

Urinalysis
reagent strips (Urine)

For rapid detection of multiple analytes in human urine.
for in vitro diagnostic use only.

INTENDED USE

The Reagent Strip for Urinalysis are firm plastic strips
onto which several separate reagent areas are affixed.
Reagent Strip for Urinalysis are intended for the semi-
quantitative, qualitative Urinalysis of Glucose, Protein,
Ketone, pH, Leukocytes, Bilirubin, Specific Gravity, Blood,
Urobilinogen, Nitrite in human urine sample. The
Reagent Strips for Urinalysis are for single use in
professional near-patient (point-of-care) and
centralised laboratory locations.

SUMMARY

The Reagent Strip for Urinalysis can be used in general
evaluation of health, and aids in the diagnosis and
monitoring of metabolic or systemic diseases that affect
kidney function, endocrine disorders and diseases or
disorders of the urinary tract.

PRINCIPLE AND EXPECTED VALUES

Specific Gravity: This test is based on the apparent pKa
change of certain pretreated polyelectrolytes in relation
to ionic concentration. In the presence of an indicator,
colours range from deep blue-green in urine of low ionic
concentration to green and yellow-green in urine of
increasing ionic concentration. Randomly collected
urine may vary in Specific Gravity from 1.003-1.035.3
Twenty-four hour urine from healthy adults with normal
diets and fluid intake will have a Specific Gravity of
1.016-1.022.3 In cases of severe renal damage, the
Specific Gravity is fixed at 1.010, the value of the
glomerular filtrate.

pH: This test is based on a double indicator system
which gives a broad range of colours covering the entire
urinary pH range. Colours range from orange to yellow
and green to blue. The expected range for normal urine
specimens from newborns is pH 5-7.4 The expected
range for other normal urine specimens is pH 4.5-8, with
an average result of pH 6.4

Leukocytes: This test reveals the presence of
granulocyte esterases. The esterases cleave a
derivatised pyrazole amino acid ester to
liberate derivatised hydroxy pyrazole. Then react with a
diazonium salt to produce a violet dye. The test detects
both intact and lysed Leukocytes.

Nitrite: This test depends upon the conversion of nitrate
to nitrite by the action of Gram negative bacteria, or
common urinary tract infection causing organisms like
E. coli in the urine. It is based on the Griess' test
principle. In an acidic medium, Nitrite in the urine reacts
with p-arsanilic acid to form a diazonium compound.
The diazonium compound in turn couples with 1N-(1-
naphthyl)-ethylenediamine to produce a pink colour.
Nitrite is not detectable in normal urine.4 The Nitrite
area will be positive in some cases of infection,
depending on how long the urine specimens were
retained in the bladder prior to collection. Retrieval of
positive cases with the Nitrite test ranges from as low as
40% in cases where little bladder incubation occurred,
to as high as approximately 80% in cases where bladder
incubation took place for at least 4 hours.

Protein: This reaction is based on the phenomenon
known as the "protein error" of pH indicators where an
indicator that is highly buffered will change colour in the
presence of Proteins (anions) as the indicator releases
hydrogen ions to the Protein. At a constant pH, the
development of any green colours is due to the presence
of Protein. High pH (up to 9), chloroquine, tolbutamide,
quinine, or quinidine do not affect this test. Colours
range from yellow to yellow-green for negative results
and green to green-blue for positive results. This test is
particularly sensitive to albumin.

Glucose: This test is not affected by the presence of
Ketones, or the pH of the urine. This test is a specific
glucose-oxidase/peroxidase (GOD/POD) reaction based
method.

Ketone: Ketones are normally not present in urine.
Detectable Ketone levels may occur in urine during
physiological stress conditions such as fasting,
pregnancy and frequent strenuous exercise.5-7 In
starvation diets, or in other abnormal carbohydrate
metabolism situations, Ketones appear in the urine in
excessively high concentrations before serum Ketones
are elevated.8 The test is based on the Legal test
principle.

