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The Detection of an Ultrasensitive Antigen by DNA Amplification

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Description

Molecular and cellular researches, as well as clinical diagnostics, benefit greatly from the adaptability and potency of antibody-based detection strategies for specific ages. The high antigenic epitope specificity of Abs is what gives these systems their ability. However, there are numerous instances in which essential biological markers for cancer, infectious disease, or biochemical processes are present in bodily fluids or tissues at a concentration that is too low for conventional immunoassays to identify [1].

Recent advancements in the field of low-level Ag detection include the creation of stronger fluorochromes and chemiluminescent substrates for use in ELISAs, immunofluorescence-based labelling and immunoblotting, and the application of signal amplification methods like tyramines deposition. Even though these methods are quite effective, they typically require greater sensitivity and specificity, particularly when working with small amounts of sample material or extremely low Ag densities.

To achieve these goals, we developed the Rolling Circle Amplification (RCA) reporter technology for the detection of protein gas. DNA amplification can be used to identify Abs bound to Ag, as previous research has shown. Immuno-PCR links a distinct DNA sequence tag to a specific antibody by utilizing interactions between streptavidin and biotin, alternative bridging moieties, or covalent linkage [2].

Following that, PCR is used to amplify the DNA tag that is attached to determine which Abs are coupled to Ag. Multiple antibodies and DNA tags were used to evaluate multiple Ags simultaneously. Gel electrophoresis was required following DNA amplification in solution in order to separate and/or quantify the numerous DNA tags that had been amplified, despite the fact that immuno-PCR was demonstrated to be significantly more sensitive than ELISA. The use of immuno-general PCR as an alternative to ELISA has been constrained by its inability to be utilized in immunohistochemically or array formats, as well as the requirement for product separation by gel electrophoresis and temperature cycling.

RCA powered by DNA polymerase can replicate circularized oligonucleotide probes with either linear or geometric kinetics in isothermal conditions. From a single primer, RCA produces hundreds of tandemly connected copies of the circular template in a matter of minutes. In ImmunoRCA, this primer's 59 end is linked to an Ab. In the absence of circular DNA, DNA polymerase, or nucleotides, the rolling circle reaction results in the formation of a DNA molecule containing multiple copies of the circle DNA sequence.

Amplified DNA can be detected by directly incorporating nucleotides that have been hapten-tagged or fluorescently labelled, or by hybridizing complementary oligonucleotide probes that have been fluor-labeled or enzymatically labelled. ImmunoRCA is a novel approach to signal amplification in Ab–Ag recognition events as a result [3].

The signal-generation paradigm we used in this investigation is solely based on the linear RCA model, despite the fact that RCA reactions can utilize either geometric or linear kinetics. This article explains how to make Ab–DNA conjugates and how these conjugates can be used to detect Ages in a variety of immunoRCA forms [4,5].

Fluorescence accumulation kinetics during thermocycling is inversely proportional to the initial number of DNA copies. To produce observable fluorescence, fewer cycles are required for a larger number of target sequences. The findings demonstrate that a kinetic approach to PCR analysis can detect DNA over a broad dynamic range with high selectivity and sensitivity.

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Conflict of Interest

None.

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