

**DIAGNOSTIC KIT  
FOR DETERMINATION  
OF D-DIMER CONCENTRATION**



**A-400 D-DIMER**

**INTRODUCTION**

FDPs (Fibrin and Fibrinogen Degradation Products) are generic name for several degradation products that are formed as the result of plasmin mediated, proteolytic degradation of fibrin and fibrinogen. FDP assay become important test to diagnose or monitor fibrinolytic disorder, especially disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC). But FDP assay also detects the degradation products of fibrinogenolysis. D-dimer assay is more specific for fibrinolysis because it can only be produced as the result of plasmin mediated, proteolytic degradation of fibrin.

**METHOD PRINCIPLE**

D-dimer assay is a turbidimetric immunoassay that utilizes latex particles sensitized with antibodies. In the presence of D-dimer, the particles aggregate.

The turbidity measured is directly proportional to the D-dimer concentration in a sample.

**REAGENTS****Package**

1-Reagent	1 x 40 ml
2-Reagent	1 x 14 ml
D-Dimer Diluent	2 x 40 ml

Buffer (1-Reagent), latex (2-Reagent) and D-Dimer Diluent stored at 2-10°C are stable until expiry date printed on the package. The reagents are stable for 4 weeks on board the analyser at 2-10°C. Do not freeze the reagents. Protect from light and contamination!

**Concentrations in the test**

Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane suspension of latex particles sensitized with anti-D-Dimer antibodies (mouse)	0.38 mol/l 0.2 w/v%
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**Warnings and notes**

- Products for in vitro diagnostic use only.
- The reagents must be used only for the intended purpose, by suitably qualified laboratory personnel, under appropriate laboratory conditions.
- Products contain sodium azide (< 0.1%) as a preservative. Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes.
- Allow the reagents to equilibrate at the room temperature before use.
- Swirl the latex reagent (2-Reagent) well before use.
- Do not mix different lots of reagent.
- Do not add new reagent to the remaining reagent.
- Pay attention not to contaminate cuvettes with dust or detergents.
- In buffer reagent (1-Reagent) might appear turbidity but it has no influence on assay results.
- Immunoassay cannot deny non-specific reaction and rarely occurs prozone effect when assay samples containing unusually high D-dimer level.

**SPECIMEN**

Plasma.

Nine volumes of fresh blood are collected in one volume of 0.11M trisodium citrate, followed by centrifugation at 3000 x g for 10-30 minutes. Use supernatant as plasma sample.

Samples containing more than 20 µg/ml FEU D-dimer should be reassayed, using a 1:10 sample dilution with D-Dimer Diluent. Plasma samples might be stored 8 hours at room temperature (20-25°C), 4 days in temperature 4-8°C and 6 months in -20°C. Nevertheless it is recommended to perform the assay with freshly collected samples!

**PROCEDURE**

These reagents may be used in automatic analysers BS-400 and BS-480.

1-Reagent and 2-Reagent are ready to use.

For reagent blank 0.9% NaCl is recommended.

**REFERENCE VALUES <sup>1</sup>**

plasma	< 0.5 µg/ml FEU (< 500 µg/l FEU)
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It is recommended for each laboratory to establish its own reference ranges for local population.

Unit converter:

1µg/ml DDU (D-Dimer Unit) = 2µg/ml FEU (Fibrinogen Equivalent Unit)

**QUALITY CONTROL**

For internal quality control it is recommended to use the CORMAY D-DIMER CONTROLS (Cat. No 4-459) with each batch of samples. For the calibration of automatic analysers systems the CORMAY D-DIMER CALIBRATOR (Cat. No 4-259) is recommended. As a 0 calibrator 0.9% NaCl should be used.

The calibration curve should be prepared every 4 weeks, with change of reagent lot number or as required e.g. quality control findings outside the specified range.

**PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

These metrological characteristics have been obtained using the automatic analysers BS-400 and/or BS-480. Results may vary if a different instrument is used.

- **Sensitivity:**

0.3 µg/ml FEU – BS-400

0.27 µg/ml FEU – BS-480

- **Linearity:**

up to 20 µg/ml FEU – BS-400

up to 19 µg/ml FEU – BS-480

For higher concentrations dilute the sample with D-Dimer Diluent in the ratio of 1 to 10 and repeat the assay. Multiply the result by 11.

- **Specificity / Interferences**

Haemoglobin up to 0.49 g/dl, conjugated bilirubin up to 20.6 mg/dl, free bilirubin up to 18.3 mg/dl, RF up to 500 IU/ml do not interfere with the test.

- **Precision**

Repeatability (run to run)		Mean [µg/ml]	SD [µg/ml]	CV [%]
<b>BS-400</b> (n = 20)	level 1	2.50	0.05	1.97
	level 2	9.20	0.54	5.91
<b>BS-480</b> (n = 10)	level 1	2.31	0.05	2.32
	level 2	8.00	0.23	2.81
Reproducibility (day to day)		Mean [µg/ml]	SD [µg/ml]	CV [%]
<b>BS-400</b> (n = 20)	level 1	2.60	0.11	4.38
	level 2	8.99	0.48	5.36
<b>BS-480</b> (n = 10)	level 1	2.49	0.11	4.61
	level 2	9.54	0.50	5.29

▪ **Method comparison**

A comparison between D-dimer values determined at BS-480 (y) and at BS-400 (x) using 58 samples gave following results:

$$y = 0.9925x + 0.0184 \text{ g/l } \mu\text{g/ml FEU}$$

$$R = 0.997$$

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Please refer to local legal requirements.

**LITERATURE**

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