AccuPlex[™] Flu A/B and RSV

Reference Material Kit

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NAME AND INTENDED USE

AccuPlex[™] Flu A/B and RSV Reference Material Kit (0515-0001) is formulated for use with multiplex test methods that can detect Flu A/B and RSV virus. AccuPlex virus products are non-replicative recombinant viruses that are intended to assess the performance of the full process of a molecular test. AccuPlex can be used to evaluate test proficiency and accuracy through the full process because they are encapsulated viruses which require extraction and amplification. For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

This product contains recombinant Alphavirus. There are 5 vials of positive reference material (red caps) that contain recombinant virus particles with the following sequence coverage:

Virus	Genbank Accession Number	Regions Included
Flu A strain:A/Michigan/45/2015(H1N1)	KU933490 - KU933497	Full Genome
Flu B Strain:B/Colorado/06/2017	CY236601.1- CY236608.1	Full Genome
RSV Subtype: A	NC_001803	14380; 846015191

There are also 5 vials of negative reference material (clear caps) that contain recombinant virus particles with sequences from human RNase P gene (RP).

The recombinant viruses used to produce the AccuPlex Flu A/B and RSV reference material are replication defective and heat-treated. However, handle AccuPlex products and all human blood products as though they can transmit infectious agents.

The product is formulated in viral transport media that consists of Tris-buffered saline, with added glycerol, anti-microbial agents and human proteins. This material must go through extraction, similar to the patient sample.

Material Number:	0515-0001
Positive (Red caps):	5 x 1.5 mL vials
Negative (Clear caps):	5 x 1.5 mL vials

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

This product should be stored at 2 - 8 °C during regular use. It may also be initially stored at -20 °C, but subsequently maintain thawed material at 2 - 8 °C. Do not expose to multiple freeze thaw cycles. Each vial can be used multiple times up until the date of expiry.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Allow the product vial to come to room temperature before use. Mix by vortexing to ensure a homogeneous suspension. AccuPlex reference materials should be added to a test run using the same procedure provided by the manufacturer for unknown specimens. AccuPlex Flu A/B and RSV reference material must go through an extraction process prior to detection by PCR. Process the product according to the instructions for unknown samples provided by the test kit or the laboratory's standard operating procedures. AccuPlex reference materials must NOT be substituted for the positive and negative control reagents provided with the manufactured test kits.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Levels of reactivity for the AccuPlex Flu A/B and RSV reference material may vary with different types of tests and different test kit lots. This product contains a targeted formulation of 5000 copies/mL for all viral targets as measured using reverse transcription digital PCR. Each lot is tested on the Cepheid GeneXpert[®] Xpress Flu/RSV assay. Positive reference material gives positive results on the Cepheid GeneXpert[®] Xpress Flu/RSV assay; negative reference material gives negative results on the Cepheid GeneXpert[®] Xpress Flu/RSV assay. Note that the positive reference material may contain traces of RNase P and therefore generate a positive RNase P result due to the presence of a human plasma component in the product matrix; it is not designed or intended to be used as an RNase P reference material. Testing dilutions of AccuPlex material may produce negative results.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

AccuPlex Flu A/B and RSV reference material must not be substituted for the control reagents provided with manufactured test kits. Test procedures and interpretation of results provided by manufacturers of test kits must be followed closely. Deviations from procedures recommended by test kit manufacturers may produce unreliable results. AccuPlex materials are not calibrators and should not be used for assay calibration. Performance characteristics for AccuPlex Flu A/B and RSV reference material have been established only for amplified nucleic acid tests for RNA. AccuPlex Flu A/B and RSV reference material may not be compatible with assays that specifically amplify negative sense strand of RNA. Adverse shipping and storage conditions or use of outdated product may produce erroneous results.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Use Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended universal precautions for handling AccuPlex Flu A/B, and RSV reference material and human specimens¹. Do not pipette by mouth; do not smoke, eat or drink in areas where specimens are being handled. Clean any spillage by immediately wiping with 0.5% sodium hypochlorite solution. Dispose of all specimens and materials used in testing as though they contain infectious agents.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Specific levels of reactivity will vary among different manufacturers' assays, different procedures, different lot numbers and different laboratories. Procedures for implementing a quality assurance program and monitoring test performance on a routine basis must be established by each individual laboratory. Each laboratory should establish its own range of acceptable values.

REFERENCES

 Siegel JD, Rhinehart E, Jackson M, Chiarello L, and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings.

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