

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

ADIAVET[™] CSFV REAL TIME

TEST FOR THE DETECTION OF THE CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER VIRUS BY REAL-TIME ENZYMATIC AMPLIFICATION (RT-PCR TEST)

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II. General information

1. Purpose of the test

ADIAVET[™] CSFV REAL TIME kit is intended to detect the Classical Swine Fever Virus (CSFV) using real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology from tissue, whole blood and serum specimens of pig and wild boar, as well as from viral culture.

2. Pathogen

Pestiviruses consist in a single strand of positive sense RNA. Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus (BVDV), Classical Swine Fever (CSFV) and border disease virus (BDV) in sheep are also members of the pestivirus genus which belongs to the Flaviviridae family (like hepatitis C). CSFV is listed in the A OIE list; it causes heavy epizooties by pigs, and so presents a risk for environment. Generally, all precaution measures have to be taken to avoid viral particles to spread out of laboratory. Refer to the reference centre of your country to know the requirements for biosecurity (experiments in a certified laboratory).

3. Description and purpose of the test

This test is based first on the reverse transcription (RT) of RNA into complementary DNA. Then, cDNA is amplified (PCR) by a DNA polymerase using specific primers. Both enzymatic reactions occur in the same tube (One-step RT-PCR).

Amplified products are detected in real-time thanks to a specific labelled hydrolysis probe (5'-exonulease technology).

The ADIAVET[™] CSFV REAL TIME kit enables the simultaneous detection of:

- CSFV (probe labelled in FAM),
- GAPDH, an internal control of extraction and amplification steps specific from an endogenous RNA (probe labelled with a fluorochrome read in the same spectra as VIC and HEX).

ADIAGENE validated the test using RNA purification kits (Qiagen, Macherey-Nagel). Other purification kits can be used if they have been validated by the user.

Specimen	Individual analysis	Pool of samples is possible*, up to
Tissue (spleen, tonsil, ganglion)	V	10
Whole blood	V	20
Serum	$\overline{\mathbf{v}}$	20
Viral culture	Ø	×
Swab of blood	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	×

Analysis options according to the specimen:

* depends on the epidemiological situation, the quality of the specimen and on the specific guidelines that exist in some countries (refer to it).

Note: swabs have been valdated only on Nucleopsin® RNA Virus from Macherey-Nagel

III. Material and reagents

1. Reagents provided with the kit

Designation	Reagent	ADI223-100
A5	Amplification solution	2 x 1000 µl green tubes
CSFV CTL+	Positive control Classical Swine Fever	1 purple tube
CSFV CTL-	Negative control Classical Swine Fever	1 purple tube

2. Validity and storage

On receipt, the kit should be stored at <-15°C.

It is recommended to make fractions of A5 solution if it should be defrosted more than 3 times. **Do not defrost reagents more than 3 times.**

Realtime reagents are susceptible to light: store them in the darkness.

The A5 reagent is ready to use for PCR reaction.

Do not mix reagents of two different batches.

3. Use of controls

A. CSFV CTL+

Add **200** μ I of Nuclease-free water to the CSFV CTL+ tube included in the kit. Homogenize tube contents using a mixer such as vortex, at least 20 seconds. Use this solution like a sample RNA extract. Aliquot this solution by 6 or 12 μ I and store them to <-15°C. For each analysis, we recommend to use 5 μ I of CSFV CTL+ in a well.

B. CSFV CTL-

Add **200** μ I of Nuclease-free water to the CSFV CTL- tube included in the kit. Homogenize tube contents using a mixer such as vortex, at least 20 seconds. Use this solution like a sample RNA extract. Aliquot this solution by 6 or 12 μ I and store them to <-15°C. For each analysis, we recommend to use 5 μ I of CSFV CTL- in a well.

4. Equipment required but not supplied

Material should be Nuclease-free (e.g. autoclaved 25 minutes twice at +120°C or once 60 minutes at +121°C)

- Thermal cycler with consumables for real-time PCR: 0.2 ml PCR tubes or closed 96-wells PCR plates with optical quality.

