

Vstrip® *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test

For *in vitro* diagnostic use

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INTENDED USE

Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test is an *in vitro* diagnostic product for the qualitative detection of *H. pylori* antigen in human stool specimens. Test results are intended to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of *H. pylori* infection.

SUMMARY

Helicobacter pylori (*H. pylori*) is a spiral-shaped gram negative bacteria, the most common infectious microorganism found in human, and infects approximately 50% of the world's populations.¹ *H. pylori* infection has been recognized as an important cause of dyspepsia disease, peptic ulcer (gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer), stomach cancer, and MALT (mucous-associated lymphoid tissue) lymphoma.²⁻⁴ *H. pylori* infection can be diagnosed using invasive or noninvasive methods.⁵⁻⁷ Invasive methods require the use of endoscopy and rapid urease testing, histology, culture or polymerase chain reaction for confirmation. The clinical recommended noninvasive testing methods include urea breath test (UBT) and stool antigen test (SAT), with which the active presentation of *H. pylori* is indicated. Another noninvasive method, serology testing, is no longer recommended for diagnosing infection or evaluating treatment effectiveness as it is unable to distinguish between active infection and previous exposure to *H. pylori*.⁸ The stool antigen test is highly indicated in the early diagnosis of *H. pylori* infection and in the monitor of response during and post treatment to confirm eradication of *H. pylori*. Furthermore, the test can be utilized as a rapid screening process for large populations.

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test is a rapid immunochromatographic assay that utilizes a pair of *H. pylori* specific monoclonal antibodies to detect the presence of fecal *H. pylori* antigens indicated by a pink-red color line. To perform the test, a diluted stool sample which is first prepared by a sample preparation tube is added to the Test Cassette. If the sample contains *H. pylori* antigen, a pink-red test line (next to the letter T) along with a blue control line (next to the letter C) will be visible in the rectangle "Result Window". If *H. pylori* antigen is not present or is present at very low levels in the stool sample, only a blue control line will be visible. Whenever the blue control line does not develop within 10 minutes, the test is considered invalid.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

All provided materials should be stored and handled at 15-30°C .

- Test cassette (20 cassettes): Each test cassette houses a strip incorporated with a pair of *H. pylori* specific monoclonal antibodies and packed in individual foil pouch.
- Sample preparation tubes (20 tubes): Each tube composes a "Sampler" attached to the tube cap and sample diluent buffer for the specimen sampling and dilution. 0.09% sodium azide is used as the preservative for the diluent buffer.
- Positive control reagent (1 vial): Inactivated *H. pylori* is the main component of the positive control reagent.
- Package Insert.

MATERIALS NOT PROVIDED

- Specimen collection container
- Timer
- Disposable gloves

PRECAUTIONS

Read the package insert carefully prior to testing the kit and follow the instruction to obtain accurate results.

- Manage patient samples and kit materials as potential infectious agents and take appropriate precautions in collection, handling, storage, and disposal.⁹
- Inadequate or inappropriate specimen collection, storage, and transport may yield false or negative test results.⁹
- Patient specimens should be mixed in the sample preparation tube with diluent thoroughly before use.
- Check the expiration date printed outside of each material package, and do not use the kit components beyond the expiration date.
- Do not use sample diluent buffer or positive control reagent with turbidity. The reagent may be contaminated with microorganism.
- Avoid skin contact with the sample diluent buffer, which contains sodium azide (may be a skin irritant).
- Do not open the test cassette pouches until ready to perform the assay.
- Do not use the test cassette if the foil pouch is damaged.
- Perform the test with materials only from the same kit. Do not interchange materials from different kits for test performance.
- Do not reuse kit components or test devices.
- Disregard test results beyond specified time (30 min).
- Seek specific training or guidance if you are not experienced with specimen collection and handling procedures.
- Do not smoke, eat or drink in areas where specimens or kit components are handled.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

Proper specimen collection, storage, and transport are critical to the performance of this test. Stool specimens should be collected in a clean container that do not contain media, preservatives, animal serum, or detergents as any of these additives may interfere the results. The specimen should be tested as soon as possible. Do not leave specimen at room temperature for prolonged periods. Specimens can temporarily stored at 2-8°C for 3 days. For long-term storage of specimens, -20°C or colder is recommended. Repeated freezing and thawing of specimens is not recommended and may cause erroneous results.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

All stool specimens and assay procedures must be handled at room temperature and on a flat surface.

