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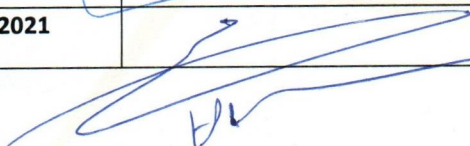
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Product Description
8.00.02.0.0100 : ASO Latex Kit, 100 Tests (4ml Latex, 2x1.0ml controls).
8.00.00.0.0100: CRP Latex Kit, 100 Tests (4 ml Latex, 2x1.0 ml Controls)
8.00.04.0.0100: RF Latex Kit, 100 Tests (4ml Latex, 2x1.0ml controls)
8.00.17.0.0100: 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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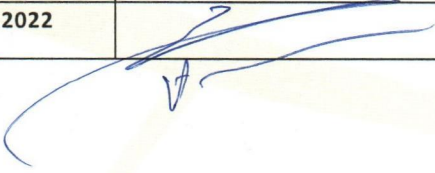
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Item code	Product Description
8.00.01.0.0100	Atlas CRP Latex Kit with Buffer (100 Tests)
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8.00.11.0.0050	Atlas SLE Latex kit (50 Tests)
8.00.11.0.0100	Atlas SLE Latex kit (100 Tests)
8.00.12.0.0100	Atlas Staphylococcus Latex Kit (100 Tests)
8.00.17.0.0050	Atlas D-Dimer Latex Kit (50 Tests)
8.00.19.3.0100	Atlas TPHA Kit (100 Tests)
8.00.19.3.0200	Atlas TPHA Kit (200 Tests)
8.00.20.3.2500	Atlas VDRL Kit, 5ml+55ml buffer
8.04.38.0.0020	Atlas Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOB) Test Cassette , 20 Tests/Box
8.04.85.0.0050	Atlas Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOB) Test Strip, 50 Tests/Box
8.04.109.0.0020	Atlas Procalcitonin test (PCT) , 20 Tests/Box
8.16.78.0.0025	Atlas Calprotectin Test Cassette , 25 Tests/Box
8.04.45.0.0001	Atlas Troponin I Test Cassette, Bulk
8.04.45.0.0020	Atlas Troponin I Test Cassette , 20 Tests/Box.
8.04.45.0.0030	Atlas Troponin I Test Cassette , 30 Tests/Box.
8.04.46.0.0001	Atlas Myoglobin Test Cassette, Bulk
8.04.46.0.0020	Atlas Myoglobin Test Cassette , 20 Tests/Box.
8.04.46.0.0030	Atlas Myoglobin Test Cassette , 30 Tests/Box.
8.04.47.0.0001	Atlas CK-MB Test Cassette , Bulk.
8.04.47.0.0020	Atlas CK-MB Test Cassette , 20 Tests/Box.
8.04.47.0.0030	Atlas CK-MB Test Cassette , 30 Tests/Box.
8.04.48.0.0001	Atlas Cardiac Triple Tests Cassette (Troponin I, CK-MB, Myoglobin), Bulk.
8.04.48.0.0020	Atlas Cardiac Triple Tests Cassette (Troponin I, CK-MB, Myoglobin), 20 Tests/Box.
8.04.48.0.0030	Atlas Cardiac Triple Tests Cassette (Troponin I, CK-MB, Myoglobin), 30 Tests/Box.
8.14.19.1.0096	Helicobacter pylori Antigen ELISA, 96 Tests.
8.51.00.0.0096	25-OH VITAMIN D Elisa Kit, 96 Tests.
8.57.00.0.0096	Vitamin B12 Elisa Kit, 96 Tests

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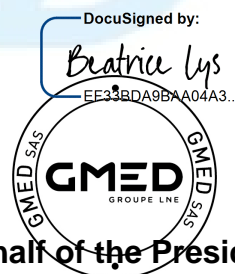


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ANTISTREPTOLYSIN-O (ASO) LATEX SLIDE TEST

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 β -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 μ L 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 μ L) 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).

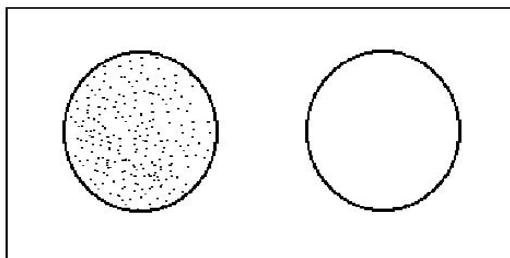


Figure 1

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 1500 IU/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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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

2°C  8°C
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

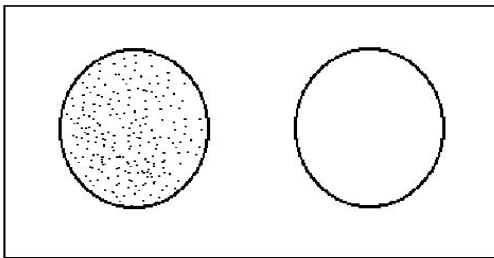
Positive and Negative controls are recommended to monitor the performance of the procedure, as well as a comparative pattern for a better result interpretation. All result different from the negative control result, will be considered as a positive.

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:

$6 \times \text{CRP titer} = \text{mg/L}$

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 20 μ l.
- 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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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

2°C  8°C
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 PROVIDED

- 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

- Allow the reagents and samples to reach room temperature. The sensitivity of the test may be reduced at low temperatures.
- Place 50 µL of the sample and one drop of each Positive and Negative controls into separate circles on the slide test.
- 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.
- Mix the drops with a stirrer, spreading them over the entire surface of the circle. Use different stirrers for each sample.
- 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

- Make serial two fold dilutions of the sample in 9 g/L saline solution.
- 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:

$$8 \times \text{RF Titer} = \text{IU/mL}$$

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, sarcoidosis, lupus erythematosus, 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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