



# Manual

**Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™**  
*Version 02*

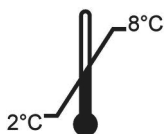


400-012-C-MAX



24 reactions

For *In Vitro* Diagnostic Use  
For use with BD MAX™ Open System Reagents on the BD  
MAX™ System



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**PROPRIETARY NAME**

BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™

**INTENDED USE**

The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ is an automated *in vitro* diagnostic test reagent. The open system reagent (OSR) is used for the multiplex qualitative detection of DNA from *Candida glabrata*, *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilosis*, *Candida krusei*, and a DNA sample processing control (abbreviated as GATPK and SPC, respectively). The assay is run on an automated DNA extraction and real-time PCR instrument with ThinPrep® or Copan Universal Transport Media (UTM™) from individuals at risk for presence of Candidiasis. Automated extraction of the sample DNA is done using the BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 series extraction kits. The extraction kits contain the SPC DNA so no external addition of SPC is required. The SPC serves as both an extraction control and an internal amplification control (IAC). Each tube of multiplex PCR mix is provided in BioGX proprietary Sample-Ready™ lyophilized format and contains all PCR primers, probes, enzyme, dNTPs, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, buffers, and other components required for real-time PCR-based analysis of one sample.

**SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION**

Candidiasis is a fungal infection caused by yeasts that belong to the genus *Candida*. *Candida* yeasts normally reside in the intestinal tract and can be found on mucous membranes and skin without causing infection; however, overgrowth of these organisms can cause symptoms to develop. While there are over 150 known species of *Candida*, only 15 of these are known to cause infections in humans. The most common species that cause infections are *Candida albicans*, *Candida glabrata*, *Candida parapsilosis*, *Candida tropicalis*, and *Candida krusei*. The most predominant strain is *Candida albicans* which makes up 85-95% of yeast strains isolated from the vagina. Of the remainder of non-albicans isolates, the most common is *Candida glabrata*.

Vaginal candidiasis, also referred to as a “yeast infection”, is generally mild. However, some women can develop severe infections that involve redness, swelling, and cracks in the wall of the vagina. Infections caused by *Candida* affect approximately 75% of women at least once during their lives, most frequently in women of childbearing age. In the United States, vaginal candidiasis is the second most common type of vaginal infection after bacterial infections.

*Candida* can be isolated from the vagina of asymptomatic healthy women which means that a diagnosis of vulvovaginal candidosis requires a correlation of clinical findings, microscopic examination, vaginal culture, and molecular testing.

## **PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE**

The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ is to be used with the BD MAX™ Open System for automated patient sample processing and molecular analysis. The BD MAX™ System uses a combination of lytic and extraction reagents to perform cell lysis and nucleic acid extraction. Following enzymatic cell lysis at elevated temperature, the released nucleic acids are captured by magnetic affinity beads. To control for extraction efficiency, a DNA Sample Processing Control is included in each BD MAX™ DNA Extraction Tube. The beads with bound nucleic acids are washed and the nucleic acids are eluted by heat in an elution buffer. The eluted nucleic acid is then mixed with the BioGX Rehydration Buffer, which is then transferred to the BioGX Sample-Ready™ lyophilized master mix tube in order to rehydrate the Sample-Ready™ lyophilized master mix. The rehydrated mix of amplification reagent and nucleic acid is then dispensed into the BD MAX™ PCR Cartridge. Microvalves in the BD MAX™ PCR Cartridge are sealed by the system prior to initiating PCR to prevent evaporation and amplicon contamination.

The amplified DNA targets are detected using hydrolysis probes labeled at one end with a fluorescent reporter dye (fluorophore) and at the other end with a quencher moiety. Probes labeled with different fluorophores are used to detect specific amplicons originating from *Candida glabrata*, *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilosis*, *Candida krusei* and a Sample Processing Control in five (5) different optical channels of the BD MAX™ System: *Candida glabrata* amplicons are detected in the 475/520 channel, *Candida albicans* amplicons are detected in the 530/565 channel, *Candida tropicalis* and *Candida parapsilosis* amplicons are detected in the 585/630 channel, *Candida krusei* amplicons are detected in the 630/665 channel, and the DNA Sample Processing Control is detected in the 680/715 channel. When the probes are in their native state, the fluorescence of the fluorophore is quenched due to its proximity to the quencher. However, in the presence of their specific target cDNA, the probes hybridize to their complementary sequences and are hydrolyzed by the 5'-3' exonuclease activity of the DNA polymerase as it synthesizes the nascent strand along the DNA template. As a result, the fluorophores are separated from their quencher molecules and fluorescence is emitted. The amount of fluorescence detected in the five (5) optical channels used for the BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ is directly proportional to the quantity of the corresponding probe that is hydrolyzed, and therefore proportional to the amount of synthesized target. The BD MAX™ System measures these signals at the end

of each amplification cycle in real time, and interprets the data to provide a qualitative result for each of the above targets.

