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CE Declaration of Conformity

According to Annex III of the IVD Directive 98/79/EC

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- Comply with all essential requirements (AnnexI) of the IVD Directive 98/79/EC. This compliance has been properly documented and covers the items listed in Annex I of the IVD Directive.
- This product is produced under Atlas quality system (ISO13485:2016) issued by GMED:
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  Expiry Date: October 8 th.2023
- Comply with the essential requirements of following standards (EN 18113-1, -2,-4:2011, EN ISO 15223:2016 , EN ISO 23640:2015, EN ISO 14971:2019, ISO 2859/1:1999, EN ISO 13612:2002, EN ISO 13641:2002.

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Product Description
8.00.02.0.0100 : ASO Latex Kit, 100 Tests (4ml Latex, 2x1.0ml controls).
8.00.00.0.0100: CRP Latex Kit, 100 Tests (4 ml Latex, 2x1.0 ml Controls)
8.00.04.0.0100: RF Latex Kit, 100 Tests (4ml Latex, 2x1.0ml controls)
8.00.17.0.0100: D-Dimer Latex Kit, 100 Tests
8.00.13.0.0300 : Streptococcus Latex Kit, 6 Groups, 6x50 Tests (5x1.5ml Latex (A,B,C,G,F), 1x3ml Latex(D), 1x1.0ml Positive Control, 1x2ml Extraction Reagent E, 1x1.5ml Extraction Reagent 1, 1x1.5ml Extraction Reagent 2, 2x2.5ml Extraction Reagent 3, Stirring Sticks, Glass Slide).
8.00.18.3.0500 : RPR Syphilis (Coarse Grain) Kit, 500 Tests (10 ml latex, 2x1ml control) Without card,stirring sticks.
8.00.18.3.1000 RPR Carbon Antigen (Coarse Grain) Kit, 1000 Tests (Reagent only).

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N° 36655 rev.1

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English version:
Design and Development, Manufacturing and Sales of in vitro diagnostic medical devices for professional use and/or for self-testing, in the field of Immunohematology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Toxicology, Oncology, Cardiology, Histology, Endocrinology Biosensors and Infectious diseases, in techniques of Agglutination/ ELISA/ Rapid tests/ Colorimetry/Antibiotic disks.

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French version:
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English version:
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Date: 15/Jan/2022

STATEMENT

We, ATLAS MEDICAL having a registered office at Ludwig-Erhard-Ring 3 15827 Blankenfelde-Mahlow, Berlin, Germany assign SRL SANMEDICO having a registered office at A. Corobceanu street 7A, apt. 9, Chişinău MD-2012, Moldova , as authorized representative in correspondence with the conditions of directive 98/79/EEC.

We declare that the company mentioned above is authorized to register, notify, renew or modify the registration of medical devices on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

On behalf of manufacturer:-

General Manager

Haya Amawi

Signature: _____

Date: 15.01.2022

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ATLAS C-REACTIVE PROTEIN (CRP) LATEX KIT

For the qualitative and semi-quantitative measurement of C-reactive protein (CRP) in human serum.

IVD *For in -vitro diagnostic and professional use only*

Store at 2-8°C

INTENDED USE

Atlas C-Reactive Protein (CRP) is used to measure the CRP in human serum qualitatively and semi- quantitatively.

INTRODUCTION

C-reactive protein (CRP), the classic acute-phase of human serum, is synthesized by hepatocytes. Normally, it is present only in trace amounts in serum, but it can increase as much as 1,000-fold in response to injury or infection. The clinical measurement of CRP in serum therefore appears to be a valuable screening test for organic disease and a sensitive index of disease activity in inflammatory, infective and ischemic conditions. MacLeod and Avery found that antibody produced against purified CRP provided a more sensitive test than the C-polysaccharide assay. Since that time a number of immunological assays have been devised to measure CRP such as capillary precipitation, double immunodiffusion and radical immunodiffusion.

