

BLOOD GROUPING REAGENT

Anti-D blend

ALBAClone®

(Human/Murine Monoclonal IgM/IgG Blend)

For Slide and Tube Techniques

REF Z041U

- **FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE**
- **Meets FDA potency requirements**
- **Discard if turbid**
- **Preservative: 0.1% (w/v) sodium azide**

CAUTIONS: THE ABSENCE OF ALL VIRUSES HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THIS PRODUCT HAS COMPONENTS (DROPPER BULBS) CONTAINING DRY NATURAL RUBBER.

INTERPRETATION OF LABELING SYMBOLS



Batch code



Use by (YYYY-MM-DD)



Product code



Storage temperature limitation (2-8 °C)



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INTENDED USE

This Anti-D reagent is for the *in vitro* detection and identification of human RhD blood group status in donor samples by the indirect antiglobulin test, and in patient samples by direct agglutination, and the indirect antiglobulin test if desired.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

First described in 1939, the RhD antigen is surpassed in importance only by the antigens of the ABO blood group system. Transfusion of RhD positive blood to an RhD negative recipient or failure to administer prophylactic Anti-D to an RhD negative woman can result in the production of Anti-D. Consequently, establishing the correct RhD group is fundamental to safe transfusion practice. Certain individuals exhibit a quantitative reduction in the expression of their RhD antigen and are categorized as weak D (D^w). Others display a qualitative variation in RhD antigen expression and are referred to as partial RhD. Weak D individuals may also be partial RhD.

possible after collection. If testing is delayed, the specimen should be stored at refrigerated temperatures.

Clotted samples or those collected in EDTA should be tested within fourteen days from collection. Donor blood may be tested until the expiration date of the donation.

Special care should be taken if hemolyzed samples must be tested. Grossly icteric or contaminated blood specimens should not be used.

MATERIALS

Material provided

- ALBAClone® Anti-D blend

Materials required but not provided

- Isotonic saline
- Reagent red blood cells suitable for the control of Anti-D
- Polyspecific Anti-Human Globulin/Monospecific Anti-Human IgG
- IgG sensitized red blood cells
- 10 x 75 mm or 12 x 75 mm glass test tubes
- Pipets
- Optical aid (optional)
- Centrifuge
- Glass slides (optional)
- Timer
- Heating block/waterbath

PROCEDURES

General Information

NOTE: This reagent has been standardized for use by the techniques described below and therefore its suitability for use by other techniques cannot be guaranteed.

When a test is required to be incubated for a specific time period, a timer should be used.

It is recommended to allow reagents to reach 20-24 °C prior to use.

When using supplemental testing equipment (i.e. centrifuge), follow the procedures that are contained in the operator's manual provided by the device manufacturer.

For routine typing of patient samples, the tube technique with immediate spin, or 15-20 minute incubation/spin, should be used. If the detection of weak D, or Rh DVI red blood cells is required, the 15-20 minute incubation/spin technique followed by IAT should be used.

Tube Technique - Immediate Spin

1. Prepare a 2-4% suspension of red blood cells in isotonic saline solution (Reagent red blood cells may be used directly from the vial or according to the manufacturer's instructions).
2. Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to a glass test tube.
3. Add 1 drop of red blood cell suspension. Steps 2 and 3 may be performed in either order.
4. Mix the contents of the test tube and centrifuge. NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000 g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of antibody with antigen-positive red blood cells, yet allows easy re-suspension of antigen-negative red blood cells.

5. After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. Negative reactions may be examined with an optical aid.
 6. Record results.
- NOTE: If detection of weak D or DVI is required proceed as follows. The test tubes read above may be further tested beginning with step 4 of the IAT technique, or step 4 of the 15-20 minute incubation technique.

Tube Technique – 15-20 Minute Incubation/Spin

1. Prepare a 2-4% suspension of red blood cells in isotonic saline solution (Reagent Red Blood Cells may be used directly from the vial or according to the manufacturer's instructions).
2. Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to a glass test tube.

3. Add 1 drop of red blood cells suspension. Steps 2 and 3 may be performed in either order.

4. Mix the contents of the test tube and incubate at 37 ± 1 °C for 15-20 minutes.

5. Centrifuge the test tube.

NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000 g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of antibody with antigen-positive red blood cells, yet allows easy re-suspension of antigen-negative red blood cells.

6. After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. Negative reactions may be examined with an optical aid.
7. Record results.
8. Proceed to step 8 of the Indirect Antiglobulin Test, if IAT is required.

Indirect Anti-Human Globulin Test

1. Prepare a 2-4% suspension of red blood cells in isotonic saline solution (Reagent red blood cells may be used directly from the vial or according to the manufacturer's instructions).

2. Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to a glass test tube.

3. Add 1 drop of red blood cell suspension. Steps 2 and 3 may be performed in either order.

4. Mix the contents of the test tube and incubate at 37 ± 1 °C for 15-30 minutes.

Optional Steps

5. Centrifuge the test tube. NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000 g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of antibody with antigen-positive red blood cells, yet allows easy re-suspension of antigen-negative red blood cells.
6. After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination.
7. Record results.
8. Wash the test 3-4 times with a large excess of isotonic saline (e.g. 4 mL of saline per 10 (or 12) x 75 mm glass test tube). NOTE: (i) allow adequate spin time to sediment the red blood cells. (ii) make sure that the residual saline is removed at the end of each wash.