**REAGENTS**

| Qty | REF         | Contents   | Tests              |
|-----|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 2   | 400-012-MAX | <b>BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK - OSR for BD MAX™</b><br>Sample-Ready™ lyophilized PCR Master Mix containing polymerase, nucleotides, specific molecular primers and probes, Sample Processing Control-specific molecular primers and probe. | 12 tests per pouch |
| 1   | 800-028-C   | <b>Rehydration Buffer Tube (C) Open System Reagents for BD MAX™</b><br>Reagent tube containing a rehydration buffer for use in Lyophilized PCR Master Mix rehydration.   | 24 tests per pouch |

**NOTE:** Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available at [www.biogx.com/eu](http://www.biogx.com/eu) or by request.

**EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

- BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 (BD catalog no. 442822)  
Extraction Kits include Sample Buffer Tubes (SBT), Septum Caps, Extraction Tubes, and Unitized Reagent Strips sufficient for 24 tests.
- BD MAX™ PCR Cartridges (BD catalog no. 437519)
- Hologic ThinPrep® or Copan Universal Transport Media (UTM™) collection device.
- Vortex Genie 2 Vortexer (VWR catalog no. 58815-234) or equivalent.
- Disposable nitrile gloves.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**



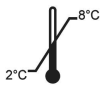
- Treat all biological specimens, including used Extraction Kits and PCR Cartridges, as if capable of transmitting infectious agents in accordance with safe laboratory procedures such as those described in CLSI Document M29<sup>1</sup> and in Biosafety in Microbiological and biomedical Laboratories.<sup>2</sup>
- Performance characteristics of this test have been established only with the specimen types listed in “Intended Use” section. The performance of this assay with other specimen types or samples has not been evaluated.
- Do not use the reagents if the protective pouches are open or torn upon arrival.

- Close reagent protective pouches promptly with the zip seal after each use. Remove any excess air in the pouches prior to sealing and store at 2-8 °C.
- Do not remove desiccant from the PCR Master Mix pouches.
- Do not use Master Mix if the desiccant is not present or is broken inside the Master Mix pouches.
- Do not use reagent tubes if the foil seal has been opened or damaged.
- Do not mix reagents from different pouches and/or kits and/or lots.
- Do not use expired reagents and/or materials.
- Each Master Mix and Rehydration Buffer tube is used to process a single sample. Do not reuse Master Mix or Rehydration Buffer tubes.



- Refer to BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 Extraction Kit Instructions for information about proper handling, cautions, and proper waste disposal.
- Do not mix septum caps between Sample Buffer Tubes or re-use septum caps as contamination may occur and compromise test results.
- Check BD Unitized Reagent Strips for proper liquid fills (ensure that the liquids are at the bottom of the tubes).
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not smoke, drink, or eat in areas where specimens or kits are being handled.
- Dispose of unused reagents and waste in accordance with country, federal, provincial, state, and local regulations.
- Use clean gloves when handling extraction kit components and PCR reagents and buffer tubes.

### **STORAGE AND STABILITY**



- BioGX recommends long-term storage at 2-8°C. Product is stable when shipped for under 5 days at ambient temperature.



- Reagents have been tested to demonstrate optimal performance when stored properly and consumed by the Expiration Date. Long-term stability studies are ongoing and the Expiration Date will be amended as additional data is available.



- Avoid exposing the reagents (lyophilized or rehydrated) to direct sunlight or long-term ambient lighting.

- Tightly reseal the pouch with unused reactions and immediately return to a refrigerator after opening.



- Avoid exposure to moisture and use the entire contents of the opened pouch within 1 month.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

### **Install the BioGX Electronic User Defined Protocol on the BD MAX™**

It will be necessary to import an Electronic User Defined Protocol (eUDP) onto the BD MAX™. The most current eUDP is available for download on [www.biogx.com/eu](http://www.biogx.com/eu) by clicking on “Product Documentation” and selecting the appropriate platform and product name. eUDPs can also be obtained by emailing BioGX at [eu@biogx.com](mailto:eu@biogx.com). Please refer to the BD MAX™ user manual for uploading instructions.

