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HISCL™ Anti-HCV Ⅱ Assay Kit

Identification of the IVD reagent
HISCL™ Anti-HCV Ⅱ Assay Kit

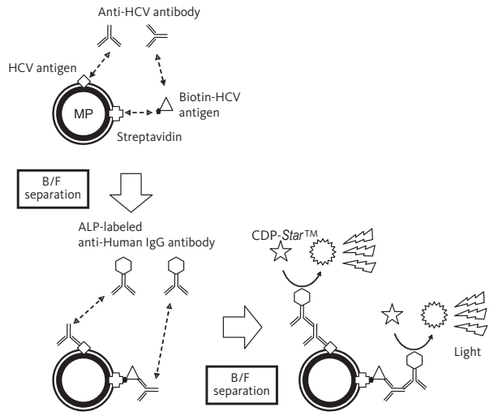
Intended use
For In Vitro Diagnostic Use
Detection of anti-HCV antibody in serum or plasma

Development process and characteristics
Anti-HCV antibody test is commonly performed for the diagnosis of HCV infection and screening of blood donors.
This kit detects anti-HCV antibody based on the chemiluminescence enzyme immunoassay method with CDP-*Star*™ chemiluminescent substrate.
This kit is exclusively designed for Sysmex automated immunoassay system .

Principles of the examination method
This kit detects anti-HCV antibody based on the 2-step sandwich chemiluminescent enzyme immunoassay.

1. Biotinylated HCV antigen in R1 reagent and HCV antigen- coated MP (magnetic particles) in R2 reagent specifically react with anti-HCV antibody in the sample.
2. After B/F separation, ALP (alkaline phosphatase)-labeled anti-human IgG monoclonal antibody (mouse) in R3 reagent reacts with anti-HCV antibody in the sample.
3. After B/F separation, ALP on MP breaks down the CDP-*Star*™ substrate in R5 reagent to an excited intermediate, which produces a luminescent signal.

Since the strength of this signal is proportional to antibody concentration, an evaluation is possible based on the cut-off value established with a sample that contains a known concentration of anti-HCV antibody (HISCL Anti-HCV Ⅱ Calibrator).



Components
This kit consists of the following reagents. 4 - 6 are products which are sold separately.

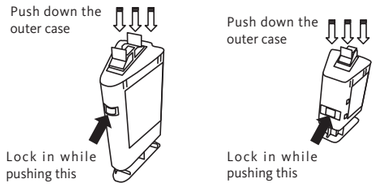
1. R1 reagent: contains biotinylated HCV antigen 0.33 µg/mL
2. R2 reagent: contains magnetic particles coated with HCV antigen 5 mg/mL
3. R3 reagent: contains ALP-labeled anti-human IgG monoclonal antibody (mouse) 0.15 U/mL
4. HISCL Substrate Reagent Set
   (1) R4 reagent
   (2) R5 reagent: contains CDP-*Star*™:
   Disodium 2-chloro-5-(4-methoxyspiro{1,2-dioxetane-3,2'-(5'-chloro)-tricyclo[3.3.1.1^{3,7}]decan}-4-yl)-1-phenyl phosphate 0.48 mM
5. HISCL Washing solution
6. HISCL Anti-HCV Ⅱ Calibrator
   (1) HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ NC
   (2) HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC

[Note 1] R1 reagent and R3 reagent are provided in a two-in-one reagent container.

