



TCA-U23

Tricyclic antidepressants TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine)

INTENDED USE

The TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) is a rapid visual immunoassay for the qualitative, presumptive detection of Tricyclic antidepressants in human urine specimens at the cut-off concentrations listed below:

Table with 3 columns: Parameter, Calibrator, Cut-off (ng/mL). Row: TCA (Tricyclic antidepressants), Nortriptyline, 1,000

INTRODUCTION

TCA (Tricyclic Antidepressants) are commonly used for the treatment of depressive disorders. TCA overdoses can result in profound central nervous system depression, cardiotoxicity and anticholinergic effects.

PRINCIPLE

The TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) detects Tricyclic antidepressants through visual interpretation of color development on the device. Drug conjugates are immobilized on the test region of the membrane.

REAGENTS

Each test consists of a reagent strip mounted in a plastic housing. The amount of each antigen and/or antibody coated on the strip is less than 0.001 mg for antigen conjugates and goat anti-rabbit IgG antibodies.

MATERIALS

Materials Provided

- Individually packed test devices, Disposable pipettes, Package insert

Materials Required but Not provided

- Specimen collection container, Positive and negative controls, Timer

PRECAUTIONS

- For professional in vitro diagnostic use only. Do not use after the expiration date indicated on the package. Do not use the test if the foil pouch or canister is damaged. Do not reuse tests. This kit contains products of animal origin. Certified knowledge of the origin and/or sanitary state of the animals does not completely guarantee the absence of transmissible pathogenic agents. It is therefore, recommended that these products be treated as potentially infectious, and handled by observing usual safety precautions (e.g., do not ingest or inhale). Avoid cross-contamination of specimens by using a new specimen collection container for each specimen obtained. Read the entire procedure carefully prior to testing. Do not eat, drink or smoke in the area where specimens and kits are handled. Handle all specimens as if they contain infectious agents. Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout the procedure and follow standard procedures for the proper disposal of specimens. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection when specimens are assayed. Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results. Used testing materials should be discarded in accordance with local regulations.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The kit should be stored at 2-30°C until the expiry date printed on the sealed pouch or canister. The test must remain in the sealed pouch or closed canister until use. Do not freeze. Kits should be kept out of direct sunlight. Care should be taken to protect the components of the kit from contamination. Do not use if there is evidence of microbial contamination or precipitation. Biological contamination of dispensing equipment, containers or reagents can lead to false results.

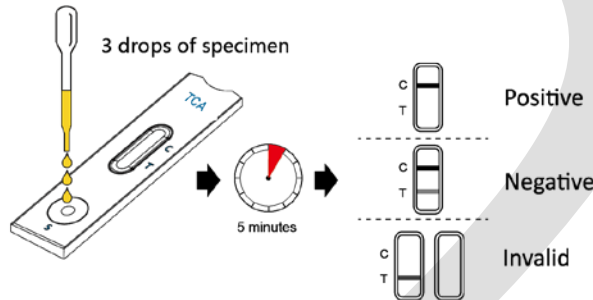
SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND STORAGE

- The TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) is intended for use with human urine specimens only. Urine collected at any time of the day may be used. Urine specimens must be collected in clean, dry containers. Turbid specimens should be centrifuged, filtered, or allowed to settle and only the clear supernatant should be used for testing. Perform testing immediately after specimen collection. Do not leave specimens at room temperature for prolonged periods. Urine specimens may be stored at 2-8°C for up to 2 days. For long term storage, specimens should be kept below -20°C. Bring specimens to room temperature prior to testing. Frozen specimens must be completely thawed and mixed well prior to testing. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing of specimens. If specimens are to be shipped, pack them in compliance with all applicable regulations for transportation of etiological agents.

PROCEDURE

Bring tests, specimens, and/or controls to room temperature (15-30°C) before use.

- Remove the test from its sealed pouch, and place it on a clean, level surface. Label the test with patient or control identification. For best results, the assay should be performed within one hour.
- Using the provided disposable pipette, transfer 3 drops of specimen (approximately 120 µL) to the specimen well (S) of the device and start the timer. Avoid trapping air bubbles in the specimen well (S), and do not add any solution to the result area. As the test begins to work, color will migrate across the membrane. Wait for the colored band(s) to appear. The result should be read at 5 minutes. Do not interpret the result after 10 minutes.



INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Diagram showing three result patterns: 1. POSITIVE: Only one colored band appears in the control region (C). No apparent colored band appears in the test region (T). 2. NEGATIVE: Two colored bands appear on the membrane. One band appears in the control region (C) and another band appears in the test region (T). 3. INVALID: Control band fails to appear. Results from any test which has not produced a control band at the specified read time must be discarded. Please review the procedure and repeat with a new test. If the problem persists, discontinue using the kit immediately and contact your local distributor.

NOTE:

- The intensity of color in the test region (T) may vary depending on the concentration of analytes present in the specimen. Therefore, any shade of color in the test region should be considered negative. Note that this is a qualitative test only, and cannot determine the concentration of analytes in the specimen.
- Insufficient specimen volume, incorrect operating procedure or expired tests are the most likely reasons for control band failure.

QUALITY CONTROL

- Internal procedural controls are included in the test. A colored band appearing in the control region (C) is considered an internal positive procedural control, confirming sufficient specimen volume and correct procedural technique.
- External controls are not supplied with this kit. 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 OF THE TEST

- The TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) is for professional in vitro diagnostic use, and should be only used for the qualitative detection of Tricyclic antidepressants.
- This assay provides a preliminary analytical test result only. A more specific alternative chemical method must be used in order to obtain a confirmed analytical result. Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) has been established as the preferred confirmatory method by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Clinical consideration and professional judgment should be applied to any test result, particularly when preliminary positive results are indicated.
- There is a possibility that technical or procedural errors as well as other substances and factors may interfere with the test and cause false results.
- Adulterants, such as bleach and/or alum, in urine specimens may produce erroneous results regardless of the analytical method used. Therefore, please preclude the possibility of urine adulteration prior to testing.
- A positive result indicates the presence of a Tricyclic antidepressant only, and does not indicate or measure intoxication.
- A negative result does not at any time rule out the presence of Tricyclic antidepressants in urine, as they may be present below the minimum detection level of the test.
- This test does not distinguish between Tricyclic antidepressants and certain medications.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

A. Accuracy

The accuracy of the TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) was compared and checked against commercially available tests with a threshold value at the same cut-off levels. Urine samples taken from volunteers claiming to be non-users were examined under both tests. The results were >99.9% in agreement.

B. Reproducibility

The reproducibility of the TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) was verified by blind tests performed at four different locations. Samples with Tricyclic antidepressants concentrations at 50% of the cut-off were all determined to be negative, while samples with Tricyclic antidepressants concentrations at 200% of the cut-off were all determined to be positive.

C. Precision

Test precision was determined by blind tests with control solutions. Controls with Tricyclic antidepressants concentrations at 50% of the cut-off yielded negative results, and controls with Tricyclic antidepressants concentrations at 150% of the cut-off yielded positive results.

D. Specificity

The following tables list the concentrations of compounds (ng/mL) above which the TCA Rapid Test Device (Urine) identified positive results at 5 minutes.

Table with 2 columns: Tricyclic Antidepressants related compounds, Concentration (ng/ml). Lists various compounds and their corresponding concentrations.

The following compounds yielded negative results up to a concentration of 100 µg/mL:

Table with 3 columns listing compounds: (-)-Ephedrine, (+)-Naproxen, (+/-)-Ephedrine, Chlorpheniramine, Creatine, Dextromethorphan, Oxalic Acid, Penicillin-G, Pheniramine.

4-Dimethylaminoantipyrine	Dextroprphan tartrate	Phenothiazine
Acetaminophen	Dopamine	Procaine
Acetone	Erythromycin	Protonix
Albumin	Ethanol	Pseudoephedrine
Amitriptyline (Except TCA)	Furosemide	Quinidine
Ampicillin	Glucose	Ranitidine
Aspartame	Guaiacol Glyceryl Ether	Sertraline
Aspirin	Hemoglobin	Tyramine
Benzocaine	Imipramine (Except TCA)	Trimeprazine
Bilirubin	(+/-)-Isoproterenol	Venlafaxine
b-Phenylethyl-amine	Methadone	Ibuprofen
Caffeine	Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid)	Lidocaine
Chloroquine		

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#### GLOSSARY OF SYMBOLS

ρ	Catalog number	0	Temperature limitation
i	Consult instructions for use	Λ	Batch code
I	In vitro diagnostic medical device	ε	Use by
μ	Manufacturer	T	Contains sufficient for <n> tests
σ	Do not reuse	A	Authorized representative in the European Community
Y	CE marking according to IVD Medical Devices Directive 98/79/EC		



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