**NOTE:** eUDPs are specific to extraction kit type and are programmed to be used with 3-snap strips unless otherwise indicated. If a 4-snap strip is used it is necessary to modify the eUDP to a 4-snap program by opening the eUDP in “Test Editor” and selecting the corresponding 4-snap extraction strip type in the “Extraction Type” drop down.

### **Specimen Collection/Transport**

Hologic ThinPrep® and Copan Universal Transport Media (UTM™) specimens should be collected, transported, and stored according to institutional and laboratory standard operating procedures.

### **Specimen Preparation**

#### **Hologic ThinPrep®**

Pipette 200 µL of specimen into the Sample Buffer Tube (SBT), aseptically place the BD™ septum cap on each SBT. Pulse vortex the SBT for 1-3 seconds, and load the SBT into the extraction tray.

#### **Copan UTM™**

Pipette 100 µL of specimen into the Sample Buffer Tube (SBT), aseptically place the BD™ septum cap on each SBT. Pulse vortex the SBT for 1-3 seconds, and load the SBT into the extraction tray. Thoroughly vortex the sample prior to addition to the SBT.

### **Other Sample Types**



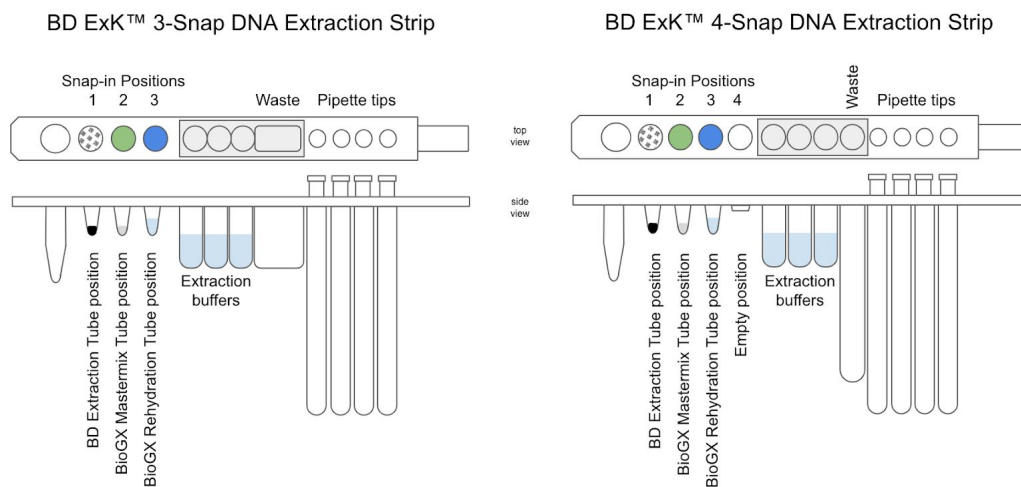
This assay has been optimized for use with the sample types and volumes described above. Use of any other specimen type, collection method, or sample volumes may be inhibitory to the PCR or disrupt extraction without appropriate Guardrail and processing volume

adjustments. BioGX does not make claims for processing methods or sample types other than those described in this product insert.

**Setting up the Unitized Reagent Strip on the BD MAX™**



1. Wear nitrile gloves when handling Sample-Ready™ lyophilized reagents to reduce the generation of static charges. DO NOT use latex gloves.
2. Use only BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 extraction kits with the BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™. DO NOT use BD MAX™ mastermix or the blank 0.3 mL conical tubes from the BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 extraction kit.
3. Load one extraction cartridge into the extraction tray per specimen to be tested.
4. Snap one BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 Extraction Tube into position 1 (Snap-in 1) of each Unitized Reagent Strip. (See Figure 1)



**Figure 1 – Diagram of BD MAX™ ExK™ 3-snap and 4-snap Unitized Reagent Strips**

5. Snap one BioGX Sample-Ready™ lyophilized PCR Master Mix reagent tube into position 2 (Snap-in 2) of each Unitized Reagent Strip. Check to make sure the Sample-Ready™ lyophilized cake is at bottom of tube prior to inserting into Unitized Reagent Strip. The funnel-shaped cake may be in any orientation (v, >, ^, <) in the **bottom** of the tube.
6. Snap one BioGX Rehydration Buffer tube into position 3 (Snap-in 3) of each Unitized Reagent Strip. Check to make sure the buffer is at bottom of tube prior to inserting into Unitized Reagent Strip.
7. Lift the tray and briefly examine the bottom of each Unitized Reagent Strip to ensure all reagents are at the bottom of each tube.



