DATA SHEET-V1
REMBRANDT® RET BREAK APART FISH DETECTION

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III. The REMBRANDT® RET break apart FISH assay kit is a qualitative assay for the detection of a translocation of the RET gene on chromosome 10.

IV. The intended users are qualified laboratory employees in cytology and/or pathology. The product is intended for professional use.

Clinical relevance

The RET break apart probe is intended to identify rearrangements of the RET region, which lies on chromosome 10q at location 10q11.21. RET (proto-oncogene) is a protein coding gene. It is a tyrosine kinase receptor involved in the control of cell differentiation, cell proliferation and cell survival. Rearrangements of the RET gene are identified in mainly patients with lung adenocarcinomas or non-small cell lung cancers (NSCLC) and in papillary thyroid carcinoma (PTC) (Santoro & Carlomagno, 2013). RET fusion is identified in 1-2% of NSCLC. The fusion is mostly observed with KIF5B and CCDC6 (Kohno et al., 2012). In PTC, 5-35% fusion of the RET gene has been detected. In most cases, fusion was observed with CCDC6 gene(Grieco et al., 1990). CCDC6 gene and RET gene are both located on the q arm of chromosome 10 and the fusion is induced by intrachromosomal inversion, the breakpoints are present within intron 11.

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The distal region is detected by green fluorescence (AF488) and the proximal region is detected by orange fluorescent detection (AF555).

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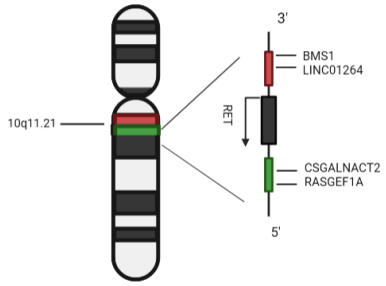

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III. Homogenize probe solution (C824P.2030.YY) a spin briefly. Apply 15 µl of probe solution to each specimen. Cover all specimens with a cover slip (avoid air bubbles). Denature slides on a 80 ˚C hotplate or other heating device for 3 minutes

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VI. Incubate the slides in diluted, pre-heated PanWash 4 (R025R.000) (prepare according to section 1.9 of Manual-FISH)

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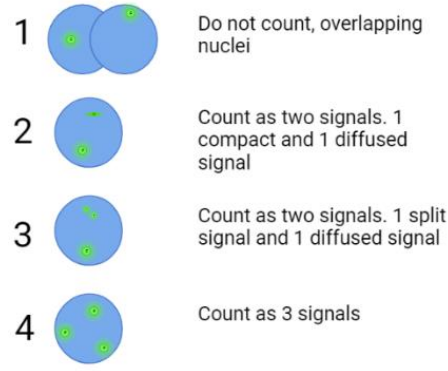

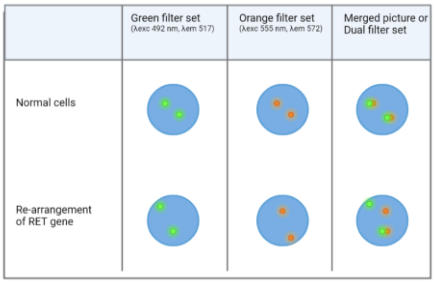

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Performance characteristic	Outcome
Normal cut-off percentage	8.6%
Noise-to-signal cut-off percentage	24.40%
Hybridization efficiency	99%

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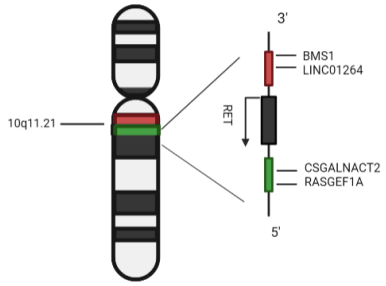

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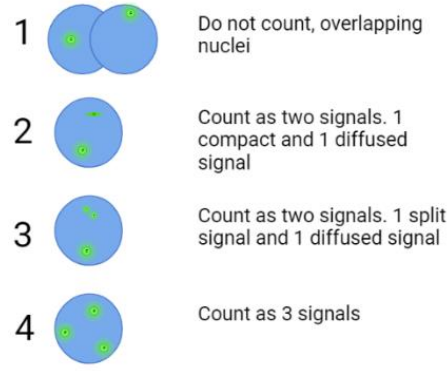

