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#### 1. Introduction

The MasterAmp 10X PCR Enhancer (with betaine)\* substantially improves the specificity and yield of PCR amplification reactions, especially templates containing a high GC content or secondary structure.1 MasterAmp PCR Enhancer (with betaine) lowers the melting temperature of GC-rich regions to a temperature more similar to AT regions. This results in destabilisation of double-stranded regions, limiting DNA polymerase pausing, thereby increasing amplification yields. The MasterAmp PCR Enhancer (with betaine) can be used with a wide variety of DNA polymerases. MasterAmp 10X PCR Enhancer (with betaine) is available in a 10 mL size.

#### 2. Product designations and kit components

Product	Kit size	Catalogue number	Reagent description	Part number	Volume
MasterAmp 10X PCR Enhancer with Betaine	10 mL	ME81210	MasterAmp 10X PCR Enhancer (with Betaine)	SS000026-D3	10 mL

#### 3. Product specifications

Storage: Store only at -20 °C in a freezer without a defrost cycle.

**Quality control:** MasterAmp 10X PCR Enhancer is function-tested in a PCR containing: 200  $\mu$ M dNTPs, 300 ng human genomic DNA, 12.5 pmol of each *Apo*E primer and 1.25 U AmpliTherm<sup>TM</sup> DNA polymerase in 10 mM Tris-HCI (pH 8.3), 50 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> to produce a 268-bp amplification product.

**Contaminating activity assays:** MasterAmp 10X PCR Enhancer is free of detectable DNA exonuclease, endonuclease and ribonuclease activities.

### 4. Reference

1. Weissensteiner T and Lanchbury JS, 1996, *BioTechniques* 21, 1102.

### 5. Further support

If you require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact our Technical Support Team: <u>techsupport@lgcgroup.com</u>.

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