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Urine Strips

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Urine Strips (Urine Reagent Strips) Package Insert

Reagent Strips for the rapid determination of Urobilinogen, Glucose, Bilirubin, Ketones (Acetoacetic Acid), Specific Gravity, Blood, pH, Protein, Nitrite, Leukocytes and Ascorbic Acid in urine.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

Urine Strips are dip-and-read reagent test strips for In Vitro Diagnostic Use only for testing above items in urine. Test result may provide information regarding the status of carbohydrate metabolism, kidney and liver function, acid-base balance, and urinary tract infection. It is measured by comparison of test paper attached to a plastic strip with the color chart blocks printed on the vial label. The strips may be read visually. They can also be read instrumentally, using urine chemistry analyzers.

WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS

For in vitro diagnostic use only.
For professional use only.

CHEMICAL PRINCIPLES OF PROCEDURE AND INGREDIENTS

Urobilinogen: The test is based on the Ehrlich's reaction. Color changes from white to dark pink.
Ingredients: 4-Methoxybenzenediazonium 2.9mg
Glucose: Glucose oxidase catalyzes the oxidation of glucose to form hydrogen peroxide. The hydrogen peroxide thus formed then oxidizes a chromogen on the reaction pad by the action of peroxidase.
Ingredients: Glucose oxidase 430U, Peroxidase 200U, Potassium Iodide 12mg.
Bilirubin: Azo-coupling reaction of bilirubin with a diazonium salt in an acid medium to form an azodye. Color changes from light tan to beige or light pink.
Ingredients: Sodium nitrite 0.733 mg, 2,4-dichlorobenzene diazonium 2.3mg, Sulfosalicylic acid 25mg
Ketones: Legal's test-nitroprusside reaction. Acetoacetic acid in an alkaline medium reacts with nitroferricanide to produce a color change from beige to purple.
Ingredients: Sodium nitroprusside 23.0mg
pH: Double indicator system. Indicator's methyl red and bromothymol blue are used to give distinct color changes from orange to green to blue. (pH 5.0 to 9.0)
Ingredients: Methyl red 0.05mg, Bromothymol blue 0.5mg
Blood: The test is based on the Pseudo-peroxidase activity of the haem moiety of hemoglobin and myoglobin. The chromogen is oxidized by a hydroperoxide in the presence of haem and changes color from yellow (or greenish yellow) to blue.
Ingredients; Cumene Hydroperoxide 12mg, o-Tolidine 35mg
Specific Gravity (SG): Ionic solutes present in the urine cause protons to be released from a polyelectrolyte. As the protons are released the pH decreases and produces a color change of bromothymol blue from blue-green to yellow-green.
Ingredients: Bromothymol blue 0.5mg, Poly vinyl ether-ALT-maleic acid anhydrous 140.5mg
Protein: Protein "error of indicators." When pH is held constant by a buffer, indicator dyes release H^+ ions because of the protein present and change color from yellow (or greenish yellow) to blue-green.
Ingredients: Tetrabromophenol blue 0.34mg
Nitrite: The test is based on the diazotization reaction of nitrite with an aromatic amine to produce a diazonium salt. It is followed by an azo-coupling reaction of this diazonium salt with an aromatic compound on the reaction pad. The azo dye produced causes a color change form white to pink.
Ingredients: P-arsanilic acid 4.5mg
Leukocyte: This test pad contains an indoxyl ester and diazonium salt. It is followed by an azo-coupling reaction of the aromatic amine formed by leukocytes esterase with a diazonium salt on the reaction pad. The azo dye produced causes a color change from beige to violet.
Ingredients: Induced Indole amino acid ester 1.3mg
Ascorbic acid: The test field involves the decolorization of Tillmann's reagent. The presence of ascorbic acid causes the color of the test field to change from gray-blue to yellow.
Ingredients: 2,6-dichloro indophenol sodium salt 0.8mg

STORAGE AND HANDLING

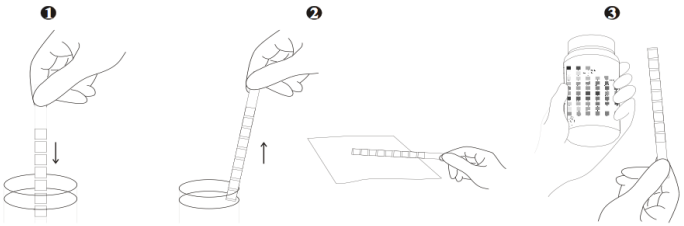
Store in a cool, dry place at temperatures between 2ºC ~ 30ºC. Do not store the strips in a refrigerator or freezer. Store away from moisture and light. When stored in the original container, the product is stable up to the expiry date printed on the label and (or) vial box.
Replace the bottle cap immediately and tightly after removing test strips, and keep the vial tightly closed between tests. Do not remove desiccant from bottle. Do not touch test areas of urine reagent strips. Do not open container until ready to use.
Discoloration or darkening of the test pads may indicate deterioration. If this is evident, or if test results are questionable or inconsistent with expected finding, confirm that the product is within its expiration date and is reacting properly using known negative and positive control materials. Do not use after the expiry date. Note once the canister has been opened, the remaining strips remain stable for up to 3 months.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

