel electrophoresis did not reveal any visible signs of RNA degradation.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><i>E. coli</i> gDNA</b>         | 5 U AZtaq was analysed in a probe-based qPCR assay detecting the 23S ribosomal RNA gene in <i>E. coli</i> . Less than 3 copies of <i>E. coli</i> gDNA were detected.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Functional test</b>             | 5 U AZtaq was used in a qPCR assay amplifying a serial dilution of down to < 3 copies of <i>E. coli</i> gDNA using specific primers detecting the 23S ribosomal RNA gene. Successful amplification was observed for all dilutions. The resulting standard curve showed at least 90 - 110 % efficiency, indicating efficient doubling of specific template product per cycle. |

## Ordering information

|                       | Article no. | Pack Size | Concentration |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| AZtaq™ DNA Polymerase | 73100-201   | 500 U     | 5 U/µl        |
|                       | 73100-110   | 5000 U    | >50 U/µl      |
|                       | 73100-100   | Custom    | Custom        |

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## Quality

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## Additional Information

We are pleased to provide additional data and information relating to AZtaq on request. For more information about our enzymes and services, please visit our website [www.arcticzymes.com](http://www.arcticzymes.com).

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