The CRP reagent kit is based on the principle of the latex agglutination assay described by Singer and Plotz. The major advantage of this method is the rapid two (2) minute reaction time.

PRINCIPLE

The CRP reagent kit is based on an immunological reaction between CRP Antisera bound to biologically inert latex particles and CRP in the test specimen. When serum containing greater than 6 mg/L CRP is mixed with the latex reagent, visible agglutination occurs.

MATERIALS

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- CRP Latex Reagent:Latex particles coated with goat IgG anti-human CRP, pH 8.2 **MIX WELL BEFORE USE.**
- CRP Positive Control Serum: A stabilized pre-diluted human serum containing >20mg/L CRP.
- CRP Negative Control Serum: A stabilized pre-diluted animal serum.
- Glass Slides.
- Stirring Sticks.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Mechanical rotator with adjustable speed at 80-100 r.p.m.
- Vortex mixer.
- Pippetes 50 µL.
- Glycine Buffer (20x): add one part to nineteen parts of distilled water before use.

PRECAUTIONS

- Reagents containing sodium azide may be combined with copper and lead plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Dispose of reagents by flushing with large amounts of water to prevent azide buildup.
- For In Vitro diagnostic use.
- Positive and negative controls prepared using human serum found negative for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) by FDA required test; however, handle controls as if potentially infectious.
- Accuracy of the test depends on the drop size of the latex reagent (40µl). Use only the dropper provided with the latex and hold perpendicularly when dispensing.
- Glass slides should be thoroughly rinsed with water and wiped with lint-free tissue after each use.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- Reagents are stable until specified expiry date on bottle label when stored refrigerated (2 - 8°C). **DO NOT FREEZE**.
- The CRP latex reagent, once shaken must be uniform without visible clumping. When stored refrigerated, a slight sedimentation may occur and should be considered normal.
- Do not use the latex reagent or controls if they become contaminated.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- Use fresh serum collected by centrifuging clotted blood.
- If the test cannot be carried out on the same day, store the specimen for 7 days at 2-8 ° C and for 3 months at -20°C.
- For longer periods the sample must be frozen.
- As in all serological tests, hemolytic or contaminated serum must not be used.
- Do not use plasma.

PROCEDURE

A.QUALITATIVE TEST:

1. Allow the reagents and samples to reach room temperature. The sensitivity of the test may be reduced at low temperatures.
2. Place 40 µL of the sample and one drop of each Positive and Negative controls into separate circles on the slide test.
3. Mix the CRP-latex reagent vigorously or on a vortex mixer before using and add one drop (40 µL) next to the samples to be tested.
4. Mix the drops with a stirrer, spreading them over the entire surface of the circle. Use different stirrers for each sample.
5. Place the slide on a mechanical rotator at 80-100 r.p.m. for 2 minutes. False positive results could appear if the test is read later than two minutes.

B.SEMI-QUANTITATIVE TEST:

1. Make serial two fold dilutions of the sample in 9 g/L saline solution.
2. Proceed for each dilution as in the qualitative method.

QUALITY CONTROL

Positive and Negative controls are recommended to monitor the performance of the procedure, as well as a comparative pattern for a better result interpretation.

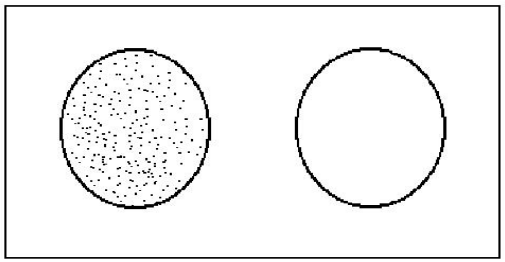
All result different from the negative control result, will be considered as a positive.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

A.QUALITATIVE TEST:

A **negative** reaction is indicated by a uniform milky suspension with no agglutination as observed with the CRP Negative Control.

