

INF1313/4.1 – Instructions for Use - Papainised 3 cell antibody screen in Alsevers



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IVD

Product Code	Product Name	UDI-DI	Registration
PR124	Papainised 3 cell antibody screen in Alsevers	05055232400208	  1434 0843

Amendments from the previous version of these instructions for use are in purple text.

Intended use

For professional use as an IVD device to give qualitative data for antibody screening of donor samples only.

Principles of the examination method

Donor sera/plasma samples are incubated with reagent red cells to determine the presence or absence of agglutination by immunohaematological methods to detect the presence of clinically significant red cell antibodies in a donor's serum/plasma and to ensure that any subsequent transfusion is as free from risk of a red cell transfusion reaction as possible within the limits of the techniques used. These products can be used for automated methods.

Components

This antibody screening set consist of 3 cells, each cell is differentiated by a number 1-3. These reagent red cells, prepared from non-remunerated blood donors, are leucodepleted, washed and suspended in a preservative solution. These cells are supplied as a $2.8 \pm 0.2\%$ suspension in Alsevers. They are supplied in 10 mL volume, to be used directly from the vial.

Special materials and equipment required but not supplied

This reagent is supplied to be used in automated donation testing only

Reagent Preparation

Allow to reach required temperature for test to be performed, mix before use.

Storage and shelf life after first opening

Store at 2-8°C.

Once opened the device can be used until stated expiry date.

Do not use beyond the expiry date.

Immediately after use, the vial must be capped and placed, upright, in the correct storage temperature.

Warnings and precautions

The donations used in this product are of human origin. They have been tested and found negative for the mandatory microbiological tests required by the UK Guidelines for Blood Transfusion Services during donation testing. No known test methods can offer assurances that products derived from human blood will not transmit infectious diseases. This device should be handled as clinical material. The device and any contaminated packaging should be disposed in accordance with local, state or national legislation.

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For healthcare professional use only.

Cells must not be pooled.

Do not use if red cells appear contaminated, discoloured or haemolysed.

This device is not provided sterile.

Do not use if the reagent vial is cracked or leaking.

Some loss of antigenic expression may occur during the stated shelf life. Since this loss cannot be predicted or controlled and is partly determined by the characteristics of individual blood donations or donors, the recommended conditions of storage and use must be rigidly applied.

Primary sample collection, handling, and storage

Use clotted serum or EDTA plasma samples according to UK Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services.

Examination procedure

Automated technologies.

For method of use in donor testing automation refer to the instructions for use of the automation being used.

Control procedure

Users are responsible for determining the appropriate quality control procedures for their laboratory and for complying with applicable laboratory standards. If controls set up with the batch of tests fail to give required results, then all tests must be repeated.

Interpretation of results

The presence and absence of agglutination should be used to determine the presence of any antibodies in accordance with British Society for Haematology Guidelines for Pre-transfusion Compatibility Procedures in Blood Transfusion Laboratories. The strength of reaction should be graded in accordance with user laboratory protocol. A batch specific product profile is provided which states the antigen status of each cell. The following antigens will be absent or reduced: M, N, S, s, Fy^a, Fy^b.

Performance characteristics

To confirm the antigen profile, and rule out cross-reactivity, each screening cell is tested against 2 examples of phenotyping antisera for each specificity.

Antigen strength is tested by presence or absence of antigens described by allelic genes.

Typical antigen expression is confirmed by flow cytometry for RhD.

Papainised Screening cells react with undiluted weak anti-D (0.5IU/mL).

Blood group antibodies (i.e., anti-A and anti-B) other than the target is not detected when tested against O plasma.

The designation of positive or negative status for a particular antigen relates to the normal expression of that antigen, if an individual cell is known to possess a weak or variant form of an antigen, this is indicated on the profile.

Limitations of the examination procedure

False positive or false negative results may occur due to contamination of test material, improper storage, incubation time or temperature, improper or excessive centrifugation or deviation from the recommended technique.

Visual evidence of hyperlipidaemia or haemolysis of the donor specimen may affect the interpretation of test results.

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Literature references

Directive 98/79/EC on in vitro diagnostic medical devices.
Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the UK.

Note – Any serious incident that has occurred in relation to Papainised 3 cell antibody screen should be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority in which the user and/or the patient is established.

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Symbols used on NHSBT Reagents labels

Note - not all symbols listed are applicable for this product - please refer to product labels.

Detail	Label details
Batch code symbol	
Use by date symbol	
Expiry date format	YYYY.MM.DD
In Vitro Diagnostic medical device symbol	
Instructions for use symbol (With website - electronic IFU)	 blood.co.uk/reagents
Negative control symbol	
Positive control symbol	
EC Rep symbol	

Detail	Label details
2-8°C temperature range symbol	
Below -20°C symbol	
CE Mark symbol	
UKCA symbol	
Manufacturer's symbol	
Keep Away from Sunlight symbol	
Contains human blood or plasma derivatives symbol	
Unique Device Identifier symbol	

Lot number Format

NHBST Reagents product lot numbers are in the following format:

NAAA MXXX or RAAA MXXX

N Non-Red cell or R Red cell

AAA Product identifier from product code

M Reagent Manufacturing Unit - main batch = 3
And sub-batch identifier - 4, 5, 6 etc for sub batch

XXX Lot number

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