

***spry4<sup>fh117</sup>*****Nature of the mutation**

The *fh117* allele contains a single A-to-T point mutation that introduces a stop codon at residue 157 of the Spry4 protein (Moens C., personal communication).

**Genotyping assay**

Genotyping of the *fh117* allele is based on the RFLP assay (**R**estriction **F**ragment **L**ength **P**olymorphism; Botstein *et al.*, Am. J. Hum. Genet. 32: 314-331, 1980). This method is used to detect a mutation that either creates or abolishes a site recognized by a specific restriction enzyme. In the RFLP assay, a sequence of interest is first PCR-amplified and then the PCR product is subjected to restriction enzyme digestion. The presence or absence of the mutation is determined by the resulting restriction pattern. The *fh117* mutation abolishes a site recognized by the MseI restriction enzyme.

**Primers:**

**fh117\_07:** 5' CCA TCA GCA GCA GCA GTA GC 3'

**fh117\_08:** 5' CTT CCT CGT CCT CAT CAG TGC 3'

**PCR program (58\_40\_40):**

1. 94°C for 3 min
2. 94°C for 30 sec
3. **58°C for 40 sec**
4. 72°C for **40 sec**
5. Go to step 2 (above) for 39 cycles
6. 72°C for 5 min
7. 8.0°C hold
8. END

**Product size: 372 bp****Digestion of the PCR product with the MseI restriction enzyme:**

Product type	Product digestion	DNA fragments after digestion (bp)
PCR product derived from the WT template	cleaved	224 bp and 148 bp
PCR product containing the mutation	unaffected	372 bp

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is highly recommended to use WT positive controls to monitor whether enzyme digestion has been carried out to completion. Without this control, partially digested WT samples can be mistakenly regarded as heterozygous samples.

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