

Product Description SALSA® MLPA® Probemix P325-A3 OCA2

To be used with the MLPA General Protocol.

Version A3. As compared to version A2, four reference probes have been replaced. For complete product history see page 7.

Catalogue numbers:

- **P325-025R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P325 OCA2, 25 reactions.
- **P325-050R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P325 OCA2, 50 reactions.
- **P325-100R:** SALSA MLPA Probemix P325 OCA2, 100 reactions.

To be used in combination with a SALSA MLPA reagent kit and Coffalyser.Net data analysis software. MLPA reagent kits are either provided with FAM or Cy5.0 dye-labelled PCR primer, suitable for Applied Biosystems and Beckman/SCIEX capillary sequencers, respectively (see www.mlpa.com).

Certificate of Analysis: Information regarding storage conditions, quality tests, and a sample electropherogram from the current sales lot is available at www.mlpa.com.

Precautions and warnings: For professional use only. Always consult the most recent product description AND the MLPA General Protocol before use: www.mlpa.com. It is the responsibility of the user to be aware of the latest scientific knowledge of the application before drawing any conclusions from findings generated with this product.

General information: The SALSA MLPA Probemix P325 OCA2 is a **research use only (RUO)** assay for the detection of deletions or duplications in the *OCA2* and *TYR* genes, which are associated with oculocutaneous albinism.

Oculocutaneous albinism (OCA) is a group of autosomal recessive disorders characterised by hypopigmentation in the skin, hair and eyes due to disorders in the melanin biosynthesis. There are different types of OCA of which OCA type 1 and type 2 (OCA1 and OCA2) are the most common. Defects in the tyrosinase gene (*TYR*) and the oculocutaneous albinism gene (*OCA2*, formerly known as the *P* gene) are considered to be causes of OCA1 and OCA2, respectively. The protein encoded by the *OCA2* gene is the P protein, whereas the protein encoded by the *TYR* gene is tyrosinase. Tyrosinase is important during the initial steps of melanin production, while the P protein is a transporter protein.

The *OCA2* gene (24 exons) spans ~344 kb of genomic DNA and is located on 15q12-q13.1, 26 Mb from the p-telomere. The *TYR* gene (5 exons) spans ~118 kb of genomic DNA and is located on 11q14.3, 89 Mb from the p-telomere.

More information is available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1232/>.

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Gene structure and transcript variants:

Entrez Gene shows transcript variants of each gene: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=gene>

For NM_ mRNA reference sequences: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=nucleotide>

Locus Reference Genomic (LRG) database: <http://www.lrg-sequence.org/>

Exon numbering:

The *OCA2* exon numbering used in this P325-A3 OCA2 product description is the exon numbering from the RefSeq transcript NM_000275.3, which is identical to the NG_009846.1 sequence. The *TYR* exon numbering used in this P325-A3 OCA2 product description is the exon numbering from the RefSeq transcript NM_000372.5, which is identical to the NG_008748.1 sequence. The exon numbering and NM_ sequences

used have been retrieved on 10/2020. As changes to the NCBI database can occur after release of this product description, exon numbering may not be up-to-date.

Probemix content: The SALSA MLPA Probemix P325-A3 OCA2 contains 42 MLPA probes with amplification products between 130 and 472 nucleotides (nt). This includes 26 probes for the *OCA2* gene (one for each exon, except for exons 8 and 23, and four *OCA2* probes that detect intronic sequences) and five probes for the *TYR* gene (one for each exon, except exon 5, and one *TYR* probe that detects an intronic sequence). Four of the *OCA2* probes are present in or near the common 2.7-kb deletion area. In addition, 11 reference probes are included that detect autosomal chromosomal locations. Complete probe sequences and the identity of the genes detected by the reference probes are available online (www.mlpa.com).

This probemix contains nine quality control fragments generating amplification products between 64 and 105 nt: four DNA Quantity fragments (Q-fragments), two DNA Denaturation fragments (D-fragments), one Benchmark fragment, and one chromosome X and one chromosome Y-specific fragment (see table below). More information on how to interpret observations on these control fragments can be found in the MLPA General Protocol and online at www.mlpa.com.

