

D-DIMERS – CYCLE 13

Expiry date: 2011 - 10

Introduction:

Method information is available for all programmes – contact Thistle if you need assistance with method registrations. It is important to read and understand this document. If you have any other queries let us know via phone or email.

Characteristics:

Your pack contains two lyophilised 1ml samples of human plasma. Each vial will be labelled with a sample number.

Storage and Stability:

The material must be stored at 2 - 8°C. After reconstitution, it is stable for 8 hours at 2 - 8°C.

Important Information:

Please check your kit upon arrival and call Thistle immediately if there are any problems with your kit.

Treat the samples as patient samples – do not give them special treatment.

If you do not use the electronic entry systems available from Thistle, please fax your results to: + 27 (0) 86-538-4484

The reports will be posted / e-mailed within 7-10 working days after the final cut-off date.

Collusion and falsification of EQA results/reports are not good accreditation practice.

Preparation:

Open the vial very carefully and reconstitute with an accurately measured 1 ml volume of distilled water. Replace rubber stopper, close vial and leave to stand for 30 minutes at room temperature. Then, swirl the vial gently before use. Do not shake the vial.

Safety:

Warning: Potentially Biohazardous Material

The plasma has been tested and found negative for HBsAg and HIV. For complete protection, treat these samples as patient samples.

Return of Results:

Each sample 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. Analyse the sample on the date that correlates with the relevant sample number. If in doubt, please contact Thistle immediately for assistance.

Additional Notes:

Web site submission is available.

EDI system users must work through their relevant QA Divisions to ensure that results are imported in due time.

Analysis and Final Cut-off Dates for Results:

<u>Sample No:</u>	<u>Analysis Dates:</u>	<u>Final cut-off Dates:</u>				
1	23 August 2010	30 August 2010				
2	18 October 2010	25 October 2010				