Urobilinogen: This test is based on the azo-coupling
reaction of a stable diazonium salt with Urobilinogen in
a strongly acidic medium to produce a red azo colour.
Urobilinogen is one of the major compounds produced
in heme synthesis and is a normal substance in urine.
The expected range for normal urine with this test is 0.2-
1.0 mg/dL (3.5-17 mol/L).3 A result of more than 1.0
mg/dL (17 mol/L) should be examined further.

Bilirubin: This test is based on the azo-coupling reaction
of Bilirubin with diazotized dichloroaniline in a strongly
acidic medium. Varying Bilirubin levels will produce a
pinkish-tan colour proportional to its concentration in
urine. In normal urine, no Bilirubin is detectable by even
the most sensitive methods. Even trace amounts of
Bilirubin require further investigation. Atypical results
(colours different from the negative or positive colour
blocks shown on the colour chart) may indicate that
Bilirubin-derived bile pigments are present in the urine
specimen, and are possibly masking the Bilirubin
reaction.

Blood: This test is based on the peroxidase-like activity
of Hemoglobin which catalyzes the reaction of
diisopropylbenzene dihydroperoxide and 3,3',5,5'-
tetramethylbenzidine. The resulting colour ranges from
yellow to green to dark blue. Any green spots or green
colour development on the reagent area within 60
seconds is significant and should be examined further.
Blood is often, but not invariably, found in the urine of
menstruating females. The significance of a trace
reading varies among patients and clinical judgment is
required in these specimens.

REAGENTS AND PERFORMANCE
CHARACTERISTICS

Based on the dry weight at the time of impregnation,
the concentrations given may vary within
manufacturing tolerances. The following table below
indicates read times and performance characteristics
for each parameter.

Table with 4 columns: Reagent, Read Time, Composition, and Description. Rows include Specific Gravity (SG), pH, Leukocytes (LEU), Nitrite (NIT), Protein (PRO), Glucose (GLU), Ketone Bodies (KET), and Urobilinogen (URO).

Table with 4 columns: Reagent, Read Time, Composition, and Description. Rows include Bilirubin (BIL) and Blood (ERY, Hb).

The performance characteristics of the Reagent Strips
for Urinalysis (Urine) have been determined in both
laboratory and clinical tests. Parameters of importance
to the user are sensitivity, specificity, accuracy and
precision. Generally, this test has been developed to be
specific for the parameters to be measured with the
exceptions of the interferences listed. Please refer to the
Limitations section in this package insert.

Interpretation of visual results is dependent on several
factors: the variability of colour perception, the
presence or absence of inhibitory factors, and the
lighting conditions when the strip is read. Each colour
block on the chart corresponds to a range of analyte
concentrations.

PRECAUTIONS

- For in vitro diagnostic use only. Do not use after the
expiration date.
- The strip should remain in the closed canister until
use.
- Do not touch the reagent areas of the strip.
- Discard any discoloured strips that may have
deteriorated.
- All specimens should be considered potentially
hazardous and handled in the same manner as an
infectious agent.
- The used strip should be discarded according to
local regulations after testing.
- The desiccant is a silicate-based non-toxic
substance. Do not consume.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store as packaged in the closed canister either at room
temperature or refrigerated (2-30°C). Keep out of direct
sunlight. The strip is stable through the expiration date
printed on the canister label. Do not remove the
desiccant. Remove only enough strips for immediate
use. Replace cap immediately and tightly to avoid
questionable results in high humidity conditions. DO
NOT FREEZE. Do not use beyond the expiration date.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

A urine specimen must be collected in a clean and dry
container and tested as soon as possible. Do not
centrifuge. The use of urine preservatives or stabilisers
is not recommended. If testing cannot be done within
an hour after voiding, refrigerate the specimen
immediately and let it return to room temperature
before testing.

Do not leave urine specimen at room temperature for
more than 2 hours. Prolonged storage of unpreserved
urine at room temperature may result in microbial
proliferation with resultant changes in pH. Do not
expose urine specimens to sunlight. Sunlight causes
Urobilinogen and Bilirubin to oxidize, giving artificially
low results.