- Check the expiration date on each component's package or outer box before use. Do not use any test material beyond the labelled expiration date.
- Label information of studied specimens on the blue color sample preparation tube.
- Unscrew the sample preparation tube cap. Stick the "Sampler" into the stool specimen to collect a small portion of stool (approximately 30-50 mg). An excess of stool sample could cause invalid result or may cause the appearance of brown bands. Do not use stools that have dried out.
- Put the "Sampler" back to the sample preparation tube and tighten the tube securely. Mix thoroughly by inversion, shaking or vortex the tube in order to assure good sample dispersion.
- Remove a test cassette from its foil pouch and place it on a flat surface.
- Label the cassette with the samples' ID information.
- Break off (or cut) the blue tip on the top of the sample preparation tube and dispense 3 drops of diluted stool sample into the round "Sample Window" above the arrow mark on the test cassette. Do not let the tip of the tube touch the test cassette during the process.
- Read the result at 10 minutes.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Positive result:

A visible PINK-RED colored line (Test line) appears next to the letter T, and a BLUE line (Control line) appears next to the letter C in the rectangle "Result Window" of the cassette.

A positive result indicates that the *H. pylori* antigen is in the stool specimen.

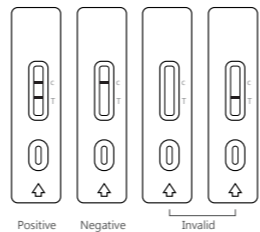
Negative result:

No PINK-RED line appears in the rectangle "Result Window" of the cassette next to the letter T, but a distinct BLUE line shows next to the letter C.

A negative result indicates that the *H. pylori* antigen is absent or below the level of detection.

Invalid result:

No visible BLUE line in the rectangle "Result Window" of the cassette next to the letter C, with or without a visually detectable PINK-RED line. Invalid result may occur with the deteriorated materials, but an excess of stool sample and incorrect procedure is mostly the main reason for control line failure. Review the procedure, re-test the same specimen when invalid result appears. Repeat the test with different specimens, if the test fails again. When the problem persists, discontinue using the test kit and contact your local distributor.



QUALITY CONTROL

Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test utilizes the Internal Controls, Positive and Negative Control as the mechanism for quality control.

Internal Controls

- A blue line appearing in the "Result Window" (next to the letter C) is an internal control. It confirms correct assay procedure and active kit components. If not, the test result is invalid.
- A clear background is served as the internal negative control. The background color should be white and should not interfere with the reading of the test result. If the background color interfere the reading, it is recommended to repeat the test.

Positive /Negative Control

It is recommended that testing for positive and negative control reagent of *H. pylori* antigen should be performed when a new shipment of product is received. The positive and negative control are intended to monitor whether the whole package kit is functional to produce the expected results. The positive control result should show two distinct colored line (red and blue) appear in the "Result Window" of the cassette next to the letter T and C. The negative control result should show one distinguished colored line (a blue line) in the "Control window" of the device next to letter C. The kit should not be used if tests using these controls fail to deliver the correct test results.

POSITIVE CONTROL TESTING PROCEDURE

- Remove a test cassette from its foil pouch and place it on a flat surface.
- Add 3 drops of positive control reagent into the "Sample Window" on the test

cassette. Do not let the tip of the tube touch the test cassette.

- Read the result at 10 minutes.

NEGATIVE CONTROL TESTING PROCEDURE

- Remove a test cassette from its foil pouch and place it on a flat surface.
- Remove the sample preparation tube and break off (or cut) the blue tip on the top of the sample preparation tube.
- Dispense 3 drops of diluted buffer into the round "Sample Window" above the arrow mark on the test cassette. Do not let the tip of the tube touch the test cassette during the process.
- Read the result at 10 minutes.

EXPECTED VALUES

At least half the world's population is infected by *H. pylori*, making it the most widespread infection in the world. The actual infection rates vary from geography and age. Although most infected people will never experience clinical symptoms despite colonized by *H. pylori*. Approximately 10-20% of the infected group having chronic gastritis will ultimately develops gastric and duodenal ulcers and 1% will develop gastric cancer.¹⁰ The World Health Organization recommends all countries consider screening for *H. pylori* to prevent gastric cancer.¹¹

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

- A negative test result may occur if the level of antigen in a stool sample is below the detection limit of the test. Test results must be evaluated in conjunction with other clinical data available to the physician.
- An excess of stool sample could cause invalid result or may cause the appearance of brown bands.
- A false negative result may be found in specimens with watery diarrheal stools that compose little or no solid matter.
- A negative test result does not rule out the possibility of *H. pylori* infection for not all *H. pylori* strains can be detected by the kit.
- False negative results may occur due to improper or inadequate sampling, or improper handling of the specimen.
- Higher concentration of the tested interfering substances or substances other than what have been examined may exist in the stool specimen and interfere the test result.
- Cross reactivity may occur if the patients were co-infected with other agents that beyond what have been examined by the kit.
- A positive test result does not rule out co-infections with other pathogens.
- A positive test result only indicates the presence of *H. pylori* antigen and does not necessarily indicate that gastrointestinal disease is present.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

The evaluation was conducted comparing the results obtained using Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test to ELISA.