A **positive** reaction is indicated by any observable agglutination in the reaction mixture. The specimen reaction should be compared to the CRP Negative Control (Fig. 1).



Positive **Negative**

Figure 1

B. Semi-QUANTITATIVE TEST:

The approximate CRP concentration in the patient sample is calculated as follow:

6×CRP titer = ---- mg/L

INTERFERENCES

NONE INTERFERING SUBSTANCES:

- Hemoglobin (10g/dl)
- Bilirubin(20mg/dl)
- Lipemia(10g/dl)
- Other substances interfere, such as RF (100IU/ml).

NOTE

- High CRP concentration samples may give negative results .Retest the sample again using a drop of 20µl.
- The strength of agglutination is not indicative of the CRP concentration in the samples tested.
- Clinical diagnosis should not be made on findings of a single test result, but should integrate both clinical and laboratory data.

LIMITATIONS

1. Reaction time is critical. If reaction time exceeds two (2) minutes, drying of the reaction mixture may cause false positive results.
2. Freezing the CRP Latex Reagent will result in spontaneous agglutination.
3. Intensity of agglutination is not necessarily indicative of relative CRP concentration; therefore, screening reactions should not be graded.
4. A false negative can be attributed to a prozone phenomenon (antigen excess). It is recommended, therefore, to check all negative sera by retesting at a 1:10 dilution with glycine buffer.

REFERENCE VALUES

Up to 6 mg/L. Each laboratory should establish its own reference range.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

- **Sensitivity:** 6(5-10) mg/L
- **Prozone effect:** No prozone effect was detected up to 1600 mg/L
- **Diagnostic sensitivity:** 95.6 %.
- **Diagnostic specificity:** 96.2 %.

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REF	Catalogue Number		Store at
IVD	For In-Vitro Diagnostic use		Caution
Σ	Number of tests in the pack		Read product insert before use
LOT	Lot (batch) number		Manufacturer
	Fragile, handle with care		Expiry date
	Manufacturer fax number		Do not use if package is **damaged**
	Manufacturer telephone number		

Atlas Medical CE

Procalcitonin (PCT) Rapid Test Device (Serum/Plasma)

IVD *For in vitro diagnostic use only*

2 30°C Store at 2-30 °C

INTENDED USE

The PCT Rapid Test Device (Serum/Plasma) is a rapid visual immunoassay for the qualitative presumptive detection of Procalcitonin in human serum or plasma specimens. This kit is intended for use as an aid in the diagnosis of inflammation.

INTRODUCTION

Procalcitonin (PCT) is the precursor of calcitonin, and is normally produced in the C-cells of the thyroid gland.During systemic and severe infections, PCT is also produced rapidly in other tissues, and serum PCT concentrations increase to very high levels. first described PCT as an inflammation-induced protein in 1993. Since then, numerous clinical studies have demonstrated the utility of this marker. PCT is more specific for detecting bacterial infection than other inflammatory markers, such as C-reactive protein (CRP) and white blood cell counts (WBC), because viral infections, autoimmune and allergic disorders do not induce PCT.

PRINCIPLE

The PCT Rapid Test Device (Serum/Plasma) detects Procalcitonin through visual interpretation of color development on the internal strip. Anti-PCT antibodies are immobilized on the test region of the membrane. During testing, the specimen reacts with anti-PCT antibodies conjugated to colored particles and precoated on the sample pad of the test. The mixture then migrates through the membrane by capillary action, and interacts with reagents on the membrane. If there are sufficient PCT in the specimen, a colored band will form at the test region of the membrane. The presence of this colored band indicates a positive result, while its absence indicates a negative result. The appearance of a colored band at the control region serves as a procedural control, indicating that the proper volume of specimen has been added and membrane wicking has occurred.

MATERIALS

Materials Provided

- Individually pouched test devices.
- Disposable dropper.
- Buffer.
- Package insert.