Contamination of the urine specimen with skin
cleansers containing chlorhexidine may affect Protein
(and to a lesser extent, Specific Gravity and Bilirubin)
test results. Detergent or strongly oxidizing disinfectant
residues found in specimen collection containers may
cause false positive results for Glucose, Protein, and
Blood.

MATERIALS
PROVIDED

- Strips
- Colour chart
- Package insert

MATERIALS
NOT PROVIDED

- Timer
- Specimen collection
container

Urinalysis reagent strips (Urine)

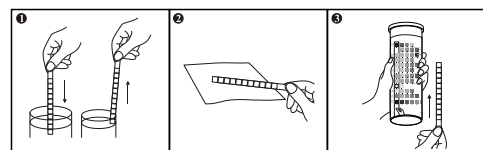
DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Allow the strip, urine specimen, and/or controls to reach room temperature (2-30°C) prior to testing.

1. Remove the strip from the closed Container and use it as soon as possible. Immediately close the Container tightly after removing the required number of strip(s). Completely immerse the reagent areas of the strip in fresh, well-mixed urine and immediately remove the strip to avoid dissolving the reagents. See illustration 1 below.
2. While removing the strip from the urine, run the edge of the strip against the rim of the urine container to remove excess urine. Hold the strip in a horizontal position and bring the edge of the strip into contact with an absorbent material (e.g. a paper towel) to avoid mixing chemicals from adjacent reagent areas and/or soiling hands with urine. See illustration 2 below.
3. Read results at 60 seconds for all reagent areas, by comparing the reagent areas to the closest corresponding colour blocks on the colour chart.

Note:

- Always hold the strip close to the colourchart and compare carefully.
- Do not read results after 2 minutes from the specified times.
- Do not read results if colour changes only appear along the edge of the reagent areas.
- The results for Blood include Erythrocytes (ERY) and Hemoglobin (Hb). Read results according to both groups of colour blocks.
- Results may also be read using the Urine Analyzer. Refer to the Instruction Manual for details.



INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Results are obtained by direct comparison of the colour blocks printed on the colour chart. The colour blocks represent nominal values; actual values will vary close to the nominal values. In the event of unexpected or questionable results, the following steps are recommended: confirm that the strips have been tested within the expiration date printed on the canister label, compare results with known positive and negative controls and repeat the test using a new strip. If the problem persists, discontinue using the strip immediately and contact your local distributor.

QUALITY CONTROL

For best results, performance of reagent strips should be confirmed by testing known positive and negative specimens/controls whenever a new test is performed, or whenever a new canister from a new lot is first opened. Each laboratory should establish its own goals for adequate standards of performance.

LIMITATIONS

Note: The Reagent Strips for Urinalysis may be affected by substances that cause abnormal urine colour such as drugs containing azo dyes (e.g. Pyridium®, Azo Gantrisin®, Azo Ganatanol®), nitrofurantoin (Microdantin®, Furadantin®), and riboflavin. The colour development on the test pad may be masked or a colour reaction may be produced that could be interpreted as false results. As with all laboratory tests, diagnostic and therapeutic decisions should not be based on any single result or method and must be considered with other clinical information available to the physician.

Specific Gravity: Ketoacidosis or Protein concentrations higher than 300 mg/dL may cause elevated results. Results are not affected by non-ionic urine components such as Glucose. If the urine has a pH of 7 or greater, add 0.005 to the Specific Gravity reading indicated on the colour chart.

pH: The pH readings are not affected by variations in urinary buffer concentration.

Leukocytes: The result should be read after 60-120 seconds to allow for complete colour development. The intensity of the colour that develops is proportional to the number of Leukocytes present in the urine specimen. High Specific Gravity or elevated Glucose concentrations (≥ 2000 mg/dL) may cause test results to be artificially low. The presence of cephalixin, cephalothin, or high concentrations of oxalic acid may also cause test results to be artificially low. Tetracycline may cause decreased reactivity, and high levels of the drug may cause a false negative reaction. High urinary Protein (> 500 mg/dL) may diminish the intensity of the reaction colour. This test will not react with Erythrocytes, trichomonads or bacteria common in urine. False positive results may occur in urine containing 20% or more Formaldehyde.

