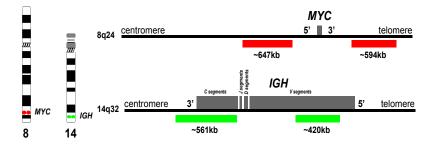


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MYC/IGH

### **Intended Use**

The *IGH/MYC* DNA-FISH Probe is designed to detect the translocation between the *MYC* gene located at 8q24 and the *IGH* gene located at 14q32, using fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH). The translocation between the *MYC* and *IGH* gene is designated as t(8;14)(q24;q32) and is the cytogenetic hallmark of Burkitt lymphoma (BL), which is found in 75-85% of patients.<sup>[1]</sup> In BL, t(8;14)(q24;q32) is associated with an aggressive clinical course that responds well to high-intensity, brief-duration drug regimens with an overall favorable outcome. <sup>[1,2]</sup> This rearrangement has been observed at lower frequencies in other non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHLs), such as diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) (<10%).<sup>[3,4]</sup> t(8;14) also occurs less frequently in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) where it has been associated with an unfavorable outcome. <sup>[3,5]</sup>

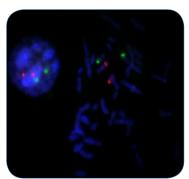


#### Schematic of the MYC/IGH DNA-FISH Probe:

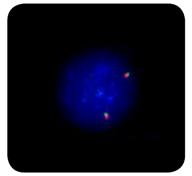
Horizontal red and green bars indicate the regions covered by the probes (approximate to scale, GRCh37/Hg19/2009). The directly labeled *MYC* (red) & *IGH* (green) probes flank the breakpoints in the *MYC* & *IGH* loci, respectively.

# **Signal Interpretation**

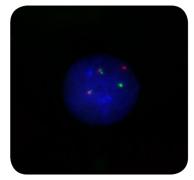
In normal diploid metaphase and interphase nucleus, two red and two green signals would be observed corresponding to the two normal homologous chromosomes 8 and 14, respectively (Figures 1 and 2). Upon translocation, the most commonly observed pattern is a single red and green signal, representing the normal chromosomes 8 and 14, and two fusion signals (red/green or yellow) which represent the translocated chromosomes (Figure 3). It is recommended to confirm variant pattern or atypical signal patterns by metaphase analysis whenever possible.



**Figure 1:** Normal diploid metaphase and interphase nucleus (from normal peripheral blood specimen) with 2 red (*MYC*) and 2 green (*IGH*) signals.



**Figure 2:** Normal diploid interphase nucleus (from bone marrow specimen) with 2 red (*MYC*) and 2 green (*IGH*) signals.



**Figure 3:** Interphase nucleus with 1 red (*MYC*), 1 green (*IGH*), and 2 fusion (red/green or yellow) signals.

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# **Fluorescence Microscopy Filter Requirements**

| Fluorophore | Excitation max | Emission max |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Green       | 496 nm         | 520 nm       |
| Red         | 580 nm         | 603 nm       |
| DAPI        | 360 nm         | 460 nm       |

Instructions for use are available at www.cancergeneticsitalia.com

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