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Vstrip	28	1	Sensitivity: 28/29*100%=96.5% (95% C.I. 82-99%)
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			Specificity: 90/91*100%=98.9% (95% C.I. 94-99%)

Sensitivity:The detection of *H. pylori* showed 96.5% of concordance in sensitivity.
Specificity:The detection of *H. pylori* showed 98.9% of concordance in specificity.
Accuracy: 98.3% (118/120=98.3%)
Positive Predictive Value (PPV): 96.5% (28/29= 96.5%)
Negative Predictive Value(NPV): 98.9% (90/91= 98.9%)

REPRODUCIBILITY

Three different lots of the Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test were tested in multiple replicates using negative, low positive and medium positive samples. Reproducibility was tested within each lot, between lots, and on different days. In each case, all tests yielded >99% reproducibility.

ANALYTICAL SENSITIVITY (DETECTION LIMIT)

The limit of detection of this assay is 87 ng/mL in tests with sonicated antigen prepared from *H. pylori* strain MC123 whole cell suspension. Detection limit of *H. pylori* Taiwan strain, purchased from Bioresource Collection and Research Center (BCRC), is 1.9 X10⁴ CFU/mL.¹²

CROSS REACTIVITY

The cross reactivity of the Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test was assessed by testing the following organisms and viruses. None of the microorganisms tested in the following table gave a positive result in the Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test.

Viral Panel
Adenovirus type 7, Adenovirustype 41, Coxsackie type B2, Coxsackie type B6, Echovirus Type 11, Rotavirus (VR-2104), Rotavirus (VR-2272)
Bacterial Panel
<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i> , <i>Bacillus sp.</i> , <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> , <i>Candida albicans</i> , <i>Citrobacter freundii</i> , <i>Clostridium difficile</i> , <i>Clostridium perfringens</i> , <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> , <i>Escherichia coli</i> , <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , <i>Proteus vulgaris</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , <i>Salmonella enteritidis</i> , <i>Salmonella typhi</i> , <i>Serratia marcescens</i> , <i>Shigella boydii</i> , <i>Shigella dysenteriae</i> , <i>Shigella flexneri</i> , <i>Shigella sonnei</i> , <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> , <i>Streptococcus Group A</i> , <i>Streptococcus Group B</i> , <i>Streptococcus Group C</i> , <i>Streptococcus Group F</i> , <i>Streptococcus Group G</i> , <i>Streptococcus mutans</i> , <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , <i>Streptococussanguis</i> , <i>Vibrio cholera</i> , <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>



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Interfering Substances

The following substances were found to have no effect on results when present in stool at the concentrations indicated.

Interference substances	Concentration	Interference substances	Concentration
Aspirin	3 mg/ml	Mylanta	2.5%
Barium sulfate	0.25 mg/ml	Omeprazole	5 mg/ml
Bilirubin	0.25 mg/ml	Palmitic acid	4%
Cimetidine	5 mg/ml	Pepto-Bismol®	2.5%
Hemoglobin	0.25 mg/ml	Stearic acid	4%
Leukocytes	50%	Tums®Antacid	5 mg/ml
Metronidazole	0.25 mg/ml	Whole blood	5%

STORAGE INSTRUCTION

The expiration date is indicated on the package label. Store the kit at 15-30°C , and keep them away from direct sunlight. The test cassette must be kept in the sealed pouch until use. Do not freeze or overheat the test kit or kit reagents.

PACKAGING

Vstrip *H. pylori* Antigen Rapid Test.....20 Tests/Kit

ORDERING INFORMATION

Product No. : IG06020C, IG06020C-1

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SYMBOL LEGEND

Catalog Number	Batch Code	Contains sufficient for < n > tests
In vitro diagnostic medical device	Positive Control	Do not reuse
Consult instructions for use	Use-by date	CE Marking
Temperature Limit	Manufacturer	Authorized Representative in the European Community

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