H.pylori Antigen Rapid Test Cassette IVD CE
(Feces)

PRODUCT CODE
RT002

INTENDED USE
The H.pylori Antigen Rapid Test is a sandwich lateral flow chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of H.Pylori antigen in feces. It is for professional in vitro diagnostic use only

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE
H.Pylori is associated with a variety of gastrointestinal diseases included non-ulcer dyspepsia, duodenal and gastric ulcer and active, chronic gastritis.[1,2] The prevalence of H.pylori infection could exceed 90% in patients with signs and symptoms of gastrointestinal diseases. Recent studies indicate an association of H. Pylori infection with stomach cancer.[3]H. Pylori colonizing in the gastrointestinal system elicits specific antibody responses[4,5,6] which aids in the diagnosis of H. Pylori infection and in monitoring the prognosis of the treatment of H. Pylori related diseases. Antibiotics in combination with bismuth compounds have been shown to be effective in treating active H. Pylori infection. Successful eradication of H. pylori is associated with clinical improvement in patients with gastrointestinal diseases providing a further evidence.[7]

PRINCIPLE
The H.pylori Antigen Rapid Test is a lateral flow chromatographic immunoassay based on the principle of the double antibody–sandwich technique. The test cassette consists of: 1) a burgundy colored conjugate pad containing H. Pylori antibodies conjugated with color particles (H. Pylori conjugates. 2) a nitrocellulose membrane strip containing a test band (T band) and a control band (C band). The T band is pre-coated with non-conjugated H. Pylori antibodies.
When an adequate volume of test specimen is dispensed into the sample well of the cassette, the specimen migrates by capillary action across the cassette. The antigen of H. Pylori if present in the specimen will bind to the
H. Pylori antibodies conjugates. The immunocomplex is then captured on the membrane by the pre-coated H. Pylori antibodies, forming a burgundy colored T band, indicating a H. Pylori antigen positive test result. To serve as a procedural control, a colored line will always appear in the control line region indicating that proper volume of specimen has been added and membrane wicking has occurred. Otherwise, the test result is invalid and the specimen must be retested with another device.

MATERIALS SUPPLIED
1. Test Cassette 2.Feces Collection 3.Desiccant 4.Package Insert

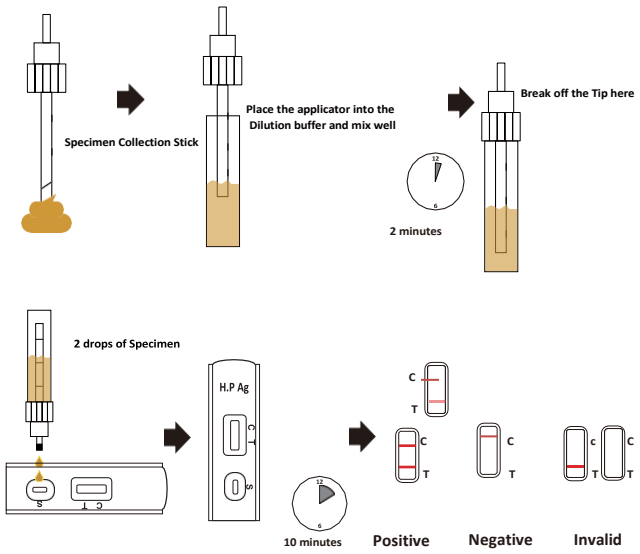
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
1. Clock or Timer
2. Specimen collection containers.

REAGENT STORAGE AND STABILITY
All reagents are ready to use as supplied. Store unused test device unopened at 2°C-30°C. If stored at 2°C-8°C, ensure that the test device is brought to room temperature before opening. The test is not stable out of the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. Do not freeze the kit or expose the kit over 30°C.

SPECIMEN AND SAMPLE PREPARATION
Collect sufficient quantity of feces (1-2 ml or 1-2 g) in a clean, dry specimen collection container to obtain maximum antigens (if present). Best results will be obtained if the assay is performed within 6 hours after collection. Specimen collected may be stored for 3 days at 2-8°C if not tested within 6 hours. For long term storage, specimens should be kept below -20°C.

To process fecal specimens:
For Solid Specimens:
Unscrew the cap of the specimen collection tube, then randomly stab the specimen collection applicator into the fecal specimen in at least 3 different sites to collect approximately 50 mg of feces (equivalent to 1/4 of a pea). Do not scoop the fecal specimen.
For Liquid Specimens:
Hold the dropper vertically, aspirate fecal specimens, and then transfer 2 drops (approximately 80 µL) into the specimen collection tube containing the dilution buffer. Screw on and tighten the cap onto the specimen collection tube, then shake the specimen collection tube vigorously to mix the specimen and the dilution buffer. Leave the tube alone for 2 minutes.

PROCEDURE
1. Remove the test device from its foil pouch by tearing along the notch and use it as soon as possible.
2. Specimen collection. See also specimen collection.
3. Holding the sample collection device upright, carefully break off the tip of collection device.
4. Squeeze 2 drops (~80µL) of the sample solution in the sample well of the cassette, as in the illustration.
5. Read the test results in 10 minutes. It is important that the background is clear before the result is read. Do not read results after 10 minutes. To avoid confusion, discard the test device after interpreting the result.



RESULTS
Positive: Two lines appear. One colored line should be in the control line region (C) and another apparent colored line should be in the test line region (T).
Negative: One colored line appears in the control line region(C).
No line appears in the test line region (T). Invalid: Control line fails to appear.

QUALITY CONTROL
A procedural control is included in the test. A colored line appearing in the control line region (C) is an internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume, adequate membrane wicking and correct procedural technique.
Control standards are not supplied with this kit; however, it is recommended that positive and negative controls be tested as a good laboratory practice to confirm the test procedure and to verify proper test performance.

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Symbols	Signify	Symbols	Signify
REF	Catalogue Number	SIZE	Pack Size
	Expiry Date	VOL	Volume
	Storage Condition	LOT	Lot Number
	Instruction for Use	IVD	In Vitro Diagnostics
	Manufacturing Date		Manufacturer
	Number of Tests	2	For Single Use Only
EC REP	EC Representative	CE	European conformity

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