

Sperm Antibody A/G Serum Controls

INTENDED USE

Sperm Antibody A/G Serum Controls are used as controls in sperm antibody assays such as ImmunoSpheres®, MarScreen® IgG and MarScreen® IgA.

SUMMARY

Because of the impracticality of using specimens of antibody-positive sperm as a positive control in direct sperm antibody tests, serum controls are used instead. This kit contains:

Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum: 1 ml heat-inactivated human serum containing antibodies of the IgA and IgG classes that bind to human sperm, with 0.1% sodium azide.

Sperm Antibody Negative Serum: 1 ml heat-inactivated human serum containing no antibodies that bind to human sperm, with 0.1% sodium azide.

PRECAUTIONS

The Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum and the Sperm Antibody Negative Serum have been tested and found negative for HIV antibody and hepatitis B surface antigen, but negative results do not guarantee absence of virus. Handle all specimens as capable of transmitting HIV or hepatitis. Specimens should be disposed of in accordance with OSHA guidelines. Product should be used by properly trained individuals. Precautions should be taken against the dangers of microbiological hazards by properly sterilizing specimens, containers, and media after use. Directions should be read and followed carefully.

STABILITY AND STORAGE

The reagents are stable to the stated expiration date when stored at the required temperature. Store reagents at 2–8°C. Do not freeze.

USER QUALITY CONTROL

These serum controls may look cloudy due to lipemia. Lipemic serum will not interfere with test results. Always use positive and negative controls.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

Semen should be collected in a clean collection cup. The semen sample can be stored at room temperature until the time of use.

PROCEDURE

Materials Provided with Sperm Antibody A/G Serum Controls (#0006050): Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum, Sperm Antibody Negative Serum.

Materials Not Provided: Indirect sperm antibody assays.

Preparation of Antibody Positive Sperm

1. Start with sperm known to be negative for antibodies.
2. Wash sperm free of seminal plasma.
3. Incubate the washed sperm with Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum at a final dilution of 1:10
4. Wash the sperm free of Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum and then use the prepared sperm as a positive control for antibody-positive sperm.

Preparation of Antibody Negative Sperm

1. Start with sperm known to be negative for antibodies.
2. Wash sperm free of seminal plasma.
3. Incubate the washed sperm with Sperm Antibody Negative Serum at a final dilution of 1:10
4. Wash the sperm free of Sperm Antibody Negative Serum and then use the prepared sperm as a negative control for antibody-negative sperm.

The researcher should determine the optimal working dilutions of these products. The following information is provided as a guideline to the researcher:

Indirect sperm antibody assays (in serum): Follow the manufacturer's directions for testing serum.

MarScreen®: Dilute serum 1:16 before using in the Indirect MarScreen IgG or the Indirect MarScreen IgA test. For example, add 20 µl serum to 300 µl sperm washing medium.

ImmunoSpheres®: Use the serum at a final dilution of 1:10 in either indirect Anti IgG or indirect Anti IgA test. For example, add 50 µl serum to 400 µl sperm washing medium and 50 µl washed sperm (~50 million motile sperm/ml) suspension.

The researcher should establish the % total binding of the **Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum** when it is used in either indirect Anti-IgA test.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Sperm Antibody Positive A/G Serum should produce a positive reaction for IgA and IgG sperm antibody assays.

Sperm Antibody Negative Serum should produce a negative reaction for sperm antibody assays.

LIMITATIONS OF PROCEDURES

User should determine optimal working dilutions for the relevant assay.

CONTACT

Alpha-Tec Systems, Inc. offers a complete line of reagents, stains, and QC1™ Quality Control Slides for AFB, Parasitology, Bacteriology, and Mycology processing. Alpha-Tec also provides O&P collection systems and concentration devices for Parasitology, as well as products for the evaluation of male fertility. For Technical Assistance, email Technical@AlphaTecSystems.com, and for Customer Service, email Sales@AlphaTecSystems.com, or call either [+1] 800.221.6058 (USA) or [+1] 360.260.2779 between 8AM and 4PM Monday through Friday, Pacific Time.

WARRANTY

This product is warranted by Alpha-Tec Systems, Inc. to perform as described in the labeling and literature supplied. Alpha-Tec Systems, Inc. disclaims any implied warranty or merchantability or fitness for any other purpose, and in no event shall Alpha-Tec Systems, Inc. be liable for any consequential damages arising out of aforesaid express warranty.

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0006050 Sperm Antibody A/G Serum Controls, 2 x 1 ml

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GLOSSARY OF SYMBOLS

LOT Batch code / Numéro de lot / Número de Lote / Numero di lotto / Lot Nummer / Lotnummer / Lotnummer / Šaržna številka / Número de lote

REF Catalog number / Référence du catalogue / Número de catálogo / Numero di catalogo / Katalognummer / Catalog number / Het aantal van de catalogus / Kataloška številka / Número de catálogo

IVD In vitro diagnostic medical device / Pour usage diagnostique in vitro / Para uso diagnóstico in vitro solamente / Solo per uso diagnostico in vitro / Nur zur Verwendung als in vitro-Diagnostikum / Alleen voor in vitro diagnostisch gebruik / För invitrodiagnostik enbart / Samo za invitro diagnostiko / Apenas para uso em diagnóstico in vitro

EC REP Authorized representative in the European Community / Représentant européen autorisé / Representante Europeo Autorizado / Rappresentante europeo autorizzato / Autorisierter Europäischer Repräsentant / Gemachtigde Europese vertegenwoordiger / Auktoriserad europeisk representant / Pooblaščen evropski predstavnik / Representante Europeo Autorizado



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