

## DATA SHEET

### eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe

**Catalog No.****FP056-10X- 100µl-10 test****FP056-20X- 200µl-20 test**

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Material Provided: One vial of eFISH probe in hybridization buffer (RTU).

**Recommended detection system (Not supplied):**

Either of the following detection system is recommended depending on the automation/manual platform used:

| eFISH Kit   | Cat #       | Description |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| eFISH Histo | DF-500-20XE | Automation  |
| eFISH Cyto  | DF-510-20XE | Automation  |

**Intended Use:**

The BioGenex eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe is currently available for Research use only. eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe is designed to detect translocations involving the ALK gene at 2p23 in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue or cells by fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH).

BioGenex eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe comes in Ready to use format in hybridization buffer. The probe contains green-labeled polynucleotides (Green: excitation at 503 nm and emission at 528 nm, similar to FITC) and orange-labeled polynucleotides (Orange: excitation at 547 nm and emission at 572 nm, similar to rhodamine), which target sequences mapping in 2p23 proximal to the ALK breakpoint region.

**Summary and Explanation**

Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) is a robust technique of cytogenetic used for the detection of chromosomal aberrations, presence or absence of specific DNA sequence in native context. In this technique fluorescent probes bind to the target sequence of DNA in chromosome. High specificity and sensitivity coupled rapid and an accurate result has proven role of FISH in both research and diagnosis of solid tumor and hematological malignancies. As technique of cancer cytogenetics, FISH, can be used to identify genetic aberrations viz., deletions, amplification and translocation in tissue sections or within individual cells. FISH is also used for use in genetic counseling, medicine, and species identification. FISH can also be used to detect and localize specific RNA targets in cells,

circulating tumor cells, and tissue samples<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>.

In FISH procedure, fixed tissue sections are pretreated to expose target DNA or mRNA sequences. An appropriately labeled probe is hybridized to the exposed target DNA or mRNA sequences in the cells. Subsequent stringent washing steps remove any probe that is non-specifically bound to the tissue section. Subsequently slides are mounted using DAPI/antifade and can be visualized under fluorescence microscope using appropriate filter set.

**Principles of the Procedure**

*In Situ* hybridization (ISH) allows the detection and localization of definitive nucleic acid sequences directly within a cell or tissue. High specificity is ensured through the action of annealing of fluorescence probe nucleic acid sequence to complementary target nucleic acid sequence. ISH techniques can be used to identify genetic aberrations like deletions, amplification, and translocation in tissue sections or within individual cells.

**Storage and Handling**

BioGenex eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe must be stored at 2-8°C, protected from light and is stable through the expiry date printed on the label.

**Specimen Collection and Slide Preparation**

Tissues fixed in 10% (v/v) formalin are suitable for use prior to paraffin embedding and sectioning.

**FISH Staining procedure**

- (a) The BioGenex eFISH probes are supplied in hybridization buffer and used without further dilution.
- (b) Protocol:

Please refer to the eFISH probe specific instruction/protocol for automated or semi-automated FISH processing platform (Xmatrx<sup>®</sup>-Infinity, Xmatrx<sup>®</sup>-Nano and Xmatrx<sup>®</sup>-mini.

Further processing, such as washing and counter-staining, can be completed according to the user's needs. For a particularly user-friendly performance, we recommend the use of a BioGenex eFISH kit.

These systems were also used for the confirmation of appropriateness of the eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe.

**Disclaimer:** The above information is provided for reference only. Each end-user is responsible for developing and validating optimal testing conditions for use with this product.

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## Troubleshooting

Contact BioGenex Technical Service Department at **1-800-421-4149** or your local distributor to report unusual staining.

## Expected Results

The use of eFISH ALK Dual Color Break Apart Probe along with appropriate filters produces orange and green signal for hybridization regions of chromosomal region 2p23. Normal interphase cells or cells without 2p23 translocation, two orange/two green fusion signals appear. In regions where 2p23 is affected by translocation, one separate green signal and one separate orange signal are observed.

However, we recommend the use of a control sample in which the translocation status of 2p23 is known to judge the specificity of the signals with each hybridization reaction.

Care should be taken not to evaluate overlapping cells, in order to avoid false results, e.g. an amplification of genes. Due to decondensed chromatin, single FISH signals can appear as small signal clusters. Thus, two or three signals of the same size, separated by a distance equal to or less than the diameter of one signal, should be counted as one signal.

## Limitations of the Procedure

Correct treatment of tissues prior to and during fixation, embedding, and sectioning is important for obtaining optimal results. Inconsistent results may be due to variations in tissue processing, as well as inherent variations in tissue. The results from *in situ* hybridization must be correlated with other laboratory findings.

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