Collect urine in a clean, dry container that allows complete immersion of all the fields on the test strip. Do not add preservatives. Test the specimen as soon as possible, with the sample well mixed but not centrifuged. The use of fresh morning urine is recommended for optimal nitrite tests, as well as for the valid determination of bilirubin and urobilinogen, since these compounds are unstable when exposed to light. If immediate testing is not possible, the sample should be stored in the refrigerator, but not frozen, and then brought to room temperature before used in the test. Unpreserved urine at room temperature may undergo pH changes due to microbial proliferation, which may interfere with protein determination. If cleanly voided specimens are not collected from females, positive results for leukocytes may be found due to contamination from outside the urinary tract. Skin cleansers containing chlorhexidine may affect protein test results if specimen contamination occurs.

VISUAL TEST PROCEDURE

The procedure must be followed exactly to achieve reliable results. Do not compare strips with color chart before the strip is dipped in urine.
1) Dip the strip into the urine up to the test area for no more than two second.
2) Draw the edge of the strip along the brim of the vessel to remove excess urine; at this time, don't make the test areas touched to the brim of the vessel.
Turn the strip on its side and tap once on a piece of absorbent material to remove any remaining urine; Excessive urine on the strip may cause the interaction of chemicals between adjacent reagent pads, so that an incorrect result may occur.
3) Compare the colours of the reagent pads within 60 seconds (Leukocytes after 90~120 seconds) with the color chart on the vial label under good light. While comparing, keep the strip horizontally to prevent possible mixing of chemicals when excessive urine is present.



QUALITY CONTROL

For best results, performance of reagent strips should be confirmed by testing known negative and positive specimen or controls (e.g., **Quantimetrix** Dipper Urine Dipstick, Dropper Urine Dipstick, Dip&Spin Urine Dipstick; **Bio-Rad** qUAntify Plus Control; **Thermo SCIENTIFIC** MAS UA Control) whenever a new bottle is first opened. Each laboratory should establish its own goals for adequate standards of performance. Each lab worker should ensure that it complies with government and local requirements.

LIMITATIONS OF PROCEDURE

As with all laboratory tests, definitive diagnostic or therapeutic decisions should not be based on any single result of method. Substances that cause abnormal urine color may affect the readability of test pads in urinalysis reagent strips.
Urobilinogen: The absence of urobilinogen in the specimen cannot be determined. The test area will react with interfering substances known to react with Ehrlich's reagent, such as p-aminosalicylic acid. Drugs containing azo gantrisin may give a masking golden color. The test is not reliable method for the detection of porphobilinogen.
Glucose: High SG (>1.020) with high pH urine and ascorbic acid (more than 40mg/dl) may cause false negative result at the low level of glucose. Ketones reduce the sensitivity of the test. Moderately high ketone level (> 40mg/dl) may cause a false negative for specimen containing small amount of glucose (100mg/dl). Reactivity may be influenced by urine SG and temperature.
Bilirubin: Metabolites of drugs, such as pyridum and selenium, which give a color at low pH, may cause false positives. Indican (indoxyl sulfate) can produce a yellow-orange to red color response, which may interfere with the interpretation of negative or positive bilirubin readings. Ascorbic acid (> 30mg/dl) may cause false negative result.
Ketones: Positive results (trace or less) may occur with highly pigmented urine specimens or those containing large amounts of levodopa metabolites. Some high SG and low pH urine may give false positive result. Phenosulfonphthalein may cause false positive result.
pH: If the excessive urine is remain on the strip because of improper test procedure, it is possible that the acidic buffer in protein portion comes out and affect the pH portion, then pH result may be decreased than the actual. This phenomenon is called "run-over effect."
Blood:. Elevated specific gravity or protein in urine may reduce the reactivity of the blood test portion. Microbial peroxidase associated with urinary tract infection may cause false positive results. Ascorbic acid concentrations (>30 mg/dl) may cause false negatives at the low level of blood.
Specific Gravity (SG): High-buffered alkaline urine may cause diminished result, whereas high-buffered acidic urine may cause slightly elevated result.
Protein: False positive results may be found in strongly basic urine (pH 9). The interpretation of results is also difficult in turbid urine specimens.
Nitrite: Ascorbic acid (>30mg/dL) may cause false negative result with low level of nitrite containing (<0.03mg) urine. The negative result does not always mean that the patient is free from bacteriuria. Pink spots or pink edges should not be interpreted as a positive result. Negative result may occur when urinary tract infections are caused by organism which do not contain nitrate reductase; when urine has not been retained in the bladder long enough (four hours or more) for reduction of nitrate to nitrite occur; or when dietary nitrate is absent.
Leukocyte: The test result may not always be consistent with the leukocyte cell number by the microscopic examination. High concentration of glucose, high specific gravity, high level of albumin, high concentration of formaldehyde or presence of blood may cause decreased test results. High concentration of oxalic acid of trace of oxidizing agents may cause false negative results.
Ascorbic acid: No interferences are known.
Microalbumine: The following substances may cause false positive results: a large amount of hemoglobin(≥5mg/dl), visibly bloody urine, highly alkaline urine(pH>8), disinfectant including quaternary ammonium compound.
Creatinine: Visibly dark brown color urine may affect the results. Substances that cause abnormal urine color, such as drug containing azo dyes, nitrofurantoin, riboflavin may affect the results.
Microalbumin to Creatinine Ratio: A low microalbumin result(10mg/L) in combination with strongly diluted urine(creatinine result of 10mg/dl) could indicate a microalbumin concentration below the sensitivity limit. In the case, consider testing a new specimen, preferably a first morning collection, for greater confidence in the rult.

