



Data Sheet

GeneChip® *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Genome Array

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is an opportunistic pathogen associated with a wide variety of human infections. The GeneChip® *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Genome Array serves as an important tool in studying gene functions of this clinically relevant bacterium.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa (*P. aeruginosa*) is responsible for many nosocomial (hospital-acquired) infections and can cause persistent infections in patients with cancer, severe burns, or other immune-compromising conditions. *P. aeruginosa* can cause particularly virulent and chronic lung infections in individuals afflicted with cystic fibrosis (CF), a common genetic disorder that currently affects over 30,000 people in the United States. *P. aeruginosa* is the most common bacterial infection found in the lungs of CF patients and leads to progressive lung disease, which is also the leading cause of death among these individuals.

Because *P. aeruginosa* forms biofilms under laboratory conditions, it has been used as a model to study quorum sensing and cell signaling in gram-negative bacteria. These properties and its pathogenicity have made *P. aeruginosa* a key target in the development of new anti-bacterial drugs. Its disease-causing properties are not restricted to mammalian organisms. *P. aeruginosa* has been shown to be pathogenic in the worm *Caenorhabditis elegans* and plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*. *P. aeruginosa* utilizes common pathogenicity pathways between animals and plants¹. Its ability to survive in a wide variety of environments also makes the *P. aeruginosa* genome a source for identifying novel transport and utilization pathways for metabolites.

The *P. aeruginosa* genome, which is relatively large for a prokaryote, contains over 6.3 million base pairs and 5,570 predicted open reading frames (ORFs). This genome is comprehensively represented on the GeneChip® *P. aeruginosa* Genome Array, which contains probes to over 5,500 ORFs. The sequence information on this array was developed, in collaboration with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, from the initial publication of the *P. aeruginosa* sequence².

Applications

With the *P. aeruginosa* Genome Array, specific genes can be studied to understand the role of individual genes in processes such as antibiotic resistance, biofilm formation³, and host-pathogen interaction.

The *P. aeruginosa* Genome Array includes probe sets to intergenic sequences which may lead to the identification of new genes.

In addition to sequences from the *P. aeruginosa* strain PAO1, the array also includes unique sequences from other strains to broaden the research possibilities with the array. Genes encoding serological determinants and pathogenicity islands⁴ are included on the array and have proven useful in genotyping *P. aeruginosa* strains isolated from human infections originating from different tissues.

Assay

The sample preparation for this array utilizes reverse transcriptase and random hexamers for cDNA synthesis. A unique hybridization protocol has been developed to accommodate the relatively high GC content of the *P. aeruginosa* genome.

Array Content

The GeneChip *P. aeruginosa* Genome Array contains probe sets for over 5,500 ORFs from the PAO1 strain of *P. aeruginosa*, 199 probe sets corresponding to 100 intergenic sequences, and 117 additional genes from *P. aeruginosa* strains other than PAO1.

During the design process, the *P. aeruginosa* sequences were pruned against the GeneChip Human Genome U95 Genome Array, facilitating experiments on the *P. aeruginosa* samples isolated from human tissues.

Critical Specifications

Number of arrays in set	One
Array format	Midi
Feature size	20 µm
Oligonucleotide probe length	25-mer
Probe pairs/sequence	~13
Control sequences included	Poly-A controls: <i>dap, lys, phe, and trp</i> from <i>B. subtilis</i>
Detection sensitivity	~1 copy/cell*

*Expected performance based on the detection of unlabeled controls spiked into total RNA and carried through the cDNA labeling protocol. This sensitivity is based on the assumption that *P. aeruginosa* content is similar to *E. coli* cells which contain approximately 100 fg total RNA per cell, and mRNA accounts for approximately 2% of total RNA.

Supporting Products

Part #	Product Name	Description
900542	GeneChip® DNA Labeling Reagent	Sufficient for 30 reactions
900301	Control Oligo B2, 3nM	Sufficient for 30 reactions
900433	GeneChip® Eukaryotic Poly-A RNA Control Kit	Approximately 100 reactions

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