



MUTA-CHROMOPLATE™
Basic Kit

Users Guide

Kit Contents:

Standard Reagent List (TA100)

- A: Davis-Mingoli salts (concentrate)
- B: D-glucose
- C: Bromocresol Purple
- D: D-Biotin
- E: L-Histidine
- F: Sterile distilled water
- G: Growth Media
- V: **Reagent V**

DMSO

Basic Ames strain: TA100 *Salmonella Typhimurium*

Sodium Azide

Disposable list

- 96-well plate (12 units)
- Reagent boats (10 units)
- Sterile 50 ml tubes (12 units)
- A membrane filter (0.22 μm)
- Zip-lock bags (two units)
- A disposable biohazard bag

Required Equipment

- Micropipette using disposable sterile tips in the range of 5 μl to 1000 μl
- An eight-channel multi-pipette (50 to 200 μl)
- Pipette Aid (Pipette gun) using 10 ml sterile pipette tips
- Vortexer (optional)
- A 37°C incubator



Applications:

- Testing of industrial effluents for presence of possible mutagenic compounds.
- Screening of municipal discharges for spill contamination, improper chemical disposal.
- Routine monitoring of waste water effluent for quality and mutagenicity.
- Screening of recycled potable water supplies for presence of priority pollutants and genotoxins.
- Screening air particulate mater (PM) for sub chronic human health effects.
- Evaluating water and soil samples for elevated levels of personal care product (PCP) residues.
- Effective teaching tools for University and College laboratories to demonstrate concepts like metabolism, carcinogenesis and mutation.
- Understanding the effects of genomic integrity with xenobiotcs and promutagens.



Standard Ames Strains:

Strain	Type of Reversion mutation	Standard mutagen	Comment
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>: Histidine dependent			
TA97a	Frameshift	9-AA or ICR191	Derived from TA1537 and includes plasmid pKM 101 which induces error-prone DNA repair enzymes to increase sensitivity
TA98	Frameshift	2NF	Derived from TA1538 and includes plasmid pKM 101 which induces error-prone DNA repair enzymes to increase sensitivity
TA100	Base-pair substitution, oxidative	4NQO	Derived from TA1535 and includes plasmid pKM 101 which induces error-prone DNA repair enzymes to increase sensitivity
TA1535	Base-pair substitution, oxidative	4NQO	uvrB repair deficient, rfa mutation increases permeability to mutagens. Sensitive to 3 unique mutagens compared to TA100 (acetaldehyde oxime, 6-mercaptopurine and 1,3-butadiene)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>: Tryptophan dependent			
E. coli WP2 uvrA (pKM101)	Base- pair substitution	4NQO	uvrA deletion mutation eliminates accurate excision repair mechanism, contains plasmid pKM 101 which induces error-prone DNA repair enzymes and increases sensitivity

Sterilize filter test material solution

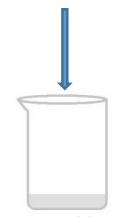
Test material



0.22 µm filter

Dilute sterilized test material

15 mL test material + 2.5 mL H₂O

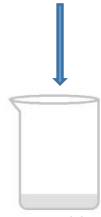


Least dilute

10 mL test material + 7.5 mL H₂O

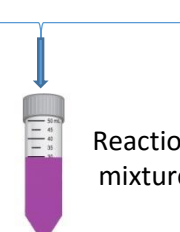


5 mL test material + 12.5 mL H₂O



Most dilute

Prepare reaction mixture



Reaction mixture

5 µL Bacterial suspension cultured overnight



A1 A2 A3

Add 17.5 mL of test material solution, 2.5 mL of reaction mixture, and 5 µL of bacterial suspension to centrifuge tube

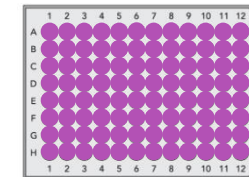
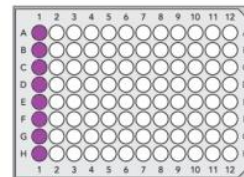


A1 Mix well

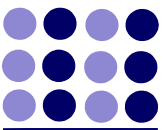
Transfer to sterile reagent boat



Using a multichannel pipette, transfer 200 µL of solution to each well of a sterile 96 well micro-titration plate



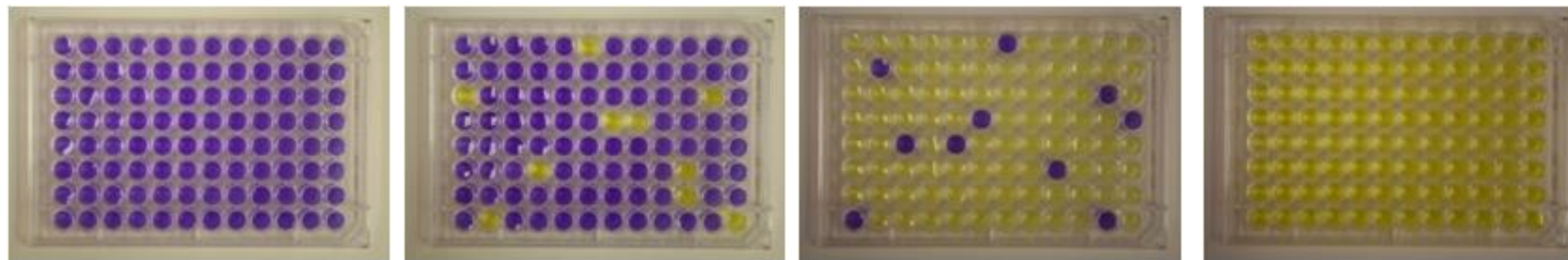
Incubate filled plates at 37 °C for 3 – 7 days in sealed plastic bags