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EXPECTED VALUES

Urobilinogen: The normal urobilinogen range is 0.1 to 1.0 Ehrlich unit /dl. If results exceed the concentration of 2.0 mg/dl, the patient and the urine specimen should be evaluated further.
Glucose: The kidney normally excretes small amounts of glucose. Concentrations of 100mg/dl may be considered as abnormal if found consistently.
Bilirubin: Normally no bilirubin is detectable in urine by even the most sensitive methods. Even trace amounts of bilirubin are sufficiently abnormal to require further investigation.
Ketones: Ketone bodies should not be detected in normal urine specimens with this reagent.
pH: Urine values generally range from pH 5 to 9.
Blood: Normally, no hemoglobin is detectable in urine (0.010mg/dl; 3 RBC/µl). When hemoglobin appears in urine it indicates kidney disease or a urinary tract disorder. Blood may often be found in the urine of menstruating females.
Specific Gravity (SG): The normal SG of urine ranges from 1.001 to 1.035.
Protein: Normal urine specimens ordinarily contain some protein (<20mg/dL) therefore only persistent elevated levels of urine protein indicate kidney or urinary tract disease. The persistent results of trace level or over indicate significance proteinuria and thus further clinical testing is needed to evaluate the significant of results.
Nitrite: Normally no nitrite is detectable in urine.
Leukocyte: Normally no leukocytes are detectable in urine.
Ascorbic acid: The average daily intake ranges from 30-80mg, with an output of 20-30mg/day.
Microalbumine: Normal albumin levels in urine are under 2mg/dl. Microalbuminuria is indicates with results of 3~30mg/dl.
Creatinine: The urine of healthy individuals contains 10~300mg/dl of creatinine. Very low creatinine results can be caused by adulteration of the urine specimen or by severe renal failure.
Microalbumin to Creatinine Ratio: Microalbumin is normally present in urine at concentrations of less than 30mg albumin / g creatinine. Microalbumina is indicated at a ratio result of 30~300mg/g (Abnormal) and clinical albuminuria at a ratio result of >300mg/g(High Abnormal).

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Performance characteristics are based on clinical and analytical studies and depend upon several factors: the variability of colour perception; the persence or absence of inhibitory and matrix factors typically found in urine; and the laboratory conditions in which the product is used (e.g., lighting, temperature,and humidity). Each colour block represents a range of values. Because of specimen and reading variability, specimens with analyte concentrations that fall between normal levels may give results at either level. Results will usually be within one level of the true concentration. The following list shows the generally detectable levels of the analytes in contrived urines; however, because of the inherent variability of clinical urines, lesser concentrations may be detected under certain conditions.

TEST PAD AND SENSITIVITY (SPECIFICITY)

Urobilinogen:	2 EU/dL (Urobilinogen)
Glucose:	100mg/dL (Glucose)
Bilirubin:	1 mg/dL (Bilirubin)
Ketones:	5mg/dL (Acetoacetic acid)
Blood:	10 RBC/µl (0.03mg/dL hemoglobin, Intact RBC)
Protein:	10-15mg/dL (albumin)
Nitrite:	0.05mg/dL (Nitrite ion)
Leukocytes:	20-25 WBC/µl (Intact and lysed WBCs)
Ascorbic acid:	20mg/dL (Ascorbic acid)

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INDEX OF SYMBOLS

	Manufacturer
IVD	For *in vitro* diagnostic use only
LOT	Lot number
REF	Product code
	Use by
2°C 30°C	Store between 2-30°C
CE	European Conformity
	Consult Instructions For Use
	Do not reuse
	Keep away from sunlight

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