# TaqMan™ Universal DNA Spike In Control

Universal control for DNA extraction and gPCR workflows

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#### **Product information**

The TaqMan<sup>™</sup> Universal DNA Spike In Control serves as an exogenous process control of known concentration that can be added to a sample at various stages throughout the qPCR workflow. Coupled with the proprietary TaqMan<sup>™</sup> Assay for the Xeno<sup>™</sup> DNA control (Assay ID Ac00010014\_a1), the TaqMan<sup>™</sup> Universal DNA Spike In Control can be used to monitor the recovery efficiency for the DNA extraction and purification process. The control can also be used to indicate the presence of PCR inhibitors in molecular detection workflows. This level of verification is of particular importance when working with sample types that tend to have higher levels of PCR inhibitors. This verification layer helps to ensure that the PCR results are accurate, and it reduces the likelihood of false negatives.

The TaqMan™ Universal DNA Spike In Control sequence does not overlap with any known microbial organism sequence, enabling its use with any microbial PCR workflow. This product contains a sequence for AmpC beta-lactamase and may amplify for any assays designed to detect this antibiotic resistance target. For example, TaqMan™ Assay ID Ba04646128\_s1 will amplify in any sample that contains the TaqMan™ Universal DNA Spike In Control. Typically, the control is added during DNA isolation, then carried through the remainder of the qPCR workflow. The ready-to-use control is compatible with any target assay, master mix, or sample preparation reagents.

## Contents and storage

Contents	Amount	Storage
TaqMan™ Universal DNA Spike In Control	1 mL 2 × 10 <sup>5</sup> copies/µL	–25°C to −15°C

### Guidelines for use

- TaqMan<sup>™</sup> Universal DNA Spike In Control is supplied ready to use.
- Add 10  $\mu$ L of the control (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> copies) per reaction to the lysis solution used for DNA isolation. Continue the DNA isolation procedure without further changes.
- Use in conjunction with the TaqMan<sup>™</sup> Assay for the Xeno<sup>™</sup> DNA control (Assay ID Ac00010014\_a1).
- The TaqMan<sup>™</sup> Universal DNA Spike In Control has an expected C<sub>t</sub> range of 19-23.

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