Muta-ChromoPlate™ Advantages



- Reagents, bacteria and other consumable components are supplied ready-to-use in a non-specialized laboratory
- Assay endpoints are easy to read colorimetric changes that require no specialized training
- Easy to run assay (easiest Ames Test on the Market)
- Allows for larger sample volumes to be tested (up to 17.5ml of sample per plate)
- Highly sensitive to low mutagen concentrations
- Ideal for quick screening of water effluent samples



Example result plates shown above

Bioactivation (S9 kit add-on)

- Many mutagens must first be metabolized into their reactive form by enzymes
- Depending on the compound under study, bioactivation may be required for detection
- EBPI offers traditional methods of pro mutagen activation through the addition of S9 liver fraction
- EBPI employs a commonly used metabolic activation system which includes post-mitochondrial liver fractions isolated from Sprague Dawley rats, supplemented with cofactors
- The rats are pre-treated with Aroclor 1254 to stimulate enzyme production prior to liver extraction
- This option is offered with all mutagenicity and genotoxicity testing kits for a supplemental cost

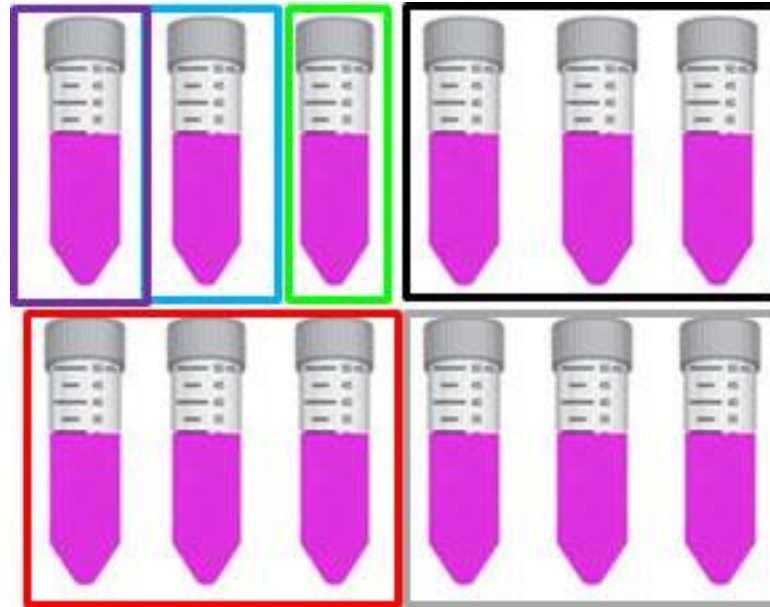
S9 Kit Contents

- S9A:** MgCl₂ + KCl solution 0.4 mL (1 unit)
- S9B:** Glucose-6-phosphate solution 80 µL (1 unit)
- S9C:** NADP solution 250 µL (1 unit)
- S9D:** Phosphate buffer 1.5 mL (1 unit)
- S9F:** Lyophilized S9 fraction



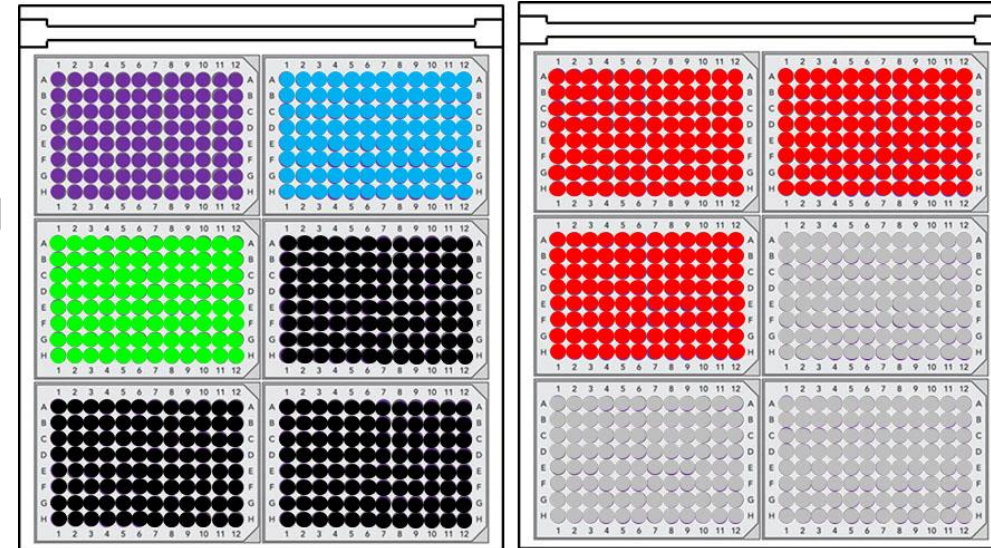
Experimental Overview

- Sterility control
- Negative control
- Positive control
- Sample 1
- Sample 2
- Sample 3



