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### ASSAY PRINCIPLES

Veriflow<sup>™</sup> *Green Fluorescent Protein* (*GFP*) is a molecular based assay for the presumptive and qualitative detection of *GFP* in SLR 2954 *Salmonella abaetetuba GFP*, 35150 *E. coli O157:H7 GFP*, and SLR 3032 *Listeria monocytogenes GFP*. The assay utilizes a PCR detection method coupled with a rapid, visual, flow-based assay that develops in 3 minutes post PCR amplification and requires only 18-24 hours of incubation for maximum sensitivity. The Veriflow<sup>™</sup> *GFP* system eliminates the need for gel electrophoresis or fluorophore based detection of target amplifications, and does not require complex data analysis. Veriflow<sup>™</sup> *GFP* provides the specificity and sensitivity of PCR based amplification in a cost-efficient and easy-to-use format.

#### **INTENDED USER**

The Veriflow<sup>M</sup> *GFP* system is intended for use by personnel familiar with basic sample collection and preparation techniques associated with foodborne pathogen detection. Veriflow<sup>M</sup> *GFP* is specifically designed to be easy-to-use and eliminates the need for advanced training in molecular biology.

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### MATERIALS PROVIDED

- 1. IS GFP PCR Reagent Cat. No. IS506
- 2. IS Buffer B Cat. No. IS0702
- 3. IS Veriflow™ GFP Assay Cassette Cat. No. IS0109
- 4. 1.5 mL Sample Boil Tubes Cat. No. IS0902

### MATERIALS NEEDED for UHT SKIM MILK SAMPLES

24 oz. (710 mL) Incubation Bags (Milk Samples).
 a. e.g. Nasco Cat. No. B01401WA or equivalent.

### MATERIALS NEEDED for DOG FOOD SAMPLES

- 1. 24 oz. (710 mL) or 92 oz. (2721 mL) incubation bags (Dog Food Samples).
  - a. e.g. Nasco Cat. No. B01348WA or Nasco Cat. No. B01488 or equivalent.

### MATERIALS NEEDED for ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES

- 1. Dry or pre-moistened sampling sponges OR swabs
  - a. e.g. Nasco Speci-Sponge® Cat. No. B01245 or equivalent OR 3M™ Enviro Swab Cat. No. ENVSWB25D or equivalent.
  - b. Sponge should not exceed 10 mL, and Swab should not exceed 2 mL of hydration with Dey-Engley broth.
- 2. Dey-Engley broth (if necessary)
  - a. e.g. BD Cat. No. 281910 or equivalent
- 18 oz (532 ml) incubation bag for sponge samples
  a. e.g. Nasco Whirl-Pak® Cat. No. B01245 or equivalent
  - a. e.g. Nasco Whirl-Pak® Cat. No. BU1245 or equivaler
  - 2 oz (58 ml) incubation bag for swab samples a. e.g. Nasco Whirl-Pak® Cat. No. B01009WA or equivalent

## MATERIALS NEEDED for ALL ENRICHMENT TYPES

- 1. Incubator that provides continuous and stable temperatures of  $35^{\circ}C \pm 1^{\circ}C$
- 2. Hot plate/heat source for boiling water bath
- 3. Heat tolerant beaker (optional for boiling)
- 4. PCR Thermocycler
- 5. Pipettes and tips for 5, 200, and 1000 µl volumes
- 6. Glassware and autoclave for media prep
- 7. Racks for culture bags and 1.5 mL tubes
- 8. dH<sub>2</sub>0

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- 9. Scale for weighing of sample and media
- 10. Freezer capable of maintaining -20°C

## STORAGE OF MATERIALS

The IS *GFP* kit components, including cassettes, plastics, growth media and buffers should be stored at room temperature (20-25°C). The Veriflow<sup>M</sup> *GFP* test PCR reagents should be stored at -20°C.

## PRECAUTIONS

- Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP, and Listeria monocytogenes GFP are human pathogens. All samples collected for use with the Veriflow™ GFP Assay should be handled with care.
- 2. Assay users should observe standard microbiological practices and safety precautions when performing this assay.
- 3. Do not use Veriflow™ GFP Assay cassettes past indicated expiration date.
- 4. Deviations from the assay protocol may impact overall test performance.

# SECTION I: SAMPLING AND ENRICHMENT for DAIRY SAMPLES

1. Transfer 225 mL Lactose Broth (BD, 214908) (Salmonella abaetetuba

GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP) or IS Listeria Broth (InvSent, ISO302) (Listeria monocytogenes GFP) to a 24 oz. (710 mL) incubation bag.

- 2. Transfer 25 mL sample directly to bag from step 1.
- 3. Agitate bag to evenly distribute sample.
- 4. Place bag into 35°C incubator, in rack, for 18-24 hours: Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP or 24-28 hours: Listeria monocytogenes GFP.

# **SECTION II:** SAMPLING and ENRICHMENT for 25 GRAM DOG FOOD SAMPLES

- 1. Weigh out 25 gram sample.
- 2. Transfer 25 gram sample to 24 oz. (710mL) incubation bag.
- 3. Transfer 225 mL enrichment media to incubation bag containing sample.
- 4. Stomach to break down sample.
- 5. Place bag into 35°C incubator, in rack, for 18-24 hours: *Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP or* 24-28 hours: *Listeria monocytogenes GFP*.

