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„DIAQUICK“
S. typhi Ag Cassette

for stool, whole blood, serum and plasma samples

REF **Content**

Z11452
- 25 cassettes individually packed (25 x Ref. No: Z11452B)
- 25 buffer tubes
- 1 package insert

For In-vitro diagnostic use only

INTENDED USE

The DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette is an in vitro diagnostic qualitative immunochromatographic assay for the rapid detection of *S. typhi* antigens in human stool or whole blood, serum or plasma specimens. The test results are intended to help in the diagnosis of S. *typhi* infection and to monitor the effectiveness of therapeutic treatment.

SUMMARY

Typhoid fever is a life threatening illness caused by the bacterium *Salmonella typhi*,. It was first observed by Eberth in 1880 in the mesenteric nodes and spleen of fatal cases of typhoid fever. The disease is common in developing countries, where it affects about 12.5 million people annually. The infection is typically acquired by ingestion. After reaching the gut, the bacilli attach themselves to the epithelial cells of the intestinal villi and penetrate the lamina and submucosa. There, they are then phagocytosed by polymorphs and macrophages. The ability to resist intracellular killing and to multiply within these cells is a measure of their virulence. They enter the mesenteric lymph nodes, where they multiply and, via the thoracic duct, enter the blood stream. A transient bacteremia follows, during which the bacilli are seeded in the liver, gall bladder, spleen, bone marrow, lymph nodes and kidneys, where further multiplication takes place. Towards the end of the incubation period, there occurs a massive bacteremia from these sites, heralding the onset of the clinical symptoms. The diagnosis of typhoid consists of isolation of the bacilli and the demonstration of antibodies. The isolation of bacilli is very time consuming and antibody detection is not very specific. Other tests include the Widal reaction which lacks both sensitivity and specificity.
The DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette takes only 10-20 minutes and requires only a small quantity of stool or one drop of whole blood, serum or plasma to perform. It is the easiest and most specific method for detecting *S. typhi* infection.

TEST PRINCIPLE

The DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette is a qualitative one step immunochromatographic assay. The test uses antibodies specific to *S. typhi* lipopolysaccharides (LPS) to selectively identify a *S. typhi* (typhoid) infection with a high degree of sensitivity and specificity.
As the specimen flows through the absorbent pad in the sample well and through the antibody/colloidal gold complex, any *S. typhi* antigen present in the sample binds to the conjugate, forming an antigen/antibody complex. The complex continues to migrate along the membrane to the test band region, where *Salmonella* specific LPS antibodies are immobilized. If *S. typhi* is present, these antibodies capture the complex. This forms a visible pink/purple band in the test line region (T) of the card. If no antigen is present, there is no line formation in the (T) area. The remaining complexes continue to migrate along the membrane to the control line region (C) to form a pink/purple band. The appearance of the control band indicates a proper performance of the test.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

The DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette contains following items to perform the assay:
1) 25 test strips individually foil pouched with a desiccant
   Each cassette contains a test strip with *S. typhi* specific antibodies on the test region of the membrane and a colored colloidal *S. typhi* antibody-gold conjugate pad.
2) Specimen collection tubes with 1,5 mL dilution buffer each for sample collection and dilution
3) Instructions for use

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

1) Specimen collection container
2) Timer

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- This kit is for in vitro diagnostic use only.
- This kit is for professional use only.
- Read the instructions carefully before performing the test.
- This product does not contain any materials of human origin.
- Do not use kit contents after the expiration date.
- Handle all specimens as potentially infectious.
- Follow standard lab procedures and biosafety guidelines for handling and disposal of potentially infectious material. When the assay is completed, dispose of specimens after autoclaving them at 121°C for at least 20 min. Alternatively, they can be treated with 0.5% sodium hypochlorite for 1-2 h before disposal.
- Do not pipette reagents by mouth.
- Do not smoke or eat while performing assays.
- Wear gloves during the whole procedure.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

1) The expiration date is indicated on the package label.
2) The test device can be stored at 4-30°C.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- The DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette can be run with stool or whole blood, serum or plasma samples.
- The test works best with fresh samples. If testing cannot be done immediately, the samples can be stored after collection at 2-8°C for up to 3 days. If testing cannot be done within 3 days, serum specimens can be stored frozen at –20°C or colder.
- Stool specimens can be stored at 2-8°C for up to 3 days after suspension in the sample buffer.
- Shipment of samples should comply with local regulations for transport of etiologic agents.
- Stool and whole blood, serum or plasma specimens should be collected in containers that do not contain media, preservatives, animal serum or detergents, as any of these additives may interfere with the DIAQUICK S. typhi Ag Cassette.
- Repeated freezing and thawing of specimens is not recommended and may cause erroneous results. Do not store specimens in self-defrosting freezers.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Bring all reagents, including test device, to room temperature (15-25°C) before use.