(Reversion tubes)

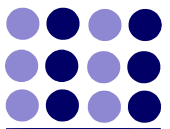
20 ml
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12 X (96 well plate)

Note: Prior to using our test kits, we highly recommend the development of individual outlines that are representative of the respective experiment. This outline is only provided as a guideline for one possible method

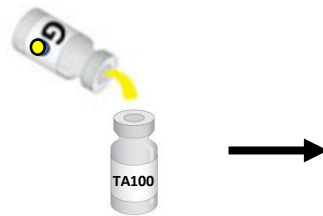
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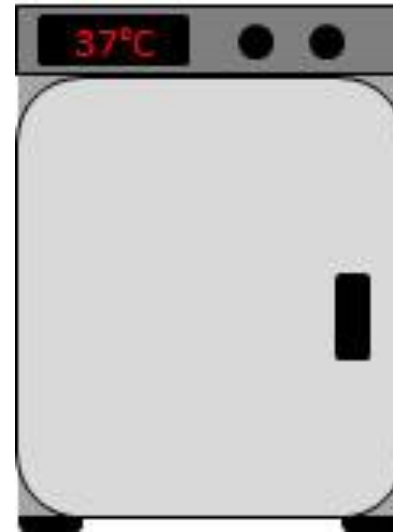
Detailed Procedure

1. Overnight inoculation and initial bacterial growth

- Always use aseptic techniques for all steps in this procedure
- Transfer growth media to bacterial bottle
- Dissolve and place in incubator overnight at 37 °C.



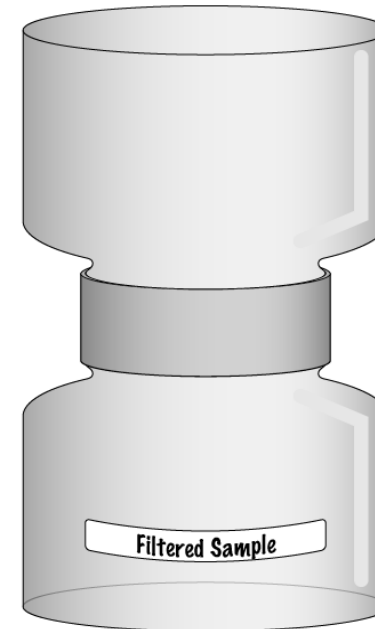
Pour media
into lyophilized
vial



Incubate at 37°C
overnight (12-16 hrs)

2. Sample preparation

- Filter sterilize the sample to be tested using a 0.22 μm membrane filter.
- Prepared sample dilutions, in sterile distilled water, in a 50 ml sterile tubes supplied in kits
- Volume of each tube should be 17.5 ml (combination of sample and sterile distilled water).



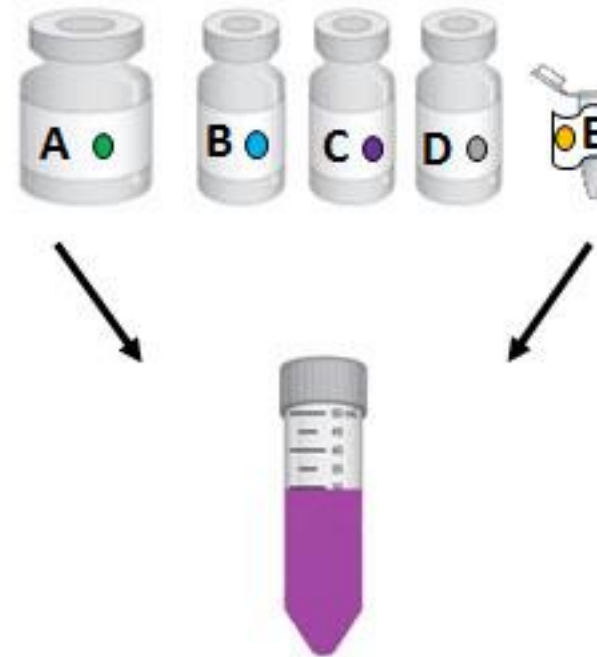
Filter sterilize samples using filter unit (large volume) or syringe filter (small volume).

3. Reaction Mix preparation

- Prepare exposure media according to guidelines below
- Ensure final solution is well mixed before continuing to next step

Master Reaction Mix

● (A)	21.62 ml
● (B)	4.75 ml
● (C)	2.38 ml
● (D)	1.19 ml
● (E) +	0.50 ml
Total	30.00 ml



