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Preservative: 0.09% Sodium Azide Meets FDA Potency Requirements IVD

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Intended Use:

Gamma-clone Anti-C^{w} (Monoclonal) Blood Grouping Reagent is intended for the detection of the C^{w} (RH8) antigen on red blood cells by direct agglutination tube test.

Summary of the Test:

The C^{w} antigen (RH8) of the Rh blood group system was first described in 1946 by Callender and Race[1]. Originally called Willis, the antigen was considered to bear an allelic relationship to C and c, and to have a frequency in the English population of 2.28%, although subsequent investigators have found considerable variation among different ethnic groups. The frequency may be exceedingly low in populations of Asian or African descent.

Most anti-C antibodies appear to contain an inseparable anti-C^{w} component[2], so it is not inconsistent if a particular sample of red blood cells gives a positive reaction with anti-C, as well as with anti-C^{w} and anti-c; families exist in which it has been demonstrated that C^{w} is inherited along with c[3].

Anti-C^{w} may occur in serums from individuals not known to have been exposed to the C^{w} antigen[4], or may be immune in origin and can cause hemolytic disease of the newborn[5].

Principle of the Test:

The presence of the C^{w} antigen is determined by testing with Anti-C^{w} by tube test technique. Agglutination of the test red blood cells constitutes a positive test result and indicates the presence of the relevant antigen. No agglutination constitutes a negative test result and indicates that the antigen is not present.

Reagents:

Gamma-clone Anti-C^{w} (Monoclonal) Blood Grouping Reagent is prepared from human IgM antibodies from the hybridoma cell line MS-110 grown in fluid culture and suitably diluted in a proprietary diluent containing bovine albumin to achieve the appropriate level of potency for the test procedure as described. Sodium azide is added as a preservative (at 0.09% w/v). Ready for use as supplied.

Any Bovine Albumin used in the manufacture of this product is sourced from donor animals of United States origin that have been inspected and certified by USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors to be disease-free. This ruminant-based product is deemed to have a low-TSE (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy) risk.

Storage:

- Store at 1ºC to 10ºC when not in use.
- Do not use beyond the expiration date which is expressed as CCYY-MM-DD (year-month-date).
- Do not freeze.

Precautions:

- For *in vitro* diagnostic use.
- Do not dilute.
- Effort should be made to minimize contamination during use.
- Do not use if markedly turbid.

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Sodium azide is added as a preservative (at 0.09% w/v). Waste fluids arising from the use of Gamma-clone Anti-C^{w} (Human/Murine Monoclonal) must be flushed with large quantities of water to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive compounds in laboratory plumbing.

Handle and dispose of reagent as potentially infectious.

Specimen Collection and Preparation:

No special preparation of the patient is required prior to specimen collection. Blood should be drawn by aseptic technique, with or without an anticoagulant. Samples drawn into EDTA, ACD, CPD, CP2D and CPDA-1, as well as red blood cells that have been stored in the additive solutions AS-1, AS-3 and AS-5 can be used for testing. The specimen should be tested as soon as possible after collection. If delay in testing should occur, the specimen must be stored at 1°C to 10°C. Bacterial contamination of the specimen may cause false test results. Blood drawn into EDTA should not be stored for longer than ten days. Clotted specimens may be tested up to 21 days after collection, and donor blood may be tested up to the expiration date. Storage may result in weaker-than-normal reactions.

Procedure:

Materials Provided:

Gamma-clone Anti-C^{w} (Monoclonal)

Materials Required But Not Provided:

1. Test tubes (12x75 mm or 10x75 mm)
2. Pipettes
3. Isotonic saline or phosphate-buffered (approximately 15 mM) isotonic saline pH 6.5-7.5
4. Timer*
5. Centrifuge*
6. An optical aid such as a hand lens or concave mirror
7. Red blood cells of known C^{w} phenotypes for use as controls.

*It is the users responsibility to validate an accessory device (either listed or otherwise) for its intended use. Validation results should be maintained as part of the laboratory's records for review by regulatory agencies.

