

# Real-time PCR beer screening

## for quick and reliable results



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For yeast propagation, in-process control and/or  
for online final product control



Reduce the risk of spoilage and avoid product recalls



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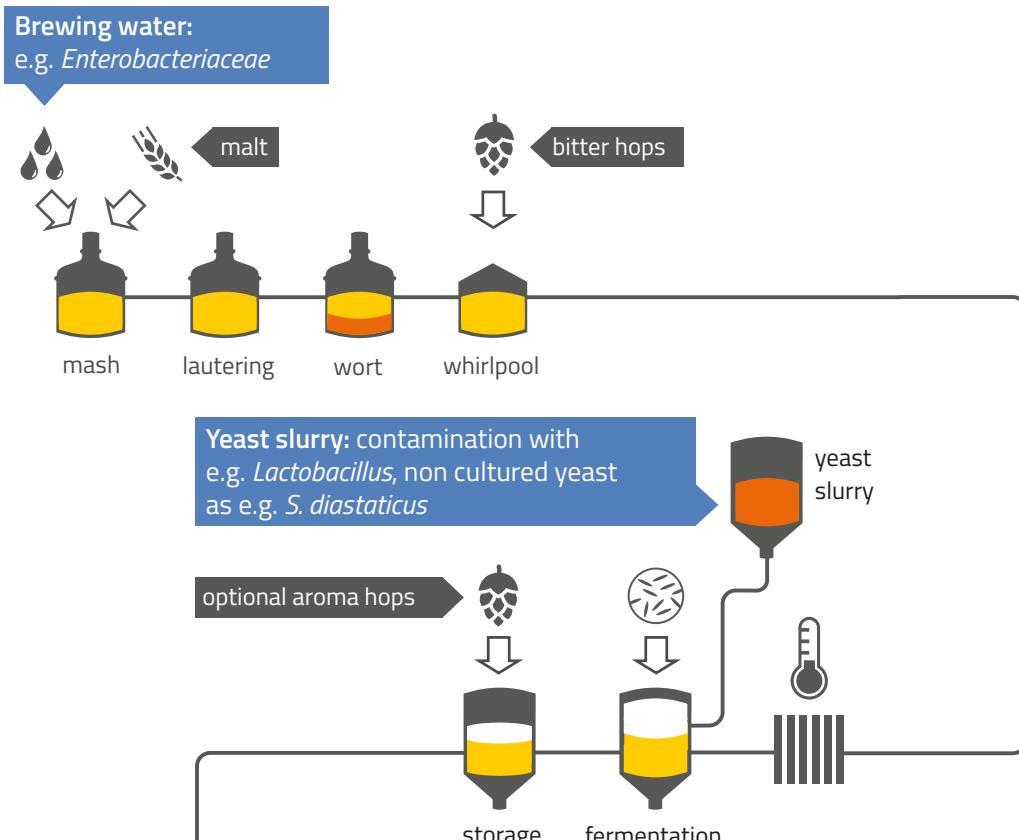
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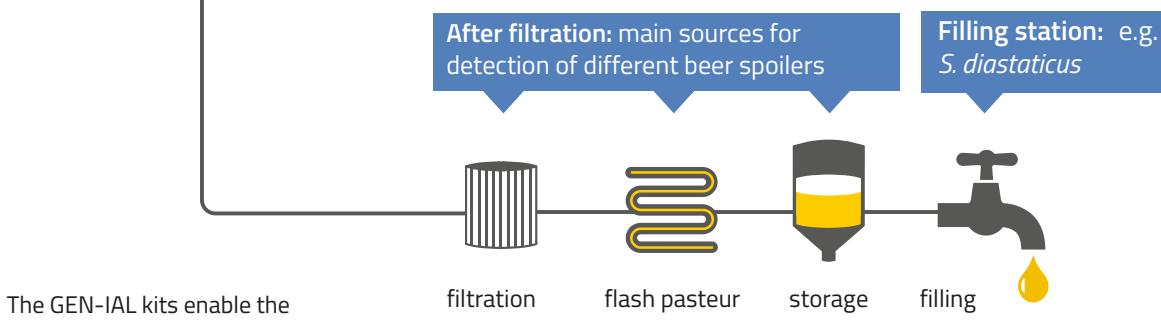
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# Potential sources of microbiological spoilage in beer brewing

## Potential sources of primary contamination



## Potential sources of secondary contamination



The GEN-IAL kits enable the detection and identification of beer spoilage bacteria and yeast in various sample types including in-process and final product samples.