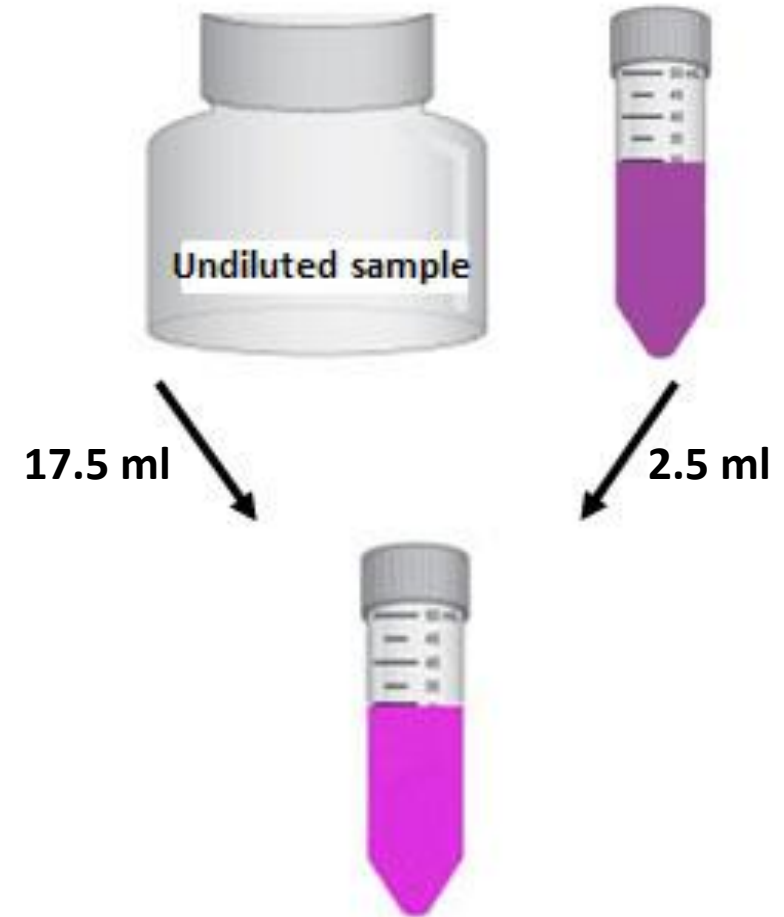
4. Add Reaction Mix to positive control tubes

Aseptically dispense 2.5 ml of the 'Reaction Mix' to positive control sterile tube. Also, add 0.1 ml of sodium azide and 17.4 ml of sterile water into the positive control tube.



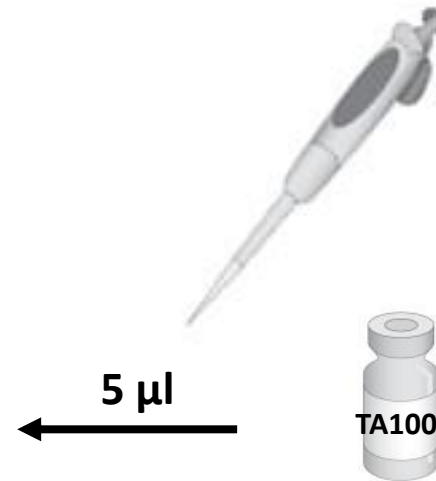
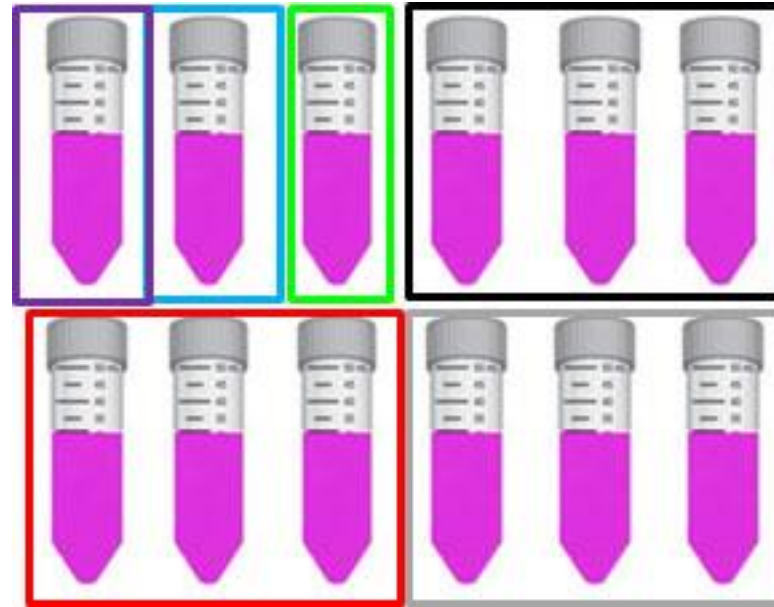
5. Add Reaction Mix to sample tubes

Aseptically dispense 2.5 ml of the 'Reaction Mix' to each sterile tube that will be used to contain a sample to be tested. To each tube then add 17.5 ml of the sterile filtered material to be tested



