

**PLEASE NOTE:**

THESE REAGENTS MUST NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE MANDATORY POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CONTROL REAGENTS PROVIDED WITH MANUFACTURED TEST KITS.

**NAME AND INTENDED USE**

The Seraseq® FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material is a full-process negative control reference material formulated for use with targeted Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) assays that detect mutations in DNA as well as RNA-based gene fusions in a wide range of cancer genes. This product is intended as a quality reference material for translational and disease research testing to monitor nucleic acid extraction, library preparation, sequencing, DNA mutations and RNA fusion detection under a given set of bioinformatics pipeline parameters. *For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.*

**REAGENTS**

Item No. 0710-0137. One 10 µm FFPE curl per vial.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

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CAUTION: Handle Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material as though it is capable of transmitting infectious agents. This product is formulated using the human cell line GM24385, which is a B-lymphocytic, male cell line from the Genome in a Bottle (GIAB) Project. The FFPE-treated curls are lightly fixed with HistoGel, then fixed with 10% Formalin and washed prior to embedding.

**Safety Precautions**

Use Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended universal precautions for handling reference materials and human specimens<sup>1</sup>. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not smoke, eat, or drink in areas where specimens are being handled. Clean any spillage by immediately wiping with 0.5% sodium hypochlorite solution. Dispose of all specimens and materials used in testing as though they contain infectious agents.

**Handling Precautions**

Do not use Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material beyond the expiration date. Avoid contamination of the product when opening and closing the vial.

**STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS**

Store Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material at 2-8°C. Shelf life when stored under these conditions is two years from date of manufacture.

**PROCEDURE**

**Materials Provided**

Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material consists of cells which have been formalin treated and embedded in paraffin to create an FFPE block, which is then sliced into 10 µm sections. One 10 µm FFPE curl is provided per vial.

**Materials Required but not Provided**

Refer to instructions supplied by manufacturers of the test kits to be used.

**Instructions for Use**

Allow the product vial to come to room temperature before use. Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material must go through an extraction process. Refer to your usual assay procedures in order to determine the amount of extracted material to use in library preparation.

**EXPECTED RESULTS & INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS**

**DNA & RNA Yields**

Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material is compatible with different commercially available nucleic acid extraction methods commonly used for FFPE specimens. For total nucleic acid extraction, we have used the Agencourt Formapure extraction kit paired with Qubit to quantify extracted yields of DNA and RNA from each 10 µm FFPE curl. Average yield of RNA obtained from 1x 10 µm FFPE curl using this kit with Qubit RNA HS assay quantitation was >300 ng, while average yield using this kit with Qubit dsDNA HS assay was >100 ng.

**Heterozygous Mutations Identified in the Product**

Potentially pathogenic mutations and fusions are detected in the Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material when using ArcherDx Solid Tumor NGS panels. We provide these data in lot specific Technical Product Reports to establish that while this product is a wild-type reference sample (negative control) the end user needs to be aware of the presence of variants in the sample<sup>2</sup>. When results for the product are outside of the established acceptance range, it may indicate unsatisfactory test performance. Possible sources of error include: deterioration of test kit reagents, operator error, faulty performance of equipment, contamination of reagents, or changes in bioinformatics pipeline parameters. Additional support documents are available online at [www.seracare.com/oncology](http://www.seracare.com/oncology).

**LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE**

Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material MUST NOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE CONTROL REAGENTS PROVIDED WITH MANUFACTURED TEST KITS. *TEST PROCEDURES* provided by manufacturers must be followed closely. Deviations from procedures recommended by test kit manufacturers may produce unreliable results. This product is offered for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures. Data are provided for informational purposes. SeraCare Life Sciences does not claim that others can duplicate test results exactly. Seraseq FFPE WT (DNA/RNA) Reference Material is not a calibrator and should not be used for assay calibration. Adverse shipping and/or storage conditions or use of outdated product may produce erroneous results.

**REFERENCES**

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