Warnings and precautions
1. Use the kit according to the method stipulated in the package insert and the analyzer instruction manual. The reliability of results cannot be guaranteed if the kit is used with a method or for a purpose other than those stipulated.
2. Handle each reagent carefully without generating air bubbles, which may produce incorrect analysis results. If bubbles appear, wait until they disappear.
3. Do not combine reagents from different kits. Do not pool reagents even if the Lot Nos. of kits are the same. Use reagents prior to the expiry date. The reliability of results cannot be guaranteed if reagents are used past their expiration date.
4. Avoid contact of R5 reagent with the skin and eyes, since it is an alkaline solution with pH9.6.
5. All Calibrator bottles should be quickly closed after dispensing drops of the Calibrator solution, and then stored at 2-8 °C. If bottles are left open the Calibrators may become concentrated by evaporation, resulting in incorrect calibration.
6. When they are out of the analyzer reagent holder, store R1-R3 reagents at 2-8 °C. Stir R2 reagent according to [Examination procedure] just before you return it to the analyzer. Do not use reagents once they have frozen, since they may exhibit deterioration.
7. The calibration is valid for 30 days. However, even within this period, calibrate again in the following circumstances:
   ・When new R1-R3 reagents are used with another Lot No.
   ・When quality assurance results are abnormal.
   ・After specified maintenance and/or repair of the analyzer (see analyzer instruction manual).
8. R1 reagent, R2 reagent, R3 reagent, R4 reagent, and Calibrators contain sodium azide. Since sodium azide reacts with lead tubing and copper tubing to generate metal azides which can explode, use a large quantity of water when disposing of it. In case of contact with the eyes, mouth, or hands, carry out emergency treatment such as washing with a large quantity of water. If necessary, consult a physician.
9. HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC contains human anti-HCV antibody and is potentially infectious components. Handle with care.
10. Handle samples carefully. They sometimes contain HBV, HCV, HIV, etc.
11. Do not use the reagent bottles, etc. for other purposes.
12. Use only the reagents (R1-R5 reagents, Calibrators and Washing solution) specified in this package insert.
13. Be certain to assemble the reagent containers according to [Examination procedure]. Incorrectly assembled containers may result in device errors or cause evaporation of reagents.
14. Install R4 reagent and R5 reagent carefully to prevent contamination by alkaline phosphatase in saliva or on skin. To prevent absorption of excess CO_2, do not remove R5 reagent from the instrument until its bottle is empty and requires replacement.

Examination procedure
1. Preparation for measurement
   (1) Gently mix R2 reagent thoroughly by circling the container. Look and confirm that the magnetic particles have mixed uniformly. Do not invert the container.

(2) First of all push down the outer cases of reagent containers firmly to tear the aluminum seals on the inner bottles.



(3) Set the containers at the indicated position in the analyzer.
(4) As a rule dispense 200 µL of the sample to reduce the possible effects of evaporation. Refer to the analyzer instruction manual for the minimum volume.

2. Standard assay method *
(1) Dispense 20 µL of the sample and 120 µL of R1 reagent into a reaction cuvette, and then incubate for 3 minutes at 42 °C.
(2) Dispense 30 µL of R2 reagent into the cuvette, incubate for 2 minutes at 42 °C, and then perform magnetic separation (contact the magnet with the cuvette, and aspirate liquid).
(3) Dispense 200-500 µL of Washing solution, and then perform magnetic separation. Repeat this procedure 3 times.
(4) Dispense 100 µL of R3 reagent into the cuvette, incubate for 3 minutes at 42 °C, and then perform magnetic separation.
(5) Dispense 200-500 µL of Washing solution, and then perform magnetic separation. Repeat this procedure 3 times.
(6) Dispense 50 µL of R4 reagent and mix, dispense 100 µL of R5 reagent and mix, incubate for 5.5 minutes at 42 °C, and then measure light intensity.

3. Setting cut-off value
(1) Gently stir HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ NC and HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC without generating bubbles. Position them according to the analyzer instruction manual.
(2) Carry out procedures according to the "standard assay method", and then measure light intensity.*
(3) Set the cut-off value based on the light intensity in HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC.*
Cut-off value = (P)
Where:
P is the light intensity in HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC

4. Sample measurement
(1) Position a sample according to the analyzer instruction manual.
(2) Carry out procedures according to the "standard assay method", and then measure light intensity.*
(3) Calculate cut-off index (C.O.I.) of sample.*
Cut-off index (C.O.I.) = (S-N)/(C-N)
Where:
S is the light intensity in sample
C is the cut-off value
N is the light intensity in HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ NC

* The analyzer automatically carries out these procedures.