Materials Required But Not Provided

- Specimen collection container.
- Centrifuge.
- Timer.

PRECAUTIONS

- For professional in vitro diagnostic use only.
- Do not use after the expiration date indicated on the package. Do not use the test if the foil pouch is damaged. Do not reuse tests.
- This kit contains products of animal origin. Certified knowledge of the origin and/or sanitary state of the animals does not completely guarantee the absence of transmissible pathogenic agents. It is therefore recommended that these products be treated as potentially infectious, and handled observing usual safety precautions (e.g., do not ingest or inhale).
- Avoid cross-contamination of specimens by using a new specimen collection container for each specimen obtained.
- Read the entire procedure carefully prior to any testing.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke in the area where the specimens and kits are handled. Handle all specimens as if they contain infectious agents. Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout the procedure and follow standard procedures for proper disposal of specimens. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection when specimens are assayed.
- Do not interchange or mix reagents from different lots.
- Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results.
- Used testing materials should be discarded in accordance with local regulations.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The kit should be stored at 2-30°C until the expiry date printed on the sealed pouch.
- The test must remain in the sealed pouch until use.
- **Do not freeze.**
- Care should be taken to protect the components of the kit from contamination. Do not use if there is evidence of microbial contamination or precipitation. Biological contamination of dispensing equipment, containers or reagents can lead to false results.

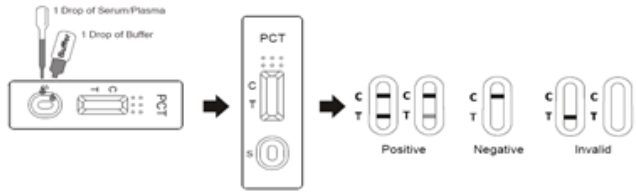
SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

- The PCT Rapid Test Cassette can be performed using serum or plasma.
- Separate serum or plasma from blood as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis. Use only clear, non-hemolyzed specimens.
- Testing should be performed immediately after specimen collection. Do not leave the specimens at room temperature for prolonged periods. Serum and plasma specimens may be stored at 2-8°C for up to 3 days. For long term storage, specimens should be kept below -20°C.
- Bring specimens to room temperature prior to testing. Frozen specimens must be completely thawed and mixed well prior to testing. Specimens should not be frozen and thawed repeatedly.
- If specimens are to be shipped, they should be packed in compliance with federal regulations covering the transportation of etiologic agents.

PROCEDURE

Bring tests, specimens, buffer, and/or controls to room temperature (15-30°C) before use.

1. Remove the test from its sealed pouch, and place it on a clean, level surface. Label the device with patient or control identification. For best results, the assay should be performed within one hour.
2. Hold the dropper vertically and transfer 1 drop of serum or plasma (approximately 25 μL) to the specimen well of test cassette, then add 1 drop of buffer (approx. 40ul) and start the timer. Avoid trapping air bubbles in the specimen well. See illustration below.
3. Wait for the colored line is appeared. The result should be read at 15minutes. Do not interpret the result after 20 minutes.



INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

(Please refer to the illustration above)

POSITIVE: Two distinct colored lines appear. One colored line should be in the control region (C) and another colored line should be in the test region (T).

NOTE: The intensity of the color in the test line region (T) will vary depending on the concentration of PCT antigen present in the specimen. Therefore, any shade of color in the test region (T)

should be considered positive.

NEGATIVE: One colored line appears in the control region (C). No apparent colored line appears in the test region (T).

INVALID: Control line fails to appear. Insufficient specimen volume or incorrect procedural techniques are the most likely reasons for control line failure. Review the procedure and repeat the test with a new test cassette. If the problem persists, discontinue using the test kit immediately and contact your local distributor.

QUALITY CONTROL

Internal procedural controls are included in the test. A colored band appearing in the control region (C) is considered an internal positive procedural control, confirming sufficient specimen volume and correct procedural technique.

