



**SCREEN IFA TEST PROCALCITONINA
(Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma)
Package Insert**

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A rapid test for the diagnosis of inflammatory condition by measuring Procalcitonin (PCT) in whole blood, serum or plasma with the use of SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer.

INTENDED USE

The PCT Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) is based on Fluorescence immunoassay for the quantitative detection of human Procalcitonin in whole blood, serum or plasma as an aid in the diagnosis of inflammatory conditions

SUMMARY

Procalcitonin (PCT) is a small protein that comprises 116 amino acid residues with a molecular weight of approximately 13 kDa which was first described by Moullec et al. in 1984. PCT is produced normally in C-cells of the thyroid glands. In 1993, the elevated level of PCT in patients with systemic infection of bacterial origin was reported and PCT is now considered to be the main marker of disorders accompanied by systemic inflammation and sepsis. The diagnostic value of PCT is important due to the close correlation between PCT concentration and the severity of inflammation. It was shown that "inflammatory" PCT is not produced in C-cells. Cells of neuroendocrine origin are presumably the source of PCT during inflammation.

PRINCIPLE

The PCT Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) detects PCT based on Fluorescence Immunoassay. The sample moves through the strip from sample pad to absorbent pad. If the specimen contains Procalcitonin, it attaches to the fluorescent microspheres-conjugated anti-procalcitonin antibodies. Then the complex will be captured by the capture antibodies coated on the nitrocellulose membrane (Test line). The concentration of PCT in the sample correlates with the fluorescence signal intensity captured on the T line. According to the fluorescence intensity of the test and the standard curve, the concentration of PCT in the sample can be calculated by SCREEN® Analyzer to show PCT concentration in specimen.

REAGENTS

The test includes anti-Procalcitonin antibody coated fluorophores and anti-Procalcitonin antibody coated on the membrane.

PRECAUTIONS

- For professional *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- Do not use after the expiration date indicated on the package. Do not use the test if the foil pouch is damaged. Do not reuse..
- Avoid cross-contamination of specimens by using a new specimen collection container for each specimen obtained.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke in the area where the specimens and tests are handled. Handle all specimens as if they contain infectious agents. Observe established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout the procedure and follow standard procedures for proper disposal of specimens. Wear protective clothing such as laboratory coats, disposable gloves and eye protection when specimens are assayed.
- Do not interchange or mix reagents from different lots.
- Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results.
- Used testing materials should be discarded in accordance with local regulations.
- Read the entire procedure carefully prior to any testing.
- The PCT Test Cassette should only be used with the SCREEN® Analyzer by approved medical professionals.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The test should be stored at 4-30°C until the expiry date printed on the sealed pouch.
- The test must remain in the sealed pouch until use.
- Do not freeze.**
- Care should be taken to protect the components of the test from contamination.
- Do not use if there is evidence of microbial contamination or precipitation. Biological contamination of dispensing equipment, containers or reagents can lead to false results.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

Blood Sample Taking

- Collect the specimen according to standard procedures.
- Do not leave specimens at room temperature for prolonged periods. Serum and Plasma specimens may be stored at 2-8 °C for up to 3 days, for long term storage, specimens should be kept below -20 °C. Whole blood collected by venipuncture should be stored at 2-8 °C if the test is to be used within 2 days of collection. Do not freeze whole blood specimens. Whole blood collected by finger stick should be tested immediately.
- Bring specimens to room temperature prior to testing. Frozen specimens must be completely thawed and mixed well prior to testing. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing of specimens.
- EDTA, Heparin sodium can be used as the anticoagulant tube for collecting the blood specimen.

Sample Dilution / Sample Stability

- Transfer 50µl of serum or plasma / 75 µl of whole blood to the buffer tube with the micro pipette.
- Close the tube and shake the sample by hand vigorously for approximately **10seconds** to mix the sample and dilution buffer.
- Let the diluted sample homogenize for approximately **1 minute**. The sample can then be used immediately or stored for up to 8 hours.

MATERIALS

Materials Provided

- Test Cassettes
- Specimen collection tubes with buffer
- ID Card
- Package Insert

Materials Required But Not Provided

- Timer
- Centrifuge
- SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer
- Pipette
- Specimen Collection Containers

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Refer to SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer Operation Manual for the complete instructions on use of the Test. The test should be in room temperature.

