

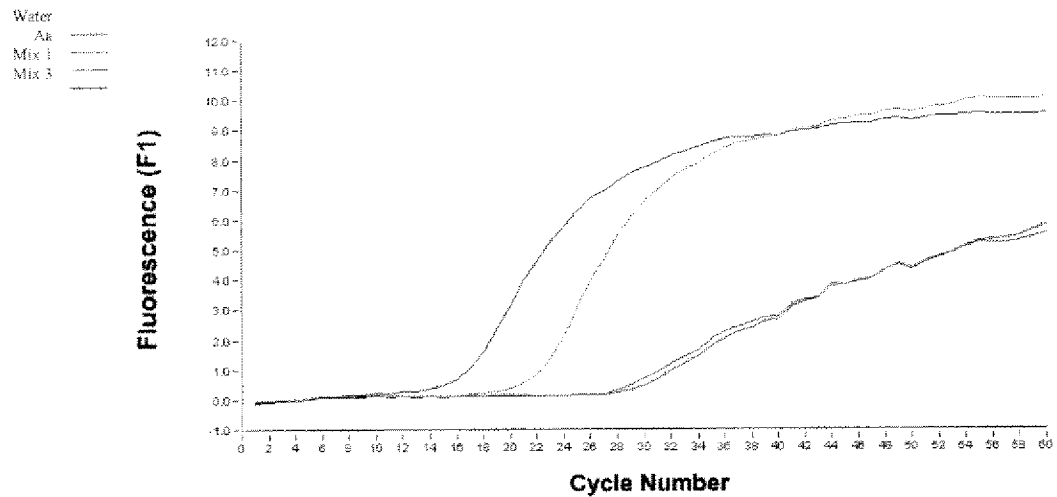


Figure 1. Amplification of *A. actinomycetemcomitans* from pure cultures and mixed species populations.

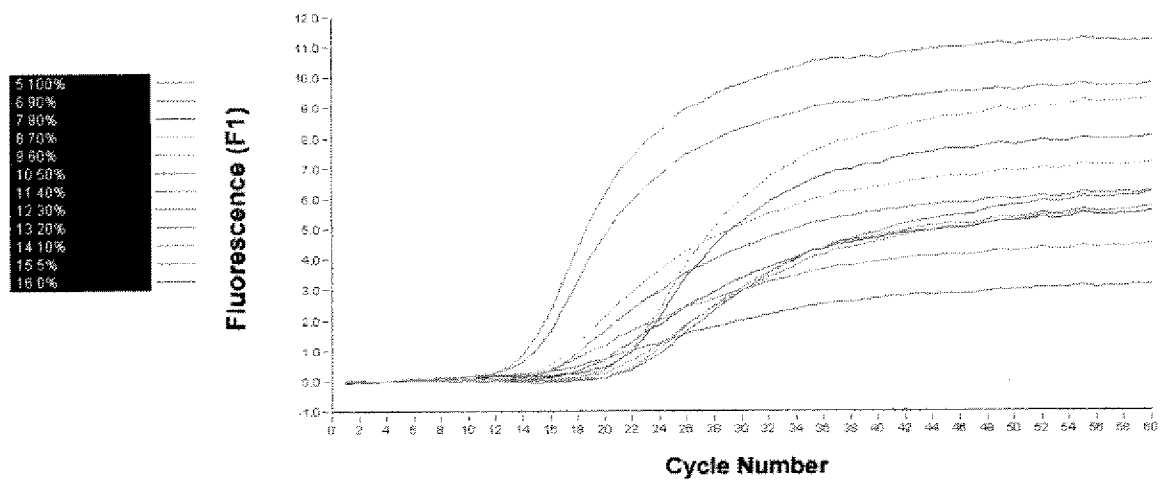


Figure 2. Amplification of RNA from mixes of live and dead *A. actinomycetemcomitans*.