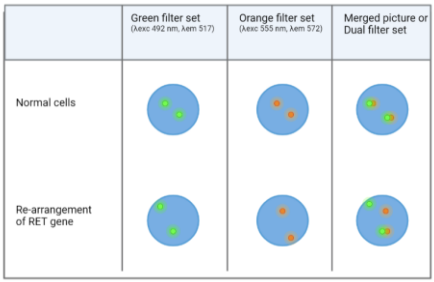

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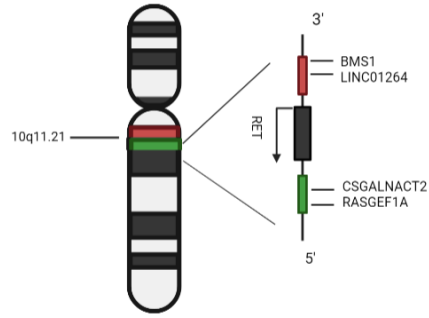
DATA SHEET-V1
REMBRANDT® RET BREAK APART ISH DETECTION
RESEARCH USE ONLY (RUO)

RUO

Pan Path

Ref		
C824K.0199.05	Σ	5 T
C824K.0199.10	Σ	10 T

The REMBRANDT® RET break apart probes are pre-mixed in a hybridization mixture (formamide, dextran sulphate and SSC) and are ready to use solutions.



Intended use

I. The REMBRANDT® RET break apart ISH assay is for research use only, and is intended for the detection of a translocation of the RET gene on chromosome 10, locus q11.21, in fixed cells.

II. The REMBRANDT® RET break apart ISH assay kit is a qualitative assay for the detection of a translocation of the RET gene on chromosome 10, locus q11.21. A clinical diagnosis should not be established based on the performance of this test.

III. The intended users are qualified laboratory employees in cytology and/or pathology. The product is intended for professional use.

Clinical relevance

The RET break apart probe is intended to identify rearrangements of the RET region, which lies on chromosome 10q at location 10q11.21. RET (proto-oncogene) is a protein coding gene. It is a tyrosine kinase receptor involved in the control of cell differentiation, cell proliferation and cell survival. Rearrangements of the RET gene are identified in mainly patients with lung adenocarcinomas or non-small cell lung cancers (NSCLC) and in papillary thyroid carcinoma (PTC) (Santoro & Carlomagno, 2013). RET fusion is identified in 1-2% of NSCLC. The fusion is mostly observed with KIF5B and CCDC6 (Kohno et al., 2012). In PTC, 5-35% fusion of the RET gene has been detected. In most cases, fusion was observed with CCDC6 gene(Grieco et al., 1990). CCDC6 gene and RET gene are both located on the q arm of chromosome 10 and the fusion is induced by intrachromosomal inversion.

Probe specification

The REMBRANDT® RET probe set consists of a 158 kb probe distal from the RET break point region, and a 170 kb probe proximal from the RET break point region.
The distal probe is conjugated to biotin and the proximal probe is conjugated to digoxigenin. The RET break apart FISH assay is able to detect translocation of the RET gene on chromosome 10, by means of direct *in situ* hybridization.

Test principle

In an *in situ* hybridization assay, a double stranded DNA probe labelled with a hapten is used. The labelled DNA probe is diluted in a hybridization mixture. The hybridization mixture containing the DNA probe is added to the specimen. A co-denaturation will ensure that the genomic DNA and the probe DNA become single stranded. After denaturation, the probe DNA is able to hybridize to its complementary target sequences in the cells. In the REMBRANDT® RET break apart ISH assay, the haptens are attached to the probe and the signals can be visualized after detection by corresponding antibodies by fluorescent or brightfield microscopy.

Reagents provided

Product name	Product number	Amount
Labelled probes (depending on label and size choice)		
●RET break apart ISH probes biotin/digoxigenin detection	C824P.0199.05	Σ 5 T
●RET break apart ISH probes biotin/digoxigenin detection	C824P.0199.10	Σ 10 T
Pepsin powder	R011R.0000	1 g
Pepsin diluent	R018R.0000	15 ml
PanWash 4, 25X SSC	R025R.0000	15 ml

Assay procedure

REMBRANDT® RET break apart ISH detection assay procedure for cytological specimen.

I. Incubate slides in pre-heated proteolytic work solution (prepare according to section 1.9 of Manual-FISH) (R011R.000 + R018R.000) at 37 ˚C (100 µg/ml) for 15 minutes followed by a brief rinsing in 0.01M HCl (1x 2 minutes) and subsequent rinses in PBS (2x 1 minute)

II. Flush wash slides in deionised water, followed by dehydration in graded ethanol series (ethanol 70%, 96%, 96%, 100%, 100%) 1 minute each and air-dry slides for 15 minutes

Do not treat more than 5 slides at the same time, because the temperature of the pre-heated solutions may drop dramatically, thus causing incomplete pre-treatment. Additionally, allow the slides to air-dry as recommended; otherwise sections will be lost.