**Product:** final quality product control, bacteria /yeast





# Faster and more sensitive results with real-time PCR – customize your routine analysis

Either extremely fast or maximal sensitive detection or specific identification is possible by combining different methods of sample preparation and detection with real-time PCR.

## Approaches for microbiological analysis in beer

Time requirement: ~ 2 hrs →

### Centrifugation and qPCR

- For in-process controls (yeast-containing samples and filtrate)
- Kit for detection of bacteria and (wild) yeast in yeast containing samples (yeast propagation or fermentation tank)



- Extremely fast
- Screening and/or identification
- Only two hours to result

- Volume maximum 30 mL
- Sensitivity 10 - 100 cfu/30 mL (without enrichment)
- High sensitivity with enrichment

Time requirement: ~ 2 hrs →

### Filtration and qPCR

- Fast screening approach for specific applications



- Extremely fast
- Screening and/or identification
- Only two hours to result

- Volume maximum 1 L (depending on sample type)
- Sensitivity approx. 100 cfus

Time requirement: ~ 50 hrs →

### Enrichment and qPCR

- Pre-enrichment and qPCR: minimum 2 days and 2 hours from sample to result
- Modern established approach for beverage analytic
- Specific flow chart documents for different applications are available (e.g. for filtration and incubation or filtration and direct detection)



- Fast
- Screening and/or identification
- Ensure absence of low cfu/sample volume

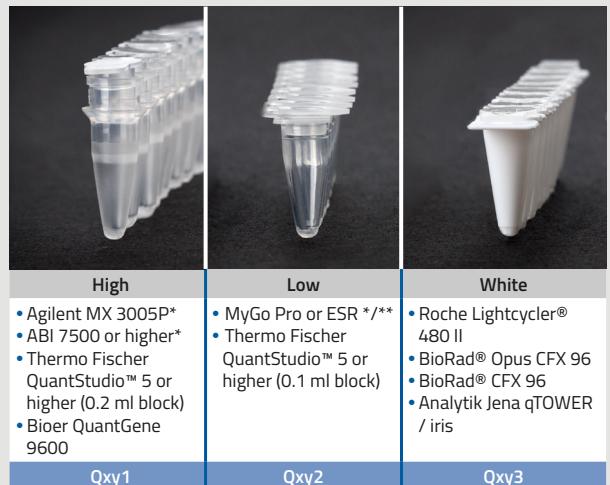
# Precoated PCR strips – a unique solution for convenient handling

Different combinations of screening and identification possibilities are available, thus allowing a cost effective and customized routine analysis.

The QuickGEN kits contain 8-well strips which are precoated with the reagents for up to 4 different parameters per tube. Each tube of a 8-well strip may contain different parameters: this allows a multiplex panel for up to 4 x 8 parameters for one sample in a 8-well strip.

Templates are available for MyGo Pro and BioRad CFX 96. These prepared templates contain the settings for dedicated kits and allow a direct start of the real-time PCR without the need to program the settings:

- ① Open the template of dedicated kit/parameter
- ② Add the sample names
- ③ Start run



\* discontinued but still on the market

\*\* 4plex assays for MyGo Pro and ESR requires a specific kit (Atto490 instead of Cy5) with number Qxy4 (e.g. Q024, Q044)

## 1. Group specific screening

An initial screening gives a group specific answer of for example yeast and bacteria in one assay.

Different group specific screening combinations are available:

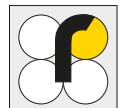
	FAM	HEX	ROX	Cy5	Art. No.
3plex	<i>Lactobacillus/Pediococcus, Megasphaera/Pectinatus, IAC</i>		–		Q03z kits
4plex	<i>Lactobacillus/Pediococcus, Megasphaera/Pectinatus, IAC</i>		Yeast <i>S. disastacicus</i> <i>Dekkera bruxellensis</i>		Q02z kits Q04z kits Q09z kits

IAC: Internal Amplification Control or Internal Control

## 2. Screening and differentiation in one assay

The most relevant beer spoilage bacteria and yeast can be identified in one assay for example with kit Q081 - Q083. 12 strips of 8 wells allows for the detection of the most relevant spoilage organisms for 12 samples in one assay.