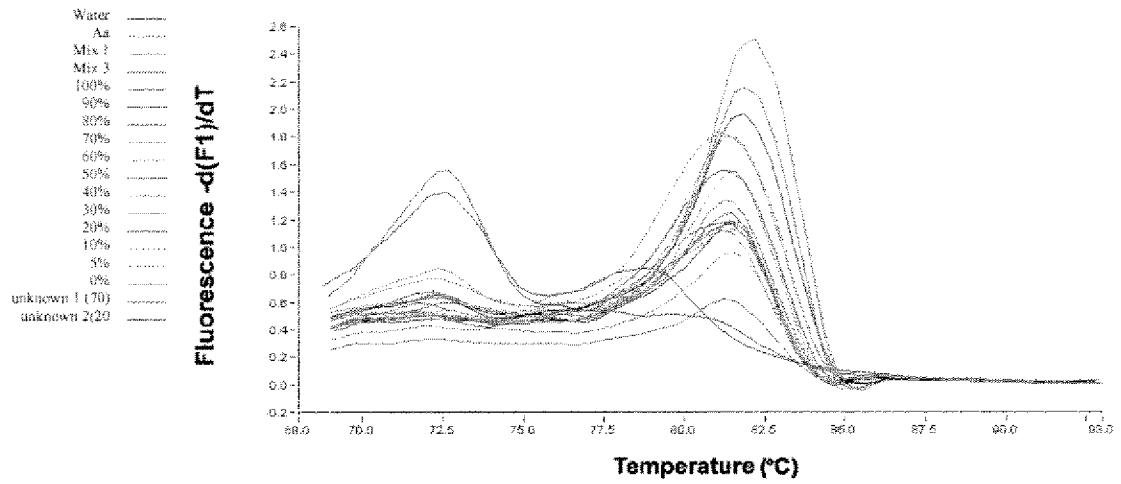


Figure 3. Melting peak analysis of products amplified from pure and mixed cultures of *A. actinomycetemcomitans*.

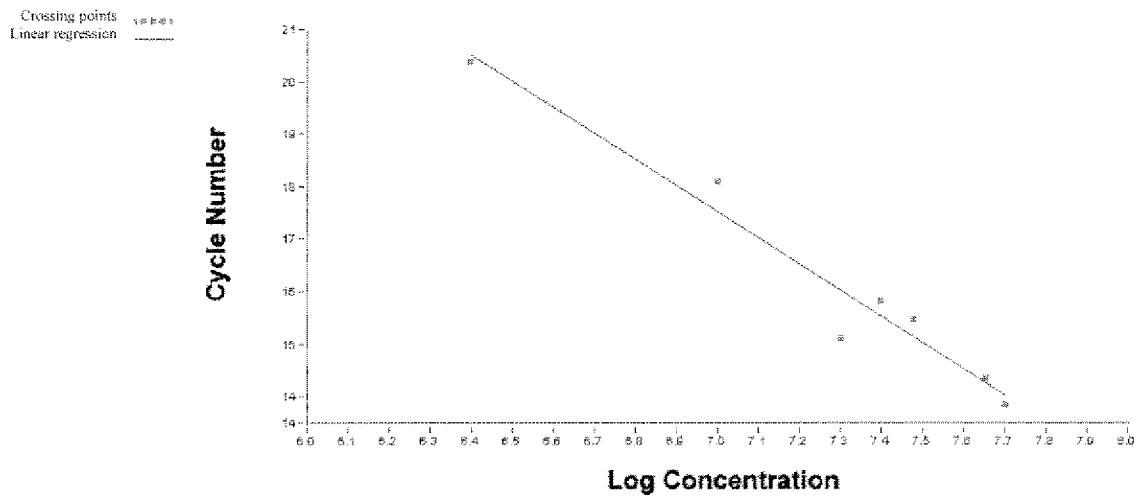


Figure 4. Standard curve and linear regression of the standard curve generated from the amplification of known concentrations of viable and dead *A. actinomycetemcomitans*.