Allow the test, specimen, buffer and/or controls to reach room temperature (15-30°C) prior to testing.

- Turn on the Analyzer power. Then according to the need, select "Standard test" or "Quick test" mode.
- Take out the ID card and insert it into the Analyzer ID Card Slot.
- Serum or plasma:** Pipette **50 µl serum or plasma** into the buffer tube, mix the specimen and the buffer well.
Whole blood: Pipette **75 µl whole blood** into the buffer tube; mix the specimen and the buffer well.
- Pipette **75 µl diluted sample** into the sample well of the cassette. Start the timer at the same time.
- There are two test modes for SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer, Standard Test mode and Quick Test mode. Please refer to the user manual of SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer for details.

"Quick test" mode: After **15 minutes** of adding sample, Insert the test cassette into the Analyzer and click **"QUICK TEST"**, fill the test information and click **"NEW TEST"** immediately. The Analyzer will automatically give the test result after a few seconds.

"Standard test" mode: Insert the test cassette into the Analyzer immediately after adding specimen, click **"STANDARD TEST"**, fill the test information and click **"NEW TEST"** at the same time. The Analyzer will automatically countdown **15 minutes**. After the countdown, the Analyzer will give the result at once.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Results read by SCREEN® Fluorescence Analyzer.

The result of tests for PCT is calculated by SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer and display the result on the screen. For additional information, please refer to the user manual of SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer.

Linearity range of PCT is 0.1-50 ng/mL.

Reference range: < 0.1ng/ml.

QUALITY CONTROL

Each PCT Test Cassette contains internal control that satisfies routine quality control requirements. This internal control is performed each time a patient sample is tested. This control indicates that the test cassette was inserted and read properly by SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer. An invalid result from the internal control causes an error message on SCREEN® Fluorescence Immunoassay Analyzer indicating that the test should be repeated.

LIMITATIONS

- The PCT Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) is for professional *in vitro* diagnostic use, and should only be used for the quantitative detection of procalcitonin.
- The PCT Test Cassette (Whole Blood/Serum/Plasma) will only indicate the presence of PCT antigen in the specimen and should not be used as the sole criteria for evaluating inflammatory conditions.
- Like with all diagnostic tests, a confirmed diagnosis should only be made by a physician after all clinical and laboratory findings have been evaluated.
- High concentrations of PCT may lead to hook effects, resulting in incorrect interpretation of PCT levels.
- The results of PCT Rapid Tests are based on measuring the levels of Procalcitonin in a specimen. It should not be used as the sole criterion for treatment decisions. If the result is positive, other clinical findings and alternative test methods are recommended to reach proper medical treatments.

EXPECTED VALUES

Concentrations	Expected Clinical Conditions
< 0.1 ng/mL	Normal Condition
0.1-0.5 ng/mL	Local inflammation or infection is possible but a low risk for progression to systemic inflammation response
0.5-2.0 ng/mL	High possibility of Systemic inflammatory response
2.0-10 ng/mL	Systemic inflammatory response associated with infection
>10 ng/mL	Progressing on severe sepsis or septic shock

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy

The test deviation is $\leq \pm 15\%$.

2. Assay Range and Detection Limit

- Assay Range: 0.1 – 50 ng/mL

- Minimum Detection Limit (Analytical Sensitivity): 0.1 ng/mL

3. Linearity range

0.1~50 ng/ml, R \geq 0.990

4. Precision

CV \leq 15%

Intra-lot precision

Within-run precision has been determined by using 10 replicates of 2 specimens containing 0.5 ng/ml, 2.0 ng/ml of PCT. C.V. is $\leq 15\%$.

Inter-lot precision

Between-run precision has been determined by using 10 replicates for each of three lots using 2 specimens containing 0.5 ng/ml, 2.0 ng/ml of PCT. C.V. is $\leq 15\%$.












5. Method comparison

The assay was compared with PCT Test of ET healthcare Co.,Ltd with 110 samples. The correlation coefficient(r) is 0.981.

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INDEX OF SYMBOL

	Consult Instructions for Use		Tests per kit		Authorized Representative
	For in vitro diagnostic use only		Use by		Do not reuse
	Store between 4-30°C		Lot Number		Catalog #
	Do not use if package is damaged		Manufacturer		


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