Tube	FAM	HEX	ROX
1	NTC	NTC	IAC
2	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	<i>P. anomala</i>	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> var. <i>diastaticus</i>
3	<i>P. damnosus</i>	<i>P. acidilactici/pentosaceus/parvulus/inopinatus</i>	<i>P. clausenii</i>
4	<i>Pectinatus</i> spp.	<i>Megasphaera</i> spp.	<i>L. rossiae</i>
5	<i>L. brevis/L.parabrevis/L.brevismilis</i>	<i>L. lindneri</i>	<i>L. casei/L.paracasei</i>
6	<i>L. buchneri/L. parabuchneri</i>	<i>L. collinoides/L. paracollinoides</i>	<i>L. perolens/L. harbinensis</i>
7	<i>L. plantarum/L. paraplantarum</i>	<i>L. coryniformis</i>	IAC
8	<i>L. acetotolerans</i>	<i>L. backii</i>	PTC



**Detection of bacteria and yeasts:** the kit Q571-Q573 allows the detection of bacteria and wild yeast screening in **yeast containing samples**.

Tube	Sample	FAM	HEX	ROX
1	NTC	-	-	IAC
2	PTC	Positive Control	-	-
3	1	<i>Lactobacillus/ Pediococcus</i>	<i>Megasphaera/ Pectinatus</i>	Acetic acid bacteria
4	1	-	Wild yeast 1*	IAC
5	1	-	Wild yeast 2*	-
6	2	<i>Lactobacillus/ Pediococcus</i>	<i>Megasphaera/ Pectinatus</i>	Acetic acid bacteria
7	2	-	Wild yeast 1*	IAC
8	2	-	Wild yeast 2*	-

**Detection of bacteria and yeasts:** the kit Q071-Q073 allows the detection of bacteria and wild yeast screening for **filtered samples**.

Tube	Sample	FAM	HEX	ROX
1	NTC	-	-	IAC
2	PTC	Positive Control	-	-
3	1	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	<i>Lactobacillus/ Pediococcus</i>	<i>Pediococcus</i>
4	1	Wild yeast 1*	Bottom fermented yeast	IAC
5	1	Wild yeast 2*	Top fermented yeast	Acetic acid bacteria
6	2	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	<i>Lactobacillus/ Pediococcus</i>	<i>Pediococcus</i>
7	2	Wild yeast 1*	Bottom fermented yeast	IAC
8	2	Wild yeast 2*	Top fermented yeast	Acetic acid bacteria

### 3. Detection and identification of yeast or bacteria only

Several kits are available for the detection of specific bacteria or yeast only. The kit Q541-Q543 allow the identification of 12 yeast species per sample. 12 samples can be tested per kit (12 strips).

Tube	FAM	HEX
1	NTC	IAC
2	<i>Rhodotorula</i> spp.	<i>Saccharomyces exiguis</i>
3	<i>Candida</i> spp.	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> var. <i>diastaticus</i>
4	<i>Saccharomyces ludwigii</i>	<i>Debaromyces hansenii</i>
5	<i>Torulaspora delbrückii</i>	<i>Saccharomyces bayanus/pastorianus</i>
6	<i>Kluyveromyces marxianus</i>	<i>Hanseniaspora</i> spp.
7	<i>Dekkera</i> spp.	IAC
8	<i>Pichia</i> spp.	PTC

\* **Wild yeast 1:** *Dekkera anomala*, *Dekkera bruxellensis*, *Dekkera custersiana*, *Dekkera naardenensis*, *Debaromyces hansenii*, *Hanseniaspora guillermondi*, *Hanseniaspora osmophila*, *Hanseniaspora varavarum*, *Issotchenkia orientalis*, *Kazachstania exigua*, *Kluyveromyces pulcherrima*, *Metschnikowia pulcherrima*, *Pichia anomala*, *Pichia fermentans*, *Pichia membranafaciens*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* var. *diastaticus*, *Saccharomyces ludwigii*, *Torulaspora delbrückii*

\* **Wild yeast 2:** *Candida glabrata*, *Candida albicans*, *Candida kefyr*, *Candida intermedia*, *Candida parapsilosis*, *Candida sake*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Naumovozyma dairensensis*, *Pichia guillermondi*, *Zygosaccharomyces bailii*, *Zygosaccharomyces rouxii*

The kit Q201-203 allows the **identification and differentiation** of bacteria that are usually classified as beer spoilage bacteria. Other relevant but often not directly as spoilage classified *Lactobacillus* bacteria are not included in this screening.