III. Homogenize probe solution (C824P.0199.YY) a spin briefly. Apply 15 µl of probe solution to each specimen. Cover all specimens with a cover slip (avoid air bubbles). Denature slides on a 80 ˚C hotplate or other heating device for 3 minutes

Work in a pre-set order to ensure that all slides have been incubated at 80 ˚C for the exact same time. Do not denature more than 5 slides at the same time, the temperature of the heating device may drop dramatically, thus causing incomplete denaturation.

IV. Transfer the slides into a moist environment and incubate for 16 hours at 37 ˚C.

V. Remove coverslips by soaking the slides in PBS at room temperature

VI. Incubate the slides in diluted, pre-heated PanWash 4 (R025R.000) (prepare according to section 1.9 of Manual-FISH)

Do not incubate more than 5 slides at the same time in PanWash 4, the temperature of the PanWash 4 may drop dramatically, causing wrong stringency conditions.

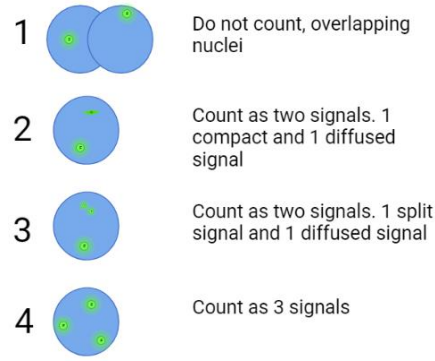
VII. Appropriate detection system should be evaluated by the end-user. Recommended detection systems are listed below

Digoxigenin detection	Biotin detection
R003R.0000 Sheep aDig-AP conjugate	R041R.0000 Goat aBio-AP Fab conjugate
R004R.0000 Sheep aDig-HRP conjugate	R042R.0000 Goat aBio-HRP Fab conjugate

Interpretation of results

Hybridization of the RET break apart probes is viewed using a fluorescence of brightfield microscope equipped with appropriate excitation and emission filters Allowing visualization of signals concentrated at the proximal region in combination with signals representing the distal region from the RET gene. The RET break apart FISH procedure enables observation of a possible detection of translocation of the RET gene on chromosome 10 within the nuclei.
Analyse the fluorescent signals in the interphase nucleus using a 40X or 63X magnification. Objectives with higher magnification (eg, 63X or 100X) should be used to verify or resolve questions about split or diffused signals. Enumerate at least 100 nuclei per slide for accurate analysis.

•Two signals in close proximity and approximately the same sizes but not connected by a visible link are counted as 2 signals.
•Count a diffuse signal as 1 signal if diffusion of the signal is contiguous and within an acceptable boundary.
•Two small signals connected by a visible link are counted as 1 signal.
•Enumerate the number of nuclei with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or >4 signals. Count nuclei with 0 signals only if there are other nuclei with at least 1 signal present in the field of view. If the accuracy of the enumeration is in doubt, repeat the enumeration in another area of the slide.
•Do not enumerate nuclei with uncertain signals



Performance characteristics

The REMBRANDT® RET break apart ISH assay was analytically validated for RET break apart FISH detection. The results of the direct fluorescent assay are shown. However, for the REMBRANDT® RET break apart ISH assay, the detection system may influence the performance characteristics and the RET break apart assay in combination with different detection systems should be evaluated carefully by the end-user.

Analytical sensitivity

The analytical sensitivity was determined in three levels. The normal cut-off percentage was determined based on assessment of 200 individual nuclei in two samples of healthy interphase lymphocytes from peripheral blood. The beta inversion was used to determine the percentage of normal-cut off. For the noise-to-signal percentage, the noise and signal values were determined for 100 signals in interphase lymphocytes from peripheral blood of two independent samples. The differences between noise and signal were evaluated using a 95% confidence interval. For the hybridization efficiency, 200 individual nuclei were assessed for the presence of ISH signals.

Performance characteristic	Outcome
Normal cut-off percentage	8.6%
Noise-to-signal cut-off percentage	24.40%
Hybridization efficiency	99%

Analytical specificity

The analytical specificity was determined in two levels. The theoretical specificity was determined by sequencing analysis of the probe DNA and mapping on Hg38. The practical specificity was determined by assessing the hybridization pattern in metaphase chromosomes of interphase lymphocytes from peripheral blood.