- Class II Microbiological Safety Cabinet
- Centrifuge for microtubes, 96-wells plate
- Universal laboratory mixer mill
- Instrument for homogenous mixing of tubes
- 1 10 μl pipette, 20 200 μl pipette and 200 1000 μl pipette
- Nuclease-free filter tips
- Nuclease-free microtubes: 1.5 ml and 2 ml
- Powder-free Latex gloves
- Metal beads 3 or 5 mm
- 96-100% ethanol solution
- Nuclease-free water

- RNA extraction kit (individual and plate columns)

- RNeasy[®] Mini Kit (Qiagen, 50 extractions: ref. 74104 or 250 extractions: ref. 74106)

- NucleoSpin[®] RNA (Macherey-Nagel, 50 extractions: ref. 740955.50 or 250 extractions: ref. 740955.250)

- QIAamp[®] Viral RNA (Qiagen, 50 extractions: ref. 52904 ou 250 extractions: ref. 52906) - Nucleospin[®] 96 Virus (Macherey-Nagel, 2x96 extractions: ref. 740691.2 ou 4x96 extractions: ref. 740691.4) with MN Square-well Block (Macherey-Nagel, 4 plates ref. 740476), optional.

- NucleoSpin[®] RNA Virus (Macherey-Nagel, 50 tests : ref.740956.50 ou 250 tests : ref. 740956.250)

- ADIAMAG Plus (Bio-X Diagnostics: ref. NADI001 including 1 kit NUCLEOMAG[®] 96 TISSUE, 1 MB2 BUFFER 200R and 1 BQ1 BUFFER 200R), kit for 200 extractions. (Kit previously named « Billes magnétiques ADN/ADN », réf. OC-MNPACK96) For the different matrices.

- Tampon RL1 (Bio-X Diagnostics: réf MN740385) to add for tissues.

Ou

- ADIAMAG Starter (Bio-X Diagnostics: ref. NADI002 including 1 kit NUCLEOMAG[®] 96 TISSUE and 1 MB2 BUFFER 200R), kit for 200 extractions for tissues.

- Tampon RL1 (Bio-X Diagnostics: réf MN740385) to add for tissues.

IV. Recommendation before the analysis of samples

Before starting the test, read the entire protocol and scrupulously respect it.

1. Precautions

Adiagene has elaborated this PCR test with the use of extraction kits from Qiagen, Macherey-Nagel. Other extraction kits can be used with a previous validation.

Follow the supplier's instructions for the storage, the preparation and the use of the extraction reagents.

Some kits include and/or need the use of toxic reagents. These reagents should be use with gloves and into chemical cabinet.

We strongly recommend that only appropriately trained personnel perform this test. Ensure the accuracy and precision of the micropipettes used. The quality of the obtained results depends upon rigorous respect of good laboratory practices.

The PCR generates large amount of amplified DNA. A few molecules of amplified products are sufficient to generate a positive result. It is important to reserve 2 rooms, one for manipulation of samples to be tested, and another one for amplified products analysis. Do not open the PCR tubes after amplification.

Samples for analysis should be handled and disposed of as biological waste. Take all measures of security and confinement required for the manipulation of the concerned biological agents.

We recommend using fractions of demineralised and saline water and to autoclave them twice 25 minutes at +120°C or once 60 minutes at +121°C. *Take a new fraction for each new manipulation to avoid contamination.*

2. Storage of samples and RNA extracts

Samples can be stored several days at +2/8°C and several months at <-15°C after the reception by the laboratory. However, the laboratory must assure to state of conversation of the sample according to the time since the death of animal, as well as the condition of transport and the storage of samples.

Extracted RNAs are quite sensitive molecules. Extraction is made at room temperature and should be performed as fast as possible to avoid degradations. We then recommend to read the entire protocol before starting the test and to rigorously respect it. Crude extracts should be stored at the end of extraction on melting ice or at $+2/8^{\circ}$ C for few hours, then at $<-15^{\circ}$ C.

3. Samples preparation

See § IV for the extraction and purification of RNA.

4. Controls to include

The use of controls allows verifying the reliability of the results. The controls are included per trial of analysis. A trial is defined as all the samples treated in the same conditions.

All the steps of the analysis procedure (extraction+amplification), for all the types of samples, are validated with the association of the controls included in the kit.