Test Method:

1. Place one (1) drop of Gamma-clone Anti-C^{w} (Monoclonal) into a properly labeled test tube.
2. Add one (1) drop of an approximate 2-5% suspension of the red blood cells to be tested to the test tube (from step 1 above). The red blood cells to be tested must previously have been washed at least one time and then resuspended in saline.
3. Mix the test tube contents well by gently shaking the tube.
4. Incubate the test tube from five (5) to fifteen (15) minutes at room temperature (15°C to 30°C). Incubating at the upper end of the time range may enhance reactivity.
5. Centrifuge the test tube for:
   (a) one (1) minute between 100 and 125 xg, or
   (b) fifteen (15) seconds between 900 and 1,000 xg, or
   (c) a time and speed appropriate to the calibration of the centrifuge.
6. After centrifugation, immediately resuspend the red blood cells by gently shaking the test tube and examine for macroscopic agglutination. Negative reactions may be examined with an optical aid; however, microscopic reading is not recommended. Record the results.

Stability of Reaction:

Following centrifugation, all tube tests should be read immediately and results interpreted without delay. Delays may result in dissociation of antigen-antibody complexes leading to falsely negative or, at most, weakly positive reactions.

Quality Control:

The reactivity of blood grouping reagents should be confirmed on each day of use by testing with red blood cells known to be negative and positive for the C^{w} antigen. Immucor Reagent Red Blood Cells are a convenient source of control cells and may be used as supplied. The reagent can be considered to be satisfactory for use if it reacts suitably with known C^{w} antigen positive and negative red blood cells.

Spontaneous agglutination of the red blood cells does not commonly cause false test results when blood grouping tests are carried out, especially when the red blood cells are washed before testing. If desired, however, a control test for spontaneous agglutination, using Monoclonal Control in place of the reagent, may be carried out on any red blood cell suspension showing a positive reaction with the reagent. This control is not required if the specimen has already been tested and found to show no spontaneous agglutination.

Interpretation of Results:

Agglutination of the red blood cells constitutes a positive test result and indicates the presence of the C^{w} antigen.

No agglutination constitutes a negative test result, and indicates the absence of the C^w antigen.

The frequency of C^w antigen negative persons is shown in Table 1, in relation to ethnic populations.

Anti-C^W	Phenotype	Frequency (%) [6]			
		Caucasians	Blacks	Finns	Latvians
0	C^W–	98	99	96	91

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Limitations:

1. Factors that may cause false test results include the following:
   a. Bacterial or chemical contamination of blood specimens, reagent and/or supplementary materials.
   b. Improper storage of materials.
   c. Aged or stored blood specimens, which may yield weaker reactions than those obtained with fresh red blood cells.
   d. Too heavy a red blood cell suspension of the specimen.
   e. Improper incubation time or temperature.
   f. Improper centrifugation. Proper centrifugation calibration is particularly important to the proper performance of the test. Excessive centrifugation may lead to difficulty in resuspending the red blood cell button in the tube test leading to a possible false positive result. At the same time, inadequate centrifugation may yield unclear red blood cell button patterns and agglutinates that are too readily dispersed leading to a possible false negative result.
   g. Improper examination for agglutination (usually too vigorous shaking). The resuspension of reactions in the tube test procedure must be carried out by gentle shaking. Shaking too vigorously may cause agglutinates to be dispersed.
   h. Deviation from the recommended test procedure such as the omission of test reagents.
2. Red blood cells that have been enzyme-treated must not be used for testing as either red blood cells under investigation or as a source of control red blood cells because use of these enzyme-treated red blood cells may yield erroneous results.

Specific Performance Characteristics:

Gamma-clone Anti-C^w (Monoclonal) meets FDA potency requirements. Each lot is tested by insert methods against a panel of antigen-positive and antigen-negative red blood cells to ensure suitable reactivity and specificity. The specificity of the monoclonal antibodies secreted by the cell line used to manufacture this Blood Grouping Reagent has been determined by testing with red blood cells of varying phenotypes.

The performance of this product is dependent upon adhering to the package insert recommended methodology.

Performance Characteristics by manual tube method:

Method comparison studies were performed at one (1) external site and one (1) internal site. Immucor, Inc., as the manufacturer, was the internal site. Specimens were tested using both the reagent under evaluation and also a comparator reagent . Test results were evaluated for agreement between reagents. Combined results from both sites are summarized in the following table:

Note: Agreement between methods does not indicate which method is correct.

N=412		Comparator Reagent		[redacted]	
		Positive	Negative		
Anti-C^w	Positive	42	0	Positive Percent Agreement (Point Estimate)	100.00%
				PPA (95% 1-Sided LCI)	93.12%
	Negative	0	370	Negative Percent Agreement (Point Estimate)	100.00%
				NPA (95% 1-Sided LCI)	99.19%

The PPA 95% LCI is less than 99% due to the positive sample (N) size tested.

For additional information or for technical support, contact Immucor at 855-IMMUCOR (466-8267).

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