Performance characteristic	Outcome
Theoretical specificity	Mapped on chromosome 10 the locus q11.21, distal and proximal from the RET gene
Practical specificity	100%

Limitations of Procedure

i) The RET break apart ISH assay is solely applicable detection of a translocation of the RET gene on chromosome 10, locus q11.21, which may be present in cell preparations (cytological specimen i.e. interphase lymphocytes from peripheral blood samples).

ii) Either human tissue sections or human cytological preparations may be used. Samples must be fixed in buffered formalin or alcohol. In tissue sections are required, the sections should be prepared in a 4 µm thickness. Furthermore, the tissues should be glued to the glass slides with a bio-adhesive (e.g. organ silane), dried at room temperature, subsequently dried at 37 °C overnight and lastly completely deparaffinized in xylene and alcohol series and air dried.

iii) Cytological specimen should be prepared as required by the user, fixed with cytological fixation agent, rinsed in distilled water prior to the ISH procedure and air dried.

iv) Many factors can influence the performance of the ISH procedure. Failure in detection can be due to i.e. improper sampling, handling, the time lapse between tissue removal and fixation, the size of the tissue specimen in the fixation medium, the fixation time, processing fixed tissue, the thickness of the section, the bio-adhesive on the slide, deparaffinisation procedure, incubation times, proteolytic pre-treatment, detection reagents, incubation temperatures and interpretation of results.

v) The performance of the ISH procedure is also affected by the sensitivity of the method and the presence of the RET gene. In case the limit of the sensitivity is reached a false negative reaction may be the result.

vi) The RET break apart ISH assay results should not be relied on in case the sampling, sampling method, sample quality, sample preparation, reagents used, controls and procedure followed are not optimal or as described the working protocols.

vii) The medical profession should be aware of risks and factors influencing the fluorescent signal intensity while interpretating the test result. Microscopy settings might influence the signal intensity and/or interpretation.

viii) Laboratory personnel performing the test should be trained and knowledgeable to be able to interpret the test results.

Storage and handling

Store kit and its contents at 2-8°C. Store the dissolved and aliquoted reagents at recommended temperatures. When used and stored as indicated, the kit is stable until the expiry date printed on the box.

Product	Product number	Storage conditions
RET break apart ISH probes biotin/digoxigenin detection	C824P.0199	2-8 °C
PanWash 4, 25X SSC	R025R.0000	Concentrated solution and diluted: 2-25°C, ambient temperature
Pepsin powder	R011R.0000	Powder: 2-25°C, ambient temperature
Pepsin diluent	R018R.0000	Dissolved: -20°C Concentrated solution and

diluted:	2-25˚C, ambient temperature

Hazard statements

H315 - Causes skin irritation
H319 - Causes serious eye irritation
H351 - Suspected of causing cancer
H360D - May damage the unborn child
H373 - May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure

Precautionary Statements

P202 - Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
P308 + P313 - IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention
P362 + P364 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse
P405 - Store locked up

Additional information

Product in combination with other devices

The REMBRANDT® DNA probes are intended for stand-alone usage. The in vitro diagnostic is intended to be used in combination with standard cytological preparation methods, hot plate(s), stove(s), incubation device(s), water bath(s), temperature and incubation time control(s), proteolytic-, detection- and other reagents (not supplied with this reagent) and a microscope. The combination has been tested and validated. Since the standard formalin fixed, paraffin embedded tissue blocks, standard tissue freezing, tissue sectioning (microtome), standard cytological preparation methods, hot plate(s), stove(s), incubation device(s), water bath(s), temperature controls, incubation time control(s) and other not supplied reagents such as but not limited to proteolytic reagents, detection reagents and a microscope is not combined with the device as a product, conformity with the essential requirements is not applicable. Assay validation criteria are mentioned in *'Interpretation of the Results'* and are also depending on the target load, which may influence the validation criteria.

For additional information regarding the Rembrandt® assays, a manual is included which specifies the following subjects:

- Controls
- Materials required but not included
- Storage and shelf-life
- Performance precautions
- Preparations of reagents
- Specimen collection
- Quality control
- Trouble shooting guide

Technical assistance

For technical assistance regarding the products performance, please contact info@panpath.nl or call +31 495499090. Visit our website for reprints of datasheets or additional documentation. www.panpath.nl

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