

Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick (Swab)

Package Insert

REF ISB-501

English

A rapid test for the qualitative detection of Strep B antigen in specimens taken from vaginal or rectal swabs of pregnant women, or general swabs from newborn.

For professional in vitro diagnostic use only.

INTENDED USE

The Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick (Swab) is a rapid visual immunoassay for the qualitative, presumptive detection of Group B Streptococcus (GBS) antigens in specimens taken from vaginal or rectal swabs of pregnant women, or general swabs from newborn. This kit is intended for use as an aid in the diagnosis of Strep B infection.

SUMMARY

Group B Streptococci (GBS) or Streptococcus agalactiae are among the most frequent causes of life-threatening infections in neonates. Between 5% and 30% of all pregnant women are colonized with GBS.¹ Several recent studies have shown that the intrapartum treatment of GBS-colonized women significantly reduces the incidence of GBS-caused sepsis.²⁻⁴ The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends routine examination for Group B streptococcus between the 35th and the 37th week of pregnancy. A CDC study has shown that routine examinations is 50% more effective than the use of antibiotics for pregnant women with clinical risk factors.

Standard culture methods require 24 to 48 hours, and the results may not be available soon enough for efficient treatment.

Thus, methods utilizing more rapid screening techniques are required.

PRINCIPLE

The Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick (Swab) detects Group B Streptococcus antigens through visual interpretation of color development on the internal strip. Anti-Strep B antibodies are immobilized on the test region of the membrane. During testing, the specimen reacts with polyclonal anti-Strep B antibodies conjugated to colored particles and precoated onto the sample pad of the test. The mixture then migrates through the membrane by capillary action, and interacts with reagents on the membrane. If there is sufficient Strep B antigen in the specimen, a colored band will form at the test region of the membrane. The presence of this colored band indicates a positive result, while its absence indicates a negative result. The appearance of a colored band at the control region serves as a procedural control, indicating that proper volume of specimen has been added and membrane wicking has occurred.

REAGENT

The test contains Strep B antibody coated particles and Strep B antibodies coated on the membrane.

PRECAUTIONS

- For professional *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- Do not use after the expiration date. Do not use the test if the foil pouch is damaged. Do not reuse tests.
- Avoid cross-contamination of specimens by using a new extraction tube for each specimen obtained.
- Handle all specimens as if they contain infectious agents. Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout the procedure and follow the standard procedures for proper disposal of specimens.
- Read the entire procedure carefully prior to testing.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke in any area where specimens and kits are handled.
- Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection when specimens are assayed.
- Do not interchange or mix reagents from different lots. Do not mix solution bottle caps.
- Reagents 1&2 are slightly caustic. Avoid contact with eyes or mucous membranes. In the event of accidental contact, wash thoroughly with water.
- Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

The test can be stored at room temperature or refrigerated (2-30°C). The test is stable through the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. The test cassette must remain in the sealed pouch until use. **DO NOT FREEZE.** Do not use beyond the expiration date.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

- The quality of specimen obtained is of extreme importance. Collect swab specimens using standard clinical methods.
- It is recommended that swabs specimens be processed as soon as possible after collection. If swabs are not processed immediately, they should be placed into a sterile, dry, tightly capped tube or bottle and refrigerated. Do not freeze. Swabs can be stored at room temperature up to 4 hours, or refrigerated (2-8°C) up to 24 hours. All specimens should be allowed to reach room temperature (15-30°C) before testing.
- If a liquid transport method is desired, use Modified Stuart's Transport Media and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Do not place the swab in any transport device containing medium. Transport medium interferes with the assay, and viability of organisms is not required for the assay. Do not use transport media formulas that include charcoal or agar.
- If a bacteria culture is desired, lightly roll the swab on an appropriate cell culture plate before using it in the test. The extraction reagents in the test will kill bacteria on swabs and make them impossible to culture.

MATERIALS

Materials Provided

- Test Dipsticks
- Extraction Reagent 1(2.0 M sodium nitrite)
- Extraction Reagent 2(0.027 M citric acid)
- Package Insert
- Extraction Tubes
- Swabs
- Workstation

Materials Required But Not Provided

- Timer

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Allow the test, reagents, swab specimen to reach room temperature (15-30°C) prior to testing.

- Remove the test dipstick from the sealed foil pouch and use it as soon as possible. Best results will be obtained if the test is performed immediately after opening the foil pouch.
- Hold the Extraction Reagent 1 bottle vertically and add **4 full drops (approximately 240µL) of Extraction Reagent 1** to an extraction tube. Extraction Reagent 1 is red in color. Hold the Extraction Reagent 2 bottle vertically and add **4 full drops (approximately 160µL) of reagent 2** to the tube. Extraction Reagent 2 is colorless. Mix the solution by gently swirling the extraction tube. The addition of Extraction Reagent 2 to Extraction Reagent 1 changes the color of the solution from red to yellow. See illustration 1.
- Immediately insert the swab into the extraction tube, **agitate the swab vigorously 15 times**. Leave the swab in the extraction test tube for **2 minutes**. See illustration 2.
- Press the swab against the side of the tube and squeeze the bottom of the tube while removing the swab so that most of the liquid stays in the tube. Discard the swab. See illustration 3.
- With arrows pointing down, place the dipstick into the tube of solution and then start the timer. If the procedure is followed correctly, the liquid should be below the maximum line (MAX) on the test dipstick. See the illustration 4.
- Wait for the colored line(s) to appear. **Read the result at 10 minutes.** Do not interpret the result after 20 minutes. See illustration 5.

