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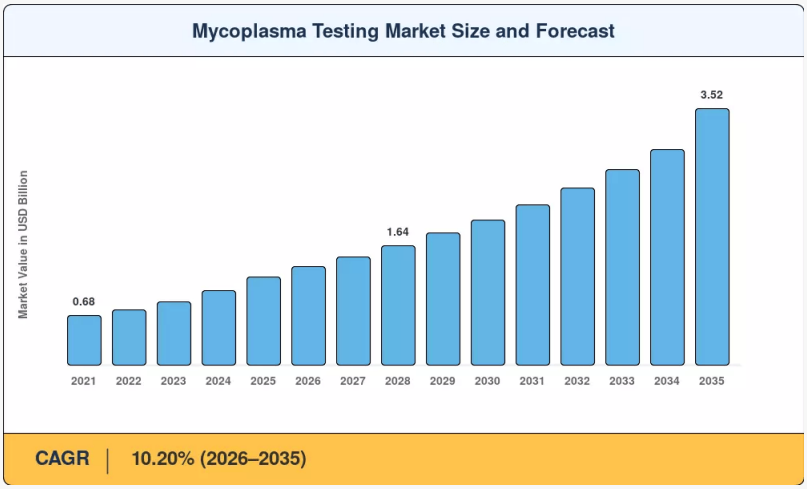

Mycoplasma Testing Industry

NY, CA, UNITED STATES, June 22, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As per Market Research Future, the global Mycoplasma Testing Market size to reach USD 3.52 Billion by 2035 from USD 1.35 Billion in 2026, at a CAGR of 10.2% during the forecast period 2026--2035. The market base was estimated at USD 1.21 Billion in 2025.

The 10.2% CAGR---anchored by regulatory compliance rather than discretionary healthcare spending---is driven by three converging forces: heightened FDA and EMA enforcement that has converted mycoplasma detection from an operational upgrade into mandatory, recurring expenditure for every biomanufacturer shipping cell-based products, explosive growth in approved cell and gene therapies that directly multiplies testing volumes at every stage from cell bank characterization to final lot release, and a decisive technology migration from 28-day culture-based methods to rapid mycoplasma PCR detection assay platforms capable of delivering validated results within hours.

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Key Market Trends & Growth Drivers

Regulatory Enforcement and Mandatory Biologics Release Testing

The FDA and EMA have progressively tightened mycoplasma detection requirements across the

biologics manufacturing lifecycle. Regulatory inspectors routinely issue Warning Letters for insufficient microbiological validation and environmental containment flaws at both innovator and contract manufacturing sites.

With effect from August 2023, the EMA's updated Annex 1 clearly increased the criteria for mycoplasma detection in aseptic manufacturing suites, requiring validated rapid procedures at specified process checkpoints. Every new biologic, biosimilar, and advanced therapy medicinal product (ATMP) submission now requires documented mycoplasma clearance at cell bank, in-process, and final product stages. This regulatory tightening transforms testing from a discretionary operational upgrade to a required compliance expenditure, making this driver structurally durable through 2035.

Cell and Gene Therapy Pipeline Expansion

Over 2,800 cell and gene therapy candidates were in active clinical development globally as of Q4 2024, representing a 42% increase over 2021 levels. Each candidate moving through Phase II and beyond triggers multiple rounds of microbiological cell bank testing, creating a multiplier effect on testing volumes that extends well beyond the initial development phase into commercial manufacturing and post-approval lifecycle management.

The FDA's regenerative medicine advanced therapy (RMAT) designation pathway further accelerates timelines, compressing development schedules and intensifying per-program testing demand. Global cell and gene therapy revenues are forecast to exceed USD 50 billion by 2032, with every approved autologous and allogeneic therapy requiring patient-level or lot-level mycoplasma clearance testing.

Rapid Molecular Platform Adoption and CMO/CDMO Outsourcing

The global biopharmaceutical CDMO sector surpassed USD 22 billion in 2024 revenue, and an estimated 40% of outsourced manufacturing contracts now bundle in vitro mycoplasma screening as a standard service inclusion.

This bundling trend directly expands the addressable Mycoplasma Testing Market by transferring testing workloads from in-house biopharma QC labs to contract organizations that invest in higher-throughput instrumentation and can amortize platform costs across multiple clients. The move from manual colony-counting to automated sample-to-answer workflows decreases hands-on time from hours to minutes per test, enabling biopharmaceutical quality testing in facilities lacking dedicated molecular biology staff.

