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Immunohematology

Trouble-Shooting Guide for ID-Cards

Quick Reference Chart



Trouble-Shooting Guide for ID-Cards Quick Reference Chart



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 ce 	 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 microtube 	es
		 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 procedu 	 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 (ago of patient, modical diagnosis, therapy, etc.)
		(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 (A₃, 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.