



Southern Gardens Diagnostic Lab

Understanding PCR

Southern Gardens Diagnostic Lab

- Has been in operation since 2006
- Over 350,000 samples run at no cost to the grower/researcher
- Initially all of the samples were diagnostic samples: either positive or negative
- Now, virtually all are samples that come from research trials
 - Grower, industry, University and Federal
 - Validation of results from other labs

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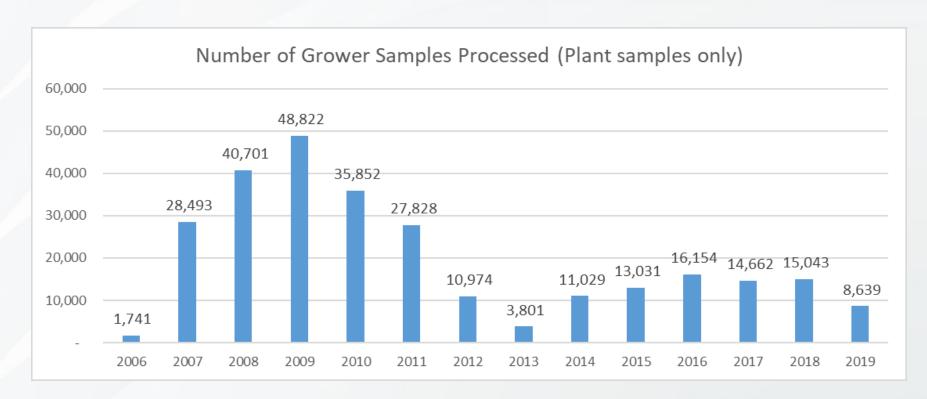


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- Initially, all costs were covered by Southern Gardens
- Beginning in 2008, FCPRAC and later CRDF, began partial funding of the laboratory
 - Covers 2/3 of the direct costs of the assays
 - -SGC pays the other 1/3
 - SGC samples account for about 1/3 of the samples
 - -SGC covers all of the indirect costs
- Current budget based on ~25,000 samples per year
 - Grower, ACP, SGC groves, SGC research



Sample volume



 Only includes outside grower samples (does not include ACP samples or SGC samples)

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Results

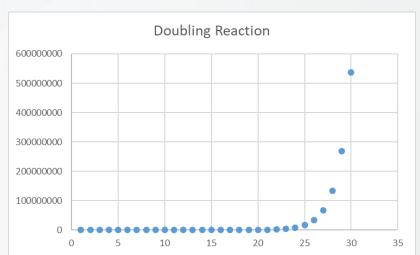
- Results are reported only to the person that submitted the samples
 - Exception was when HLB was a select agent (reported positives to state and federal agencies)
- Results reported as Ct value and a diagnosis of:
 - HLB Positive
 - HLB Questionable
 - No HLB found
- Verification test (conventional PCR typically only is positive at a Ct of 30-32 or lower)

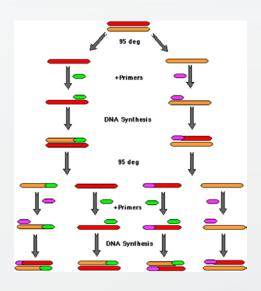
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Polymerase chain reaction (real time)

- PCR is an amplification of DNA
 - Exponential doubling
 - -qRTPCR: quantitative
 - Ct value indicative of how much
 DNA is present in the initial RX
 - Low number means a lot of DNA
 - High number means less DNA









Calculation of Ct value

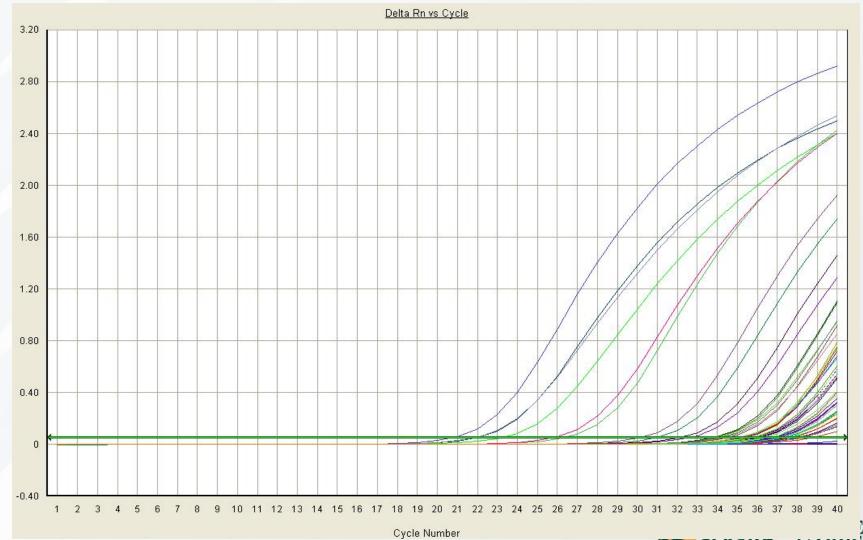
Real Time PCR Ct Values. What does Ct mean? In a real time PCR assay a
positive reaction is detected by accumulation of a fluorescent signal.
The Ct (cycle threshold) is defined as the number of cycles required for the
fluorescent signal to cross the threshold (ie exceeds background level)



