Rapid Response™

Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette
(Serum/Plasma)

REF RUB-12C40 Product Insert

A rapid test for the qualitative detection of IgM antibody to Rubella in human serum or plasma.
For professional *in vitro* diagnostic use only.

Intended Use

The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette is a lateral flow chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of IgM antibody to Rubella in serum or plasma to aid in the diagnosis of Rubella infection.

Summary

Rubella virus is a member of the Togaviridae family, found mainly in human populations. Generally rubella is considered a mild adolescence disease. However a maternal infection could be transmitted through the placenta to the fetus, causing congenital rubella. Primary rubella infection contracted during early pregnancy, may have severe consequences as severe fetal damage, stillbirth or abortion. Children born asymptomatic may develop these abnormalities later in life.[1,2] Widespread vaccination has significantly reduced the incidence of rubella in all age groups. However, 10 to 20% of young adults still appear susceptible to the virus. To reduce risk of severe complications, accurate serological methods must be performed to determine the serologic status of childbearing aged women. The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette is a rapid chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of IgM antibody to rubella virus in serum or plasma specimens.

Principle

The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette is a qualitative, lateral flow immunoassay for the detection of IgM antibody to Rubella in serum or plasma specimens. In this test, goat anti-human IgM is coated in the test line regions of the test. During testing, the serum or plasma specimen reacts with Rubella Antigen coated particles in the test strip. The mixture then migrates forward on the membrane by capillary action and reacts with the goat anti-human IgM on the membrane in the test line region respectively. The presence of a colored line in the test line region indicates a positive result for Rubella infection, while its absence indicates a negative result for that infection.
To serve as a procedural control, a colored line will always appear in the control line region of the strip indicating that proper volume of specimen has been added and membrane wicking has occurred.

Reagents

The test contains goat anti-human IgM and Rubella antigen.

Precautions

1. For *in vitro* diagnostic use only. Do not use after the expiration date.
2. Do not smoke, drink, or eat in areas where specimens or kits reagents are handled.
3. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection when specimens are being tested.
4. Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results.
5. The used test should be discarded according to local regulations.

Materials

Materials provided

- Test cassettes
- Sample droppers
- Buffers
- Product insert

Materials required but not provided

- Specimen collection containers
- Timer
- Centrifuge (For plasma only)

Storage and Stability

Store as packaged in the sealed pouch at room temperature or refrigerated (35.6-86°F; 2-30°C). The test is stable through the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. The test must remain in the sealed pouch until use. **DO NOT FREEZE.** Do not use beyond the expiration date.

Specimen Collection and Preparation

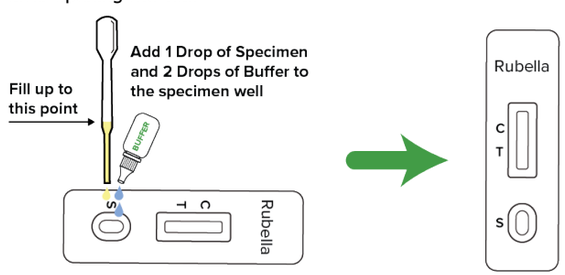
- The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette can be performed using serum or plasma specimen.
- Separate the serum or plasma from blood as soon as possible to avoid hemolysis. Only clear, non-hemolyzed specimens can be used.
- Testing should be performed immediately after the specimens have been collected. Do not leave the specimens at room temperature for prolonged periods. Specimens may be stored at 35.6-46.4°F (2-8°C) for up to 3 days. For long-term storage, specimens should be kept below -4°F (-20°C).
- Bring specimens to room temperature prior to testing. Frozen specimens must be completely thawed and mixed well prior to testing. Specimens should not be frozen and thawed repeatedly.
- If specimens are to be shipped, they should be packed in compliance with local regulations for the transportation of etiologic agents.
- EDTA K2, Heparin sodium, Sodium Citrate and Potassium Oxalate can be used as the anticoagulant tube for collecting the blood specimen.

Test Procedure

Allow the test, specimen, buffer and/or controls to reach room temperature (59-86°F; 15-30°C) prior to testing.