External controls are not supplied with this kit. It is recommended that positive and negative controls be tested as a good laboratory practice to confirm the test procedure and to verify proper test performance.

LIMITATIONS

1. The PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) is for in vitro diagnostic use only. This test should be used for the detection of PCT in serum or plasma specimen.
2. The PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) cannot detect less than 1ng/ml of PCT in specimens.
3. As with all diagnostic tests, all results must be considered with other clinical information available to the physician.
4. In some instances elevated Procalcitonin levels in due to noninfectious reasons can be observed:
   - During the first days after trauma or surgical intervention burns, release of proinflammatoric cytokines, lung cancer (oat cell carcinoma), Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma (C-Cell Carcinoma).
   - New born children, < 48hours.
   - Severe cardiogenic shock.

EXPECTED VALUES

The PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) has been compared with a leading commercial PCT EIA test. The correlation between these two systems is over 98%.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Sensitivity

The PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) has correctly identified a panel of specimens and has been compared to a leading commercial PCT EIA test using clinical specimens. The results show that the relative sensitivity of the PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood /Serum /Plasma) is 98.7%, and the relative specificity is 98.9%.

Method		EIA		Total Results
PCT Rapid Test Cassette(Serum /Plasma)	Results	Positive	Negative	
	Positive	231	2	233
	Negative	3	180	183
Total Results		234	182	416

Relative Sensitivity: 98.7% (97.5%CI: 96.3%-99.7%)
Relative Specificity: 98.9% (95%CI: 96.1%-99.9%)
Accuracy: 98.8% (95%CI: 97.2%-99.6%)
Confidence Intervals

Precision

Intra-Assay

Within-run precision has been determined by using 15 replicates of three specimens containing negative, low positive and high positive. The negative and positive values were correctly identified 99% of the time.

Inter-Assay

Between-run precision has been determined by using the same three specimens of negative, low positive and high positive of PCT in 15 independent assays. Three different lots of the PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) has been tested over a 3-month period using negative, low positive and high positive specimens. The specimens were correctly identified 99% of the time.

Cross-reactivity

The PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) has been tested by HAMA, Rheumatoid factor (RF), HAV, Syphilis, HIV, H. Pylori, MONO, CMV, Rubella and TOXO positive specimens. The results showed no cross-reactivity

Interfering Substances

The PCT Rapid Test Cassette (Serum/Plasma) has been tested for possible interference from visibly hemolyzed and lipemic specimens. No interference was observed.

In addition, no interference was observed in specimens containing up to 2,000 mg/dL Hemoglobin, 1000 mg/dL Bilirubin, and 2000 mg/dL human serum Albumin.

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REF	Catalogue Number		Temperature limit
IVD	*In Vitro* diagnostic medical device		Caution
Σ	Contains sufficient for <n> tests and Relative size		Consult instructions for use (IFU)
LOT	Batch code		Manufacturer
	Do not re-use		Use-by date
	Manufacturer fax number		Do not use if package is damaged
	Manufacturer telephone number		Date of Manufacture
	Keep away from sunlight		Keep dry

Atlas Medical CE

ATLAS RHEUMATOID FACTOR (RF) LATEX KIT

latex slide test for the qualitative and semi-quantitative measurement of RF in human serum.

IVD *For In-Vitro diagnostic and professional use only*

Store at 2-8°C

INTENDED USE

A latex slide test for the qualitative and semi-quantitative measurement of RF in human serum.

INTRODUCTION

Rheumatoid factors (RF) are antibodies directed against antigenic sites in the Fc fragment of human and animal IgG . Their frequent occurrence in rheumatoid arthritis makes them useful for diagnosis and monitoring of the disease.

One method used for rheumatoid factor detection is based on the ability of rheumatoid arthritis sera to agglutinate sensitized sheep red cells, as observed by Waaler and Rose. A more sensitive reagent consisting of biologically inert latex beads coated with human gamma globulin was later described by Singer and Plotz. The RF kit is based on the principle of the latex agglutination assay of Singer and Plotz .The major advantage of this method is rapid performance (2 minute reaction time) and lack of heterophile antibody interference.