Note:It is suggested not to use the extraction reagents, beyond 30 days after opening the vial.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

(Please refer to the illustration)

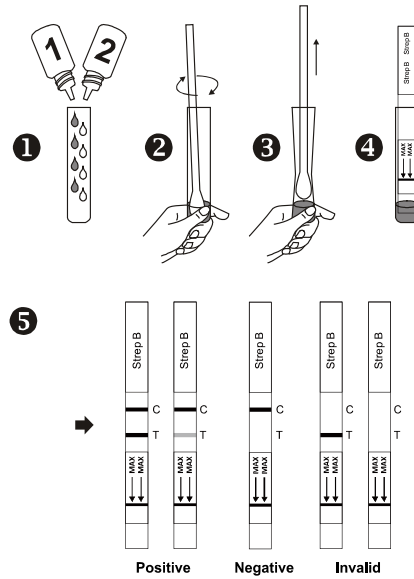
POSITIVE:*Two lines appear. One colored line should be in the control line region (C) and another apparent colored line should be in the test line region (T). A positive result indicates that Strep B was detected in the specimen.

***NOTE:** The intensity of the color in the test line region (T) will vary depending on the concentration of Strep B present

in the specimen. Therefore, any shade of color in the test line region (T) should be considered positive.

NEGATIVE: One colored line appears in the control line region (C). No line appears in the test line region (T). A negative result indicates that Strep B antigen is not present in the specimen, or is present below the detectable level of the test.

INVALID: Control line fails to appear. Insufficient specimen volume or incorrect procedural techniques are the most likely reasons for control line failure. Review the procedure and repeat the test with a new test. If the problem persists, discontinue using the test kit immediately and contact your local distributor.



QUALITY CONTROL

A procedural control is included in the test. A colored line appearing in the control line region (C) is considered an internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume, adequate membrane wicking and correct procedural technique.

Control standards are not supplied with this kit; however, it is recommended that positive and negative controls be tested as good laboratory practice to confirm the test procedure and to verify proper test performance.

LIMITATIONS

- The Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick is for professional *in vitro* diagnostic use, and should only be used for the qualitative detection of Group B *Streptococcus*. No meaning should be inferred from the color intensity or width of any apparent bands.
- The accuracy of the test depends on the quality of the swab specimen. False negatives may result from improper specimen collection or storage. A negative result may also be obtained from patients at the onset of the disease due to low antigen concentration.
- The test does not differentiate asymptomatic carriers of Group B Streptococcus from those with infection. If clinical signs and symptoms are not consistent with laboratory test results, a follow-up cell culture is recommended.
- As with all diagnostic tests, a definitive clinical diagnosis should not be based on the results of a single test, but should only be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Clinical Study

The Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick (Swab) has been evaluated with specimens obtained from patients of clinics. Culture is used as the reference method for the Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick (Swab). Specimens were considered positive if culture indicated a positive result. Specimens were considered negative if culture indicated a negative result.

Method	Culture		Total Results
	Positive	Negative	
	100	8	
5	350	355	
Total Results	105	358	463

Relative Sensitivity: 95.2% (95%CI:*89.6%-98.2%)

Relative Specificity: 97.8% (95%CI:*95.8%-99.0%)

Overall accuracy: 97.2% (95%CI:*95.3%-98.4%)

*Confidence Intervals

Cross Reactivity

Intra/ Inter-assay

Within-run and Between-run precision have been determined with three different lots by using Strep B negative; low, middle and high positive specimens. Ten replicates of each level were tested each day for 3 consecutive days. The specimens were correctly identified >99% of the time.

Cross Reactivity













Cross reactivity with other organisms has been studied using suspensions of 10⁷ Colony Forming Units (CFU)/test. The following organisms were found negative when tested with the Strep B Rapid Test Dipstick (Swab).

Acinetobacter calcoaceticus	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Proteus mirabilis
Acinetobacter spp	Gardnerella vaginalis	Chlamydia trachomatis
Enterococcus faecalis	Salmonella choleraesuis	Group A/C Streptococcus
Enterococcus faecium	Candida albicans	Hemophilus influenzae
Staphylococcus aureus	Proteus vulgaris	Klebsiella pneumoniae

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Index of Symbols

	Caution		Tests per kit		Authorized Representative
	For <i>in vitro</i> diagnostic use only		Use by		Do not reuse
	Store between 2-30°C		Lot Number		Catalog #
	Do not use if package is damaged		Manufacturer		Consult Instructions For Use

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