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Market Segment Insights

BY PRODUCT & SERVICE

Kits and Reagents: Dominant segment with ~42.3% revenue share in 2025. Reflecting recurring consumable demand tied to batch-level testing obligations. Every lot produced requires fresh extraction reagents, PCR master mixes, and positive/negative controls.

Vendors including Roche, Lonza, and Charles River have structured pricing models around annual supply agreements that lock customers into multi-year consumable commitments tied to specific instrument platforms. Hospital procurement teams and biopharma QC departments treat these as default first-line supplies, and generic pricing has enabled broad adoption even in cost-sensitive emerging markets.

BY TECHNOLOGY

qPCR: Dominant technology with ~59.1% revenue share in 2025. Quantitative PCR retains clear dominance, benefiting from a decade of accumulated regulatory validation data and widespread familiarity among QC analysts. The technology's open-architecture compatibility with multiple kit suppliers also reduces switching costs. FDA and EMA acceptance of qPCR for biologics release testing anchors this segment.

Digital PCR: Fastest-growing technology segment at 14.55% CAGR (2026--2035). Driven by superior sensitivity in low-biomass samples and compatibility with automated microbiological cell bank testing workflows. Digital PCR platforms offer absolute quantification without standard curves---an attribute especially valuable in cell bank testing where low-copy-number sensitivity is critical for early contamination detection.

BY APPLICATION

Cell-Line Quality Control: Dominant application with ~38.2% revenue share in 2025. Cell-line quality control remains the cornerstone application because every biopharmaceutical production campaign begins with characterized, mycoplasma-free cell banks. Mandatory testing at master and working cell bank establishment stages drives sustained demand across all biomanufacturing segments.

Gene and Cell Therapy Manufacturing: Fastest-growing application segment at 15.8% CAGR (2026--2035). Reflecting approved therapy pipeline growth. Each new ATMP approval triggers dedicated testing protocols for both autologous patient-derived and allogeneic off-the-shelf product platforms, driving demand for rapid in vitro mycoplasma screening at manufacturing scale. Extended culture durations, autologous workflows, and multi-step manipulations amplify contamination risk, compelling frequent in-process checks.

BY END USER

Biopharma & Biotechnology Companies: Largest segment with ~60.15% share in 2025. Comprehensive in-house QC laboratory operations and dedicated manufacturing science teams dominate volume. These companies maintain multi-point mycoplasma testing protocols across development, scale-up, and commercial manufacturing, with over 150 FDA-licensed biologics manufacturing sites in the US alone.

Contract Manufacturing Organizations: Fastest-growing end-user segment at 13.85% CAGR (2026--2035). Multi-client testing volume growth drives demand as large CDMOs such as Lonza, Samsung Biologics, and WuXi Biologics now operate centralized mycoplasma testing centers serving dozens of client programs simultaneously. The outsourcing model transfers testing workloads from in-house biopharma QC labs to contract organizations that invest in higher-throughput instrumentation.

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Regional Outlook

North America -- Dominant Market (~43.1% Share, 2025)

The United States generates approximately 82.5% of North American Mycoplasma Testing Market revenue, driven by FDA biologics enforcement intensity, over 150 FDA-licensed biologics manufacturing sites maintaining multi-point mycoplasma testing protocols, and broad commercial adoption of rapid molecular platforms.

The US dominates through a combination of dense biopharmaceutical manufacturing clusters along the eastern seaboard and the San Francisco Bay Area, high per-facility testing volumes, and rapid replacement of culture methods with automated PCR systems. CMS reimbursement and commercial insurance coverage of advanced molecular diagnostics further accelerate adoption in academic medical centers and community oncology networks.

Europe -- Second Largest (~27.8% Share, 2025)

Europe's Mycoplasma Testing Market reflects divergent national strategies---Germany leads regionally with 24.6% of regional share, driven by biopharma R&D density and Annex 1 compliance, contributing a substantial share of European testing volume.

The UK is growing at 11.8% CAGR through the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult, which has invested over GBP 100 million in manufacturing infrastructure embedding mycoplasma screening as a standard process step. France contributes through biosimilar manufacturing

expansion at USD 0.05 Billion in 2025. Italy is growing at 8.15% CAGR on CDMO cluster growth in Lombardy. Spain contributes 6.9% of regional share on clinical trial activity acceleration.

