



Trouble-Shooting Guide for ID-Cards

Quick Reference Chart



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Problems	Possible Causes	Remedy
False/Unexpected Positive Results	 ID-Cards showing dry gel 	Review storage temperature and conditions
	Expired ID-Card	 Discard expired ID-Card and repeat the test with non-expired ID-Card
	Seal damaged	Repeat the test with properly sealed ID-Card
	Air bubbles in the gel	 Visual check for bubbles prior to testing
	Direct Antiglobulin Test (DAT) positive cells	 Repeat using monoclonal ID-Card or warm-washed cells
	 Polyagglutinable cells 	Repeat using monoclonal ID-Cards
	Interference by enzyme autoagglutinins	Repeat using monoclonal ID-Cards
	 Carry-over of antisera between microtubes 	Check pipetting technique
		Pipette cells in reverse order
		 Ensure ID-Card is upright when opened
		 If droplets under the foil, centrifuge the ID-Card prior to use
	 Incorrect cell suspension 	Repeat with correct cell suspension
	 Wharton's Jelly - cord blood 	Wash cells and repeat
Equivocal Results	 Centrifugation problems (ID-Card holder stuck, speed/time issues) 	Report to your field service contact point
False/Unexpected Weak or Negative Results	 Plasma/serum omitted from test procedure 	 Repeat test - check level visually for plasma/serum addition
	Wrong volume(s) used	Check box insert for correct procedure
	 Deterioration of antibody (poor storage, natural phenomenon) 	 Fresh samples should be used for optimal results
	 Weak/missing isoagglutinins 	 Review clinical details (age of patient, medical diagnosis, therapy, etc.)
	 Weak/missing antigens 	 Review clinical details (age of patient, medical diagnosis, therapy, etc.)
		 Subgroup determination (ABO)
		 Test for weak D/partial D
	 Contamination of reagent cells 	Repeat with fresh set of cells
		Review laboratory procedure
Double Cell Population Mixed Field Reaction	 Post-transfusion 	Review clinical history/treatment
	 Post-Stem Cell/Bone Marrow Transplant 	Review clinical history/treatment
	Large fetomaternal hemorrhage	Appropriate further investigation
	• Subgroups (A ₃ , A _{weak} , etc.)	Appropriate further investigation
	Chimerism	Appropriate further investigation
	Sample contamination	 Repeat with fresh sample (review phlebotomy/laboratory procedures)
	Fibrin residues (trapping red blood cells)	 Serum/plasma should be well centrifuged before use
	Weakened antigens	 Review clinical details e.g. in association with leukemia, old age, newborns etc.

Notes

- For specific problems in ABO or Rh typing, refer to the appropriate Quick Reference Chart for guidance.
- All laboratory procedures should be subject to internal quality control as part of Good Laboratory Practice.
- Report persistent problems to your local customer product support team, who will take the appropriate action required to resolve any difficulties.
- This chart is not necessarily comprehensive.