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PCT
Fast Test Kit
(Immunofluorescence Assay)

IF1007 for Getein1100
IF2007 for Getein1600
IF3007 for Getein1160
IF3007 for Getein1180
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IF6007 for Getein208

User Manual

INTENDED USE

PCT Fast Test Kit (Immunofluorescence Assay) is intended for in vitro quantitative determination of Procalcitonin (PCT) in human serum, plasma or whole blood samples. The test is used as an aid in the assessment and evaluation of patients suspected of bacterial infection, trauma or shock.

SUMMARY

PCT is a peptide precursor of the hormone calcitonin, the latter being involved with calcium homeostasis. It is composed of 116 amino acids and is produced by parafollicular cells (C cells) of the thyroid and by the neuroendocrine cells of the lung and the intestine.

Measurement of PCT can be used as a marker of severe sepsis and generally grades well with the degree of sepsis, although levels of PCT in the blood are very low. PCT has the greatest sensitivity and specificity for differentiating patients with systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) from those with sepsis.

PCT levels may be useful to distinguish bacterial infections from nonbacterial infections. It has shown that PCT may help guide therapy and reduce antibiotic use, which can help save on cost of antibiotic prescriptions and drug resistance.

PRINCIPLE

The test uses an anti-human PCT monoclonal antibody conjugated with fluorescence latex. For PCT product, test line 1 was coated with anti-human PCT polyclonal antibody and test line 2 was coated with another anti-human PCT monoclonal antibody. After the sample has been applied to the test strip, the fluorescence latex-labelled anti-human PCT monoclonal anti-body binds with the PCT in sample and forms a marked antigen-antibody complex. This complex moves to the test card detection zone by capillary action. Then marked antigen antibody complex is captured on the test line by the other anti-human PCT monoclonal antibody or the polyclonal antibody. The fluorescence intensity of the test line increases in proportion to the amount of PCT in sample.

Then Insert test card into Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer/Getein208 Hand-held Integrated System/automatically inserted by Getein1200/Getein1600 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer (hereafter referred to as Getein1100, Getein1160, Getein1180, Getein208, Getein1200 and Getein1600), the concentrations of PCT in sample will be measured and displayed on the screen. The value will be stored in Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180/Getein208/Getein1200/Getein1600 and available for downloading. The result can be easily transmitted to the laboratory or hospital information system.

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Package specifications: 25 tests/box, 10 tests/box
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2) Disposable pipet
3) User manual: 1 piece/box
4) SD card: 1 piece/box
5) Whole blood buffer：1 bottle/box

2. A kit for Getein208 contains:
Package specifications: 25 tests/box, 10 tests/box
1) PCT test card in a sealed pouch with desiccant
2) Disposable pipet
3) Sample diluent
4) User manual: 1 piece/box
5) SD card: 1 piece/box

3. A kit for Getein1200/Getein1600 contains:
Package specifications: 2×24 tests/kit, 2×48 tests/kit
1) Sealed cartridge with 24/48 Getein PCT test cards
2) User manual: 1 piece/box
Materials required for Getein1200/Getein1600:
1) Sample diluent: 1 bottle/box
2) Box with pipette tips: 1 piece/box
3) Mixing plate: 1 piece/box

4. Whole blood buffer/sample diluent composition:
Phosphate buffered saline, proteins, detergent, preservative, stabilizer.

5. A test card consists of:
A plastic shell and a reagent strip which is composed of a sample pad, fluorescence latex pad, nitrocellulose membrane (one end of the membrane is coated with a fluorescence latex-labelled anti-human PCT monoclonal antibody, the test line are coated with another anti-human PCT monoclonal antibody and polyclonal antibody, and the control line is coated with rabbit anti-mouse IgG antibody), absorbent paper and liner.

Note: Do not mix or interchange different batches of kits.

APPLICABLE DEVICE

Getein1160 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer
Getein208 Hand-held Integrated System
Getein1100 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer
Getein1180 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer
Getein1200 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer
Getein1600 Immunofluorescence Quantitative Analyzer

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store the test card at 4~30℃ with a valid period of 24 months. Use the test card for Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180/Getein208 within 1 hour once the foil pouch is opened.

For test card of Getein1200/Getein1600: if the cartridge is opened, it could be stable within 24 hours once exposed to air. If the test cards can't be used up at a time, please put the cartridge back to the foil pouch and reseal along the entire edge of zip-seal. The remaining test cards should be used up within 7 days.

Store the whole blood buffer/sample diluent at 0~30℃ with a valid period of 24 months.

PRECAUTIONS

1. For in vitro diagnostic use only.
2. Do not use the kit beyond the expiration date.
3. Do not use the test card if the foil pouch or the cartridge is damaged.
4. Do not open pouches or the cartridge until ready to perform the test.
5. Do not reuse the test card.
6. Do not reuse the pipet.
7. Handle all specimens as potentially infectious. Proper handling and disposal methods should be followed in accordance with local regulations.
8. Carefully read and follow the manual to ensure proper test performance.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

1. This test can be used for ***serum, plasma and whole blood samples. Heparin and sodium citrate*** should be used as the anticoagulant for plasma and whole blood. Samples should be free of hemolysis.
2. Suggest using serum or plasma for better results.
3. Serum or plasma can be used directly. For whole blood sample, one drop of whole blood buffer must be added before testing.
4. If testing is delayed, serum and plasma samples may be stored up to 7 days at 2~8℃ or stored at -20℃ for 6 months before testing (whole blood sample may be stored up to 3 days at 2~8℃).
5. Refrigerated or frozen sample should reach room temperature and be homogeneous before testing. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles.
6. Do not use heat-inactivated samples.
7. SAMPLE VOLUME ***(for Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180): 100 μL.***
(for Getein208): 30 μL.