9. Add 2 drops of Anti-Human Globulin reagent to each test tube, or follow directions of the Anti-Human Globulin manufacturer.

10. Mix the contents of the test tube and centrifuge. NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000 g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of antibody with antigen-positive red blood cells, yet allows easy re-suspension of antigen-negative red blood cells.

11. After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. Negative reactions may be examined with an optical aid.
12. Record results.
13. The validity of all negative tests should be confirmed using IgG sensitized reagent red cells.
 - a. Add 1 drop of IgG sensitized reagent red blood cells to each negative antiglobulin test.
 - b. Mix the contents of the test tube well and centrifuge.

- NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of positive tests, yet allows easy re-suspension of negative tests.
- After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination.
 - Any test which does not show a positive reaction should be considered invalid and repeated.

Slide Technique

- Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to an appropriately prepared area of a glass slide e.g. a wax pencil oval.
- Add 1 drop of whole blood or 1 drop of red blood cells suspended to approximately 30-45% in group homologous plasma/serum.
- Mix by rocking the slide for approximately 30 seconds and incubate the test at 18-24 °C for 5 minutes with occasional mixing.
- After incubation, immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. This may be facilitated by reading over a diffuse light source.
- Record results.

Refer to Performance Limitations section for additional guidance on the use of this product.

STABILITY OF REACTION

Test results should be read, interpreted and recorded immediately after centrifugation. Delays may cause dissociation of antigen-antibody complexes resulting in weak positive or false negative reactions.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Agglutination = positive test result
No agglutination = negative test result

QUALITY CONTROL

Quality control of reagents is essential and should be performed on each day of use and in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

RhD(+) red blood cells should be used as a positive control.
RhD(-) red blood cells should be used as a negative control.
Suggested phenotype, r.r.

All negative antiglobulin tests should be controlled using IgG sensitized reagent red blood cells. A positive result indicates the presence of active anti-IgG. A negative result should be considered invalid and repeated if necessary.

PERFORMANCE LIMITATIONS

Some very weak D and/or partial RhD samples may not react with monoclonal Anti-D reagents.

This reagent is potentiated to aid in the detection of weak D and partial D. Very weak agglutination detected at immediate spin (±1+) should be incubated and read after 37 °C incubation (at minimum) or tested by the Indirect Anti-Human Globulin Test technique (preferably), prior to the final determination of the RhD type.

Certain tests performed on unwashed samples (e.g. cord), direct antiglobulin test positive samples, or samples stored and tested at below 20 °C, may exhibit false positive reactions due to the potentiators used in the formulation of this reagent. AlbaCheck Reagent Control of Anti-D (Z271U) may be used as a control reagent or alternatively by substituting 6-10% BSA in saline for the blood grouping

reagent in the procedure chosen for use. If the control test gives a positive reaction, a valid interpretation of the results obtained in red blood cell testing cannot be made. A control test should always be used if a sample groups as AB RhD positive.

Slide techniques are not recommended for the detection of weakened antigen expression. If the detection of antigens exhibiting weakened or modified expression is required, negative slide tests should be confirmed by tube testing.

Any saline present after the completion of the wash phase may dilute the Anti-Human Globulin reagent beyond its optimal working concentration. Therefore, it is important to ensure that the maximum amount of wash solution is removed after each centrifugation step.

Red blood cells that are direct antiglobulin test positive should not be tested using the Indirect Anti-Human Globulin Test.

Heating blocks and waterbaths promote better heat transfer and are recommended for 37 °C tests, particularly where the incubation period is 30 minutes or less.

The expression of certain red blood cell antigens may diminish in strength during storage, particularly in EDTA and dotted samples. Better results will be obtained with fresh samples.

Gently re-suspend tube tests before reading. Excessive agitation may disrupt weak agglutination and produce false negative results.

Excessive centrifugation can lead to difficulty in re-suspending the cell button, while inadequate centrifugation may result in agglutinates that are easily dispersed.

False positive or false negative results can occur due to contamination of test materials, improper reaction temperature, improper storage of materials, omission of test reagents and certain disease states.

Suppressed or weak expression of blood group antigens may give rise to false negative reactions.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Prior to release, each lot of ALBAclone® Anti-D *blend* is tested using FDA recommended methods against a panel of antigen-positive and antigen-negative red blood cells to ensure suitable reactivity.

TECHNICAL NOTE

- It is important to note that monoclonal Anti-D reagents vary widely in their ability to detect both partial D and weak D.
- Patients should not be classified as D positive on the basis of a weak reaction with a single anti-D reagent. If clear positive results are not obtained with two monoclonal Anti-D reagents it is safer to classify the patient as D negative.
- Patients of category DVI are the most likely to produce anti-D.
- Reagents used to test patients for the RhD antigen should not detect category DVI, unless tested at IAT.
- Patients with known partial D status should be regarded as D negative.
- Reagents used to test donors for the RhD antigen should detect category DVI.
- Donors with known partial D status should be regarded as D positive.
- If a weak D or partial D is suspected, then further testing/investigation should be performed to determine the D status of the sample.

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