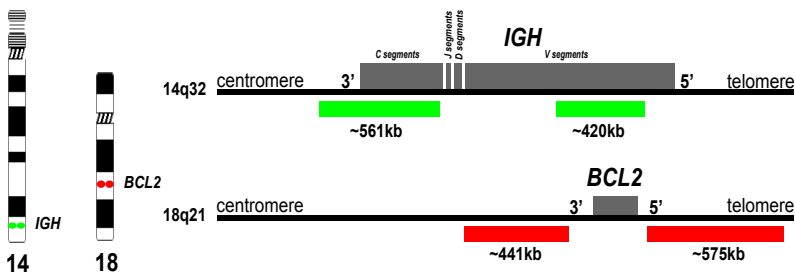


## Intended Use

The *IGH/BCL2* DNA-FISH Probe is designed to detect the translocation between the *IGH* gene located on 14q32 and the *BCL2* gene located on 18q21, using fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH). The translocation between the *IGH* and *BCL2* gene is designated as t(14;18)(q32;q21) and is the hallmark of follicular lymphoma (FL). The t(14;18) translocation is more frequent in lower FL grades, such as FL grades 1 and 2 (88%), than in higher grades, such as FL 3b (4-13%).<sup>[1]</sup> The translocation is also detected in 30% of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) cases, but is less frequently detected in other non-Hodgkin lymphomas.<sup>[1,2]</sup> By conventional cytogenetics, the t(14;18)(q32;q21) translocation that involves the *IGH* and *BCL2* genes is indistinguishable from the t(14;18)(q32;q21) translocation that involves the *IGH* and *MALT1* genes. Such translocations can be distinguished by using the respective DNA-FISH probes.<sup>[1]</sup>

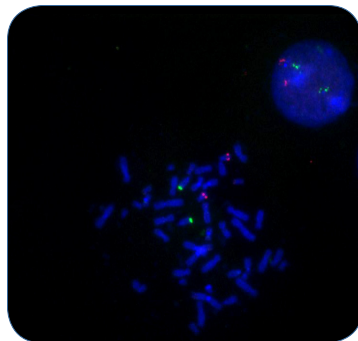


### Schematic of the *IGH/BCL2* DNA-FISH Probe:

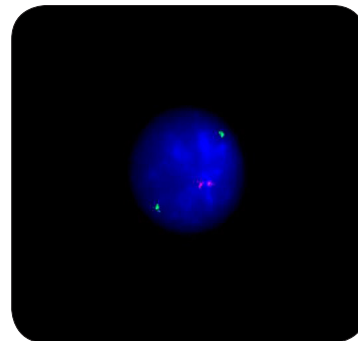
Horizontal red and green bars indicate the regions covered by the probes (approximate to scale, GRCh37/Hg19/2009). The directly labeled *IGH* (green) and *BCL2* (red) probes flank the breakpoints in the *IGH* and *BCL2* genes, respectively.

## Signal Interpretation

In normal diploid metaphase and interphase nucleus, two green and two red signals would be observed corresponding to the two normal homologous chromosomes 14 and 18, respectively (Figures 1 and 2). Upon translocation, the most commonly observed pattern is a single green and red signal, representing the normal chromosomes 14 and 18, and two fusion signals (red/green or yellow) representing the two translocated chromosomes. 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 (*BCL2*) and 2 green (*IGH*) signals.



**Figure 2:** Normal diploid interphase nucleus (from bone marrow specimen) with 2 red (*BCL2*) and 2 green (*IGH*) signals.

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## Fluorescence Microscopy Filter Requirements

Fluorophore	Excitation <sub>max</sub>	Emission <sub>max</sub>
Green	496 nm	520 nm
Red	580 nm	603 nm
DAPI	360 nm	460 nm

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