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Real Time PCR



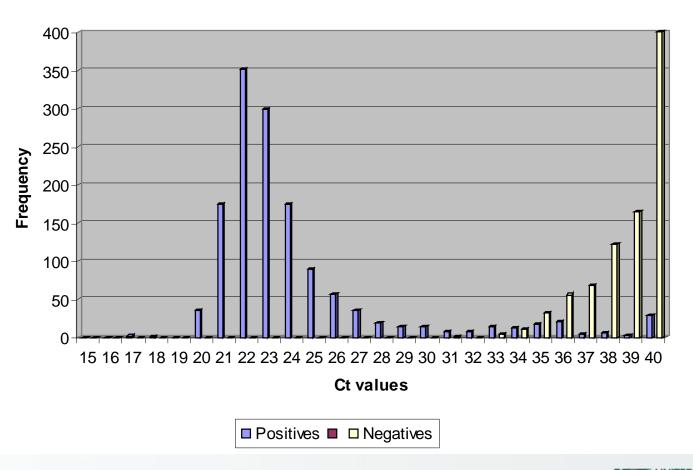
Lab Report

HLB Testing Report USSC/Southern Gardens Diagnostic Lab				Fax: Email: · County				☐ Assay Date Range: ☐ 4/11/2007 to 4/11/2007		
Diagnosis	HLB Positi	ive								
Block	Row	Tree	СТ	Local Id:	Lab Id	Collected	Received	Assayed	Sample submitted by:	
	5	70	22.50	03-29-63	7741	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
	8	56	25.36	03-29-63	7746	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
	8	58	23.14	03-26-07	7745	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
	11	71	26.66	03-29-63	7742	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
Diagnosis	No HLB Found									
Block	Row	Tree	СТ	Local Id:	Lab Id	Collected	Received	Assayed	Sample submitted by:	
	1	82	33.83	03-09-29	7743	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
	12	74	39.87	03-29-24	7740	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
Diagnosis	nosis Questionable									
Block	Row	Tree	СТ	Local Id:	Lab Id	Collected	Received	Assayed	Sample submitted by:	
	3	19	31.33	03-29-37	7744	3/27/2007	4/4/2007	4/11/2007		
Number Positive 4 Num			er Que	tionable 1 Total samples 7 Total Pos			Total Posi	sitive (+ and questionable) 71.4%		

CT< 30 Positive CT between 30-32 Questionable CT>32 No HLB Found

Threshold Determination

Distribution of CT values

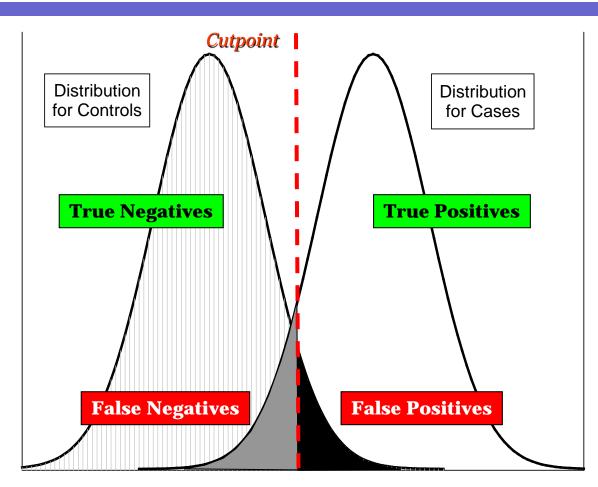






Cases vs. Controls

Frequency



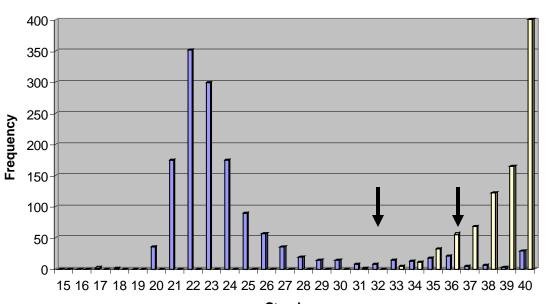
Test Score (Output)