Asia-Pacific -- Fastest-Growing Region (16.5% CAGR, 2026--2035)

Asia-Pacific is the engine of the Mycoplasma Testing Market. China holds the largest regional share with ~36.2% of regional revenue, driven by the 14th Five-Year Plan allocation of over CNY 150 billion toward biotech infrastructure, with dedicated mycoplasma and adventitious agent testing laboratories integrated into every new biologics campus.

India is growing at 19.75% CAGR on the back of Genome Valley expansion and cost-competitive CDMOs---Hyderabad now hosts over 200 life-science companies establishing in-house biopharmaceutical quality testing capabilities. Japan contributes USD 0.04 Billion through PMDA biologics guidelines and regenerative medicine adoption. South Korea is growing at 14.8% CAGR on Samsung Biologics and Celltrion capacity additions.

Middle East & Africa -- Emerging Opportunity (8.9% CAGR, 2026--2035)

The Middle East & Africa is bifurcated between well-funded Gulf states and resource-constrained Sub-Saharan nations. Saudi Arabia leads the region with Vision 2030 biopharma hub ambitions, contributing ~31.5% of regional share---the NEOM biotech development zone plans integrated quality control laboratories that include in vitro mycoplasma screening suites.

The UAE is growing at 12.6% CAGR on Dubai Science Park biologics zone development. South Africa contributes USD 0.006 Billion on Biovac Institute vaccine manufacturing capacity.

South America -- Growing Presence (USD 0.04 Billion, 2025)

Brazil anchors South America's Mycoplasma Testing Market at ~58.4% of regional revenue, with ANVISA progressively aligning its biologics testing requirements with ICH guidelines, mandating validated mycoplasma detection for all locally manufactured biological products since 2023.

Access to rapid molecular platforms remains limited by instrument import dependencies, though government-backed biosimilar initiatives are expanding domestic testing capacity. Argentina is growing at 9.1% CAGR on private biosimilar production growth.

Competitive Landscape and Recent Developments

The Mycoplasma Testing Market displays medium concentration, with the top five companies holding an estimated 48--55% combined revenue share. The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index sits in the 1,000--1,200 range, reflecting a mix of multinational life-science conglomerates and specialized molecular diagnostics firms. Patent-protected assay chemistries and instrument-reagent bundling sustain competitive moats for first-movers, though contract testing

organizations increasingly capture share as both service providers and indirect channel partners for instrument vendors.

The competitive landscape is stratified between integrated instrument-consumable ecosystem leaders serving global biopharmaceutical quality testing markets, full-service QC outsourcing partners capturing contract testing tenders, and niche reagent developers consolidating the research-grade cell culture QC segment.

KEY COMPANIES AND RECENT MILESTONES

Roche Diagnostics (2024--2025): Maintains leadership with LightCycler qPCR platforms and MycoTOOL kits, commanding ~10--14% of global Mycoplasma Testing Market revenue. Integrated instrument-consumable ecosystem positioning offsets price compression in competitive markets. First-mover advantage in regulatory-validated rapid molecular diagnostics for biologics release testing.

Charles River Laboratories (2024--2025): Endosafe mycoplasma rapid testing and contract testing services reinforce the full-service QC outsourcing partner positioning, holding ~9--12% of global revenue. The company benefits from the structural outsourcing tail created by mid-tier biopharma firms avoiding capital investment in in-house automation.

Lonza Group (January 2024): Opened a dedicated mycoplasma and adventitious agent testing center in Singapore, adding 15,000 sq ft of GMP-certified laboratory capacity to serve Asia-Pacific CDMO clients. MycoAlert detection assays and bundled CDMO + testing value chain reinforce the integrated biomanufacturing quality positioning, holding ~8--11% of global revenue.

Future Outlook: 2026--2035

By 2030, precision molecular diagnostics will become the operating system of mycoplasma contamination management. The convergence of AI-driven contamination prediction and automated mycoplasma PCR detection assay workflows will reshape the Mycoplasma Testing Market through the late 2020s. By 2030, an estimated 45% of large biomanufacturing QC laboratories will integrate AI-powered contamination prediction with automated testing workflows, shifting the paradigm from reactive detection to predictive prevention.

Machine-learning models trained on environmental monitoring trends, upstream process factors, and historical contamination event data can predict mycoplasma invasion probability before traditional testing detects it. The ICH Q5A(R2) revision process will establish globally harmonized acceptance criteria for rapid mycoplasma detection methods by 2027, reducing method transfer costs for multinational biomanufacturers and accelerating the adoption of advanced molecular platforms in markets that currently rely on traditional culture methods.

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