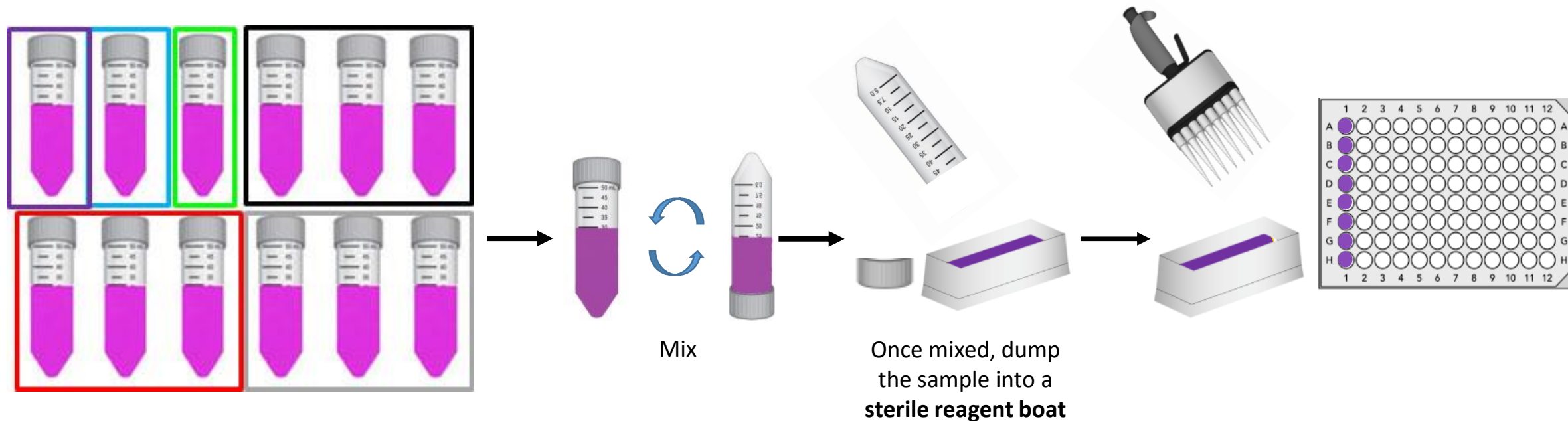
6. Transfer bacteria into sterile tubes, **except sterility control**

- Sterility control
- Negative control
- Positive control
- Sample 1
- Sample 2
- Sample 3



7. Transfer bacteria-reversion mix into 96-well plate

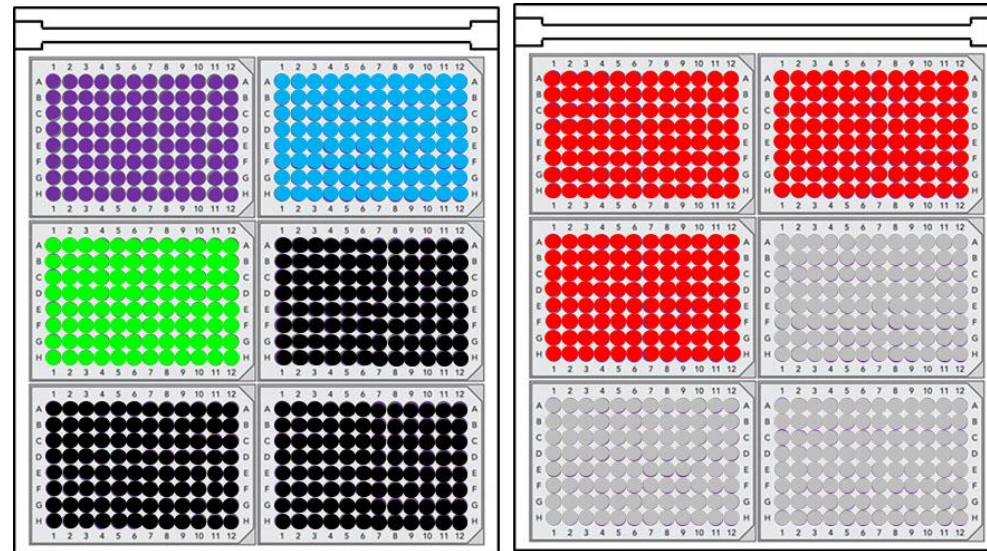
- Transferring 200 μ L of bacteria-reversion mix using a multichannel pipette
- Each sample is pipetted into 96 well plate to observe reversion
- Each plate can accommodate 1 samples



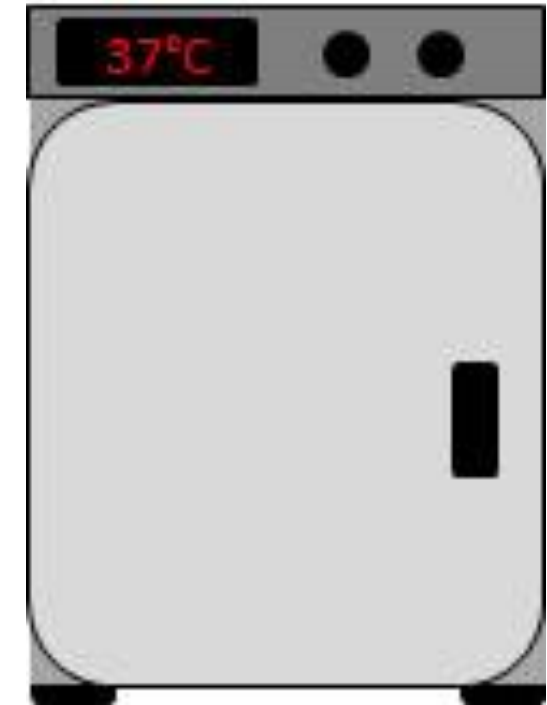
10. Incubation of 96 well plate

- Incubate 96-well plates at 37 °C for 3 - 6 days
- After three to six days, remove plates and observe the number of wells that have changed from purple to yellow
- Ensure that negative controls have small numbers of reversions, positive controls have many revertants and reagent sterility control does not have any revertants

