

## CMV-Cre (CRET)

**Allele:** *Hprt1*<sup>Tg(CMV-Cre)Brd</sup>

## Genotyping Information

Please note the short range PCR (srPCR) assay will not discriminate between heterozygotes and homozygotes as the wildtype PCR assay was originally designed amplifying a section of exon 3 (Su *et al.* (2002)). The assay detects the presence of the insertion. Homozygotes and heterozygotes can be distinguished by Southern blot (Su *et al.* (2002)), Neo count qPCR ([www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/entry/91/](http://www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/entry/91/)), or by a quantitative PCR (qPCR) assay designed to the Cre gene.

## srPCR Assay

### ➤ PCRs primer pairs and expected size bands

PCR type	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Expected size band (bp)
Mutant PCR	Hprt1_F	Hprt1_Mut_R	700
Wild type PCR	Hprt1_F	Hprt1_WT_R	311

### ➤ Primer sequences

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' > 3')
Hprt1_F	CTTTCCTCATGCCCCAAAATCTTAC
Hprt1_Mut_R	GCTATCAGGACATAGCGTTGGCTAC
Hprt1_WT_R	ATGTAATCCAGCAGGTCAGCAAGA

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➤ **Reaction**

Reagent	μl
DNA (~50-100 ng)	1.0
10x Buffer	2.0
MgCl <sub>2</sub> (50 mM)	0.6
PtTaq (Platinum® Taq (Invitrogen))	0.2
dNTPs (100 mM)	0.2
Primer 1 (10 μM)	0.4
Primer 2 (10 μM)	0.4
H <sub>2</sub> O	<u>15.2</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.0</b>

➤ **Cycling conditions**

**Wild type and mutant PCRs**

Cycle

1	94 °C	5 min
2	94 °C	30 sec
3	58 °C	30 sec
4	72 °C	45 sec
5	Go to '2' + 34 cycles	
6	72 °C	5 min
7	12 °C	forever

Su, H., Mills, A. A., Wang, X., and Bradley, A. (2002). A targeted X-linked CMV-Cre line. *Genesis* **32**:187-188.

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## qPCR Assay (designed to the Cre allele)

The number of copies of the Cre allele can be detected using a FAM-labelled custom qPCR TaqMan® assay. These are multiplexed with a VIC® labelled endogenous control assay (for example TaqMan® Copy Number Reference Assay, Mouse, Tfr; Applied Biosystems part #4458366). Reference DNA controls of known genotypes should also be included to facilitate correct analysis.

Forward Primer Name	Forward Primer Seq.
CRE-2_F	ACGTACTGACGGTGGGAGAA

Reverse Primer Name	Reverse Primer Seq.
CRE-2_R	GTGCTAACCAGCGTTTTTCGTT

Reporter 1 Name	Reporter 1 Sequence	Reporter 1 Dye
CRE-2_M	CTGCCAATATGGATTAACA	FAM

### ➤ Reaction setup

Reactions are performed in a 10µl volume using an Applied Biosystems 7900HT Fast Real-Time PCR System with DNA prepared using the Sample-to-SNP™ kit (Applied Biosystems) from mouse ear biopsies. GTXpress™ buffer is also used (Applied Biosystems)

	Volume µl
2x GTXpress™ buffer	5
Cre 20x assay	0.5
water	3
Tfr 20x assay	0.5
DNA	1

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➤ **qPCR Cycling conditions**

Cycle		
1	95°C	20sec
2	95°C	10sec
3	60°C	30sec
4	Go to '2' + 34 cycles	

Results can be analysed using CopyCaller™ software (Applied Biosystems) or RQ Manager (Applied Biosystems). Both packages use the comparative Ct (ddCt) method to perform the analysis.

Other instrument systems will have their own analysis software – please see the manufacturer's guidelines for information about your system.

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