Storage and shelf life after first opening
Store at 2-8 °C. The shelf life is 30 days after opening.
Do not freeze.

Control procedure
Analyze control materials as samples according to [Examination procedure].

Biological reference intervals
Normal sample is negative in this test.

Interpretation of results
The sample is judged positive when the light intensity is above the cut-off value (C.O.I.≥1.0) and negative when the light intensity is below the cut-off value (C.O.I.<1.0).

[Note 2] When a specimen tests positive for anti-HCV antibody, it is necessary to collect longitudinal test results and make a comprehensive assessment based on the results of other HCV-related tests and clinical signs and symptoms.[2]

[Note 3] When a patient is suspected of having HCV infection, it is necessary to collect longitudinal test results and make a comprehensive assessment based on the results of other HCV-related tests and clinical signs and symptoms, even if he/she tests negative with this reagent.[2]

[Note 4] Non-specific reactions can occur in immunoassays.

Performance characteristics
1. Sensitivity
(1) When HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ NC is analyzed, the light intensity is ≤ 20,000 counts.
(2) When HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC is analyzed, the light intensity is 200,000 – 1,000,000 counts.
2. Accuracy
(1) When anti-HCV negative control serum is analyzed, the result is negative.
(2) When anti-HCV positive control serum is analyzed, the result is positive.
3. Reproducibility
(1) When anti-HCV negative control serum is analyzed simultaneously 10 times, the results are all negative.
(2) When anti-HCV positive control serum is analyzed simultaneously 10 times, the results are all positive.
4. Measurement range (minimum detectable value)
C.O.I.≥1.0

[Note 5] Counts:
Unit of light intensity on Sysmex automated immunoassay system.

[Note 6] Anti-HCV negative control serum: C.O.I. ≤ 0.8
Anti-HCV positive control serum: C.O.I. = 4 – 6

Limitations of the examination procedure
Limitation-Interference
Hemoglobin (509 mg/dL or lower), bilirubin (bilirubin F: 20.0 mg/dL or lower, bilirubin C: 21.1 mg/dL or lower), and chylo- microns (1,400 formazine turbidity units or lower), RF (500 IU/mL or lower) each have almost no effect on measurements. [1]

Reagent preparation
All reagents are ready-to-use.

Primary sample collection, handling and storage
Human serum or plasma.
1. Plasma should be collected using EDTA-2Na, EDTA-2K, heparin lithium or heparin sodium as an anticoagulant. Do not use liquid anticoagulant, since it dilutes samples and causes incorrect results. After blood sampling, please measure as soon as possible.
2. If samples must be stored, freeze at -20 °C or lower. Do not repeat freezing and thawing of samples, which may induce formation of particulates and cause incorrect results.
3. Fibrin-clotted samples should be centrifuged at 2,000 xg for 10 min to remove insoluble matter.

Disposal procedures
1. Incinerate used sample tubes or reagent bottles, or dispose of them as medical waste or industrial waste according to the rules stipulated for waste materials.
2. Sterilize any instruments or equipments that have come in contact with specimens using one of the following methods:
・Immerse in 0.05 % formalin solution at 37 °C for 72 hours or longer.
・Immerse in 2 % glutaraldehyde solution for 1 hour or longer.
・Immerse in a solution containing 0.1 % or more sodium hypochlorite for 1 hour or longer.
・Autoclave at 121 °C for at least 1 hour.
3. In case of spillage of samples, liquid wastes or any other biohazard materials, wipe and disinfect the area with 2 % glutaraldehyde solution or 0.1 % or more sodium hypochlorite.

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Traceability of values assigned to calibrators
HISCL HCV Ab Ⅱ PC has been adjusted by in-house standard materials.

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