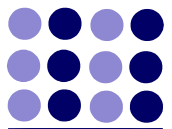
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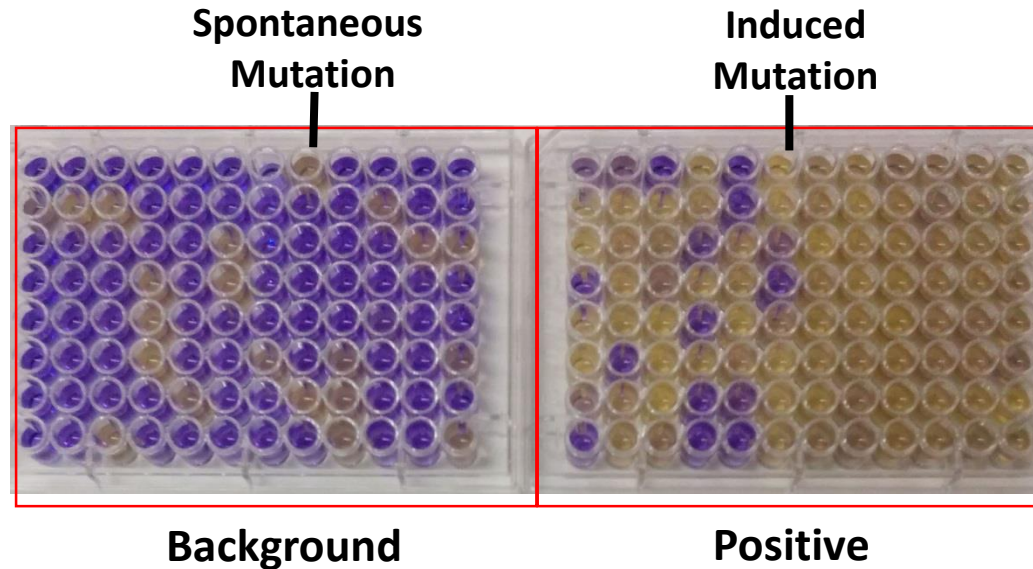
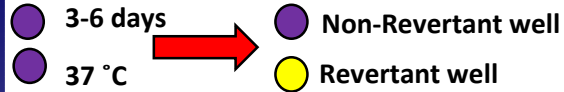
12 X (96 well plate)



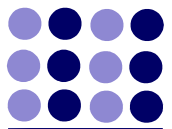
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Result Interpretation



1. Plates were scored visually. Yellow and partial yellow wells are scored as positive. Purple wells are scored as negative.
2. Observe the 'Blank' (sterility assessment) wells. Proceed only if the blank wells are sterile (purple). If the well is turbid or yellow, the assay may be contaminated or the sample is interfering with the reagents; results will be invalid.