Nitrite: The test is specific for Nitrite and will not react with any other substance normally excreted in urine. Any degree of uniform pink to red colour should be interpreted as a positive result, suggesting the presence of Nitrite. Colour intensity is not proportional to the number of Nitrite-forming bacteria present in the urine specimen. Pink spots or pink edges should not be interpreted as a positive result. Comparing the reacted reagent area on a white background may aid in the detection of low Nitrite levels, which might otherwise be missed. Ascorbic Acid above 30 mg/dL may cause false negatives in urine containing less than 0.05 mg/dL Nitrite ions. The sensitivity of this test is reduced for urine specimens with highly buffered alkaline urine or with high Specific Gravity. A negative result does not at any time preclude the possibility of bacteria. Negative results may occur in urinary tract infections from organisms that do not contain reductase to convert nitrate to nitrite; when urine has not been retained in the bladder for a sufficient length of time (at least 4 hours) for reduction of nitrate to nitrite to occur; when receiving antibiotic therapy or when dietary nitrate is absent.

Protein: This test is highly sensitive for albumin, and less sensitive to Hemoglobin, globulin and mucoprotein. Contamination of urine specimens with quaternary ammonium compounds or skin cleansers containing chlorhexidine may produce false positive results. False positive results can also be caused by blood infusion with polyvinylpyrrolidone.

Glucose: The reagent area does not react with lactose, galactose, fructose or other metabolic substances, nor with reducing metabolites of drugs (e.g. salicylates and nalidixic acid). Effects of Ascorbic Acid on Glucose have been greatly reduced. Glucose concentrations of 5.5 mmol/L and above are not affected by Ascorbic Acid concentrations, and high Ascorbic Acid concentrations will unlikely produce false negative results. The reactivity of the test decreases as the Specific Gravity of urine increases.

Ketone Bodies: The test is more sensitive to acetoacetic acid than to acetone. Urine specimens of high pigment, captopril, mesna, and other substances containing sulfhydryl groups occasionally react may give false positive results. Phenylketone and phthalein compounds can produce red colouration on the edges of the reagent area, but are different than the violet colours caused by the presence of Ketone bodies and should be considered negative.

Urobilinogen: All results lower than 1 mg/dL Urobilinogen should be interpreted as normal. A negative result does not at any time preclude the absence of Urobilinogen. The reagent area will not react with interfering substances known to react with Ehrlich's reagent. False negative results may be obtained if formalin is present. The test cannot be used to detect porphobilinogen.

Bilirubin: Bilirubin is absent in normal urine, so any positive result, including a trace positive, indicates an underlying pathological condition and requires further investigation. Reactions may occur with urine containing large doses of chlorpromazine or rifampin that might be mistaken for positive Bilirubin. The presence of Bilirubin-derived bile pigments may mask the Bilirubin reaction. This phenomenon is characterized by colour development on the test patch that does not correlate with the colours on the colour chart. Large concentrations of Ascorbic Acid may decrease sensitivity.

Blood: A uniform blue colour indicates the presence of myoglobin, Hemoglobin or hemolyzed Erythrocytes. Scattered or compacted blue spots indicate intact Erythrocytes. To enhance accuracy, separate colour scales are provided for Erythrocytes (ERY) and Hemoglobin (Hb). Positive results with this test are often seen with urine from menstruating females. Microbial peroxidase, associated with urinary tract infection, may cause a false positive reaction. Moderate to high concentration of ascorbic acid may inhibit colour formation. In urine with 5-50 Ery/ μ L concentrations, hemolysis which may occur on prolonged standing of the urine can cause for higher concentration values than what are given for intact Erythrocytes.

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INDEX OF SYMBOLS

REF	Product Reference No.	ISO ISO 13485	International Organization or Standardization
	Manufacturer		Keep out of Sunlight
	Expiry date	IVD	For invitro diagnostic use only
LOT	Lot (batch) number		Read product insert before use.
	Store between 2-30°C		Do not use if package is damaged
	Do not reuse		Keep Away From Moisture
	Contains sufficient for test	ART/IFU-306-00	

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