PRINCIPLE

The RF reagent is based on an immunological reaction between human IgG bound to biologically inert latex particles and rheumatoid factors in the test specimen. When serum containing rheumatoid factors is mixed with the latex reagent, visible agglutination occurs.

MATERIALS

MATERIALS PR0VIDED

- RF Latex Reagent: Latex particles coated with human gamma-globulin, pH, 8,2. Preservative. Contains N, N-dimethylformamide .
- RF Positive Control Serum: Human serum with a RF concentration > 30 IU/mL.Preservative.
- RF Negative Control Serum:Animal serum. Preservative.
- Reaction Slide
- Stirring sticks

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Timer
- Test Tubes (for dilution)
- Serological pipettes (for sample addition and for dilution)
- Rotator (optional)
- Glycine Buffer (20x): add one part to nineteen parts of distilled water before use.

PRECAUTIONS

- All reagents contain 0.1 %(w/v) sodium azide as a preservative.
- Reagents containing sodium azide may be combined with copper and lead plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Dispose of reagents by flushing with large amounts of water to prevent azide buildup.
- For In Vitro diagnostic use.
- Positive and negative controls prepared using human serum found negative for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) by FDA required test; however, handle controls as if potentially infectious.
- Accuracy of the test depends on the drop size of the latex reagent (40µl). Use only the dropper supplied with latex and hold it perpendicularly when dispensing.
- Use a clean pipette tip and stirring stick for each specimen, and glass slides should be thoroughly rinsed with water and wiped with lint-free tissue after each use.
- Check reactivity of the reagent using the controls provided.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- Reagents are stable until specified expiry date on bottle label when stored refrigerated (2-8°C).
- Do not freeze.
- The RF latex reagent, once shaken must be uniform without visible clumping. When stored refrigerated, a slight sedimentation may occur and should be considered normal.
- Do not use the latex reagent or controls if they become contaminated.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- Use fresh serum collected by centrifuging clotted blood.
- If the test cannot be carried out on the same day, store the specimen for 7 days at 2-8°C and for 3 months at -20°C.
- As in all serological tests, hemolytic or contaminated serum must not be used.
- Do not use PLASMA.

PROCEDURE

Qualitative method

1. Allow the reagents and samples to reach room temperature. The sensitivity of the test may be reduced at low temperatures.
2. Place 50 µL of the sample and one drop of each Positive and Negative controls into separate circles on the slide test.
3. Mix the RF-latex reagent rigorously or on a vortex mixer before using and add one drop (50 µL) next to the sample to be tested.
4. Mix the drops with a stirrer, spreading them over the entire surface of the circle. Use different stirrers for each sample.
5. Place the slide on a mechanical rotator at 80-100 r.p.m. for 2 minutes. False positive results could appear if the test is read later than two minutes.

Semi-quantitative method

1. Make serial two fold dilutions of the sample in 9 g/L saline solution.
2. Proceed for each dilution as in the qualitative method.

READING AND INTERPRETATION

Examine macroscopically the presence or absence of visible agglutination immediately after removing the slide from the rotator. The presence of agglutination indicates a RF concentration equal or greater than 8 IU/mL (Note 1).

The titer, in the semi-quantitative method, is defined as the highest dilution showing a positive result.

CALCULATIONS

The approximate RF concentration in the patient sample is calculated as follows:

8 x RF Titer = IU/mL

INTERFERENCES

NON INTERFERING SUBSTANCES:

- Hemoglobin (10g/dl)
- Bilirubin(20mg/dl)
- Lipemia(10g/dl)

Other substances may interfere.

