

A rapid test for the qualitative detection of Methadone in human whole blood or serum or plasma.

For medical and other professional in vitro diagnostic use only.

INTENDED USE

The MTD Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) is a lateral flow chromatographic immunoassay for the detection of Methadone in whole blood or serum or plasma at a cut-off concentration of 40ng/mL. This test will detect other related compounds, please refer to the analytical Specificity table in this package insert.

This assay provides only a qualitative, preliminary test result. A more specific alternate chemical method must be used in order to obtain a confirmed analytical result. Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is the preferred confirmatory method. Clinical consideration and professional judgment should be applied to any drug of abuse test result, particularly when preliminary positive results are used.

METHADONE

Methadone is a narcotic analgesic prescribed for the management of moderate to severe pain and for the treatment of opiate dependence (heroin, Vicodin, Percocet, morphine). The pharmacology of oral methadone is very different from IV methadone. Oral methadone is partially stored in the liver for later use. IV methadone acts more like heroin. In most states you must go to a pain clinic or a methadone maintenance clinic to be prescribed methadone. Methadone is a long acting pain reliever producing effects that last from twelve to forty-eight hours. Ideally, methadone frees the client from the pressures of obtaining illegal heroin, from the dangers of injection, and from the emotional roller coaster that most opiates produce. Methadone, if taken for long periods and at large doses, can lead to a very long withdrawal period. The withdrawals from methadone are more prolonged and troublesome than those provoked by heroin cessation, yet the substitution and phased removal of methadone is an acceptable method of detoxification for patients and therapists.

PRINCIPLE

The MTD Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) is an immunoassay based on the principle of competitive binding. Drugs that may be present in the whole blood/serum/plasma specimen compete against the drug conjugate for binding sites on the antibody.

During testing, a whole blood/serum/plasma specimen migrates upward by capillary action. Methadone, if present in the whole blood/serum/plasma specimen below the cut-off level, will not saturate the binding sites of the antibody in the test. The antibody coated particles will then be captured by immobilized Methadone-protein conjugate and a visible colored line will show up in the test line region. The colored line will not form in the test line region if the Methadone level exceeds the cut-off level because it will saturate all the binding sites of anti-Methadone antibodies.

A drug-positive whole blood/serum/plasma specimen will not generate a colored line in the test line region because of drug competition, while a drug-negative whole blood/serum/plasma specimen or a specimen containing a drug concentration less than the cut-off will generate a line in the test line region. To serve as a procedural control, a colored line will always appear at the control line region indicating that proper volume of specimen has been added and membrane wicking has occurred.

REAGENTS

The test contains mouse monoclonal anti-Methadone antibody coupled particles and Methadone-protein conjugate. A goat antibody is employed in the control line.

PRECAUTIONS

• For professional in vitro diagnostic use only. Do not use after the expiration date.
• Do not eat, drink or smoke in the area where the specimens or kits are handled.
• Do not use test if pouch is damaged.
• Handle all specimens as if they contain infectious agents. Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout testing and follow the standard procedures for proper disposal of specimens.
• Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection when specimens are being tested.
• The used test should be discarded according to local regulations.
• Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Storage as packaged in the sealed pouch at room temperature or refrigerated (2-30°C). The test is stable through the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. The test must remain in the sealed pouch until use. **DO NOT FREEZE.** Do not use beyond the expiration date.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

• The MTD Rapid Test Cassette can be performed using whole blood (from venipuncture or fingerstick)/serum/plasma.

60	+50%	30	0	30
120	3X	30	0	30

Analytical Specificity

The following table lists compounds that are positively detected in whole blood/serum/plasma by the MTD Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) at 5 minutes.

Compound	Concentration (ng/mL)
Methadone	40
Doxylamine	13,000

Precision

A study was conducted at three hospitals using three different lots of product to demonstrate the within run, between run and between operator precision. An identical panel of coded specimens, containing no Methadone, and 50% Methadone above and below the 40ng/mL cut-off was provided to each site. The following results were tabulated:

MTD Concentration (ng/mL)	n	Site A	Site B	Site C
per Site		-	+	-
0	10	10	0	10
20	10	8	2	9
60	10	1	9	1

Cross-Reactivity

A study was conducted to determine the cross-reactivity of the test with compounds in either drug-free whole blood/serum/plasma or Methadone positive whole blood/serum/plasma. The following compounds show no cross-reactivity when tested with the MTD Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) at a concentration of 100 µg/mL.