- The internal endogenous control (GAPDH) naturally found in the samples allows verifying the extraction and amplification steps of each sample.
- The CSFV CTL+ allows validating the amplification of the target.

Other controls must or could be added:

- Negative control of extraction (required)

To verify the absence of cross-contamination, at least one negative control must be included per trial (e.g. the normative requirement and recommendation for the development and the validation of veterinary PCR NF U47-600 suggests the use of 1 negative control for 24 samples or 4 negative samples for a 96 wells-plate). This control could be a negative matrix, or a buffer used for dilutions.

Positive control of extraction (recommended)

A positive control could be added in each trial. The control is a sample including CSFV. It could come from a positive sample available in the laboratory or from a negative sample spiked with a solution of CSFV. This positive control will be closed to the limit of detection of the method. It will inform about the fidelity of the obtained results between different trials.

V. Extraction and purification

All the centrifugations are performed between 18 and 28°C. Avoid putting fragments on the column and increase the centrifuge times if the mix seems too dense or heterogenic.

1. Using RNeasy[®] kit

	Liquids biological samples	Tissues		
	(bloods, viral cultures, sera)	(spleen, ganglion, tonsils)		
		20-30 mg of sample (individual or pool)		
	100 μl of sample (individual or pool)	+ 500 μl of RLT buffer		
	+ 400 μl of RLT buffer in a microtube.	+ 1 metal bead in a microtube.		
Lysis	Homogenize ~15 seconds.	Disrupt 2 minutes at 30 Hz.		
	Incubate 10 minutes at room	Centrifuge 2 minutes at 6000 g.		
	temperature.	Transfer 300 μl of supernatant in a microtube.		
	Add 500 µl of ethanol 70% .	Add 300 µl of ethanol 70% .		
Binding preparation	Homogenize by pipetting (~10 times) or by using a mixer such as vortex (~15 seconds).	Homogenize by pipetting (~10 times) or by using a mixer such as vortex (~15 seconds).		
Transfer to columns and binding to the membraneIdentify columns, apply 700 µl of the obtained solution to the correspo Centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.		ned solution to the corresponding column. nutes at 10 000 g.		
1 st	Change the collection tube and add 500 µl of RW1 buffer .			
1 st wash	Centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.			
2nd wash	Change the collection tube and add 500 μl of RPE buffer .			
2 wash	Centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.			
2rd wash	Change the collection tube and add 500 μl of RPE buffer .			
5 Wash	Centrifuge 5 minutes at 10 000 g.			
Elution	Transfer the column to a microtube. Add 50 µl of Nuclease-free water .			
	Incubate ~1 minutes at room temperatu	re and centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.		
Storage	Close the tubes, identify and store on	ice if using immediately or at <-15°C.		

2. Using Nucleospin[®] RNA kit

	Liquids biological samples	Tissues		
	(bloods, viral cultures, sera)	(spleen, ganglion, tonsils)		
Lysis Lysis Homogenize ~15 seconds. Incubate 10 minutes at room temperatur		 20-30 mg of sample (individual or pool) + 350 µl of RA1 buffer + 1 metal bead in a microtube. Disrupt 2 minutes at 30 Hz. Centrifuge 1 minute at 1 000 g. Transfer 300 µl of supernatant in a microtube. 		
Centrifugation (optional)	whole mix on a « Nucleospin® Filter L Centrifuge at 1 r Store the filtrate to follow	e mix on a « Nucleospin [®] Filter L » with a microtube as collecting tube. Centrifuge at 1 minute 11 000 g. Store the filtrate to follow the purification protocol.		
Binding preparation	Add 450 µl of ethanol 70% . Homogenize by pipetting (~10 times) or by using a mixer such as vortex (~15 seconds).	Add 300 µl of ethanol 70% . Homogenize by pipetting (~10 times) or by using a mixer such as vortex (~15 seconds).		
Transfer to columns and binding to the membraneIdentify columns, apply 700 µl of the obtained solution to the corresponding column.Identify columns, solCentrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.		Identify columns, apply the whole obtained solution to the corresponding column. Centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.		
1 st wash	Change the collection tube and add 200 μl of RAW2 buffer . Centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.			
2 nd wash	Change the collection tube and add 600 µl of RA3 buffer . Centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.			
3 rd wash	Change the collection tube a Centrifuge 5 min	Change the collection tube and add 250 µl of RA3 buffer . Centrifuge 5 minutes at 10 000 g.		
Elution	Transfer the column to a microtube. Add 60 µl of Nuclease-free water . Incubate ~1 minutes at room temperature and centrifuge 2 minutes at 10 000 g.			
Storage	Close the tubes, identify and store on	ice if using immediately or at <-15°C.		