Length (nt)	Name
64-70-76-82	Q-fragments (only visible with <100 ng sample DNA)
88-96	D-fragments (low signal of 88 nt and 96 nt fragment indicates incomplete denaturation)
92	Benchmark fragment
100	X-fragment (X chromosome specific)
105	Y-fragment (Y chromosome specific)

MLPA technique: The principles of the MLPA technique (Schouten et al. 2002) are described in the MLPA General Protocol (www.mlpa.com).

MLPA technique validation: Internal validation of the MLPA technique using 16 DNA samples from healthy individuals is required, in particular when using MLPA for the first time, or when changing the sample handling procedure, DNA extraction method or instruments used. This validation experiment should result in a standard deviation ≤ 0.10 for all probes over the experiment.

Required specimens: Extracted DNA, free from impurities known to affect MLPA reactions. For more information please refer to the section on DNA sample treatment found in the MLPA General Protocol.

Reference samples: A sufficient number (≥ 3) of reference samples should be included in each MLPA experiment for data normalisation. All samples tested, including reference DNA samples, should be derived from the same tissue type, handled using the same procedure, and prepared using the same DNA extraction method when possible. Reference samples should be derived from unrelated individuals who are from families without a history of oculocutaneous albinism. More information regarding the selection and use of reference samples can be found in the MLPA General Protocol.

Positive control DNA samples: MRC-Holland cannot provide positive DNA samples. Inclusion of a positive sample in each experiment is recommended. Coriell Institute (<https://catalog.coriell.org>) and Leibniz Institute DSMZ (<https://www.dsmz.de/home.html>) have a diverse collection of biological resources which may be used as a positive control DNA sample in your MLPA experiments. Sample ID numbers NA08618 and NA09596 from the Coriell Institute have been tested with this P325-A3 probemix at MRC-Holland and can be used as positive control samples to detect a heterozygous duplication and a heterozygous deletion of the *TYR* gene, respectively. The quality of cell lines can change; therefore samples should be validated before use.

Data analysis: Coffalyser.Net software should be used for data analysis in combination with the appropriate lot-specific MLPA Coffalyser sheet. For both, the latest version should be used. Coffalyser.Net software is freely downloadable at www.mlpa.com. Use of other non-proprietary software may lead to

inconclusive or false results. For more details on MLPA quality control and data analysis, including normalisation, see the Coffalyser.Net Reference Manual.

Interpretation of results: The standard deviation of each individual probe over all the reference samples should be ≤ 0.10 and the dosage quotient (DQ) of each individual reference probe in the patient samples should be between 0.80 and 1.20. When these criteria are fulfilled, the following cut-off values for the DQ of the probes can be used to interpret MLPA results for autosomal chromosomes or pseudo-autosomal regions:

Copy number status	Dosage quotient
Normal	$0.80 < DQ < 1.20$
Homozygous deletion	$DQ = 0$
Heterozygous deletion	$0.40 < DQ < 0.65$
Heterozygous duplication	$1.30 < DQ < 1.65$
Heterozygous triplication/Homozygous duplication	$1.75 < DQ < 2.15$
Ambiguous copy number	All other values

- Arranging probes according to chromosomal location facilitates interpretation of the results and may reveal more subtle changes such as those observed in mosaic cases. Analysis of parental samples may be necessary for correct interpretation of complex results.
- False positive results: Please note that abnormalities detected by a single probe (or multiple consecutive probes) still have a considerable chance of being a false positive result. Incomplete DNA denaturation (e.g. due to salt contamination) can lead to a decreased probe signal, in particular for probes located in or near a GC-rich region. The use of an additional purification step or an alternative DNA extraction method may resolve such cases. Additionally, contamination of DNA samples with cDNA or PCR amplicons of individual exons can lead to an increased probe signal (Varga et al. 2012). Analysis of an independently collected secondary DNA sample can exclude these kinds of contamination artefacts.
- Normal copy number variation in healthy individuals is described in the database of genomic variants: <http://dgv.tcag.ca/dgv/app/home>. Users should always consult the latest update of the database and scientific literature when interpreting their findings.
- Not all abnormalities detected by MLPA are pathogenic. In some genes, intragenic deletions are known that result in very mild or no disease (as described for *DMD* by Schwartz et al. 2007). For many genes, more than one transcript variant exists. Copy number changes of exons that are not present in all transcript variants may not have clinical significance. Duplications that include the first or last exon of a gene (e.g. exons 1-3) might not result in inactivation of that gene copy.
- Copy number changes detected by reference probes or flanking probes are unlikely to have any relation to the condition tested for.
- When running MLPA products, the capillary electrophoresis protocol may need optimization. False results can be obtained if one or more peaks are off-scale. For example, a duplication of one or more exons can be obscured when peaks are off-scale, resulting in a false negative result. The risk on off-scale peaks is higher when probemixes are used that contain a relatively low number of probes. Coffalyser.Net software warns for off-scale peaks while other software does not. If one or more peaks are off-scale, rerun the PCR products using either: lower injection voltage / injection time settings, or a reduced amount of sample by diluting PCR products.

