Infection

ichroma™ Anti-HCV

INTENDED USE

ichroma™ Anti-HCV is a fluorescence Immunoassay (FIA) for the qualitative determination of Anti-HCV in human whole blood/serum/plasma. It is useful as an aid in screening of Hepatitis C virus infection.

For *in vitro* diagnostic use only.

INTRODUCTION

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection is a worldwide public health problem with a global prevalence of 2-3%. It is believed that about 170 million people are currently infected (about 3% of the world's population), and a further 3-4 million are infected each year. HCV is a frequent cause of chronic liver diseases such as hepatitis. HCV is the main reason for liver transplantation in the developed world and, it is primarily transmitted via blood.[1)2)] After 1-3 weeks of acute HCV infection, HCV RNA becomes detectable in blood and rapidly increases. Most infection is asymptomatic (70-80%) but symptoms including flu-like symptoms, fatigue, vomiting, nausea, right upper quadrant pain, muscle pain, or pruritus may develop within 2-12 weeks. About 50-80% of HCV infected patients progress to chronic infection. Once it becomes chronic hepatitis, it can cause persistent liver injury without spontaneous recovery leading to cirrhosis and HCC. Most (60-80%) patients with chronic hepatitis show no symptoms, but some can experience abdominal discomfort, fatigue, nausea, muscle pain, arthritis, or weight loss. Serologic assays testing are needed to confirm HCV infection. Physical examination, treatment and history taking should be done to understand the routes of transmission and block further reinfection. Detection of anti-HCV in serum or plasma is used for screening of a high risk group and for diagnosis of acute or chronic hepatitis C.[3)]

The "**ichroma™ Anti-HCV**" is an immunoassay for the detection of HCV anti-body in human whole blood/serum/plasma.

PRINCIPLE

The test uses a sandwich immunodetection method; Dried detector antibody in cartridge binds to antigen in sample, forming antigen-antibody complexes, and migrates onto nitrocellulose matrix to be captured by the other immobilized-antibody on test strip.

The more antibody in sample forms the more antigen-antibody complex and leads to stronger intensity of fluorescence signal on detector antigen which is processed by instrument for ichroma™ tests to show 'anti-HCV positive' in sample.

COMPONENTS

ichroma™ Anti-HCV consists of 'Cartridges', 'Dried detection Buffer Tubes', 'Diluent vial' and an 'ID chip'.

- The cartridge contains a test strip, the membrane which has recombinant HCV antigen at the test line, while chicken IgY at the control line.
- Each cartridge is individually sealed in an aluminum foil pouch containing a desiccant. 25 sealed cartridges are packed in a box which also contains an ID chip.
- The detection buffer contains dried detection buffer and granulated ball. There are contain recombinant HCV antigen-fluorescence conjugate, anti chicken IgY- fluorescence conjugate, bovine serum albumin (BSA) as a stabilizer and sodium azide in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) as a preservative.
- The dried detection buffer is pre-dispensed in a tube. 25 detection buffer tubes are packed in an aluminum foil pouch.
- The diluent contains a detergent and bovine serum albumin (BSA) as a stabilizer and sodium azide in PBS as a preservative. The diluent is dispensed in a vial.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- For *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- Carefully follow the instructions and procedures described in this 'Instruction for use'.
- Use only fresh samples and avoid direct sunlight.
- Lot numbers of all the test components (cartridge, ID chip and detection buffer, diluent) must match each other.
- Do not interchange the test components between different lots or use the test components after the expiration date, either of which might yield misleading of test result(s).
- Do not reuse. A detection buffer tube should be used for processing one sample only. So should a cartridge.
- The cartridge should remain sealed in its original pouch before use. Do not use the cartridge, if is damaged or already opened.
- Frozen sample should be thawed only once. For shipping, samples must be packed in accordance with the regulations. Sample with severe hemolytic and hyperlipidemia cannot be used and should be recollected.
- Just before use, allow the cartridge, detection buffer and sample to be at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes.
- **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** as well as the instrument for ichroma™ tests should be used away from vibration and/or magnetic field. During normal usage, it can be noted that instrument for ichroma™ tests may produce minor vibration.
- Used detection buffer tubes, pipette tips and cartridges should be handled carefully and discarded by an appropriate method in accordance with relevant local regulations.
- An exposure to larger quantities of sodium azide may cause certain health issues like convulsions, low blood pressure and heart rate, loss of consciousness, lung injury and respiratory failure.
- **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** will provide accurate and reliable results subject to the following conditions.
  - Use **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** should be used only in conjunction with instrument for ichroma™ tests.
  - Any anticoagulants other than **K_2 EDTA, heparin, sodium citrate** should be avoided.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The cartridge is stable for 20 months (while sealed in an aluminum foil pouch) if stored at 4-30 °C.
- The dried detection buffer pre-dispensed in a tube is stable for 20 months if stored at 2-8 °C.
- The diluent dispensed in a vial is stable for 20 months if stored at 2-8 °C.
- After the cartridge pouch is opened, the test should be performed immediately.