3. Using QIAamp® Viral RNA kit

	Liquids biological samples	Tissues			
	(bloods, viral cultures, sera)	(spleen, ganglion, tonsils)			
		20-30 mg of sample (individual or pool)			
	100 μl of sample (individual or pool)	+ 560 μl of AVL buffer+Carrier			
	+ 560 µl of AVL buffer+Carrier in a microtube.	+ 1 metal bead in a microtube.			
Lysis	Homogenize ~15 seconds.	Disrupt 2 minutes at 30 Hz.			
	Incubate 10 minutes at room temperature.	Centrifuge 2 minutes at 6000 g.			
		Transfer the totality of supernatant in a microtube.			
Binding	Add 560 μl of	ethanol 100%.			
preparation	Homogenize by pipetting (~10 times) or by using a mixer such as vortex (~15 seconds).				
Transfer to	Identify columns, apply 630 μ I of the obtained solution to the corresponding column				
columns and binding to the	and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.				
membrane	Put the rest of the mix on the column and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.				
15	Change the collection tube and add 500 μl of AW1 buffer to the column.				
1 wash	Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.				
2nd week	Change the collection tube and add 500 μl of AW2 buffer to the column.				
2 ¹⁰ wash	Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.				
	Change the collection tube.				
Column dry step	Centrifuge 3 minutes at 10 000 g.				
Elution	Transfer the column to a microtube. Add 60 µl of AVE buffer .				
Elution	Incubate ~1 minute at room temperature and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.				
Storage	Close the tubes, identify and store on ice if using immediately or at <-15°C.				

4. Using Nucleospin[®] 96 Virus

Three MN Square well block plates are included in each kit. These plates are either mix plates or recovery plates. Once they have been used, they can be emptied, decontaminated with HCl 0.4 M during 1 minute, washed with distilled water and autoclaved.

All centrifugations are achieved at 5900 tr/min (5600 to 5800 g).

Before starting the extraction, place in a water bath or a heating block:

- -> the RAV1+RNA carrier buffer maximum 5 minutes at 56°C. No more than 4 preheatings.
- -> the Nuclease-free water at +70°C.

	EDTA Blood
	Place 100 µl of sample (individual or pool) and in each well of a Round-well Block plate.
	For extraction negative controls, use 100 µl of PBS 1X .
Lycic	Add 400 µl of pre-warmed RAV1 buffer + RNA carrier + 20 µl of proteinase K
Lysis	Close the plate with an adhesive seal Self-adhering PE Foil.
	Mix gently during 15 seconds with a plate agitator.
	Incubate 10 minutes at +70°C.
	Add 400 µl of ethanol 100 % in an MN Square well Block plate.
Binding	Carefully remove the adhesive seal of the Round-well Block plate and
preparation	transfer the whole content of each well in the MN Square well Block plate containing ethanol.
	Homogenize the mix 5-fold (very important) with a multichannel pipette P1000.
Transfer to	Place a Nucleospin [®] Virus Binding plate (blue) on a new MN Square well Block plate.
columns and	Place the whole mix with a multi pipette P1000 on the Nucleospin [®] Virus Binding plate.
binding to the	Place a new adhesive seal Self adhering PE Foil on the plate.
membrane	Centrifuge 2 minutes. If the whole mix has not filtered, centrifuge one more time 3 minutes.
	Place the Nucleospin $^{ extsf{B}}$ Virus Binding plate on a new MN Square well Block plate.
	Remove the adhesive seal from the Nucleospin® Virus Binding plate.
1 st wash	Add 500 µl of RAW buffer in each well.
	Place a new adhesive seal Self adhering PE foil on the plate.
	Centrifuge 2 minutes.
	Remove the adhesive seal of the Nucleospin [®] Virus Binding Plate.
2 nd wash	Add 900 µl of RAV3 buffer in each well.
	Place a new adhesive seal Self adhering PE Foil on the plate.
	Centrifuge 5 minutes.
Column dry	Place the Nucleospin [®] Virus Binding Plate on an empty and dry 96 well plate.
step	Centrifuge 10 minutes.
	Place the Nucleospin $^{ extsf{@}}$ Virus Binding Plate on the Rack plate with MN tube strips.
	Remove the adhesive seal from the plate.
Flution	Add 100 μI of pre-warmed Nuclease-free water in each well of the Nucleospin [®] Virus Binding
	plate.
	Do not use the RE buffer.
	Centrifuge 2 minutes.