8. Proceed with worklist generation and sample loading per BD MAX™ operating instructions. Select the appropriate User Defined Protocol (eUDP) provided by BioGX. eUDPs are specific to extraction kit type and are programmed to be used with 3-snap strips unless otherwise indicated. If a 4-snap strip is used it is necessary to modify the eUDP to a 4-snap program by opening the eUDP in “Test Editor” and selecting the corresponding 4-snap extraction strip type in the “Extraction Type” drop down.
9. Load the extraction tray and, if necessary, a new PCR card into the instrument, close the door, and click “Start Run.”

**NOTE:** Always first insert all Snap 1 tubes, then all Snap 2 tubes, then all Snap 3 tubes into the Unitized Reagent Strip.

**NOTE:** If using a 4-snap extraction strip, snap-in position 4 will remain empty.

**QUALITY CONTROL**

CONTROL

Each BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK - OSR for BD MAX™ includes molecular primers and probes specific for the detection of the DNA sample processing control (SPC) present in the BD MAX™ ExK™ DNA-3 Extraction Kit. No external addition of SPC is required. The SPC serves as both a sample extraction control and a PCR internal amplification control (IAC).

**RESULTS INTERPRETATION**

Results are available on the *Results* tab in the *Results* window on the BD MAX™ System monitor. The BD MAX™ System software automatically interprets the test result when the BioGX eUDP is used. Possible results for each target are shown in Table 1. Presence of one or more of the targets is possible, and will result in multiple targets being positive at once.

| <b>Results</b>          | <b>Interpretation</b>  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Glab POSITIVE</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <i>Candida glabrata</i> target has a Ct within the valid range and endpoint above the minimum setting.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Alb POSITIVE</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <i>Candida albicans</i> target has a Ct within the valid range and endpoint above the minimum setting.</li> </ul> |
| <b>TropPar POSITIVE</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <i>Candida tropicalis</i> AND/OR <i>Candida</i></li> </ul>  |



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|  | <i>parapsilosis</i> target has a Ct within the valid range and endpoint above the minimum setting.  |
| <b>Krus POSITIVE</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>Candida krusei</i> target has a Ct within the valid range and endpoint above the minimum setting.</li> </ul>                  |
| <b>Glab NEGATIVE,<br/>Alb NEGATIVE,<br/>TropPar NEGATIVE, OR<br/>Krus NEGATIVE</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The respective target did not amplify and the SPC has a Ct within the valid range and endpoint above the minimum setting.</li> </ul> |
| <b>UNR</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unresolved Result. No target amplification; No SPC amplification.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>IND</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indeterminate due to BD MAX™ System failure (with Warning or Error Codes*)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>INC</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incomplete Run (with Warning or Error Codes*)</li> </ul>   |

\*Refer to the “Troubleshooting section of the BD MAX™ System User’s Manual for interpretation of warning and error codes.

**NOTE:** In the presence of a high concentration positive result for any target, the SPC may be adversely affected (no amplification or delayed). This is normal.

### **REPEAT TEST PROCEDURE**

In case of instrument failure, repeat testing can be performed by setting up a new run using the original sample/specimen and a fresh SBT as described above in the Specimen Preparation section.

### **LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE**

- This product is intended for use with specimens collected using specimen collection and transport devices listed in the “Equipment and Materials Required But Not Provided” section.
- This product should only be used with BD MAX™ Open System Reagents on the BD MAX™ System.
- Incorrect test results may occur from improper specimen collection, handling or storage, technical error, sample mix-up or because the number of organisms in the specimen is below the analytical sensitivity of

the test. Careful compliance with the package insert instructions and the BD MAX™ System User's Manual are necessary to avoid erroneous results.