Non Cross-Reacting Compounds

Acetaminophen	Diazepam	Maprotiline	β-Phenylethylamine
Acetophenetidin	Diclofenac	Meprobamate	Phenylpropanolamine
N-Acetylprocamamide	Difenoxin	Meprobamate	Prednisolone
Acetylsalicylic acid	Digoxin	Methamphetamine	Prednisone
Aminopyrine	Diphenhydramine	Methoxyphenamine	Procaine
Amitriptyline	EDDP	(±)-3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine	Promazine
Amerbarbital	EMDP	(±)-3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine	Promethazine
Amiodarone	Ergonine hydrochloride	Morphine-3-D-glucuronide	Propiophenone
Ampidin	Ergonine methylester	Morphine Sulfate	D-Propoxyphene
I-Ascorbic acid	(-)-Ep-Ephedrine	Nalidixic acid	D-Pseudoephedrine
D, L-Arphetamine sulfate	[1R,2S](-)-Ephedrine	Naloxone	Quinacrine
Apronorphine	I-Epinephrine	Naltrexone	Quinidine
Apartame	Erythromycin	Naproxen	Quinine
Atropine	β-Estradiol	Niacinamide	Ranitidine
Benzoic acid	Estriol-3-sulfate	Nifedipine	Salicylic acid
Benzocaine	Ethylp-aminobenzoate	Nordostatin	Secobarbital
Benzylecgonine	Fenoprofen	Norethindrone	Serotonin
Benzphetamine	Furansemide	D-Norpropoxyphene	Sulfamethazine
Bilirubin	Genistein	Noscapine	Sulindac
(-)-Brompheniramine	Hemoglobin	D-Octopamine	Temazepam
Caffeine	Hydralazine	Oxalic acid	Tetracycline
Cannabidiol	Hydrochlorothiazide	Oxazepam	Tetrahydrocortisone
Chlorhydrate	Hydrocortisone	Oxycodeone	Tetrahydrocortisone
Chloramphenicol	D-Hydroxyhippuric acid	Oxymetazoline	3-(D-glucuronide)
Chlorhexidine	p-Hydroxyphenetamine	Papaverine	Tetrahydrozoline
(±)-Chlorpheniramine	p-Hydroxyphenethylamine	Penicillin G	Thebaine
Chlorpromazine	3-Hydroxytyramine	Perfloxacin hydrochloride	Thiamine
Chlorquine	Ibuprofen	Pentobarbital	Thioridazine
Cholesterol	Imipramine	Perphenazine	D-Tyrosine
Clomipramine	Iproniazid	Phencyclidine	Tolbutamide
Clonidine	(±)-Isoproterenol	Phenelzine	Triamterene
Cocaine	Isoxsuprime	Phenobarbital	Trifluoperazine
Cocaine hydrochloride	Ketamine	Phentermine	Trimethoprim
Codene	Ketoprofen	D-J-Tryptophan	Trimipramine
Cortisone	Ibuprofen	(-)-Colicine	Tryptamine

Interfering Substances

The MTD Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) has been tested for possible interference from visibly hemolyzed and lipemic specimens. In addition, no interference was observed in specimens containing up to 100 mg/dL hemoglobin; up to 100 mg/dL bilirubin and up to 200 mg/dL human serum albumin.

• To collect **Fingerstick Whole Blood specimens**:

- Wash the patient's hand with soap and warm water or clean with an alcohol swab. Allow to dry.
- Massage the hand without touching the puncture site by rubbing down the hand towards the fingertip of the middle or ring finger.
- Puncture the skin with a sterile lancet. Wipe away the first sign of blood.
- Gently rub the hand from wrist to palm to form a rounded drop of blood over the puncture site.
- Add the Fingerstick Whole Blood specimen to the test by using a **capillary tube**.
 - Touch the end of the capillary tube to the blood until filled to approximately 40 µL. Avoid air bubbles.
 - Place the bulb onto the top end of the capillary tube, then squeeze the bulb to dispense the whole blood to the specimen well of the test cassette.
- 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. Whole blood collected by venipuncture should be stored at 2-8°C if the test is to be run within 2 days of collection. Do not freeze whole blood specimens. Whole blood collected by fingerstick should be tested immediately.
- 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 local regulations covering the transportation of etiologic agents.