Threshold Determination

Distribution of CT values



CT	Specificity	1-Specificity	Sensitivity	J
23	1.0000	0.0000	0.62347	0.6235
24	1.0000	0.0000	0.7473	0.7473
25	1.0000	0.0000	0.810655	0.8107
26	1.0000	0.0000	0.852412	0.8524
27	1.0000	0.0000	0.87761	0.8776
28	1.0000	0.0000	0.891289	0.8913
29	1.0000	0.0000	0.901368	0.9014
30	1.0000	0.0000	0.912167	0.9122
31	0.9998	0.0002	0.917207	0.9170
32	0.9998	0.0002	0.922246	0.9220
33	0.9989	0.0011	0.933045	0.9319
34	0.9964	0.0036	0.942405	0.9388
35	0.9891	0.0109	0.954644	0.9437
36	0.9763	0.0237	0.969762	0.9461
37	0.9606	0.0394	0.972642	0.9333
38	0.9329	0.0671	0.976962	0.9098
39	0.8953	0.1047	0.979122	0.8745

Ct values

■ Positives
■ Negatives

ROC Analysis Sensitivity vs Specificity





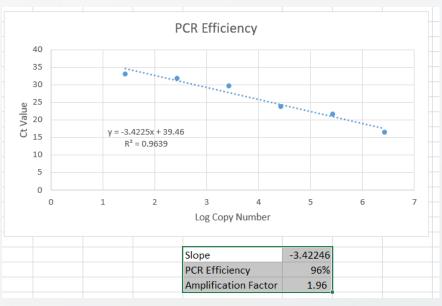
Copy number

- Starting about 2 years ago, SGCL started offering another means of reporting:
 - -Copy number
 - Estimation of the actual number of starting copies of the gene of interest
 - The gene we are amplifying has three copies in CLas (to determine cells, divide by 3)
 - The process takes more time and is more involved
- Must ask for this service



Copy number

- Results reported as:
 - -Copies per 100ng of DNA
 - -Copies per 100mg of tissue
 - Divide by 3 to get cells
- Does not indicate live or dead



Lab Id →	Date Sampled Collected 🔻	Date received 🔻	Assay date 🔻	Cal_ct ▼	UnDil_DNA_Conc 🔻	DNA Conc_ng/ul 🔻	Copy Num/2ul	Copy Num/100ng DN 🔻	Copy #/100mg of Tissue
268502	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	30.35	29.455	10	3.39E+02	1.70E+03	3.00E+05
268503	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	29.13	38.657	10	8.34E+02	4.17E+03	9.68E+05
268504	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	26.07	30.72	10	8.03E+03	4.01E+04	7.40E+06
268505	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	26.23	25.686	10	7.12E+03	3.56E+04	5.49E+06
268506	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	29.65	29.018	10	5.67E+02	2.83E+03	4.93E+05
268507	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	29.47	41.298	10	6.49E+02	3.24E+03	8.04E+05
268508	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	34.44	46.659	10	1.63E+01	8.17E+01	2.29E+04
268509	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	27.34	41.203	10	3.15E+03	1.57E+04	3.89E+06
268510	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	28.87	39.003	10	8.47E+02	4.24E+03	9.92E+05
268511	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	28.00	48.862	10	1.61E+03	8.03E+03	2.36E+06
268512	1/9/2019	1/11/2019	29-Jan-19	28.60	19.471	10	1.03E+03	5.15E+03	6.02E+05





New services

- Willing to run other assays
 - Other assays have been reported to be "more sensitive"
 - The assay that we are running has been extensively validated around the world
 - SGDL is agnostic to which assay we use
 - We are willing to run other assays but it will be up to the user to interpret (will run comparison assays if requested)
 - Willing to run other assays (endophytes) if primer sequences, PCR conditions/parameters provided
 - Live vs Dead (if/when available)





Questions?

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