Storage	Discard the Nucleospin $^{ extsf{w}}$ Virus Binding plate. Close the Rack plate with MN tube strips with
Storage	Caps for strips. Store it on melting ice if analysis is immediately achieved, then at <-15°C.

5. Using Nucleospin® RNA Virus

Same protocol for the detection of the African Swine Fever Virus with ADIAVET™ ASFV REAL TIME (Ref. ADI551).

	Blood, serum, cell culture supernatant	Tissue	Swab	
Preparation of the sample	100 µl.	20-30 mg + 300 μl of PBS 1X.	Add 1 ml of PBS 1X. Vortex.	
Lysis		Add 1 metal bead in the microtube. Disrupt 2 minutes at 30 Hz. Centrifuge 3 minutes at 1 000 g. Transfer 100 μl of supernatant in a microtube.	Transfer 100 µl of supernatant in a microtube.	
	Add 400 μ	l of pre-warmed RAV1 buffer + RNA o	carrier	
	Vorte	ex and incubate 10 minutes at +70°C.		
Binding preparation	Add 400 μl of ethanol 100% . Homogenise the mixture by pipeting (~10 times) or by vortexing (~15 secondes).			
Transfer to	Identify columns, apply 630 μ L of the obtained solution to the corresponding column.			
columns and binding to the	Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.			
membrane	Apply the residual volume onto the column and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.			
1 st wash	Change the collection tube and add 500 μl of RAW buffer to the column.			
	Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.			
2 nd wash	Change the collection tube and add 500 μl of RAV3 to the column.			
		Centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.		
Column dry Change the collection tube.				
step		Centrifuge 3 minutes at 10 000 g.		
Elution	Transfer the column to a microtube. Add 100 μI of Nuclease-free water.			
	Incubate ~1 minute at room temperature and centrifuge 1 minute at 10 000 g.			
Storage	Close the tubes, identify and store at +2/8°C for 24 hours, then at <-15°C.			

6. Extraction with the kit ADIAMAG - RNA/DNA magnetic beads

Same extraction protocol for the detection of the African Swine Fever Virus ADIAVET[™] ASFV FAST TIME (ref. ADI551).

See the NEKF user manual available on the web site mentioned on the certificate of analysis included in the used ADIAVET[™] kit.

a- Determine the number samples analysed including the controls (e.g. positive and negative extraction controls, positive and negative control of amplification (CSFV CTL+ and CSFV CTL-) and PCR reagent control (NTC)).

b- Defrost the A5 solution at room temperature. Homogenize. Dispense **20** μ l of A5 solution in each PCR tubes or PCR plate wells with a micropipette with a Nuclease-free tip.

$\operatorname{c-}$ Immediately replace the A5 solution tube at <-15°C and in darkness.

d- For each sample, the extraction negative control (obligatory) and the extraction positive control (recommended) add **5 \mul** of purified extract to the 20 μ l of A5 solution.

For the positive control, add **5** μ I of the solution obtained in § II-3.A to the 20 μ I of A5 solution. For the negative control, add **5** μ I of the solution obtained in § II-3.B to the 20 μ I of A5 solution. For the PCR reagent control (NTC), nothing is added to the A5 solution.

Immediately replace purified RNA extracts on melting ice or at **<-15°C**. Take care to have no bubbles in the bottom of the wells.

e- Store the plate or the tubes on melting ice or at +2/8°C until the cycler is programmed and start quickly the run after you have placed the plate or the tubes in the cycler.