Tube	Sample	FAM	HEX	ROX
1	NTC	Negative Control	-	IAC
2	PTC	Positive Control	-	-
3	1	<i>L. rossiae</i>	<i>L. backii</i>	IAC
4	1	<i>L. brevis/ parabrevis/ brevismillis</i>	<i>L. lindneri</i>	<i>L. casei/paracasei</i>
5	1	<i>Pediococcus</i> spp.	<i>Lactobacillus</i> spp.	<i>Megasphaera/ Pectinatus</i>
6	2	<i>L. rossiae</i>	<i>L. backii</i>	IAC
7	2	<i>L. brevis/ parabrevis/ brevismillis</i>	<i>L. lindneri</i>	<i>L. casei/paracasei</i>
8	2	<i>Pediococcus</i> spp.	<i>Lactobacillus</i> spp.	<i>Megasphaera/ Pectinatus</i>

\* ***Pediococcus* spp.:** *P. damnosus*, *P. clausenii*, *P. acidilactici*, *P. pentosaceus*, *P. parvulus*, *P. inopinatus*

\* ***Lactobacillus* spp.:** *L. collinoides/paracollinoides*, *L. coryniformis*, *L. plantarum/paraplanтарum*, *L. perplens/harbinesis*, *L. acetolarians*, *L. buchneri/parabuchneri*

# GEN-IAL® – products for beer analysis

Product	Description	No. of tests	Art. No.
<b>Beer</b>			
GEN-IAL® Simplex® Easy DNA kit *	DNA preparation of beverage samples	100 preparations	Q001
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Sample preparation filtration	DNA preparation of beverage samples, filtration	100 preparations	Q004
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Sample preparation centrifugation	DNA preparation of beverage samples, centrifugation	100 preparations	Q002
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Sample preparation in yeast	For beverage samples mainly containing yeast	100 preparations	Q005
Automatic Magnetic DNA Extraction Kit	Automated extraction of bacteria- and yeast-DNA	50 preparations	Q007
<b>Beer – bacteria &amp; yeast</b>			
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Beer Differentiation PCR Kit	Multiplex detection (30 species) and identification (19 species) of relevant beer spoilers See table page 4/5	96 reactions/12 samples	Q081 Q082 Q083
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Beer Differentiation PCR Kit Screen, identification of spoilage bacteria	Multiplex detection of classified relevant beer spoilage bacteria See table page 4/5	96 reactions/24 samples	Q201 Q202 Q203
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Beer yeast and bacteria differentiation	Multiplex detection and identification of beverage spoiling bacteria and yeasts See table page 4/5	96 reactions/24 samples	Q071 Q072 Q073
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Beer yeast and bacteria differentiation for yeast containing samples	Multiplex detection and identification of beverage spoiling bacteria and yeasts See table, page 4/5	96/reactions/24 samples	Q571 Q572 Q573
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria and yeast	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria and yeasts ( <i>Lactobacillus</i> , <i>Pediococcus</i> / <i>Megasphaera</i> , <i>Pectinatus</i> )	48 reactions	Q021 Q022 Q023 Q024
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria and yeast	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria and yeasts ( <i>Lactobacillus</i> , <i>Pediococcus</i> / <i>Megasphaera</i> , <i>Pectinatus</i> /yeast)	50 reactions	Q025
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria and <i>S. diastaticus</i>	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria and <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> var. <i>diastaticus</i>	48 reactions	Q041 Q042 Q043 Q044
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria and <i>S. diastaticus</i>	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria and <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> var. <i>diastaticus</i>	50 reactions	Q045
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria and Dekkera spp.	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria and yeasts ( <i>Lactobacillus</i> , <i>Pediococcus</i> / <i>Megasphaera</i> , <i>Pectinatus</i> / Dekkera spp.)	48 reactions	Q091 Q092 Q093 Q094
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN* First-Biofilm	DNA detection of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> , <i>Leuconostoc mesenteroides</i> and <i>Pichia anomala</i>	50 reactions	Q095
<b>Beer – bacteria</b>			
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria without yeast	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria ( <i>Lactobacillus</i> , <i>Pediococcus</i> / <i>Megasphaera</i> , <i>Pectinatus</i> )	48 reactions	Q031 Q032 Q033
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria without yeast	DNA screening of yeast slurry samples	48 reactions	Q034
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN P1 Screening of bacteria and Hop resistance	DNA screening and differentiation of beer spoiling bacteria and hop resistance genes horA/horC	48 reactions	Q051 Q052 Q053 Q054
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Pectinatus spp./ <i>Megasphaera</i> spp.	DNA detection and differentiation of <i>Pectinatus</i> and <i>Megasphaera</i>	50 reactions	Q927
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Pectinatus spp./ <i>Megasphaera</i> spp.	DNA detection and differentiation of <i>Pectinatus</i> and <i>Megasphaera</i>	48 reactions	Q112
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Enterobacteriaceae	DNA detection of <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	50 reactions	Q145
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Acetic acid bacteria	DNA detection of acetic acid bacteria	48 reactions	Q511 Q512 Q513 Q514