1. Remove the test cassette from sealed pouch and used it within one hour. Best results will be obtained if the assay is performed immediately after opening foil pouch.
2. Place the test cassette on a clean and level surface. Hold the dropper vertically; draw the specimen about **1cm above** the upper end of the nozzle as shown in illustration below. Transfer **1 full drop (approx. 20µL)** of specimen, then add **2 drops of buffer (approximately 80µL)** and start the timer. See the illustration below.
3. Wait for the colored line(s) to appear. The result should be read at **15 minutes**. Do not interpret results after 20 minutes.

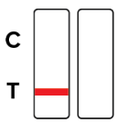
NOTE: It is suggested not to use the buffer, beyond 6 months after opening the vial.



Results Interpretation

POSITIVE:* Two colored lines appear. One colored line should always appear in the control line region (C) and another line should be in the test line region.
***NOTE:** The intensity of the color in the test line regions may vary depending on the concentration of Rubella antibody present in the specimen. Therefore, any shade of color in the test line region should be considered positive.

NEGATIVE: One colored line appears in the control line region (C). No line appears in the test line regions.



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

Internal procedural controls are included in the test individually. Two colored lines appearing in control line regions (C) is the internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume and correct procedural technique.
Control standards are not supplied with this kit; however, it is recommended that positive and negative controls be tested as a good laboratory practice to confirm the test procedure and to verify proper test performance.

Limitations

1. The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette is for *in vitro* diagnostic use only. This test should be used for detection of IgM antibody to Rubella in serum or plasma specimens. Neither the quantitative value nor the rate of increase in the concentration of IgM antibody to Rubella can be determined by this qualitative test.
2. The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette will only indicate the presence of IgM antibody to Rubella in the specimen and should not be used as the sole criteria for the diagnosis of Rubella infections.
3. As with all diagnostic tests, all results must be considered with other clinical information available to the physician.
4. If the test result is negative and clinical symptoms persist, additional follow-up testing using other clinical methods is suggested. A negative result at any time does not preclude the possibility of Rubella infection.

Performance Characteristics

Sensitivity and Specificity

The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette was compared with leading commercial ELISA Rubella tests; the results show that Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test

Cassette has a high sensitivity and specificity.

Method		Rubella ELISA (IgM)		Total Results
Rapid Response™	Results	Positive	Negative	
Rubella IgM Antibodies	Positive	33	3	36
Test Cassette	Negative	2	262	264
Total Results		35	265	300

Relative Specificity: 98.9% (95%CI*: 96.7%-99.8%)
Overall Accuracy: 98.3% (95%CI*: 96.2%-99.5%)
Relative Sensitivity: 94.3% (95%CI*: 80.8%-99.3%)
*Confidence Interval

Precision

Intra-Assay

Within-run precision has been determined by using 10 replicates of three specimens: a negative, a low positive, and a high positive. The negative, low positive, and high positive values were correctly identified >99% of the time.

Inter-Assay

Between-run precision has been determined by 10 independent assays on the same three specimens: a negative, a low positive, and a high positive. Three different lots of the Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette have been tested over a 10-days period using negative, low positive, and high positive specimens. The specimens were correctly identified >99% of the time.

Cross-Reactivity

The Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette has been tested for anti-HAV IgM, HBsAg, anti-HCV IgG, anti-HIV IgG, anti-RF IgG, anti-Syphilis IgG, anti-H. Pylori IgG, anti-CMV IgG, anti-CMV IgM, anti-Toxo IgG, anti-Toxo IgM, anti-HSV 1 IgG, anti-HSV 1 IgM, anti-HSV 2 IgG and anti-HSV 2 IgM positive specimens. The results showed no cross-reactivity.

Interfering Substances

The following compounds have also been tested using the Rapid Response™ Rubella IgM Antibodies Test Cassette and no interference was observed.

Acetaminophen: 20mg/dL	Caffeine: 20mg/dL
EDTA: 20mg/dL	Acetylsalicylic Acid: 20mg/dL
Gentisic Acid: 20mg/dL	Ethanol: 10%
Ascorbic Acid: 2g/dL	Phenylpropanolamine: 20mg/dL
Glucose: 20mg/dL	Bilirubin: 1000mg/dL
Salicylic Acid: 20mg/dL	Phenothiazine: 20mg/dL

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Glossary of Symbols

Consult instructions for use	Test per Kit	Do Not Reuse
Store between 35.6°F to 86°F	Use by	Catalogue #
Lot Number	For *in vitro* diagnostic use only	Manufacturer
Do not use if package is damaged		

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