

MALERISCAN[®]

MALARIA

P.f./P.v 3 LINE CARD TEST

Qualitative Detection of Antibodies of all isotypes specific to Malaria P.f. & P.v. in human Serum or plasma

READ THE PACK INSERT CAREFULLY BEFORE PERFORMING THE TEST

CATALOGUE : MCT

INTENDED USE : MALERISCAN MALARIA P.f./P.v 3 LINE CARD TEST is an immunochromatography based assay for the qualitative detection of antibodies of all isotypes specific to P.f. & P.v in human serum or plasma.

INTRODUCTION : Malaria is a serious, sometimes fatal, parasitic disease characterized by the fever, chills and anemia and is caused by a parasite that is transmitted from one human to another by the bite of infected Anopheles mosquitoes. There are four kinds of malaria that can infect humans : Plasmodium falciparum, P.vivax, P.ovale, and P. malariae. In humans, the parasites (called sporozoites) migrate to the liver where they mature and release another form, the merozoites. The Malaria P.f./P.v. test is a immunochromatographic (rapid) test for the qualitative detection of antibodies of all isotypes (IgA, IgG and IgM) specific to Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax in human serum or plasma.

TEST PRINCIPLE : Malaria P.f./P.v. 3 line test device consists of a sample window containing an absorbant pad where the serum/plasma is to be added. It contains a Membrane strip, which is pre-coated with recombinant malaria P.f. capture antigen (MSP, CSP) on test band P.f.region and with recombinant malaria P.v. capture antigen (MSP, CSP) on test band P.v. region. The recombinant malaria P.f./P.v. antigen (MSP, CSP)-colloidal gold conjugate and serum sample moves along the membrane chromatographically to the test region (P.f, P.v.) and forms a visible line as the antigen-antibody-antigen gold particle complex forms with high degree of sensitivity and specificity. The control line is used for procedural control. Control line should always appear if the procedure is performed properly and the reagents are working.

STORAGE AND STABILITY : Kit should be stored between 2°C-30°C in the sealed pouch. The kit is stable until the expiry date mentioned on the pouch when stored under the above conditions.

PACK SIZE : Available in Packs of 5's, 10's, 50's and 100's

CONTENTS OF THE KIT

PACK SIZE	5 Tests	10 Tests	50 Tests	100 Test
Test Device	5 Nos.	10 Nos.	50 Nos.	100 Nos.
Diluent	0.7 ml	1.4 ml	7.0 ml	7mlx2Nos.
10 µl Dropper	5 Nos.	10 Nos.	50 Nos.	100 Nos.
Silicagel	5 Nos.	10 Nos.	50 Nos.	100 Nos.

MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED :

- Sterilized vial
- Disposable gloves
- Precision pipette
- Sodium hypochlorite solution (Free available chlorine 50-500mg/L)
- Autoclaved Tips.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS :

In order to obtain reproducible results, the following rules must be observed :

- Read this Pack Insert carefully.
- DO NOT FREEZE THE KITS. If refrigerated the kits should be brought to room temperature before testing. Assay should be conducted at room temperature (15-30°C).
- Do not use the kits beyond their expiry date.
- Use only serum or plasma.
- Carefully observe the prescribed number of drops to be added, 10µl or 1 drop of serum or plasma and 2 drops of diluent only.
- Use the test device soon after it is removed from the pouch.
- Do not use the test device, if the pouch seal is broken.
- Avoid any contamination among samples; for this purpose, disposable tips and sterilized vial should be used for each sample and reagent.
- Read the Positive result in 10 minutes and Negative result in 20 minutes. Do not interpret the result after 20 minutes.
- Do not smoke, eat drink or apply cosmetics during the assay.
- For Invitro Diagnostc Use only.
- For single use only.
- Avoid using haemolytic, lipaemic, icteric or bacterially contaminated specimens. Otherwise they may give erroneous results.

SPECIMEN : Fresh Serum or Plasma.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION :

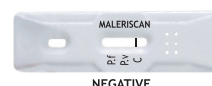
- Collect blood in a clean, dry, Sterilized vial and allow it to clot. Separate the serum by centrifugation at 5000 r.p.m for 15 minutes at room temperature.
- If serum is not to be assayed immediately it should be stored at 2-8°C or if storing more than 3 days then freeze the specimen at -20°C or below.

ASSAY PROCEDURE

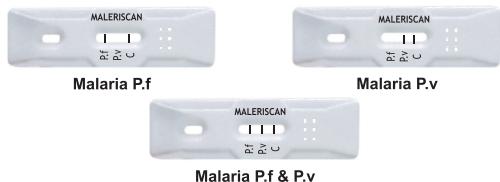
- Bring the pouch to room temperature.
- Remove the device from the pouch just prior to testing.
- Place the device on a flat surface.
- Add 10 µl or 1 drop or serum or plasma into the sample window and allow to soak in.
- Add 2 drops of diluent provided in the dropper bottle into the same sample window.
- Read the Positive results in 10 minutes & Negative results in 20 minutes. DO NOT READ ANY RESULT BEYOND TWENTY MINUTES.
- Any line appearing after 20 minutes would be of no diagnostic value.

INTERPRETATIONS OF THE TEST

Negative : The Presence of only One Band at "C" with in the result window indicates a Negative Results.



Positive : The Presence of a Band at "C" and bands at "P.f." and/or "P.v." within the results window indicates the Positive Result for "P.f." and / or "P.v." respectively.



Invalid : If no lines appear or line appears at "P.f." and / or "P.v." within the Result Window after performing the test, the result considered invalid. The directions may not have been followed correctly or the silicagel might have turned white. Repeat the test with a new device.



Performance Characteristics

The MaleriScan Malaria P.f/P.v. 3 line card test has been tested with positive and negative clinical samples tested by microscopic examination of whole blood.

A. Malaria P.f Sensitivity and Specificity

No. of positive Samples tested	No. of positive by Malaria P.f/P.v.3 line Antibody Card	Sensitivity	No. of negative Samples tested	No. of negative by Malaria P.f/P.v.3 line Antibody Card	Specificity
170	150	88.2%	200	197	98.5%

B. Malaria P.v Sensitivity and Specificity

No. of positive Samples tested	No. of positive by Malaria P.f/P.v.3 line Antibody Card	Sensitivity	No. of negative Samples tested	No. of negative by Malaria P.f/P.v.3 line Antibody Card	Specificity
173	158	91.3%	208	205	98.5%

Limitations of the Test :

The test is limited to the detection of antibodies to Malaria both Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax simultaneously. Although the test is very accurate in detecting antibodies to Malaria P.f/P.v a low incidence of false results can occur. Other clinically available tests are required if questionable results are obtained. As with all diagnostic tests, a definitive clinical diagnosis should not be based on the results of a single test, but should only be made by the physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.

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	Batch Code
	Use by
	Date of Manufacture
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	In vitro Diagnostic Device
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