



ASO LATEX KIT

IVD For *in vitro* diagnostic and professional use only



Store at 2-8°C.



INTENDED USE

ATLAS ASO latex Test is used for the qualitative and semi-quantitative measurement of antibodies to Antistreptolysin-O in human serum.

INTRODUCTION

The group A β -hemolytic streptococci produce various toxins that can act as antigens. One of these exotoxins streptolysin-O, was discovered by Todd in 1932.

A person infected with group A hemolytic streptococci produces specific antibodies against these exotoxins, one of which is antistreptolysin-O. The quantity of this antibody in a patient's serum will establish the degree of infection due to the hemolytic streptococcal.

The usual procedure for the determination of the antistreptolysin titer is based on the inhibitory effect that the patient's serum produces on the hemolytic power of a pre-titrated and reduced streptolysin-O. However, the antigen-antibody reaction occurs independently of the hemolytic activity of streptolysin-O. This property enables the establishment of a qualitative and quantitative test for the determination of the antistreptolysin-O by agglutination of latex particles on slide.

PRINCIPLE

ASO test method is based on an immunologic reaction between streptococcal exotoxins bound to biologically inert latex particles and streptococcal antibodies in the test sample. Visible agglutination occurs when increased antibody level is present in the test specimen.

MATERIALS

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- ASO Latex Reagent: Latex particles coated with streptolysin O, pH, 8,2. Preservative.
- ASO Positive Control (Red cap): Human serum with an ASO concentration > 200 IU/mL. Preservative.
- ASO Negative Control (Blue cap) Animal serum. Preservative.
- Glycine Buffer (20x): add one part to nineteen parts of distilled water before use.

- Glass Slide.
- Stirring Sticks.
- Package Insert

Note: This package insert is also used for individually packed reagent.

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- Mechanical rotator with adjustable speed at 80-100 r.p.m.
- Vortex mixer.
- Pippetes 50 μ L.
- Glycine Buffer 20x (1000 mmol/l): add one part to nineteen parts of distilled water before use.

PRECAUTIONS

- All reagents contain 0.1 %(w/v) sodium azide as a preservative.
- Protective clothing should be worn when handling the reagents.
- Wash hands and the test table top with water and soap once the testing is done.
- Reagents containing sodium azide may be combined with copper and lead plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides. Dispose of reagents by flushing with large amounts of water to prevent azide buildup.
- For In Vitro diagnostic use.
- Components prepared using human serum found negative for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), HCV and antibody to HIV (1/2) by FDA required test. However, handle controls as if potentially infectious.
- Accuracy of the test depends on the drop size of the latex reagent (40 μ l). Use only the dropper supplied with latex and hold it perpendicularly when dispensing.
- Use a clean pipette tip and stirring stick for each specimen, and glass slides should be thoroughly rinsed with water and wiped with lint-free tissue after each use.
- Check reactivity of the reagent using the controls provided.
- Do not use these reagents if the label is not available or damaged.
- Do not use the kit if damaged or the glass vials are broken or leaking and discard the contents immediately.
- Test materials and samples should be discarded properly in a biohazard container.

REAGENT PREPARATION:

ASO Latex reagent is ready to use. No preparation is required. Mix gently before use to ensure a uniform suspension of particles.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- Reagents are stable until specified expiry date on bottle label when stored refrigerated (2-8°C).
- **DO NOT FREEZE.**
- The ASO Latex Reagent, once shaken must be uniform without visible clumping. When stored refrigerated, a slight sedimentation may occur and should be considered normal.
- Do not use the latex reagent or controls if they become contaminated.
- Always keep vials in vertical position. If the position is changed, gently mix to dissolve aggregates that may be present.
- Reagents deterioration: Presence of particles and turbidity.

SAMPLES

- Use fresh serum collected by centrifuging clotted blood.
- If the test cannot be carried out on the same day, store the specimen for 7 days at 2-8°C and for 3 months at -20°C.
- Samples with presence of fibrin should be centrifuged before testing. Do not use highly hemolyzed or lipemic samples.
- **DO NOT USE PLASMA.**

PROCEDURE

A. Qualitative Test:

1. Allow the reagents and samples to reach room temperature. The sensitivity of the test may be reduced at low temperatures.
2. Place (40 μ L) of the sample and one drop of each Positive and Negative controls into separate circles on the slide test.
3. Mix the ASO-latex reagent vigorously or on a vortex mixer before using and add one drop (40 μ L) next to the sample to be tested.
4. Mix the drops with a stirrer, spreading them over the entire surface of the circle. Use different stirrers for each sample.
5. Place the slide on a mechanical rotator at 80-100 r.p.m. for 2 minutes. False positive results could appear if the test is read later than two minutes.

B. Semi-quantitative method

1. Make serial two-fold dilutions of the sample in buffer solution.
2. Proceed for each dilution as in the qualitative method.

QUALITY CONTROL

- Positive and Negative Controls should be included in each test batch.
- Acceptable performance is indicated when a uniform milky suspension with no agglutination is observed with the ASO Negative Control and agglutination with large aggregates is observed with the ASO Positive Control.

CALCULATIONS

The approximate ASO concentration in the patient sample is calculated as follows:

$$200 \times \text{ASO Titer} = \text{IU/mL}$$

READING AND INTERPRETATION

Examine macroscopically the presence or absence of visible agglutination immediately after removing the slide from the rotator. The presence of agglutination indicates an ASO concentration equal or greater than 200 IU/mL

The titer, in the semi-quantitative method, is defined as the highest dilution showing a positive result.

REFERENCE VALUES

Up to 200 IU/mL(adults) and 100 IU/mL (children < 5 years old). Each laboratory should establish its own reference range.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Analytical sensitivity:

200 (±50) IU/ml.

PROZONE EFFECT

No prozone effect was detected up to 1500 IU/ml.

SENSITIVITY

98%.

SPECIFICITY

97%.

INTERFERENCES

NON-INTERFERING SUBSTANCES:

- Hemoglobin (10 g/L)
- Bilirubin(20 mg/dL)
- Lipids (10 g/L)
- Rheumatoid factors (300 IU/mL)
- Other substances may interfere.

LIMITATIONS

- Reaction time is critical. If reaction time exceeds 2 minutes, drying of the reaction mixture may cause false positive result.
- Freezing the ASO Latex Reagent will result in spontaneous agglutination.
- Intensity of agglutination is not necessarily indicative of relative ASO concentration; therefore, screening reactions should not be graded.
- False positive results may be obtained in conditions such as, rheumatoid arthritis, scarlet fever, tonsillitis, several streptococcal infections and healthy carriers.
- Early infections and children from 6 months to 2 years may cause false negative results. A single ASO determination does not produce much information about the actual state of the disease.
- Titrations at biweekly intervals during 4 or 6 weeks are advisable to follow the disease evolution.
- Clinical diagnosis should not be made on findings of a single test result, but should integrate both clinical and laboratory data.

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	In Vitro diagnostic medical device		Caution
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests and Relative size		Consult instructions for use (IFU)
	Batch code		Manufacturer
	Fragile, handle with care		Use-by date
	Manufacturer fax number		Do not use if package is damaged
	Manufacturer telephone number		Date of Manufacture
	Keep away from sunlight		Keep dry
	Positive control		Negative control