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<b>Beer – resistance genes</b>		<b>Qualitative real-time PCR</b>	
GEN-IAL®QuickGEN hop resistance genes hor A and hor C/hit A and orf5	DNA detection of hop resistance genes	50 reactions	Q105
<b>Beer – yeast</b>		<b>Qualitative real-time PCR</b>	
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Yeast PCR Kit Wild Yeast 1	DNA screening and differentiation of wild yeast 1	50 reactions	Q525
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Yeast PCR Kit	DNA Detection of detection of <i>S. cerevisiae</i> var. <i>diastaticus</i> and Dekkera spp. in beverages	48 reactions	Q213
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Yeast PCR Kit Wild Yeast 2	DNA screening and differentiation of wild yeast 2	50 reactions	Q535
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN First-Yeast differentiation PCR Kit	DNA screening and differentiation of 12 yeasts	96 reactions/12 samples	Q541 Q542 Q543
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN® Yeast Dekkera bruxellensis	DNA detection of <i>Dekkera bruxellensis</i>	48 reactions	Q371 Q372 Q373
GEN-IAL® Pichia anomala*	DNA detection of <i>Pichia anomala</i> ( <i>Wickerhamomyces anomalus</i> )	50 reactions	Q175
GEN-IAL® Saccharomyces diastaticus*	DNA detection of <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> var. <i>diastaticus</i>	50 reactions	Q934
GEN-IAL® Bottom fermented yeast*	DNA detection of bottom fermented yeast	50 reactions	Q933
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Bottom fermented yeast	DNA detection of bottom fermented yeast	48 reactions	Q161 Q162 Q163
GEN-IAL® Top fermented yeast*	DNA detection of top fermented yeast	50 reactions	Q931
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Top fermented yeast	DNA detection of top fermented yeast	48 reactions	Q151 Q152 Q153
GEN-IAL® QuickGEN Yeast Zygosachharomyces bailii	DNA detection of <i>Zygosaccharomyces bailii</i>	48 reactions	Q561 Q562 Q563
<b>GEN-IAL® accessories</b>		<b>Real-time PCR</b>	
GEN-IAL® Dekkera bruxellensis Standards	DNA standards for <i>Dekkera bruxellensis</i> quantification	200.000 cfu	Q360
Color Compensation Kit LightCycler® 480	Color compensation kit for multiplex assays	5 reactions	Q800
Washing solution	Washing solution for Q300	43 ml	Q301

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\* Please be aware, for non-QuickGEN detection kits, the DNA preparation kit Q001 must be used, not Q002-Q005.



# Benefits

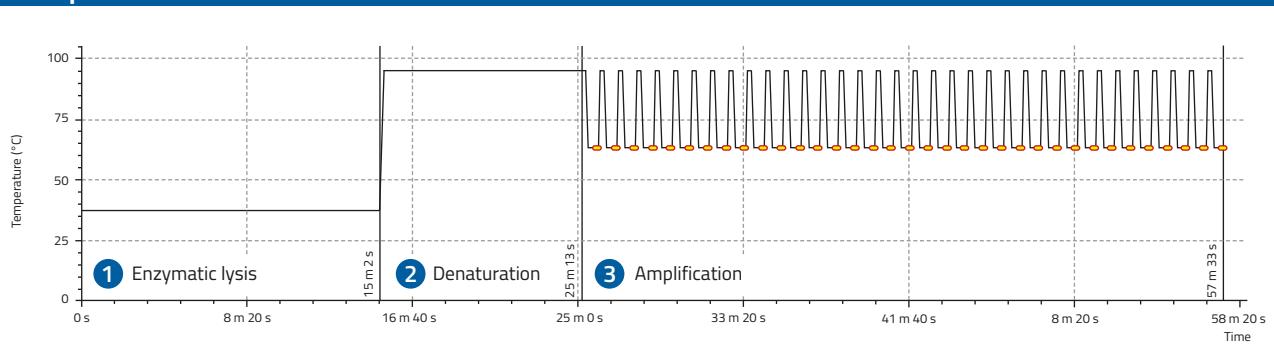
## ⊕ DNA Extraction – easy one-step DNA lysis method

- One DNA extraction method for the detection of bacteria and yeast
- The yeast lysis is integrated in the qPCR reaction - no external mechanical disruptor, ultrasonic bath or heating block is required.
- Reduced handling errors

## ⊕ Real-time PCR assays

- Ready to use consumables – tube stripes pre-coated with lyticase, primer and probes (depending on the thermocycler, different versions of kits are available, further information is available on request)
- Simultaneous detection of the most relevant beer spoiling bacteria and yeast in one assay

## Temperature Profile



Contact your R-Biopharm sales representative for more information.