LIMITATION OF THE TEST SYSTEM

- The test may yield false positive result(s) due to the cross-reactions and/or non-specific adhesion of certain sample components to the capture/detector antigens.
- The test may yield false negative result. The non-responsiveness of the antibodies to the antigens is most common where the epitope is masked by some unknown components, so as not to be detected or captured by the antibodies. The instability or degradation of the antigen with time and/or temperature may cause the false negative as it makes antibody unrecognizable by the antigens.
- Other factors may interfere with the test and cause erroneous results, such as technical/procedural errors, degradation of the

test components/reagents or presence of interfering substances in the test samples.
- Any clinical diagnosis based on the test result must be supported by a comprehensive judgment of the concerned physician including clinical symptoms and other relevant test results.

MATERIALS SUPPLIED

REF CFPC-31

Components of **ichroma™ Anti-HCV**
- Cartridge Box:
  - Cartridges 25
  - ID Chip 1
  - Instruction For Use 1
- Aluminum Pouch containing Detection Buffer Tubes
  - Detection Buffer tubes (Dried) 25
- Dilution Buffer Vial Pouch
  - Diluent Vial 1

MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT SUPPLIED ON DEMAND

Following items can be purchased separately from **ichroma™ Anti-HCV**.
Please contact our sales division for more information.
- Instrument for ichroma™ tests
  - **ichroma™ II** REF FPRR021
- **ichroma™ Printer** REF FPRR007
- **Boditech Anti-HCV Control** REF CFPO-143

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

The sample type for **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** is human whole blood/serum/plasma.
- It is recommended to test the sample within 24 hours after collection.
- The serum or plasma should be separated from the clot by centrifugation within 3 hours after the collection of whole blood.
- Samples may be stored for up to a week at 2-8 °C prior to being tested. If testing will be delayed more than a week, samples should be frozen at -20 °C.
- Samples stored frozen at -20 °C for 2 months showed no performance difference.
- However, the whole blood sample should not be kept in a freezer in any case.
- Once the sample was frozen, it should be thawed one time and only for test, because repeated freezing and thawing can result in the changed test values.
- Samples containing precipitates must be clarified by centrifugation.

TEST SETUP

- **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** should be performed at environment temperature 25 ± 3 ℃.
- Check the contents of **ichroma™ Anti-HCV**: Sealed Cartridge, Detection Buffer Tubes, Diluent Vial and ID Chip.
- Ensure that the lot number of the cartridge matches that of the ID chip as well as the detection buffer.
- Keep the sealed cartridge (if stored in refrigerator) and the detection buffer tube at room temperature for at least 30 minutes just prior to the test. Place the cartridge on a clean, dust-free and flat surface.
- Turn on the Instrument for ichroma™ tests.
- Insert the ID Chip into the ID chip port of the Instrument for ichroma™ tests**.**
- Press the 'Select' button on the Instrument for ichroma™ tests. (Please refer to the 'Instrument for ichroma™ tests Operation Manual' for complete information and operating instructions.)

