illumigene® C. difficile Assay

Moderately complex test in under an hour

Empower your laboratory with the speed and accuracy of molecular testing

Moderate Complexity

7-Step Process

Collect	Mix	Filter	Heat Treat	Dilute	*illumigene*® Test Device	Amplification/Detect
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

For Total Population

SENSITIVITY	95.2%
SPECIFICITY	95.3%
ACCEPTABLE TRANSPORT MEDIA	C&S

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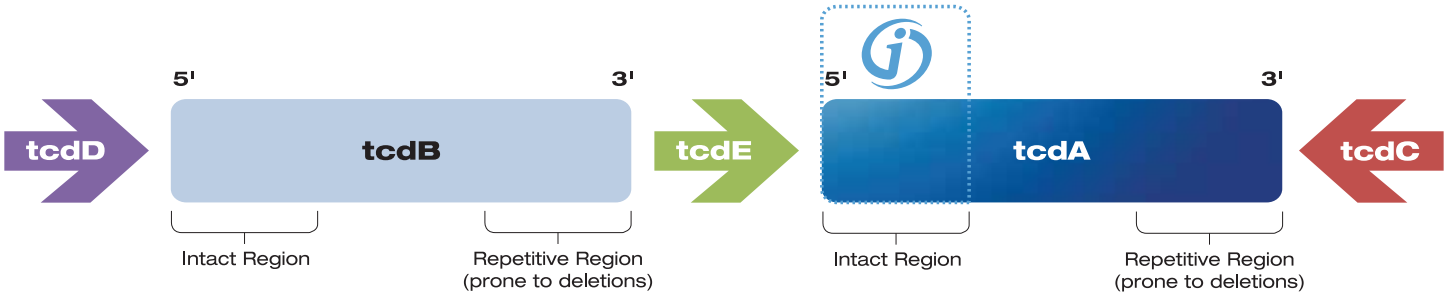
BACKGROUND

The *Clostridium difficile* Pathogenicity Locus (PaLoc) is a gene segment present in all known toxigenic *C. difficile* strains. The *C. difficile* PaLoc codes for both the Toxin A gene (tcdA) and the Toxin B gene (tcdB), has conserved border regions, and is found at the same site on the *C. difficile* genome for all toxigenic strains.[1]



SCIENTIFICALLY SOUND TARGET

- tcdA region, utilized by ***illumigene***®, is intact and less prone to deletions
  - potential reduction in false negatives.[1]
- tcdB region, which is used in current PCR platforms, is more prone to deletions
  - decreases sensitivity.[1]

PROVEN PERFORMANCE

- ***illumigene***® is the only platform proven to detect all main known variant forms of *C. difficile*.[2,3]
- This includes emergence of A+B- toxigenic strains
  - tcdA is a key virulence factor in *C. difficile* disease[4]
  - A+B- strains, detected by ***illumigene***®, are potentially virulent and evolving[4,5]
  - A Mayo Clinic study isolated 5 A+B- specimens in 200 samples which produced only toxin A[6]

Ordering information

illumigene® *C. difficile*	280050
illumigene® *C. difficile External Control Kit*	279920

For more information, contact an ***illumigene***® specialist at 1-888-763-6769 or visit us on the web at www.meridianbioscience.com.

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