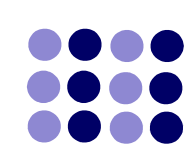


Result Significance

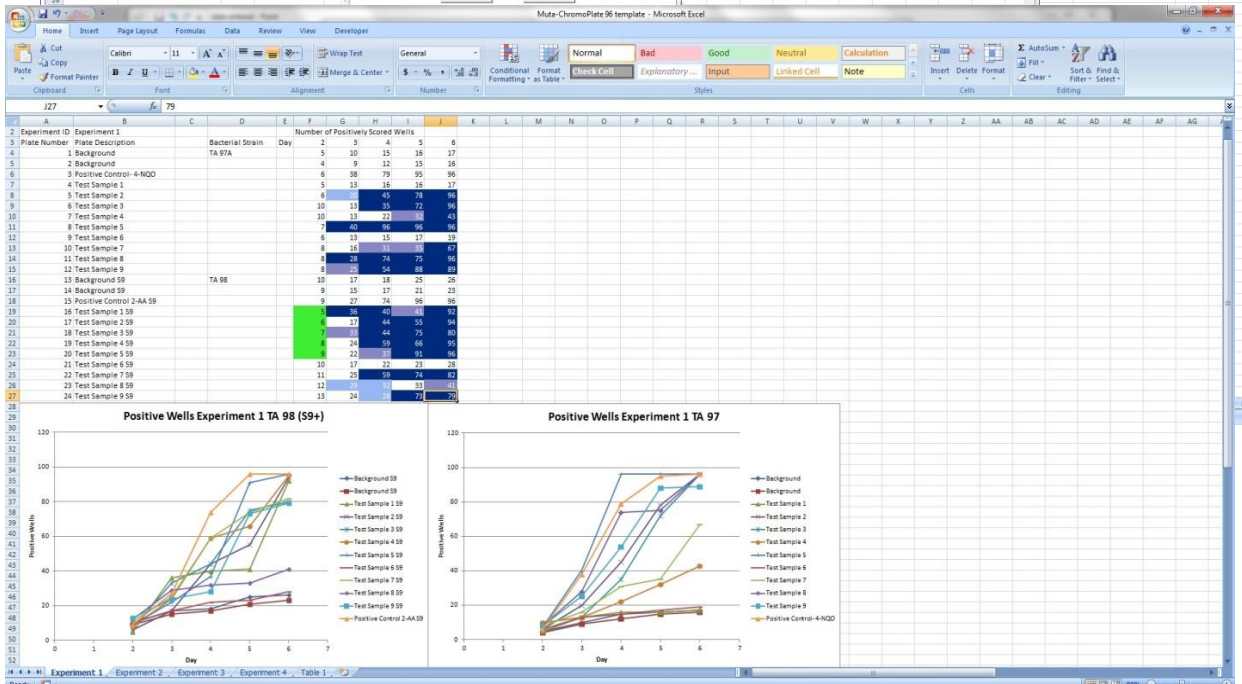
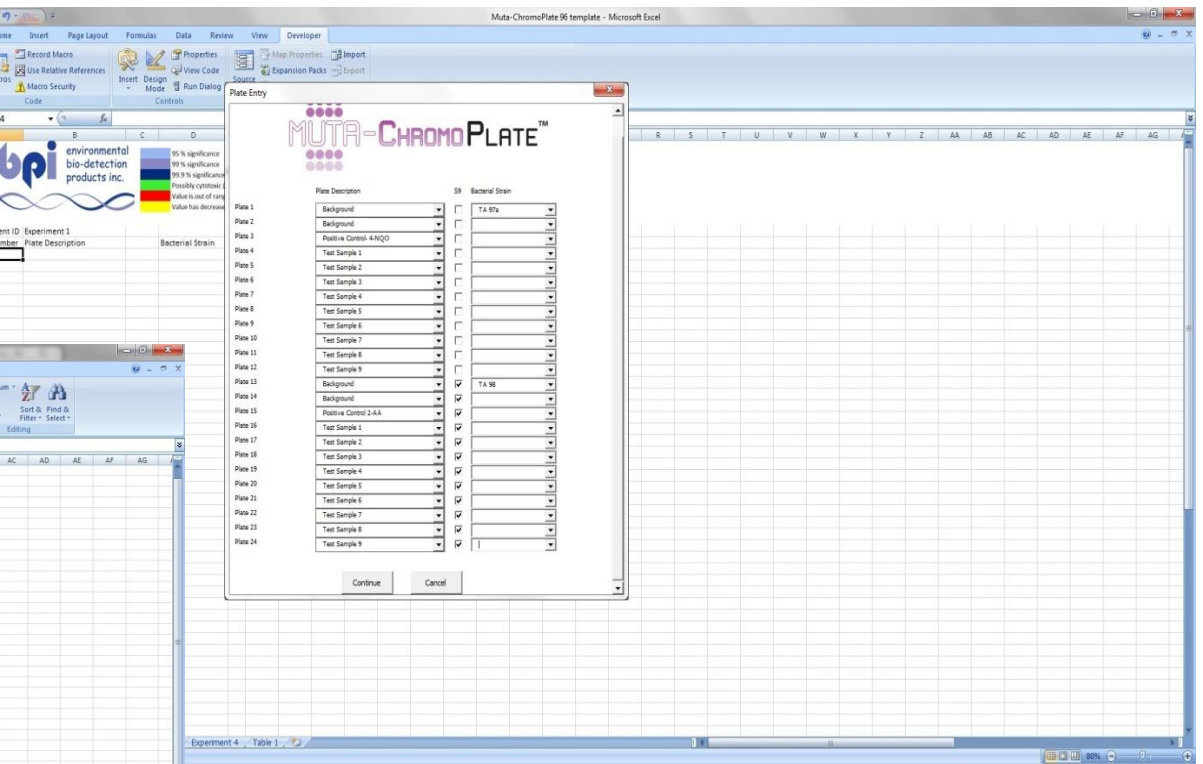
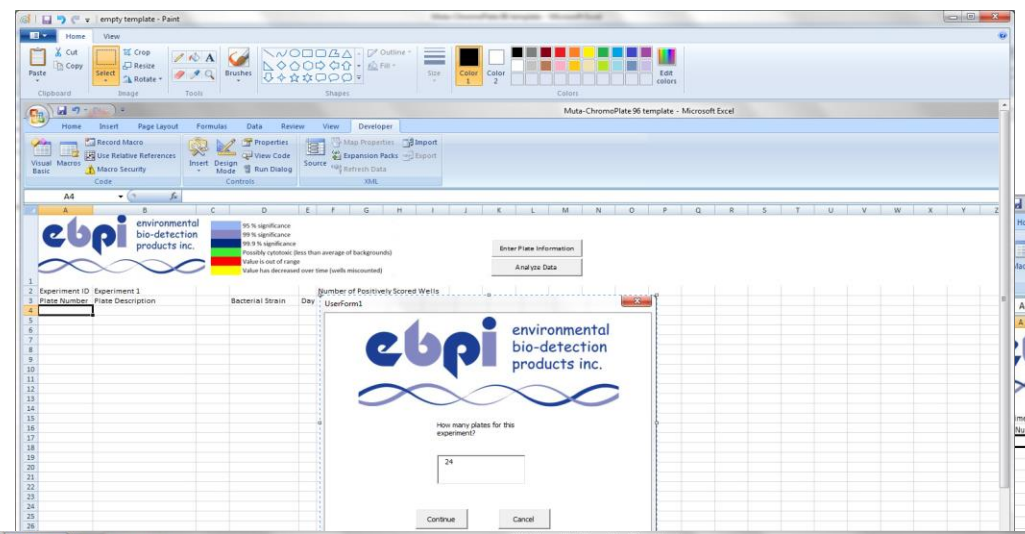


