

BLOOD GROUPING REAGENT

Anti-D *alpha*

ALBAclone®

(Human/Murine Monoclonal IgM)

For Slide and Tube Techniques

REF Z031U

- FOR *IN VITRO* DIAGNOSTIC USE
- Meets FDA potency requirements
- Discard if turbid
- Preservative: 0.1% (w/v) sodium azide

CAUTIONS: THE ABSENCE OF ALL VIRUSES HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THIS PRODUCT HAS COMPONENTS (DROPPER BULBS) CONTAINING DRY NATURAL RUBBER.

INTERPRETATION OF LABELING SYMBOLS



Batch code



Use by (YYYY-MM-DD)



Product code



Storage temperature limitation (2-8 °C)



In vitro diagnostic medical device



Consult instructions for use

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Manufacturer



Rx only

INTENDED USE

This Anti-D reagent is for the *in vitro* detection and identification of human RhD blood group status by direct agglutination.

SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

First described in 1939, the RhD antigen is surpassed in importance only by the antigens of the ABO blood group system. Transfusion of RhD positive blood to an RhD negative recipient or failure to

administer prophylactic Anti-D to an RhD negative woman can result in the production of Anti-D. Consequently, establishing the correct RhD group is fundamental to safe transfusion practice. Certain individuals exhibit a quantitative reduction in the expression of their RhD antigen and are categorized as weak D. Others display a qualitative variation in RhD antigen expression and are referred to as partial RhD. Weak D individuals may also be partial RhD.

This monoclonal Anti-D reagent will directly agglutinate red blood cells from most weak D and partial RhD except DVI.

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

When used by the recommended techniques, this reagent will cause the agglutination (clumping) of red blood cells carrying the RhD antigen. Lack of agglutination demonstrates the absence of the RhD antigen.

REAGENT DESCRIPTION

The main component of this reagent is derived from the *in vitro* culture of the IgM secreting human/mouse heterohybridoma:

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The formulation also contains bovine material, potentiators, EDTA and 0.1% (w/v) sodium azide.

NOTE: The volume delivered by the reagent dropper bottle is approximately 40 µL. Care should be taken to ensure that appropriate serum: cell ratios are maintained in all test systems.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

For *in vitro* diagnostic use only
Products should be used by qualified personnel
Do not use beyond the expiration date
Do not use if turbid
Do not dilute

The format of the expiration date is expressed as YYYY-MM-DD (Year-Month-Day)

This reagent contains 0.1% (w/v) sodium azide. Sodium azide may be toxic if ingested and may react with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive compounds. If discarded into sink, flush with a large volume of water to prevent azide build-up.

This reagent is of animal origin (murine and bovine), therefore care must be taken during use and disposal as there is a potential infection risk.

CAUTION: ALL BLOOD PRODUCTS SHOULD BE TREATED AS POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS. SOURCE MATERIAL FROM WHICH THIS PRODUCT WAS DERIVED WAS FOUND NEGATIVE WHEN TESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT FDA REQUIRED TESTS. NO KNOWN TEST METHODS CAN OFFER ASSURANCE THAT PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM HUMAN BLOOD WILL NOT TRANSMIT INFECTIOUS AGENTS.

The bovine material used in the manufacture of this reagent was collected in a USDA approved facility.

Monoclonal antibodies exhibit a high degree of potency, avidity and specificity. When using such antibodies, great care should be taken to avoid cross contamination. This product has components (dropper bulbs) containing dry natural rubber.

STORAGE

The reagent should be stored at 2-8 °C.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

Specimens should be collected by a standard collection technique. The specimen should be tested as soon as possible after collection. If testing is delayed, the specimen should be stored at refrigerated temperatures.

Clotted samples or those collected in EDTA should be tested within fourteen days from collection. Donor blood may be tested until the expiration date of the donation.

Special care should be taken if hemolyzed samples must be tested. Grossly icteric or contaminated blood specimens should not be used.

MATERIALS

Material provided

- ALBAclone® Anti-D *alpha*

Materials required but not provided

- Isotonic saline
- Reagent red blood cells suitable for the control of Anti-D
- 10 x 75 mm or 12 x 75 mm glass test tubes
- Pipets
- Optical aid (optional)
- Centrifuge
- Glass slides (optional)
- Timer
- Heating block/waterbath

PROCEDURES

General Information

NOTE: This reagent has been standardized for use by the techniques described below and therefore its suitability for use in other techniques cannot be guaranteed.

When a test is required to be incubated for a specific time period, a timer should be used.

It is recommended to allow reagents to reach 20-24 °C prior to use.

When using supplemental testing equipment (i.e. centrifuge), follow the procedures that are contained in the operator's manual provided by the device manufacturer.

Two tube techniques offering different incubation times are described below. Both are equal and will give comparable results. The user can choose the incubation time within the range that is most compatible with their current laboratory procedures.

Tube Technique - Immediate Spin

1. Prepare a 2-4% suspension of red blood cells in isotonic saline solution (Reagent Red Blood Cells may be used directly from the vial or according to the manufacturer's instructions).
2. Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to a glass test tube.
3. Add 1 drop of red blood cell suspension. Steps 2 and 3 may be performed in either order.
4. Mix the contents of the test tube and centrifuge.

NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000 g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of antibody with antigen-positive red blood cells, yet allows easy re-suspension of antigen-negative red blood cells.

5. After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. Negative reactions may be examined with an optical aid.
6. Record results.

Tube Technique – 15 Minute Incubation/Spin

1. Prepare a 2-4% suspension of red blood cells in isotonic saline solution (Reagent Red Blood Cells may be used directly from the vial or according to the manufacturer's instructions).

2. Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to a glass test tube.
3. Add 1 drop of red blood cell suspension. Steps 2 and 3 may be performed in either order.
4. Mix the contents of the test tube and incubate at $37 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ for 15 minutes.
5. Centrifuge the test tube.
NOTE: Suggested centrifugation: 900-1000 g (approx. 3400 rpm) for 10 seconds or a time and speed appropriate for the centrifuge used that produces the strongest reaction of antibody with antigen-positive red blood cells, yet allows easy re-suspension of antigen-negative red blood cells.
6. After centrifugation, gently shake the tube to dislodge the cell button from the bottom and immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. Negative reactions may be examined with an optical aid.
7. Record results.

Slide Technique

1. Add 1 drop of blood grouping reagent to an appropriately prepared area of a glass slide e.g. a wax pencil oval.
2. Add 1 drop of whole blood or 1 drop of red blood cells suspended to approximately 30-45% in group homologous plasma/serum.
3. Mix by rocking the slide for approximately 30 seconds and incubate the test at $18-24^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 minutes with occasional mixing.
4. After incubation, immediately observe macroscopically for agglutination. This may be facilitated by reading over a diffuse light source.
5. Record results.

Refer to Performance Limitations section for additional guidance on the use of this product.

STABILITY OF REACTION

Test results should be read, interpreted and recorded immediately after centrifugation. Delays may cause dissociation of antigen-antibody complexes resulting in weak positive or false negative reactions.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Agglutination	=	positive test result
No agglutination	=	negative test result

QUALITY CONTROL

Quality control of reagents is essential and should be performed on each day of use and in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

RhD(+) red blood cells should be used as a positive control. Suggested phenotype, R₁r.
RhD(-) red blood cells should be used as a negative control. Suggested phenotype, rr.

PERFORMANCE LIMITATIONS

Some very weak D and/or partial D samples may not react with monoclonal Anti-D reagents.

False positive test results are rarely seen with low-protein reagents. False positive agglutination may be due to a positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT), cold agglutinins, or abnormal serum proteins. A control test should always be used if a sample groups as AB RhD positive. If a control test for spontaneous agglutination is desired, ALBAcheck® - BGS Monoclonal Control (Z271U) or 6-10% albumin in saline may be substituted for the blood grouping reagent in the testing procedure. A negative result would serve as an appropriate control. If the monoclonal control test gives a positive reaction, a valid interpretation of the results obtained in red blood cell testing cannot be made without further investigation.

This reagent is potentiated to aid in the detection of weak D and partial D. Very weak agglutination detected at immediate spin ($\leq 1+$) should be tested using an alternative reagent by the Indirect Antihuman Globulin Test technique prior to the final determination of the RhD type. Certain tests performed on unwashed samples (e.g. cord), or samples stored and tested at below 20°C , may exhibit false positive reactions due to the potentiators used in the formulation of this reagent.

This reagent formulation can generate unexpected reactivity with red blood cells positive for the low-incidence Crawford antigen (RH43), which expresses D-specific epitopes on the Rhce protein. In the absence of the *RHD* gene, reactivity with the Crawford phenotype may be observed using direct tube techniques dependent upon sample age.

Slide techniques are not recommended for the detection of weakened antigen expression. If the detection of antigens exhibiting weakened or modified expression is required, negative slide tests should be confirmed by tube testing.

Heating blocks and waterbaths promote better heat transfer and are recommended for 37°C tests, particularly where the incubation period is 30 minutes or less.

The expression of certain red blood cell antigens may diminish in strength during storage, particularly in EDTA and clotted samples. Better results will be obtained with fresh samples.

Gently re-suspend tube tests before reading. Excessive agitation may disrupt weak agglutination and produce false negative results.

Excessive centrifugation can lead to difficulty in resuspending the cell button, while inadequate centrifugation may result in agglutinates that are easily dispersed.

False positive or false negative results can occur due to contamination of test materials, improper reaction temperature, improper storage of materials, omission of test reagents and certain disease states.

Suppressed or weak expression of blood group antigens may give rise to false negative reactions.

Care should be taken when testing red blood cells that have been treated with proteolytic enzymes, as these may produce false positive or false negative results.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Prior to release, each lot of ALBAclone® Anti-D *alpha* is tested using FDA recommended methods against a panel of antigen-positive and antigen-negative red blood cells to ensure suitable reactivity.

Comparator Study Results

During comparator studies (data on file at Alba Bioscience Limited), blood samples were tested with ALBAclone® Anti-D *alpha* (Monoclonal) as follows*:

Anti-D <i>alpha</i>		Comparator Reagent			One-sided 95% Exact lower confidence limit
		Positive	Negative	Total	
Trial Reagent	Positive	349	0	349	
	Negative	0	56	56	
	Total	349	56	405	
Positive Percent Agreement*				100	99.15
Negative Percent Agreement*				100	94.79

* The data presented in this table was generated during field trials executed in support of the original US licensing of this reagent.

This Anti-D reagent will directly agglutinate red blood cells from most known RhD categories except DVI.

This reagent will also directly agglutinate most weak D and unclassified partial D samples.

TECHNICAL NOTE

- It is important to note that monoclonal Anti-D reagents vary widely in their ability to detect both partial D and weak D.
- Patients should not be classified as D positive on the basis of a weak reaction with a single Anti-D reagent. If clear positive results are not obtained with two monoclonal Anti-D reagents it is safer to classify the patient as D negative.
- Reagents used to test patients for the RhD antigen should not detect category DVI, unless tested at IAT.
- Patients with known partial D status should be regarded as D negative.
- Reagents used to test donors for the RhD antigen should detect category DVI.
- Donors with known partial D status should be regarded as D positive.
- If a weak D or partial D is suspected, then further testing/investigation should be performed to determine the D status of the sample.

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