

D-DIMER KIT

REF: K-707



For *in vitro* diagnostic use.

Store at 2°-8°C

INTENDED USE

Immuno-turbidimetric reagent for the quantitative determination of D-Dimer concentration in human plasma on optical coagulometers at 400-470nm.

Background

At wound healing blood clots will be broken down by the process of fibrinolysis. Thereby, fibrin degradation products (FDP) such as D-Dimer (DD) occur in the plasma. Elevated level are found in clinical conditions such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE) and disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)¹⁻². High D-dimer levels during pregnancy are associated with complications³. Because of the high sensitivity negative results can be used to exclude DVT or PE. However imaging tests (like ultrasonic) must be applied for diagnosis of DVT or PE.

CONTENTS AND DETERMINATIONS

Product	D-Dimer Kit
Cat.No.	K-707
Latex	1 x 5 ml
Reaction Buffer	1 x 7 ml
Sample Dilution Buffer	1 x 7 ml
D-Dimer Calibrator	1 x 1 ml
D-Dimer Control N	1 x 1 ml
D-Dimer Control A	1 x 1 ml

Determinations:

Coatron M	65 Det.
Coatron A4	65 Det.
Coatron A6	110 Det.

PREPARATION

Latex: liquid, ready to use.

Contains micro particle coated with monoclonal antibodies MA-8D3 suspended in a buffer solution containing stabilizers detergent and preservatives. Agitate the latex by repeatedly the vial after storage. Allow the latex to equilibrate at the working temperature of the instrument for 30 min before use.

Reaction Buffer: liquid, ready to use.

Contains stabilizers detergent and preservatives.

Sample Dilution Buffer: Saline Solution, Ready to use

D-Dimer Calibrator and D-Dimer Control: dried, contains lyophilized human plasma enriched for D-dimer, reconstitute with 1 ml distilled water.

STORAGE AND STABILITY⁴

Unopened reagents and controls loose about 1% activity per month and should be used within expiration date and stored at 2-8°C.

Opened reagent:

	2-8 °C	20-25 °C	37°C	Aliquot
Latex and Buffer	4 weeks	8 hours	8 hours	6m at 2-8°C
D-Dimer Calibrator and D-Dimer Control	24 hours	8 hours	2 hours	30d at -20°C

Split D-Dimer reagent into aliquots of two or more vials (siliconised glass) immediately, if longer stability is required after opening. Dissolved plasma can be refrozen only one time in aliquots (120-150µl). Stored at -20°C in closed polypropylene tubes, the aliquots must be used within 30 days.

PRECAUTIONS

Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing. Dispose components in compliance with local regulations for infectious material. All components are checked for HIV, HBV, HCV. However products from human blood should be considered as potentially infectious.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE⁶

1. Obtain venous blood by clean vein puncture.
2. Immediately mix 9 parts blood with 1 part sodium citrate (3.2% or 3.8%) and mix well.
3. Centrifuge the specimen at 1500g for 15 min. (platelet < 10000/µl)
4. Separate plasma after centrifugation and store in plastic or siliconised glass tube.
5. Use plasma within 8 hours, otherwise store frozen and thaw just prior to use.

PROCEDURE

A. Automated Method:

PAT	Patient	25µL	CP2	15µL	CP3	Incubation	60s	SENS	A4	A6
BUF	Sample Diluent	0µl	P39	0µl	P79	Maxtime	180s	POINTS		0
CLR	-	0µl	-	0µl	-	Unit	30721	MIX		No
DP	-	0µl	P00	0µl	P00	Method	Imun	Clean	1	3
RO	-	0µl	P00	0µl	P00	Math	Lin	Multi	0	0
R1	Reaction Buffer	50µl	P37	30µl	P52	CT-Mech	No	S-Corr		0%
R2	Latex Reagent	75µl	P38	45µl	P53	Deadtime	21s	T-Corr		0%

B. Manual Method:

System setup	OD-Corr	Coag.-Corr
Coatron M1 (400nm) Firmware C1.20	180	120
Coatron M2 (400nm) Firmware C1.15	0%	0%
Coatron M4 (400nm) Firmware C1.11b	0%	0%

1. Pipette 25 µl plasma to cuvette(s).
2. Add 50 µl Reaction Buffer.
3. Incubate for 2 – 10 min.
4. Add 75 µl prewarmed Latex and mix at least “15x” with pipette. (Avoid air bubbles during mixing and do not touch cuvette, if double cuvettes are used.)

CALIBRATION

A calibration must be performed every 3 month. Make dilutions of D-Dimer Calibrator with sample dilution buffer.

Refer to the table below.

	Concentration	Sample	Sample Diluent
Cal. 1	~ 3000 ng/ml	200 µl D-Dimer Calibrator	-
Cal. 2	~ 1500 ng/ml	200 µl D-Dimer Calibrator	200 µl
Cal. 3*	1 ng	-	-

* This point is not measured, but just the zero point entered as 1ng=1mE

EXPECTED RESULTS

Results below CUT-OFF value can be regarded as D-dimer negative and are typical for normal healthy normal subjects. Elevated levels are observed in causes of PE, DVT (deep venous thrombosis) or DIC or trauma.

D-Dimer results can be reported in D-dimer units (DDU) or Fibrinogen Equivalent Units (FEU). 1 FEU is equal to 1.74 DDU. Cormay is using DDU in certificates.

QUALITY CONTROL

D-Dimer Control or other commercial D-Dimer control plasma should be used for reliable quality control of performance at a frequency in accordance with good laboratory practice (GLP). Ensure that calibration data are not older than 3 months.

LIMITATIONS

Great care must be taken to minimize variations which may occur by seemingly insignificant factors.

Laboratory Techniques and Requirement

1. Appropriate mixing of cuvette after test start is required.
2. Don't touch cuvette during measurement - single cuvettes may be useful.
3. Very bright external UV light sources like sunlight will interfere result

Interferences

1. Bilirubin: No affect below <0.1 g/l
2. Hemoglobin: No affect below <4.0 g/l
3. Heparin: No affect
4. Lipids No affect below <2.5 g/l. Samples above 5.0 g/l will give false low DD results and must diluted and repeated.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

The quantification limit is 150ng/ml (DDU). Results below should be considered as “<150”.

Samples > 5000ng/ml should be re-assayed 1:4 diluted with Saline Solution.

Precision: Appropriate mixing is required to achieve good accuracy.

D-Dimer Control A CV. <8% (within run)

D-Dimer Control N CV. <10% (within run)

PERFORMANCE:

CUT-OFF	Sensitivity	Specifity	NPV	PPV
DDU=200ng/ml	97%	62%	99%	41%

WARRANTY

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