Limitations of the procedure:

- In most populations, the major cause of genetic defects in the *OCA2* and *TYR* genes are small (point) mutations, most of which will not be detected by using SALSA MLPA Probemix P325 OCA2.
- MLPA cannot detect any changes that lie outside the target sequence of the probes and will not detect copy number neutral inversions or translocations. Even when MLPA did not detect any aberrations, the possibility remains that biological changes in that gene or chromosomal region do exist but remain undetected.
- Sequence changes (e.g. SNPs, point mutations, small indels) in the target sequence detected by a probe can cause false positive results. Mutations/SNPs (even when >20 nt from the probe ligation site) can reduce the probe signal by preventing ligation of the probe oligonucleotides or by destabilising the binding of a probe oligonucleotide to the sample DNA.

Confirmation of results: Copy number changes detected by only a single probe always require confirmation by another method. An apparent deletion detected by a single probe can be due to e.g. a mutation/polymorphism that prevents ligation or destabilises the binding of probe oligonucleotides to the DNA sample. Sequence analysis can establish whether mutations or polymorphisms are present in the probe target sequence. The finding of a heterozygous mutation or polymorphism indicates that two different alleles of the sequence are present in the sample DNA and that a false positive MLPA result was obtained.

Copy number changes detected by more than one consecutive probe should be confirmed by another independent technique such as long range PCR, qPCR, array CGH or Southern blotting, whenever possible. Deletions/duplications of more than 50 kb in length can often be confirmed by FISH.

***OCA2* and *TYR* mutation databases:** <https://databases.lovd.nl/shared/genes/OCA2> and <https://databases.lovd.nl/shared/genes/TYR>. We strongly encourage users to deposit positive results in the Leiden Open Variation Database. Recommendations for the nomenclature to describe deletions/duplications of one or more exons can be found on <http://varnomen.hgvs.org/>.

Please report copy number changes detected by the reference probes, false positive results due to SNPs and unusual results (e.g., a duplication of *OCA2* exons 3 and 5 but not exon 4) to MRC-Holland: info@mlpa.com.

Table 1. SALSA MLPA Probemix P325-A3 OCA2

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	Chromosomal position (hg18) ^a		
		Reference	OCA2	TYR
64-105	Control fragments – see table in probemix content section for more information			
130	Reference probe 19551-L26105	2p13		
136 Ø #	TYR probe 14277-L15947			Intron 4
141	OCA2 probe 14278-L15948		Exon 16	
148	OCA2 probe 14279-L15949		Exon 3	
154	TYR probe 14280-L16600			Exon 2
160	TYR probe 14285-L15955			Exon 3
166	OCA2 probe 14281-L15951		Exon 13	
172	OCA2 probe 14282-L16601		Exon 6	
178	OCA2 probe 14283-L15953		Exon 2	
184 *	Reference probe 21624-L30240	22q12		
191 Ø +	OCA2 probe 14284-L16595		Intron 6	
200	OCA2 probe 14286-L16602		Exon 24	
207	OCA2 probe 14287-L15957		Exon 18	
214	OCA2 probe 14288-L15958		Exon 4	
220	OCA2 probe 14289-L15959		Exon 17	
226 Ø	OCA2 probe 15003-L17557		Intron 22	
232 +	OCA2 probe 14291-L17801		Exon 7	
238	OCA2 probe 14292-L18689		Exon 10	
244	OCA2 probe 14293-L15963		Exon 14	
250	OCA2 probe 14294-L15964		Exon 15	
256	OCA2 probe 14295-L16479		Exon 11	
260 Ø +	OCA2 probe 14296-L15966		Intron 7	
267	Reference probe 14110-L15943	8p21		
283	OCA2 probe 14297-L15967		Exon 9	
292	OCA2 probe 14298-L15968		Exon 12	
300	OCA2 probe 14299-L15969		Exon 5	
313	TYR probe 14300-L15970			Exon 1
328	OCA2 probe 14301-L15971		Exon 19	
337	Reference probe 01659-L01241	17p13		
346	OCA2 probe 14302-L15972		Exon 20	
355	TYR probe 14303-L15973			Exon 4
366 *	Reference probe 14768-L29121	1q23		
386 *	Reference probe 01794-L25919	13q14		
400	OCA2 probe 14790-L01553		Exon 22	
409	Reference probe 10681-L11263	6p12		
418	OCA2 probe 14307-L15977		Exon 21	
427	Reference probe 14406-L16088	12q13		
436	Reference probe 04720-L04138	7q21		
445	OCA2 probe 02041-L03725		Exon 1	
454 *	Reference probe 18691-L02476	5p15		
463 Ø +	OCA2 probe 14308-L15978		Intron 6	
472	Reference probe 12761-L13877	4q12		