- Good laboratory technique is essential for the proper performance of this assay. Due to the high analytical sensitivity of this test, extreme care should be taken to preserve the purity of all materials and reagents.
- A positive test result does not necessarily indicate the presence of viable infectious organisms. A positive result is indicative of the presence of target nucleic acid. A negative test result does not preclude presence of infectious organisms and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or other patient management decisions.
- As with all PCR-based *in vitro* diagnostic tests, extremely low levels of target below the limit of detection of the assay may be detected, but results may not be reproducible.
- False negative results may occur due to loss of nucleic acid from inadequate collection, transport or storage of specimens, or due to an inadequate cell lysis and/or extraction. The Sample Processing Control has been added to the test to aid in the identification of specimens that contain inhibitors to PCR amplification and as a control for reagent integrity and of the assay system as a whole. The Sample Processing Control does not indicate if nucleic acid has been lost due to inadequate collection, transport or storage of specimens, or if cells have been adequately lysed.
- The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ results may sometimes be Unresolved due to an invalid Sample Processing Control, or be Indeterminate or Incomplete due to instrument failure, and require retesting that can lead to a delay obtaining final results.
- Mutations or polymorphisms in primer- or probe-binding regions may affect detection of new or unknown Candida resulting in a false negative result with the BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™
- The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ requires the use of five (5) optical channels from the BD MAX™ System: 475/520 channel, 530/565 channel, 585/630 channel, 630/665 channel, and 680/715 channel.

## **PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

### **Analytical and Diagnostic Specificity**

Specificity was determined by running negative sample matrix (ThinPrep® and UTM™) spiked with positive control template. The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK - OSR for BD MAX™ was positive when run with spiked template for *Candida glabrata*, *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilosis*, and *Candida krusei*.

The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK - OSR for BD MAX™ was tested against ATCC MSA-1002 (20 Strain Even Mix Genomic Material), which does not contain genomic DNA for *Candida glabrata*, *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilosis*, and *Candida krusei*. Results were negative for *Candida glabrata*, *Candida albicans*, *Candida tropicalis*, *Candida parapsilosis*, and *Candida krusei*, as expected.

The BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK - OSR for BD MAX™ was tested against Zeptomatrix NATtrol Blood Culture Identification Panel (Product Number: NATBCP-BIO) to further evaluate specificity of the assay. Specimens were diluted 1:10 in PBS prior to testing. Of the 23 specimens of bacterial or fungal species included in the panel, only *Candida albicans*, *Candida glabrata*, *Candida krusei*, *Candida parapsilosis*, and *Candida tropicalis* tested positive. All other species in the panel tested negative.

**Analytical and Diagnostic Sensitivity**

The analytical sensitivity for the BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ was determined as follows: Dilution series of positive synthetic DNA samples for each target were added to the SBT in duplicate. Analytical sensitivity (Limit of Detection, LoD) was defined as the lowest concentration at which 95% of all replicates tested positive.

| Target                      | LoD (copies in SBT) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Candida glabrata</i>     | 155                 |
| <i>Candida albicans</i>     | 227                 |
| <i>Candida tropicalis</i>   | 322                 |
| <i>Candida parapsilosis</i> | 132                 |
| <i>Candida krusei</i>       | 463                 |

Analytical sensitivity during co-infection was tested by challenging the BioGX Candida Speciation GATPK – OSR for BD MAX™ in pairs of high concentration ( $1 \times 10^6$  copies/SBT) of one target against low concentration ( $1 \times 10^3$  copies/SBT) of another for all possible pairs in the test. All low concentration targets were positive and were not outcompeted by amplification of the high concentration target.

**Reproducibility**

The reproducibility study was performed on *Candida parapsilosis* synthetic target template by three separate technicians independently on two BD MAX™ instruments. All users obtained equivalent results.

**Manufacturing Reproducibility**

Two (2) independent lots were manufactured and were found to be equivalent based on internally established QC acceptance procedures.
















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**REVISION HISTORY**

| Version | Date        | Description of Change      |
|---------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 02      | 09 NOV 2018 | Added use of BD ExK 4-snap |
| 01      | 30 AUG 2018 | Initial Release            |

**SYMBOLS**

| Symbol  | Meaning   |
|---|---|
|    | Catalog number                                      |
|    | <i>In vitro</i> diagnostic medical device           |
|    | Do not reuse  |
|    | Batch code  |
|    | Caution   |
|    | Consult instructions for use                        |
|    | Manufacturer  |
|  | Contains sufficient for <n> tests                   |
|  | Authorized Representative in the European Community |
|  | Temperature limitation                              |
|  | Keep dry  |
|  | Keep away from sunlight                             |
|  | Expiration date                                     |
|  | Biological Risks                                    |
|  | Control   |



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