TEST PROCEDURE

1. Collect specimens according to user manual.
2. Test card, sample and reagent should be brought to room temperature before testing.

For Getein1100:

3. Confirm SD card lot No. in accordance with test kit lot No.. Perform SD card calibration when necessary.
4. Remove the test card from the sealed pouch immediately before use. Label the test card with patient or control identification.
5. Put the test card on a clean table, horizontally placed.
6. Using sample transfer pipette, deliver ***100 μL*** of sample into the sample port on the test card (for whole blood sample, one drop of whole blood buffer must be added after loading ***100 μL*** sample on the test card).
7. ***Reaction time: 15 minutes.*** Insert the test card into Getein1100 and press "ENT" button or click on “Start” icon (for Android Getein1100) after reaction time is elapsed. The result will be shown on the screen and printed automatically.

For Getein1160/Getein1180:

8. Confirm SD card lot No.in accordance with test kit lot No.. Perform “SD card”calibration when necessary.
9. Enter testing interface of Getein1160/Getein1180.
10. Remove the test card from the sealed pouch immediately before use.Label the test card with patient or control identification.
11. Put the test card on a clean table,horizontally placed.
12. Using sample transfer pipette, deliver ***100 μL*** of sample into the sample port on the test card (for whole blood sample, one drop of whole blood buffer must be added after loading ***100 μL*** sample on the test card).
13. ***Reaction time: 15 minutes.*** Insert the test card into Getein1160/Getein1180 immediately after sample loading. The analyzer will count down the reaction time and automatically test the card after reaction time is elapsed. The result will be shown on the screen and printed automatically.

For Getein208:

14. Long press the Power Button to start the analyzer
15. The system will enter (Test) menu.
16. Insert the MEMo memory chip which is with the same batch number as the test card.
17. Select (Test) menu, press (OK) to enter [Read Calibration Card] interface.
18. Press (OK) to automatically obtain the test item, batch number, serial number and sampling volume. Select the sample type by pressing＜or＞buttons.
19. Press (OK). The screen then prompts [Insert test card] and starts counting down from 60 sec. Insert test card within the 60 sec.

Note: Do not move the test card after it is inserted.

20. Add sample within 120 sec when the screen prompts [Wait for sample]. Then draw ***30 μL*** of sample and drop it into 150 μL of sample diluent. Then drop ***70 μL*** of sample mixture into the

sample port on the test card.

21. After sample adding, the system starts react-time countdown automatically.
22. After the countdown is over, the system starts testing automatically.

Please check and record test results then.

Note: Test results are saved automatically in the system.

23. Long Press (OK)to return to the main interface. Take out and discard the test card.

For Getein1200/Getein1600:

24. Each cartridge for Getein1200/Getein1600 contains a specific RFID card which can calibrate automatically.
25. Place the sample diluent at the correct position in Getein1200/Getein1600.
26. Place samples in the designed area of the sample holder, insert the holder and select the right test item, Getein1200/Getein1600 will do the testing and print the result automatically.

Notes:

1. It is required to perform SD card calibration when using a new batch of kits for Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180/Getein208.
2. It is suggested to calibrate once for one batch of kits for Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180/Getein208.
3. Make sure the test card and the sample insertion is correct and complete.

TEST RESULTS

Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180/Getein208/Getein1200/Getein1600 can scan the test card automatically and display the result on the screen. For additional information, please refer to the user manual of Getein1100/Getein1160/Getein1180/Getein208/Getein1200/Getein1600.

EXPECTED VALUE

The expected normal value for PCT was determined by testing samples from 500 apparently healthy individuals. The 99th percentile of the concentration for PCT is 0.10 ng/ml. (The probability that value of a normal person below 0.10 ng/ml is 99%.)

The table below comes from the research of ACCP/SCCM (American College of Chest Physicians/Society of Critical Care Medicine), showing the PCT value and its clinical meaning [4]:

PCT concentration	Clinical significance
< 0.50 ng/ml	Local bacterial infection is possible, systemic infection (sepsis) is not likely.
≥ 0.50 and < 2.00 ng/ml	Systemic infection (sepsis) is possible, a moderate risk of severe sepsis and/or septic shock.
≥ 2.00 ng/ml	Systemic infection (sepsis) is likely, a high risk of severe sepsis and/or septic shock.

It is recommended that each laboratory establish its own expected values for the population it serves.

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Measuring Range	0.05~50.00 ng/ml
Lower Detection Limit	≤0.05 ng/ml
Within-Run Precision	≤10%
Between-Run Precision	≤15%

LIMITATIONS

1. As with all diagnostic tests, a definitive clinical diagnosis should not be made based on the result of a single test. The test results should be interpreted considering all other test results and clinical information such as clinical signs and symptoms.
2. Samples containing interferent may influences the results. The table below listed the maximum allowance of these potential interferents.

Interferent	Hemoglobin	Triglyceride	Bilirubin
Concentration (Max)	5 g/L	10 g/L	0.2 g/L

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DESCRIPTION OF SYMBOLS USED

The following graphical symbols used in or found on PCT Fast Test Kit (Immunofluorescence Assay) are the most common ones appearing on medical devices and their packaging. They are explained in more detail in the European Standard EN ISO 15223-1:2016.

Key to symbols used			
	Manufacturer		Use-by date
	Do not re-use		Date of manufacture
	Consult instructions for use	LOT	Batch code
	Temperature limit	IVD	*In vitro* diagnostic medical device
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests	EC REP	Authorized representative in the European Community
CE	CE mark		Do not use if package is damaged
REF	Catalogue number		

Thank you for purchasing PCT Fast Test Kit (Immunofluorescence Assay). Please read this user manual carefully before operating to ensure proper use.

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