

COAGULATION EQA - CYCLE 4

Expiry date: 2014-07

Introduction:

Method questionnaires are available for all International Thistle programmes. It is important to read and understand this document. If you have any queries please contact Thistle QA immediately for assistance.

Characteristics:

Your pack contains 6 vials of lyophilised material (6 x 1ml). These vials are labelled with the sample numbers. **Please check your kit upon arrival and call Thistle immediately if there are any problems with your kit.**

Storage:

Store unopened samples refrigerated at 2 – 8 °C.

Preparation:

1. The samples are sealed under vacuum. Open each vial carefully, avoiding any loss of material and reconstitute with an accurately measured **1ml** volume of freshly distilled water.
2. Replace the rubber stopper and ensure that samples are dissolved completely by swirling gently, allow to stand at room temperature for 30 minutes - ideally place on a roller for half an hour prior to analysis. Do not shake the vials.
3. Once reconstituted the vials are stable for 48 hours when stored at 2 – 8 °C or 4 weeks at -20 °C.

NB: The samples should be treated in the same way as patient samples

Safety:

Warning: Potentially Biohazardous Material

Human source material from which this product has been derived has been tested at donor level for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV 1, HIV2) antibody, Hepatitis B surface Antigen (HbsAg), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) antibody and found to be NON-REACTIVE. FDA approved methods have been used to conduct these tests. However, since no method can offer complete assurance as to the absence of infectious agents, this material and all patient samples should be handled as though capable of transmitting infectious disease and disposed of accordingly.

For **IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC** use only. Do not pipette by mouth. Exercise the normal precautions required for handling laboratory reagents.

Return of Results:

Each of the samples has a number printed on the label. We recommend analysis dates as shown below. Please send your results - **at the latest** - on the final cut-off dates given below. If the recommended analysis date does not allow you to get results to us on time, please analyse earlier. Use the correct dates for the sample numbers in the kit sent to your laboratory. If in doubt, please contact Thistle immediately for assistance.

Additional Notes:

Web site submission is now also available. EDI system users must work through their relevant QA Divisions to ensure that results are imported in due time. The reports will be posted / e-mailed within 7 – 10 working days of the FINAL cut-off date. Collusion and/or falsification of EQA results are not good accreditation practice.

Return Dates for Results: Coagulation – Cycle 4

<u>Sample No:</u>	<u>Analysis Dates:</u>	<u>Final Cut-off Dates:</u>
1	9 January 2012	16 January 2012
2	13 February 2012	20 February 2012
3	12 March 2012	19 March 2012
4	9 April 2012	16 April 2012
5	14 May 2012	21 May 2012
6	11 June 2012	18 June 2012