The CSFV target is read in FAM. The Internal Control is read in VIC or HEX. The Quencher is non fluorescent. The solution contains a passive reference ROX for the ABI machines. Fluorescence is read during the elongation step (at 60°C).

The following programs are defined for **ABI Prism** thermalcyclers (like 7500, StepOne...) from **Applied Biosystems** (check the "emulation 9600" option if available), for the **MX3005P** and **ARIAMX** of **Agilent** and for **CFX96** of **BioRad**.

Standard program		Short program	
ABI7500* -Thermofisher AriaMx - MX3005P - Agilent Agilent CFX96 Touch - Biorad LightCycler 480 - Roche Diagnostic		ermofisher Agilent Agilent - Biorad	
10 min. 45°C		10 min. 45°C	
10 min. 95°C		10 min. 95°C	
15 sec 95°C***		5 sec 95°C	
1 min. 60°C	45 cycles	30 sec 60°C **	45 cycles

The following programs, , are defined:

* Check « emulation 9600 » option if available.

** Note 32 secondes for the ABI7500 thermofisher

*** Note 30 secondes for the MX3005P

Contact us if you wish to use other thermalcyclers.

VII. Interpretation of results

1. Definitions

The **« base line »** corresponds to the background of fluorescence and qualifies the noncharacteristic part of the curve observed during the first cycles.

The **« Characteristic amplification curve »** qualifies a fluorescence curve with an exponential phase, a linear phase and a plateau phase.

The **« threshold line »** has to be placed over the background in the exponential phase of a characteristic amplification curve or a group of characteristic amplification curves.

The **« threshold cycle » (Ct)** of a well corresponds, for each detected fluorophore, at the crossing point of the threshold line with the fluorescent curve. The Ct value expressed by the machine for each well depends on the threshold position and on the quantity of target sequences initially present in the PCR well.

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Arithmetic scale of Y axis

Example of characteristic amplification curve



2. Validation and interpretation of results

Display the FAM curves from the plate and set the threshold value as indicated above. Proceed in the same mean for the VIC or HEX curves.

A. Validation of the run

Amplification is considered to be valid if the following results are obtained for the controls:

Controls	Reagent control (NTC)	CSFV CTL+	CSFV CTL-	Extraction negative control	Extraction positive control *
FAM amplification	no	yes	no	no	yes
VIC/HEX amplification	no	no/yes	yes	no	no/yes
Validation of	Absence of contamination for amplification	Amplification of the PPC target	Amplification of the IPC target	Absence of contamination for extraction	Extraction and amplification steps
* Optional					

The indicative values of Ct expected in FAM and VIC / HEX for the CSFV CTL + and CSFV CTL- are indicated on the certificate of analysis of the kit.

B. Result interpretation

RNA extraction and amplification for each sample are considered to be **valid** if at least a characteristic amplification curve is observed for CSFV (FAM) or for the internal control (VIC or HEX).

Example	Α	В	С	D
FAM amplification	no	yes	yes	no
VIC/HEX amplification	yes	no	yes	no
Result	negative	positive	positive	undetermined

The sample is considered as **negative** if a characteristic amplification curve is observed in VIC or HEX without any amplification in FAM (A example).

The sample is considered as **positive** if a characteristic amplification curve is observed in FAM (B example). Internal control can be co-amplified (C example).

A total absence of characteristic amplification curve for a sample (example D) shows a defective RNA extraction (lost or destruction of RNA) or a deficient real-time PCR (inhibitors in the sample, program error or no template added). In this case, we recommend first to repeat the test with pure and tenfold diluted RNA in Nuclease-free water. Then, if the test is still not valid, a new extraction is recommended.

VIII. Index of symbols

Symbol	Meaning	
REF	Catalogue number	
***	Manufacturer	
X	Upper temperature limit	
\sum	Use by date	
LOT	Batch code	
Ĩ	Consult Instructions for Use	
Σ	Contains sufficient for <n> tests</n>	
×	Keep away from sunlight	
VET	VET For veterinary in vitro use only – For animal use only	

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