[MATERIALS]

Materials Provided

- Test cassettes
- Droppers
- Buffer
- Package insert
- Materials Required But Not Provided
- Specimen collection containers
- Lancets (for fingerstick whole blood only)
- Heparinized capillary tubes and dispensing bulb (for fingerstick whole blood only)

[DIRECTIONS FOR USE]

Allow the test, specimen, buffer and/or controls to reach room temperature (15-30°C) prior to testing.

- Bring the pouch to room temperature before opening it. Remove the cassette from the sealed pouch and use it within one hour.
- Place the cassette on a clean and level surface.

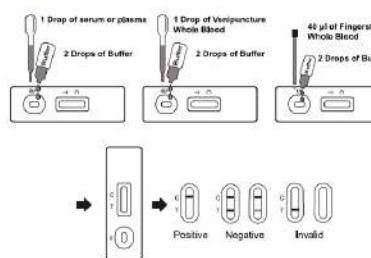
For serum or plasma specimen:

- Hold the dropper vertically and transfer **1 full drop of serum or plasma** (approximately 40 µL), then add **2 drops of buffer** (approximately 80 µL) to the specimen well(S) of the cassette, and then start the timer. Avoid trapping air bubbles in the specimen well. See illustration below.

For Venipuncture Whole blood specimen:

- To use a capillary tube: Fill the capillary tube and transfer **approximately 40 µL of fingerstick whole blood specimen** to the specimen well(S) of test cassette, then add **2 drops of buffer** (approximately 80 µL) and start the timer. See illustration below.

- Wait for the colored line(s) to appear. **Read the result at 5 minutes.** Do not interpret the result after 10 minutes.



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	For in vitro diagnostic use only		Use by		Do not reuse
	Store between 2-30°C		Lot Number		Catalog #
	Do not use if package is damaged		Manufacturer		

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[INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS]

(Please refer to the illustration above)

NEGATIVE: Two colored lines appear. One colored line should be in the control line region (C) and another colored line should be in the test line region (T). This negative result indicates that the Methadone concentration is below the detectable cut-off level.

NOTE: The shade of color in the test line region (T) may vary, but it should be considered negative wherever there is even a faint colored line.

POSITIVE: One colored line appears in the control line region (C). No line appears in the test line region (T). This positive result indicates that the Methadone concentration exceeds the detectable cut-off level.

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. If the problem persists, discontinue using the test kit immediately and contact your local distributor.

[QUALITY CONTROL]

A procedural control is included in the test. A colored line appearing in the control region (C) is the internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume and correct procedural technique. Control standards are not supplied with this kit; however, 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]

- The MTD Rapid Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) provides only a qualitative, preliminary test. A secondary analytical method must be used to obtain a confirmed result. Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is the preferred confirmatory method.²
- It is possible that technical or procedural errors, as well as other interfering substances in the whole blood or serum or plasma specimen may cause erroneous results.
- A positive result indicates presence of the drug or its metabolites but does not indicate level of intoxication, administration route or concentration in whole blood or serum or plasma.
- A negative result may not necessarily indicate drug-free whole blood/serum/plasma. Negative results can be obtained when drug is present but below the cut-off level of the test.
- Test does not distinguish between drugs of abuse and certain medications.

[PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS]

Accuracy

A side-by-side comparison was conducted using the MTD Rapid Test Cassette and GC/MS at the cut-off of 40ng/mL. Testing was performed on 90 clinical specimens previously collected from subjects present for Drug Screen Testing. The following results were tabulated:

Clinic Result of Whole Blood

Method	GC/MS		Total Results
	Results	Positive	
MTD Rapid Test Cassette	Positive	19	21
	Negative	1	68
Total Results	20	70	90
% Agreement	95.0%	97.1%	96.7%

Clinic Result of Serum or Plasma

Method	GC/MS		Total Results
	Results	Positive	
MTD Rapid Test Cassette	Positive	19	21
	Negative	1	68
Total Results	20	70	90
% Agreement	95.0%	97.1%	96.7%

Analytical Sensitivity

A drug-free whole blood/serum/plasma pool was spiked with MTD at the following concentrations of 50% cutoff and 3x cutoff. The data are summarized below:

For whole blood:

MTD Concentration (ng/mL)	Percent of Cut-off	Visual Result	
		n	Visual Result
0	0	30	30 0
20	-50%	30	30 0
40	Cut-off	30	15 15
60	+50%	30	0 30
120	3X	30	0 30

For serum or plasma:

MTD Concentration (ng/mL)	Percent of Cut-off	Visual Result	
		n	Visual Result
0	0	30	30 0
20	-50%	30	30 0
40	Cut-off	30	15 15