QUALITY CONTROL

1. RF Positive and Negative Control should be included in each test batch.
2. Acceptable performance is indicated when a uniform milky suspension with no agglutination is observed with the RF Negative Control and agglutination with large aggregates is observed with the RF Positive Control.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Analytical sensitivity

8(6-16) IU/ml, under the described assay conditions.

PROZONE EFFECT

No prozone effect was detected up to 1500 IU/ml.

DIAGNOSTIC SENSITIVITY

100%.

DIAGNOSTIC SPECIFICITY

100%.

The diagnostic sensitivity and specificity have been obtained using 118 samples compared with the same method of a computer.

LIMITATIONS

- Reaction time is critical. If reaction time exceeds 2 minutes, drying of the reaction mixture may cause false positive result.
- Freezing the RF Latex Reagent will result in spontaneous agglutination.
- Intensity of agglutination is not necessarily indicative of relative RF concentration; therefore, screening reactions should not be graded.
- Increased levels of RF may be found in some diseases other than rheumatoid arthritis such as infectious mononucleosis, sarcodosis, lupus erythrematosus, Sjogren's syndrome.
- Certain patients with rheumatoid arthritis will not have the RF present in their serum.
- The incidence of false positive results is about 3-5 %.Individuals suffering from infectious mononucleosis, hepatitis, syphilis as well as elderly people may give positive results.
- Diagnosis should not be solely based on the results of latex method but also should be complemented with a Waaler Rose test along with the clinical examination.

REFERENCE VALUES

Up to 8 IU/mL. Each laboratory should establish its own reference range.

NOTES

1. Results obtained with a latex method do not compare with those obtained with Waaler Rose test. Differences in the results between methods do not reflect differences in the ability to detect rheumatoid factors.

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ANTISTREPTOLYSIN-O (ASO) LATEX SLIDE TEST

For the qualitative and quantitative measurement of antibodies to Antistreptolysin-O in human serum.

IVD *For in -vitro diagnostic and professional use only*

Store at 2-8°C

INTENDED USE

ATLAS ANTISTREPTOLYSIN-O (ASO) latex slide Test is used for the qualitative and quantitative measurement of antibodies to Antistreptolysin-O in human serum.

INTRODUCTION

The group A ß-hemolytic streptococci produces various toxins that can act as antigens. One of these exotoxins streptolysin-O, was discovered by Todd in 1932.

A person infected with group A -hemolytic streptococci produces specific antibodies against these exotoxins, one of which is antistreptolysin-O. The quantity of this antibody in a patient's serum will establish the degree of infection due to the -hemolytic streptococcal.

The usual procedure for the determination of the antistreptolysin titer is based on the inhibitory effect that the patient's serum produces on the hemolytic power of a pre-titrated and reduced streptolysin-O. However, the antigen-antibody reaction occurs independently of the hemolytic activity of streptolysin-O. This property enables the establishment of a qualitative and quantitative test for the determination of the antistreptolysin-O by agglutination of latex particles on slide.

PRINCIPLE

ASO test method is based on an immunologic reaction between streptococcal exotoxins bound to biologically inert latex particles and streptococcal antibodies in the test sample. Visible agglutination occurs when increased antibody level, are present in the test specimen.

MATERIALS

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- ASO Latex Reagent: Latex particles coated with streptolysin O, pH, 8,2. Preservative
- ASO Positive Control(Red cap): Human serum with an ASO concentration > 200 IU/mL.Preservative
- ASO Negative Control (Blue cap) Animal serum. Preservative
- Reaction Slide.
- Stirring Sticks.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Timer.
- Test Tubes 12x75mm.
- Test Tube Rack.
- Serological pipettes.
- High intensity light.
- Saline Solution, 0.9% NaCL.

PRECAUTIONS

- All reagents contain 0.1% (w/v) sodium azide as a preservative. Store all reagents at 2-8°C. **DO NOT FREEZE.**
- Reagents containing sodium azide may be combined with copper and lead plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Dispose of reagents by flushing with large amounts of water to prevent azide build-up.
- For In Vitro diagnostic use.
- Positive and negative controls prepared using human serum found negative for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and HIV-III by FDA required test; however, handle controls as if potentially infectious.

