

*For professional in vitro diagnostic use only.*
**INTENDED USE**

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

Parameter	Calibrator	Cut-off (ng/mL)
MET (Methamphetamine)	d-Methamphetamine	500

**INTRODUCTION**

Methamphetamine is an addictive stimulant drug that strongly activates certain systems in the brain. Methamphetamine is closely related chemically to Amphetamine, but the central nervous system effects of Methamphetamine are greater. Methamphetamine is made in illegal laboratories and has a high potential for abuse and dependence. The drug can be taken orally, injected, or inhaled. Acute higher doses lead to enhanced stimulation of the central nervous system and induce euphoria, alertness, reduced appetite, and a sense of increased energy and power. Cardiovascular responses to Methamphetamine include increased blood pressure and cardiac arrhythmias. More acute responses produce anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations, psychotic behavior, and eventually, depression and exhaustion.

The effects of Methamphetamine generally last 2-4 hours, and the drug has a half-life of 9-24 hours in the body. In urines of normal pH approximately 43% of a dose is eliminated as amphetamine. Thus, the presence of the parent compound in the urine indicates Methamphetamine use. Methamphetamine is generally detectable in the urine for 3-5 days, depending on urine pH level.

**PRINCIPLE**

The MET Rapid Test Device (Urine) detects Methamphetamine through visual interpretation of color development on the device. Drug conjugates are immobilized on the test region of the membrane. During testing, the specimen reacts with antibodies conjugated to colored particles and precoated on the sample pad. The mixture then migrates through the membrane by capillary action, and interacts with reagents on the membrane. If there are insufficient drug molecules in the specimen, the antibody-colored particle conjugate will bind to the drug conjugates, forming a colored band at the test region of the membrane. Therefore, a colored band appears in the test region when the urine is negative for the drug. If drug molecules are present in the urine above the cut-off concentration of the test, they compete with the immobilized drug conjugate on the test region for limited antibody binding sites. This will prevent attachment of the antibody-colored particle conjugate to the test region. Therefore, the absence of a colored band at the test region indicates a positive result. The appearance of a colored band at the control region serves as a procedural control, indicating that the proper volume of specimen has been added and membrane wicking has occurred.

**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, and less than 0.0015 mg for antibody components. The control zone of each test contains goat anti-rabbit IgG antibody. The test zone of each test contains drug-bovine protein antigen conjugate, and the conjugate pad of each test contains monoclonal anti-drug antibody and rabbit antibody-colored particle complex.

**MATERIALS**
**Materials Provided**

- Individually packed test devices
- Disposable pipettes
- Package insert

**Materials Required but Not provided**

- Centrifuge
- Positive and negative controls
- Timer

**PRECAUTIONS**

- Do not use after expiration date indicated on the package. Do not use the test if its foil pouch 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 totally guarantee the absence of transmissible pathogenic agents. It is therefore, recommended that these products be treated as potentially infectious, and handled observing the usual safety precautions (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 performing any tests.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke in the area where the 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 the standard procedures for 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.
- The used testing materials should be discarded in accordance with local, state and/or federal regulations.

**STORAGE AND STABILITY**

- The kit should be stored at 2-30°C until the expiry date printed on the sealed pouch.
- The test must remain in the sealed pouch until use.
- **Do not freeze.**
- 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**

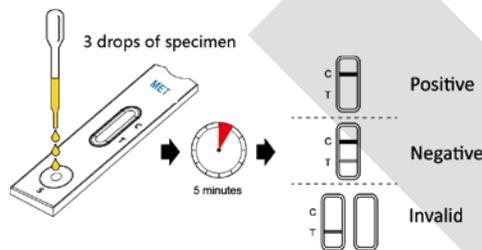
- The MET Rapid Test Device (Urine) is intended for use with human urine specimens only.
- Urine collected at any time of the day may be used.
- Urine specimens must be collected in clean, dry containers.
- Turbid specimens should be centrifuged, filtered, or allowed to settle and only the clear supernatant 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.**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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**

**POSITIVE:** Only one colored band appears, in the control region (C). No apparent colored band appears in the test region (T).



**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).



**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:**

1. 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.
2. 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**

1. The MET Rapid Test Device (Urine) is for professional *in vitro* diagnostic use, and should be only used for the qualitative detection of Methamphetamine.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. A positive result indicates the presence of a Methamphetamine only, and does not indicate or measure intoxication.
6. A negative result does not at any time rule out the presence of Methamphetamine in urine, as they may be present below the minimum detection level of the test.
7. This test does not distinguish between Methamphetamine and certain medications.

**PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**
**A. Accuracy**

The accuracy of the MET 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 >98% in agreement.

**B. Reproducibility**

The reproducibility of the MET Rapid Test Device (Urine) was verified by blind tests performed at four different locations. Samples with Methamphetamine concentrations at 50% of the cut-off were all determined to be negative, while samples with Methamphetamine 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 Methamphetamine concentrations at 50% of the cut-off yielded negative results, and controls with Methamphetamine 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 MET Rapid Test Device (Urine) identified positive results at 5 minutes.

Methamphetamine 500 related compounds	Concentration (ng/ml)
d-Methamphetamine	500
Chloroquine	25,000
Fenfluramine	12,500
l-Methamphetamine	10,000
Mephentermine hemisulfate salt	31,250
MDEA	50,000
MDMA	313
PMMA	625

The following compounds were found not to cross-react when tested at concentrations at 100 µg/ml.

(-)-Ephedrine (Except MET)	Chlorpheniramine	Oxalic Acid
(+)-Naproxen	Creatine	Penicillin-G
(+/-)-Ephedrine (Except MET)	Dextromethorphan	Pheniramine
4-Dimethylaminoantirine	Dextropropion tartrate	Phenothiazine
Acetaminophen	Dopamine	Procaine
Acetone	Erythromycin	Protonix
Albumin	Ethanol	Pseudoephedrine
Amitriptyline	Furosemide	Quinidine
Ampicillin	Glucose	Ranitidine
Aspartame	Guaiaicol Glyceryl Ether	Sertraline
Aspirin	Hemoglobin	Tyramine
Benzocaine	Imipramine	Trimeprazine
Bilirubin	(+/-)-Isoproterenol	Venlafaxine
b-Phenylethyl-amine	Methadone	Ibuprofen
Caffeine	Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid)	Lidocaine
Chloroquine (Except MET)		

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**GLOSSARY OF SYMBOLS**

ρ	Catalog number	θ	Temperature limitation
ι	Consult instructions for use	λ	Batch code
ι	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
γ	CE marking according to IVD Medical Devices Directive 98/79/EC		