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# ANTI-STREPTOLYSIN (ASO) REAGENT
Latex test without predilution

***Qualitative determination of anti-streptolysin O (ASO) in Serum***
(*For In vitro Diagnostic Use Only*)

## ORDER INFORMATION

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| ASO 25 | 25 TESTS |
| ASO 50 | 50 TESTS |
| ASO 100 | 100 TESTS |

## CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Streptolysin O is a toxic immunogenic exoenzyme produced by -heamolitic Streptococci of groups A, C and G. Measuring the ASO antibodies are useful for the diagnostic of rheumatoid fever, acute glomerulonephritis and streptococcal infections. Rheumatic fever is an inflammatory disease affecting connective tissue from several parts of human body as skin, heart, joints, etc… and acute glomerulonephritis is a renal infection that affects mainly to renal glommerulus.

## PRINCIPLE

The ASO-latex is a slide agglutination test for the qualitative and semi-quantitative detection of anti-streptolysin O (ASO) antibodies.
Latex particles coated with streptolysin O are agglutinated when mixed with samples containing ASO.

## TEST SENSITIVITY

The sensitivity is of 200 IU/ml of anti-streptolysin O (ASO) according to the World Health Organization (WHO) International Reference preparation.

## REAGENT COMPOSITION

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| Reagent 1 : | ASO Latex Reagent |
| Reagent 2 : | Positive Control Sera |
| Reagent 3 : | Negative Control Sera |

## ACCESSORIES

Slides, Stirrer rods, Sample Droppers

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

The reagents contain sodium azide (0.95 g/l) as preservative.
Do not swallow Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes.
Take the necessary precautions for the use of laboratory reagents.

## SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION

Fresh serum. Stable 7 days at 2-8ºC or 3 months at –20ºC.
Samples with presence of fibrin should be centrifuged before testing.
Do not use highly hemolized or lipemic samples.

## REAGENT PREPARATION AND STORAGE

All the kit components are ready to use, and will remain stable until the expiration date printed on the label, when stored tightly closed at 2-8ºC and contaminations are prevented during their use. Do not freeze: frozen reagents could change the functionality of the test.
**Reagents deterioration:** Presence of particles and turbidity.

## ASSAY PROCEDURE

| **QUALITATIVE DETERMINATION** | |
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| Add in different circles of the slide : | |
| Serum to be tested | 1 drop |
| Positive Control | 1 drop |
| Negative Control | 1 drop |
| **In all circles add :** | |
| ASO latex reagent | 1 drop |

Mix and spread with the stirring rod to fill the test circle. Rotate the slide and observe for any agglutination which should occur within two minutes.

## INTERPRETATION OF THE RESULTS

Marked agglutination indicates an ASO concentration above 200 IU/ml.
All the positive samples should be tested by a semi quantitative method.

## SEMI-QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION

Prepare sample dilutions with saline 1:2, 1:4, 1:8, 1:16 etc. Test each dilution according to the qualitative procedure until no further agglutination is observed. The ASO concentration can then be estimated from the last dilution with the visible agglutination.

## CALCULATION

The approximate ASO concentration in the patient sample is calculated as follows:

200 x ASO Titer = IU/Ml

## QUALITY CONTROL

Positive and Negative controls are recommended to monitor the performance of test procedure, as well as a comparative pattern for a better results interpretation.

## REFERENCE INTERVAL

Up to 200 IU/mL(adults) and 100 IU/mL (children < 5 years old)m 6.
Each laboratory should establish its own reference range.

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