a) See above section on exon numbering for more information.

* New in version A3.

Ø Intron probe. Only included to help determine the extent of a deletion/duplication. Copy number alterations of only this probe are of unknown clinical significance.

+ This probe is present in or near the common 2.7-kb deletion area.

This probe's specificity relies on a single nucleotide difference compared to a related gene or pseudogene. As a result, an apparent duplication of only this probe can be the result of a non-significant single nucleotide sequence change in the related gene or pseudogene.

Table 2. P325-A3 probes arranged according to chromosomal location

Table 2a. *TYR* gene

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	TYR exon ^a	Ligation site NM_000372.5	Partial sequence ^b (24 nt adjacent to ligation site)	Distance to next probe
		<i>start codon</i>	<i>80-82 (Exon 1)</i>		
313	14300-L15970	Exon 1	19-20	TAGTAGCTGGAA-AGAGAAATCTGT	13.2 kb
154	14280-L16600	Exon 2	94 nt before exon 2	CTCAGGAGAAGT-CTAACAACGATA	37.2 kb
160	14285-L15955	Exon 3	296 nt after exon 3	ATCCTGGTAGAA-GGTAAAGTATAC	56.9 kb
355	14303-L15973	Exon 4	204 nt after exon 4	ATTTTGCTTAAC-ATAGGCCATTTT	9.4 kb
136 Ø #	14277-L15947	Intron 4	633 nt before exon 5	CCAGAGTGCCGA-CGCTCCAGGGTA	
		<i>stop codon</i>	<i>1667-1669 (Exon 5)</i>		