# SECTION III: SAMPLING and ENRICHMENT for 325 GRAM DOG FOOD SAMPLES

- 1. Weigh out 325 gram sample.
- 2. Transfer 325 gram sample to 92 oz. (2721 mL) incubation bag.
- 3. Transfer 1625 mL enrichment media to incubation bag containing sample.
- 4. Stomach to break down sample.
- 5. Place bag into 35°C incubator, in rack, for 18-24 hours: *Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP* or 24-28 hours: *Listeria monocytogenes GFP*.

## SECTION IV: SPONGE SURFACE SAMPLING AND ENRICHMENT

- 1. If sponges are not pre-moistened, pipette 10 mL of Dey-Engley Neutralization broth to each sponge placed in an 18 oz. (532 mL) culture bag.
- 2. Squeeze excess moisture from sponge and remove from culture bag.
- 3. Sample surface area of interest using sponge for 30 seconds.
- 4. Transfer sponge back to culture bag.
- 5. Transfer 200 mL enrichment media into bag containing sponge used for sampling, seal, and briefly massage sponge.
- 6. Place bag into 35°C incubator, in rack, for 18-24 hours: Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP or 24-28 hours: Listeria monocytogenes GFP.

## SECTION V: SWAB SURFACE SAMPLING AND ENRICHMENT

- 1. If swabs are not pre-moistened, pipette 2 mL of Dey-Engley Neutralization broth to each swab placed in a 2.0 oz. (58mL) culture bag.
- 2. Squeeze excess moisture from swab and remove from culture bag.
- 3. Sample surface area of interest using swab for 30 seconds.
- 4. Transfer swab back to culture bag.
- 5. Transfer 20 mL enrichment media into bag containing swab used for sampling, seal, and briefly massage swab.
- 6. Place bag into 35°C incubator, in rack, for 18-24 hours: *Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP* or 24-28 hours: *Listeria monocytogenes GFP*.

### SAMPLE PREP and PCR

- 1. Place provided 1.5 mL *GFP* Sampling tubes in rack (1 for each sample to be tested).
- 2. Remove culture enrichment bag from incubator and agitate to suspend any settled contents.
- Pipette 1 mL of enriched culture (Salmonella abaetetuba GFP, E. coli O157:H7 GFP) or 500 μL enriched culture + 500 μL dH2O (Listeria monocytogenes GFP) to prepared 1.5mL tube from step 1 above, seal, and invert to mix contents.
- Boil sample from step 3 above in water bath or heating block for 10 minutes and allow to equilibrate to room temperature (20-25°C), 10-20 minutes.
  - Note: samples can be stored sealed at -20°C, pre or post boil, for 1 week, prior to step 5 below.
- 5. Transfer 5 µl of liquid from cooled boiled sample from step 4 above to thawed PCR reagent tube for each sample.
  - a. Note: Open PCR tube only when adding sample and promptly close after, to avoid cross contamination between tubes.
- 6. Cycle sample PCR tube in thermocycler with Veriflow™ GFP program.

### FLOWTHROUGH CASSETTE SAMPLE ANALYSIS

- 1. Remove tubes from thermocycler and add 4 drops of Buffer B directly to each PCR tube.
- Transfer entire contents (200 µl) of PCR tube directly to Veriflow<sup>™</sup> GFP Assay cassette sample window with pipette. A separate Veriflow<sup>™</sup> GFP Assay cassette must be used for each PCR tube.
- 3. Allow test to develop for 2 minutes.
- 4. Add 4 drops of Buffer B directly to each Veriflow™ *GFP* Assay cassette sample window.
- 5. Allow test to develop for 1 minute.
- 6. Retract switch and record results.
  - a. The appearance of one red line (control) in the cassette window indicates a negative result.
  - b. The appearance of two red lines (control and test) in the cassette window indicates a positive result.

### SAMPLING for COLONY PCR

- 1. Add 500 mL sterile  $dH_{2}O$  to a 1.5 mL tube.
- 2. Pick a well-isolated single colony from plate using a 200 mL pipette.
- 3. Resuspend the colony in the 1.5 ml tube containing sterile  $\rm dH_2O$  and vortex to mix contents.
- 4. Transfer 5 mL from the tube into a PCR tube.

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Invisible Sentinel customer service and technical assistance can be reached between 9AM and 5PM Eastern time by calling 215-966-6118 and asking for an Invisible Sentinel sales or technical representative. Training on this product and all Invisible Sentinel test kits is available.

### MSDS INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are available for this test kit and all of Invisible Sentinel's Food test kits by calling Invisible Sentinel at 215-966-6118.



#### **APPENDIX 1: RESULTS INTERPRETATION**





The control line, as indicated by the letter C on the test cassette, should always develop. The test line, as indicated by the letter T on the cassette, will only develop in the event of a positive sample for *Green Fluorescent Protein*. If the control line fails to develop, the test is invalid, and will need to be repeated.

### **APPENDIX 2: DISPOSAL**

Invisible Sentinel devices are for single use only. Decontaminate all surfaces, media and reagents and discard in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.