No. Wells Positive in Background Plate	No. Wells Positive in Treatment Plate			No. Wells Positive in Background Plate	No. Wells Positive in Treatment Plate		
	0.05	0.01	0.001		0.05	0.01	0.001
0	3	6	9	24	33	36	40
1	5	8	12	25	34	37	40
2	7	10	14	26	35	38	41
3	9	12	15	27	36	39	42
4	10	13	17	28	36	40	43
5	12	15	19	29	37	40	43
6	13	16	20	30	38	41	44
7	14	18	21	31	39	42	45
8	16	19	23	32	40	43	46
9	17	20	24	33	41	44	46
10	18	21	25	34	42	44	47
11	19	23	27	35	43	45	47
12	20	24	28	36	43	46	48
13	21	25	29	37	44	46	49
14	22	26	30	38	45	47	49
15	24	27	31	39	46	48	50
16	25	28	32	40	46	48	50
17	26	29	33	41	47	49	50

- Depending of amounts of revertant wells in tested samples and revertant wells in negative controls, different levels of significance can be assigned
- Use the quick reference chart included with your procedure (left) or more advanced statistical methods to assign significance to mutagenicity results
- Use EBPIs Excel Sheets for interpretation and graphing of data.



Muta-ChromoPlate EXCEL Spreadsheet



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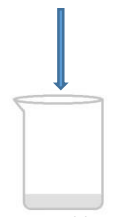
Test material



0.22 µm filter

Dilute sterilized test material

15 mL test material + 2.5 mL H₂O

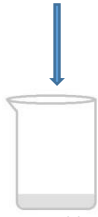


Least dilute

10 mL test material + 7.5 mL H₂O

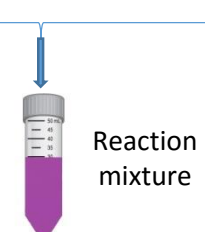


5 mL test material + 12.5 mL H₂O



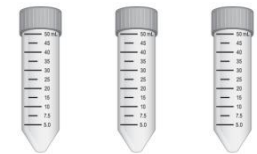
Most dilute

Prepare reaction mixture



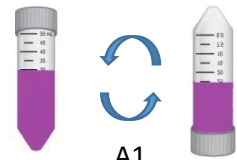
Reaction mixture

5 µL Bacterial suspension cultured overnight



A1 A2 A3

Add 17.5 mL of test material solution, 2.5 mL of reaction mixture, and 5 µL of bacterial suspension to centrifuge tube

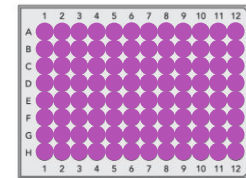
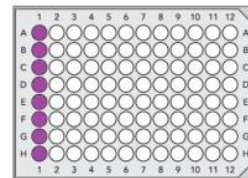


A1 Mix well

Transfer to sterile reagent boat



Using a multichannel pipette, transfer 200 µL of solution to each well of a sterile 96 well micro-titration plate



Incubate filled plates at 37 °C for 3 – 7 days in sealed plastic bags

24 Well Format

Sterilize filter test material solution

Test material



0.22 µm filter

Dilute sterilized test material

3.75 mL sample 1 + 0.625 mL H₂O



Less dilute sample 1

1.25 mL sample 1 + 3.125 mL H₂O



More dilute sample 1

3.75 mL sample 2 + 0.625 mL H₂O



Less dilute sample 2

1.25 mL sample 2 + 3.125 mL H₂O



More dilute sample 2

Prepare reaction mixture



Reaction mixture

2.5 µL Bacterial suspension cultured overnight



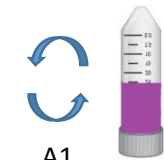
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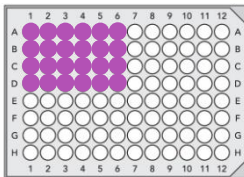
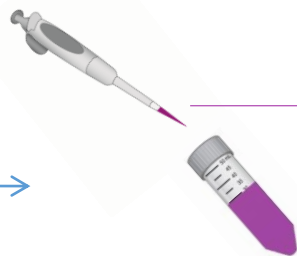
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Add 4.375 mL of test material solution, 0.65 mL of reaction mixture, and 2.5 µL of bacterial suspension to centrifuge tube

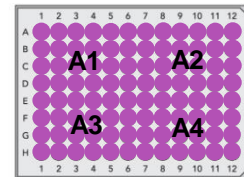


A1 Mix well

Divide each 96-well plate into 24-well quadrants. Using a pipette, transfer 200 µL of solution A1 to each well in a quadrant.



Repeat the previous step by transferring sample A2 into a different quadrant. Repeat using samples A3 & A4 until all quadrants are filled.



Incubate filled plates at 37 °C for 3 – 7 days in sealed plastic bags

Kit Options

- Basic Kits with and without or without S9 Activation
- Bacterial Strain Kits with or without S9 Activation
- OECD 471 Bacterial Based Kits
- Reagents Only Kits
- All kits/reagents can be modified to meet your requirements
- Ames Express Strains