STOOL SPECIMEN PREPARATION

- Stool specimens can be collected at any time of the day.
- Collect a random sample of feces in a clean, dry receptacle.
- Unscrew the sample bottle, use the attached applicator stick attached on the cap to transfer small piece of stool (4-6 mm in diameter; approx. 200 mg) into the sample bottle containing specimen preparation buffer.
- For liquid or semi-solid stools, add 100 µL of stool to the vial with an appropriate pipette.
- Replace the stick in the bottle and tighten securely. Mix stool sample with the buffer thoroughly by shaking the bottle for a few seconds.

TEST PROCEDURE

1) Bring all materials and specimens to room temperature (15-25°C).
2) Remove the test card from the sealed foil pouch.
   For stool samples:
   - Thoroughly disperse stool sample and buffer in the collection tube.
   - Hold the sample bottle upright with the tip pointing away from the test performer, snap off the tip.
   - Hold the bottle in a vertical position over the sample well of the test card, deliver 3 drops (120 -150 µL) of diluted stool sample to the sample well.

   For whole blood, serum or plasma samples:
   - Use the provided pipette to transfer the serums ample and add 3 drops to the sample well (marked as “S”).
3) Read the results at 20 minutes. A strong positive sample may show a test band earlier. However, to confirm that a result is negative, read the results not before 20 minutes.

Note: the amount of *S. typhi* antigens present in whole blood, serum or plasma is typically less than that in stool. This may decrease the sensitivity of the test when using whole blood, serum or plasma specimens, depending how soon after the onset of the infection the test is performed. Early infection typically exhibits greater levels of the antigen in the whole blood, serum or plasma than in later infection.

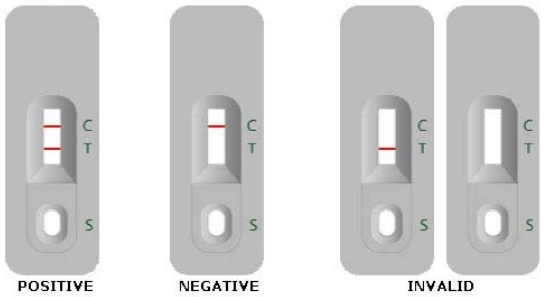
To confirm whole blood, serum or plasma results: the use of a stool sample is recommended if whole blood, serum or plasma is used first and a negative result is obtained and typhoid is still suspected.

INTERPRETATION OF THE TEST

1) Positive result
A distinct pink/purple colored band appears in the test line region, as well as in the control line region.

2) Negative result
No line appears in the test line region. A distinct pink/purple line appears in the control line region.

3) Invalid
The control line does not become visible within 20 minutes after the addition of the sample.



QUALITY CONTROL

1) The control band is an internal reagent and procedural control. It will appear if the test has been performed correctly and the reagents are reactive.
2) Good Laboratory Practice recommends the daily use of control materials to validate the reliability of the device. Control materials are not provided with this test kit.

LIMITATIONS

1) The test is for qualitative detection of *S. typhi* antigen in stool or whole blood, serum or plasma samples and does not indicate the quantity of the antigens.
2) The test is for in vitro diagnostic use only.
3) For samples, which test positive with the DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette, more specific confirmatory testing must be done. A definitive clinical diagnosis should only be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated. The use of a rapid test alone is not sufficient to diagnose a *S. typhi* infection, even if antigen is present. Also, a negative result does not preclude the possibility of an infection with *S. typhi*.

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PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Sensitivity

The analytical sensitivity of the DIAQUICK Salmonella typhi Ag Cassette was determined as 25 ng/mL LPS.

Specificity

Negative stool samples and whole blood, serum or plasma specimens from patients in areas where typhoid is relatively rare and would yield a typical negative population, showed no false positives when the test was read within 20 minutes as specified.

Samples that were positive for *S. paratyphi* were also negative, as the antibodies used in the *S. typhi* rapid test are specific for *S. typhi* only.

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