Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

This product has not been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for In Vitro Diagnostic Use. The product is for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures. Patents Pending.

INTENDED USE

Blood Culture GP (BCP) Verification Kit (RUO) can be used to develop procedures for performance verification of sample-to-answer molecular panels that detect nucleic acids from sepsis-causing gram-positive bacteria and associated antimicrobial resistance genes listed in Table 1. Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) contains two tubes that are composed of a buffered solution with stabilized erythrocytes and leukocytes in a matrix of blood culture media components. Positive Sample: gram-positive bacteria: *Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus epidermidis, Staphylococcus lugdunensis, Streptococcus agalactiae, Streptococcus anginosus* group, *Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus pyogenes, Enterococcus faecalis, Enterococcus faecium*; genus: *Bacillus* spp., *Listeria* spp., *Staphylococcus* spp., *Streptococcus* spp.; antimicrobial resistance genes: *mecA/mecC, vanA,* and *vanB*. Negative Sample: buffered solution only. This product is not intended to replace manufacturer controls provided.

SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLES

Sepsis (defined as system inflammatory response syndrome in response to infection) is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States[1]. Life-threatening bacterial and fungal sepsis currently strikes approximately 240 out of 100,000 people per year in the U.S. (750,000 total cases), with severe sepsis (associated with acute organ dysfunction) in 95 out of 100,000 people[2]. Timely diagnosis and administration of effective treatment can significantly reduce mortality, duration of hospital stays, and costs due to sepsis.

Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) is designed to assist with the development of procedures used to verify performance of molecular testing processes that detect the presence of nucleic acids from various gram-positive bacteria, train personnel, and evaluate operator proficiency.

REAGENTS

Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) contains stabilized human leukocytes and erythrocytes, and the following inactivated bacteria and bacteria components (see Table 1) in simulated blood culture media. Each verification kit is supplied with 10 purple-capped 0.5mL microtubes, each containing 300µL of the Positive Sample formulation, and 10 white-capped 0.5mL microtubes, each containing 300µL of the Negative Sample formulation.

PRECAUTIONS

1. Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) is for Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.
2. **CAUTION**: All blood products should be treated as potentially infectious. All human source material used to manufacture this product was previously established to be negative for the target analytes by a third party; non-reactive for antigens to Hepatitis B (HBsAg), negative by tests for antibodies to HIV (HIV-1/HIV-2) and Hepatitis C (HCV), non-reactive for HIV-1 RNA, and HCV RNA by licensed NAT, and non-reactive to Serological Test for Syphilis (STS), West Nile Virus and Chagas disease. Because no known test method can assure complete absence of human pathogens, this product should be handled with appropriate precautions.
3. **CAUTION**: All bacterial products should be treated as potentially infectious. Source material from which this product was derived was inactivated and tested in accordance with CDC/USDA "Guidance on the Inactivation or Removal of Select Agents and Toxins for Future Use." These procedures cannot offer assurance that products containing bacteria are non-infectious.
4. These RUO lots should not be disposed of in general waste but should be disposed of with infectious medical waste. Disposal by incineration is recommended.
5. These RUO lots are intended for use as supplied. Adulteration by dilution or addition of any materials to the vials invalidates the use of the product.

STORAGE

Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) is stored at 2 °C to 25 °C.

INDICATION OF PRODUCT DETERIORATION

Discoloration of the product may be caused by overheating or freezing during shipping or storage. Dark colored (gross hemolysis) supernatant may be indicative of product deterioration. However, light colored (moderate hemolysis) or cloudy supernatant is normal and should not be confused with deterioration of the product.

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Adding Verification Sample

1. **Verification samples should be processed in control mode when required per manufacturer's instructions or when given as an option for sample-to-results tests.**
2. If refrigerated, remove verification tubes from the refrigerator and allow to sit at room temperature to acclimate for 15 minutes before use. Vortex the Positive and Negative tubes at a high speed for 30 seconds. **Note: Always use aseptic technique when handling verification tubes to prevent cross-contamination or environmental contamination**.
   a. Verify the Positive Sample tube has been adequately mixed by inverting the tube and examining the bottom for the absence of cellular material.
   b. Flash spin the tube to remove material from cap.
   c. Open the tube and mix the sample via pipet by repeatedly pipetting up and down 5-10 times.
3. Remove 300µL of sample and process according to the manufacturer's instructions for sample-to-results tests.
   a. Each verification tube has sufficient volume for one test and can be discarded after use.
4. Repeat Steps 1-3 with Negative Sample tube.

LIMITATIONS

Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) should be used in accordance with local, state, federal regulations, and accreditation requirements.

EXPECTED RESULTS

All organisms and resistance genes stated in the control should be "Detected," "Not Detected," or "Not Reviewed," as indicated (see Table 1).

REFERENCES

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Table 1: Blood Culture GP Verification Kit (RUO) Positive Sample and Negative Sample Results Summary

Gram-Positive Bacteria		
Target	**Positive Sample**	**Negative Sample**
Bacillus spp.	Detected	Not Detected
Listeria spp.	Detected	Not Detected
Staphylococcus spp.	Detected	Not Detected
Staphylococcus aureus	Detected	Not Detected
Staphylococcus epidermidis	Detected	Not Detected
Staphylococcus lugdunensis	Detected	Not Detected
Streptococcus spp.	Detected	Not Detected
Streptococcus agalactiae	Detected	Not Detected
Streptococcus anginosus group	Detected	Not Detected
Streptococcus pneumoniae	Detected	Not Detected
Streptococcus pyogenes	Detected	Not Detected
Enterococcus faecalis	Detected	Not Detected
Enterococcus faecium	Detected	Not Detected
Antimicrobial Resistance Genes		
Gene	**Positive Sample**	**Negative Sample**
mecA/mecC	Detected	Not Reviewed
vanA	Detected	Not Reviewed
vanB	Detected	Not Reviewed

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