

Real-time, label-free detection of nucleic acid amplification in droplets

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

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FULL DESCRIPTION

DNA amplification finds tremendous applications in medicine, microbiology, and forensic science. One of the more widely used methods for detection of DNA amplification in droplets involves the use of a fluorescent probe, such as the Taqman probe. However, the use of a fluorescent marker is expensive and requires additional processing steps. A label-free method to monitor the amplification of DNA in flowing droplets would be a desirable improvement for researchers and scientists.

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SUGGESTED USES

The invention may be used for PCR detection and DNA amplification.

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