



# FemINDICator<sup>®</sup> Cannabis qPCR Sex Detection Assay

QUICK GUIDE

## Test Kit Information

### Assay Components:

1. FemINDICATOR® qPCR Cannabis Sex Detection Assay v2 - P/N 420154
  - a. 1 tube (Store kit at -15 to -20°C). Expires 2 Years from Date of Manufacture.
2. FemINDICATOR® Positive Control - P/N 420312
  - a. 1 tube (Store at -15 to -20°C). Expires 2 Years from Date of Manufacture.
3. Medicinal Genomics qPCR Master Kit v3 - P/N 420201
  - a. Kit (Store at -15 to -20°C). Expires 2 Years from Date of Manufacture
    - i. Reaction Buffer (10x) - 1 tube
    - ii. Nuclease Free Water - 2 tubes
    - iii. qPCR Master Mix - 1 tube

### Consumables:

1. 96-Well Optical qPCR plate - Medicinal Genomics P/N 100164
2. Adhesive optical seal for qPCR plates - Medicinal Genomics P/N 100177

## DNA Lysis

For Plant Sampling and DNA lysis instructions see the Sample Preparation Guide which should be followed *before* setting up the FemINDICATOR qPCR.

**qPCR Setup:**

*Note: The master mix volumes and thermal cycling parameters have been validated on the Bio-rad CFX 96 and the Agilent AriaMX instruments.*

1. Prepare Assay Master Mix

qPCR Reagent Volumes

Reagents	1 Reaction	24 Reactions (Plus 1 excess rxn)	48 Reactions (Plus 2 excess rxn)
qPCR Master Mix	2.5 µL	62.5 µL	125 µL
Assay Probe Mix	0.65 µL	16.25 µL	32.5 µL
Reaction Buffer	0.52 µL	13 µL	26 µL
Water	5.33 µL	133.25 µL	266.5 µL
Total Assay Probe MM	9 µL	225 µL	450 µL

- a. Prepare enough master mix for your samples plus two controls (positive and NTC). Add 10% overage to the master mix components to account for pipetting and dead volumes.
2. Prepare Positive Control Dilution
  - a. Dilute the stock assay positive control 1:10 with nuclease free water. 9 µL water, 1 µL positive control, vortex and spin down.
3. Transfer samples and master mix to PCR plate
  - a. Transfer 9 µL of freshly prepared qPCR Assay Master Mix to each well.
  - b. Transfer 5 µL of each sample, 5 µL of diluted assay positive control, and 5 µL of water to separate wells of a qPCR plate and slowly tip mix. Avoid adding bubbles to the mixture.
4. Seal plate, spin in plate centrifuge, and load on qPCR instrument.

5. Set up FemINDICator - qPCR cycling parameters:
  - a. Hot Start at 95°C for 5 minutes  
Followed by 40 cycles of:
  - b. 95°C for 15 seconds
  - c. 65°C for 30 seconds.
  - d. Plate Read
6. Start the run.
7. When the run is complete, the plate can be discarded.
8. Proceed to data analysis.

**Data Analysis:**

Assay	Cq Value	Fluor	Negative Control (Cq)	Cq threshold
Sex - Male	< 35	FAM	No Value	Presence/Absence
Sex - Female	> 35	FAM	No Value	Presence/Absence
Internal Cannabis Control*	<35	HEX	*Internal control verifies the presence or absence of cannabis DNA	
Assay Positive Control	<35	FAM		

1. Positive and No Template (NTC) Controls - Confirm Assay Positive control well and assay NTC well results are as expected.
  - a. Assay positive control should have a Cq value  $\leq 35$  for FAM.
    - i. No HEX signal should be observed in the control wells
      1. If HEX signal is observed a Cq of >35 is acceptable.
  - b. Assay NTC should have no Cq value for FAM.
    - i. Cq values >35 in FAM signal are acceptable
    - ii. No HEX signal should be observed in the control wells
      1. If HEX signal is observed a Cq of >35 is acceptable.
  - c. Confirm Cq values against amplification plots.

2. Sample Analysis

- a. Internal Cannabis Control (HEX)
  - i. HEX signals in sample wells should be  $\leq 35$
- b. Male samples (FAM)
  - i. FAM amplification which results in a Cq value  $\leq 35$
- c. Confirm Cq values against amplification plots.

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