TEST PROCEDURE

1) Open the diluent vial and transfer 150 µL of diluent buffer using a transfer pipette to the detection buffer tube.
2) Transfer 30 µL of sample (whole blood/serum/plasma/control) using a transfer pipette to the detection buffer tube.
3) Mix well by pipetting 10-20 times. (The sample mixture must be used immediately.)
4) Pipette out 75 µL of a sample mixture and dispense it into the sample well on the cartridge.
5) Leave the sample-loaded cartridge at room temperature for 12 minutes.
   ⚠ *Scan the sample-loaded cartridge immediately when the incubation time is over. If not, it will cause inexact test result.*
6) To scan the sample-loaded cartridge, insert it into the cartridge holder of the instrument for ichroma™ tests. Ensure proper orientation of the cartridge before pushing it all the way inside the cartridge holder. An arrow has been marked on the cartridge especially for this purpose.
7) Tab the 'Start' icon on the screen.
8) Instrument for ichroma™ tests will start scanning the sample-loaded cartridge immediately.
9) Read the test result on the display screen of the instrument for ichroma™ tests.

INTERPRETATION OF TEST RESULT

- Instrument for ichroma™ tests calculates the test result automatically and displays "Positive"/"Negative"/ "Indeterminate".
- Ancillary value is served in the form of a cut-off index (COI).

Cut-off index (COI)	Result	Note
< 0.90	Negative for anti-HCV.	No need to additional test.
≥ 0.90, < 1.0	Indeterminate.	Dilute the clinical sample with suitable diluent (2 times).
≥ 1.0	Positive for anti-HCV.	Need to confirmation test.

QUALITY CONTROL

- Quality control tests are a part of the good testing practice to confirm the expected results and validity of the assay and should be performed at regular intervals.
- The control tests should be performed immediately after opening a new test lot to ensure the test performance is not altered.
- Quality control tests should also be performed whenever there is any question concerning the validity of the test results.
- Control materials are not provided with **ichroma™ Anti-HCV**. For more information regarding obtaining the control materials, contact Boditech Med Inc.'s Sales Division for assistance. (Please refer to the instruction for use of control material.)

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

- **Analytical Sensitivity**
  - Cut-off
    ichroma™ Anti-HCV decides between positive and negative through COI calculated by ichroma™ II algorism.

Cut-off Index (COI)	Result
COI ≥ 1.0	Positive
0.90 ≤ COI < 1.0	Indeterminate
COI < 0.90	Negative

- **Analytical Specificity**
  - Cross-reactivity
    There was no false positive result from 261 samples containing

potentially interfering substances with the **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** test. The overall specificity was 100 %.

Clinical category	ichroma™ Anti-HCV results		
	Number of samples	Negative	Positive
CMV	20	20	0
EBV	20	20	0
HAV	29	29	0
Anti-HBs	11	11	0
HBsAg	15	15	0
HSV	20	20	0
Rubella	20	20	0
VZV	20	20	0
Syphilis	17	17	0
ANA	23	23	0
RF	24	24	0
Early stage of pregnancy	19	19	0
Middle stage of pregnancy	23	23	0
Total	261	261	0

- Interference
  There was no significant interference from these material with the **ichroma™ Anti-HCV** test.

Materials	Concentration
Heparin	100,000 U/L
EDTA	5 µM
Sodium citrate	25 mg/mL
Bilirubin	0.5 mM/L
Hemoglobin	2 g/L
Triglycerides	1.5 mg/mL
Cholesterol	20 mM
Albumin	60 mg/mL

- **Precision**
  - Between LOT
    One person tested three different lots of **ichroma™ Anti-HCV**, ten times at each concentration of the control standard.
  - Between person
    Three different persons tested same LOT of **ichroma™ Anti-HCV**, five times at each concentration of the control standard.

Anti-HCV sample	Between LOTs		Between persons	
	AVG.	CV (%)	AVG.	CV (%)
Positive	13.78	3.51	14.04	5.39
Weak positive	6.64	6.63	6.94	4.36
Negative	0.08	46.06	0.09	55.65

- **Comparability with reference product**

		Reference product		
		Positive	Negative	Total
ichroma™ Anti-HCV	Positive	50	0	50
	Negative	0	50	50
	Total	50	50	100

  - Positive Comparability: 100 %
  - Negative Comparability: 100 %
  - Total Comparability: 100 %

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Note: Please refer to the table below to identify various symbols.

Σ	Sufficient for <n> tests
	Read instruction for use
	Use by Date
LOT	Batch code
REF	Catalog number
	Caution
	Manufacturer
IVD	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Temperature limit
	Do not reuse

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