REAGENT STORAGE AND STABILITY

- Reagents are stable until specified expiry date on bottle label when stored refrigerated (2-8°C).
- **DO NOT FREEZE.**
- The ASO Latex Reagent, once shaken must be uniform without visible clumping. When stored refrigerated, a slight sedimentation may occur and should be considered normal.
- Do not use the latex reagent or controls if they become contaminated.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- Use fresh serum collected by centrifuging clotted blood.
- If the test cannot be carried out on the same day, store the specimen for 7 days at 2-8(C and for 3 months at -20(C.
- For longer periods the sample must be frozen.
- As in all serological tests, hemolytic or contaminated serum must not be used.
- **DO NOT USE PLASMA.**

PROCEDURE

Qualitative method

1. Allow the reagents and samples to reach room temperature. The sensitivity of the test may be reduced at low temperatures.
2. Place 50 µL of the sample and one drop of each Positive and Negative controls into separate circles on the slide test.
3. Mix the ASO-latex reagent vigorously or on a vortex mixer before using and add one drop (50 µL) next to the sample to be tested.
4. Mix the drops with a stirrer, spreading them over the entire surface of the circle. Use different stirrers for each sample.
5. Place the slide on a mechanical rotator at 80-100 r.p.m. for 2 minutes. False positive results could appear if the test is read later than two minutes.

Semi-quantitative method

1. Make serial two fold dilutions of the sample in 9 g/L saline solution.
2. Proceed for each dilution as in the qualitative method.

QUALITY CONTROL

Positive and Negative Controls should be included in each test batch.

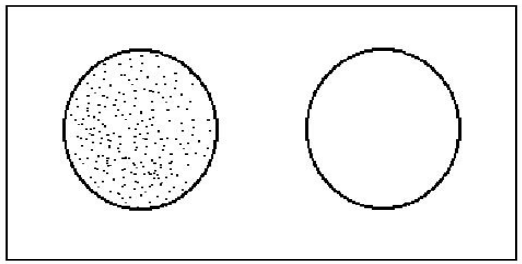
Acceptable performance is indicated when a uniform milky suspension with no agglutination is observed with the ASO Negative Control and agglutination with large aggregates is observed with the ASO Positive Control.

RESULTS

A.QUALITATIVE TEST:

A negative reaction is indicated by a uniform milky suspension with no agglutination as observed with the ASO Negative Control.

A positive reaction is indicated by any observable agglutination in the reaction mixture. The specimen reaction should be compared to the ASO Negative Control (Fig. 1).



Positive Negative

Figure 1

B.QUANTITATIVE TEST

A positive reaction is indicated by any observable agglutination in the reaction mixture. Record the last dilution showing a positive reaction. Concentration of ASO can be determined by multiplying the last positive dilution factor of the sample with the concentration of the positive control (200 IU/ml).

The titer of the serum is the reciprocal of the highest dilution which exhibits a positive reaction.

IU/ml of sample = conc. of positive control (200) x specimen titer

DILUTION	IU/ml
1:1	200
1:2	400
1:4	800
1:8	1600
Etc.	

REFERENCE VALUES

Up to 200 IU/mL(adults) and 100 IU/mL (children < 5 years old)[6]. Each laboratory should establish its own reference range.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Analytical sensitivity:

200 (±50) IU/ml.

PROZONE EFFECT

No prozone effect was detected up to 1500IU/ml.

SENSITIVITY

98%.

SPECIFICITY

97%.

INTERFERENCES

NON INTERFERING SUBSTANCES:

- Hemoglobin (10g/dl)
- Bilirubin(20mg/dl)
- Lipemia(10g/dl)

Other substances may interfere

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