Table 2b. *OCA2* gene

Length (nt)	SALSA MLPA probe	OCA2 exon ^a	Ligation site NM_000275.3	Partial sequence ^b (24 nt adjacent to ligation site)	Distance to next probe
		<i>start codon</i>	<i>114-116 (Exon 2)</i>		
445	02041-L03725	Exon 1	91-90 <i>reverse</i>	TGCACTTTACCT-GCGCACTTGCAAG	17.6 kb
178	14283-L15953	Exon 2	323-322 <i>reverse</i>	TTTGTGAGGAAT-GAAGCAAATCC	49.6 kb
148	14279-L15949	Exon 3	6 nt after exon 3 <i>reverse</i>	AGGGGGAAAATA-TCTACCCTTTC	4.0 kb
214	14288-L15958	Exon 4	7 nt before exon 4 <i>reverse</i>	GTGACCTGGAAA-GCAAGAGAGGTG	3.2 kb
300	14299-L15969	Exon 5	643-642 <i>reverse</i>	TGACTTTCAGCC-ACTGCACACAGC	2.4 kb
172	14282-L16601	Exon 6	722-721 <i>reverse</i>	AACAGCTGCCAG-AGCTTTCCTTGA	0.8 kb
463 Ø +	14308-L15978	Intron 6	747 nt after exon 6	GCTGCCAGATTA-GATGCGCTTCCC	1.2 kb
191 Ø +	14284-L16595	Intron 6	1896 nt after exon 6	CGACCTCTGCAT-TACTTCTCCAGG	2.0 kb
232 +	14291-L17801	Exon 7	5 nt before exon 7 <i>reverse</i>	TTCACGGCTCGG-AGAGTGCAAGG	1.2 kb
260 Ø +	14296-L15966	Intron 7	1023 nt after exon 7	TTGCATATTAAT-AACCCAGATTAA	2.5 kb
283	14297-L15967	Exon 9	1090-1089 <i>reverse</i>	GGGTTTCTACAC-TTCCGCGGAGGT	24.2 kb
238	14292-L18689	Exon 10	29 nt before exon 10 <i>reverse</i>	AAATTACCGCGT-TCCAGTGCACGA	1.1 kb
256	14295-L16479	Exon 11	9 nt after exon 11 <i>reverse</i>	CACGGGGAGAGC-TGTAATTACCAT	3.0 kb
292	14298-L15968	Exon 12	1352-1351 <i>reverse</i>	ATCATACCTACC-TTTACAGCACAA	1.4 kb
166	14281-L15951	Exon 13	1403-1402 <i>reverse</i>	GCCGCGATGAGA-CAGAGCATGATG	1.7 kb
244	14293-L15963	Exon 14	1543-1542 <i>reverse</i>	CAGCTCCTCAA-TGTTTGTGAAGA	16.6 kb
250	14294-L15964	Exon 15	2 nt before exon 15 <i>reverse</i>	AGTCCAGGCCCT-GGAAATAACAA	9.1 kb
141	14278-L15948	Exon 16	1764-1763 <i>reverse</i>	CCAGACGTGAAT-CTCGTGCTTCCAG	2.5 kb
220	14289-L15959	Exon 17	1922-1921 <i>reverse</i>	TTGGTCTCCAA-TTTTTGCTCTCC	3.4 kb
207	14287-L15957	Exon 18	1 nt after exon 18 <i>reverse</i>	AAATTAGACTCA-CCAAGATCAAGA	25.6 kb
328	14301-L15971	Exon 19	2088-2087 <i>reverse</i>	TAGCAACCAGAT-GGCACCCAGAAT	54.3 kb
346	14302-L15972	Exon 20	2219-2218 <i>reverse</i>	TCTCCAACATAT-TCTATTAAGTGG	0.5 kb
418	14307-L15977	Exon 21	92 nt before exon 21 <i>reverse</i>	GCCCCAGGGTGT-TAGTCCTTCTC	19.9 kb
400	14790-L01553	Exon 22	2423-2424	CCGCTCATGTAT-GCCCTGGCCTTC	5.9 kb
226 Ø	15003-L17557	Intron 22	450 nt before exon 23 <i>reverse</i>	CAACCAGGTGGA-ACCCCTTCTCTT	90.3 kb
200	14286-L16602	Exon 24	2801-2800 <i>reverse</i>	TGGTGTTCCAAC-ATTCGCTTGAAT	
		<i>stop codon</i>	<i>2628-2630 (Exon 24)</i>		

a) See above section on exon numbering for more information.

b) Only partial probe sequences are shown. Complete probe sequences are available at www.mlpa.com. Please notify us of any mistakes: info@mlpa.com.

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Related SALSA MLPA probemixes

- P054 FOXL2-TWIST1. Contains probes for the *GPR143* (previously *OAI1*) gene associated with X-linked ocular albinism.
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P325 Product history	
Version	Modification
A3	Four reference probes have been replaced.
A2	One reference probe has been replaced.
A1	First release.

Implemented changes in the product description
<p>Version A3-01 — 04 November 2020 (02P)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Product description rewritten and adapted to a new template. - Product description adapted to a new product version (version number changed, changes in Table 1 and Table 2). - Ligation sites of the probes targeting the <i>OCA2</i> and <i>TYR</i> genes updated according to new versions of the NM_ reference sequences. - Warning added to Table 1 and Table 2 for probe specificity relying on a single nucleotide difference between target gene and related gene or pseudogene. <p>Version 05 – 10 May 2017 (55)</p>

- Product description adapted to a new product version (version number changed, lot number added, small changes in Table 1 and Table 2, new picture included).
- New reference added on page 1.
- Various minor textual changes.
- *Version 04 – 10 December 2015 (55)*
- Product description adapted to a new lot (lot number added, minor textual changes on page 1, new picture included).

More information: www.mlpa.com; www.mlpa.eu

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