



**Rapid One-Step Assay for Cardiac Troponin I**  
(Serum/Plasma/Whole blood)

**For professional in vitro diagnostic use only**  
**Not for sale in USA**

**INTENDED USE**

For the rapid qualitative determination of cardiac troponin I (cTnI) in human whole blood, serum and plasma as an aid in the diagnosis of myocardial infarction

**SUMMARY**

Troponin I (TnI) is part of the troponin complex which, together with tropomyosin, forms the main component that regulates the Ca<sup>+2</sup> sensitive ATP-ase activity of actomyosin in striated muscle (skeletal and cardiac). The troponin complex consists of three subunits, troponin T (TnT), troponin I (TnI), and troponin C (TnC). Each subunit has a distinct function with TnC as the site of Ca<sup>+2</sup> binding, TnT the tropomyosin binding, and TnI as the inhibitory subunit. Different isoforms of TnI exist in the skeletal and cardiac muscles (sTnI and cTnI, respectively) with distinct immunologic epitopes that allow the production of cardiac-specific TnI antibodies. The cardiac marker, troponin I has been established as useful tools in the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (AMI). Troponin I is found in blood at elevated concentrations approximately 4- 6 hours after the onset of chest pain and peak at 12-24 hours. Troponin I levels remain elevated for up to 14 days. The use of this marker is an aid in the diagnosis of AMI after myocardial infarction.

**PRINCIPLE**

The *ABI* Troponin I Rapid Test employs a solid-phase chromatographic immunoassay technology to qualitatively detect the elevation of troponin I in human blood samples. When a sample of blood is dispensed into the sample well, red blood cells are removed by the built in separation system. Troponin I in the specimen makes a complex with the specific dye conjugate and biotinylated anti-troponin I antibody. This complex migrates through the Test area containing immobilized streptavidin. The antibody dye-troponin I-biotinylated antibody complex bind to the immobilized streptavidin in the Test area. Unbound dye complexes migrate out of the Test area and are later captured in the Control area. Visible pinkish-purple bands will appear in the Test and Control areas if the concentrations of troponin I is above established cutoff values. If the troponin I concentration in the specimen is 1.0 ng/ml or greater, a band is present in the troponin I area. If a band is present only in the Control area, the test result is read as negative, indicating that the Troponin I concentrations are all below the cutoff values. If no band is present in the Control area, the test is invalid and another test must be run, regardless of the presence or absence of band(s) in the Test Area.

**REAGENTS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED**

Each Cardiac Troponin I test kit contains 30 test devices in separate sealed pouches.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED**

1. Vacutainer™ (Becton Dickinson, Rutherford, NJ, USA) tube, or equivalent, containing heparin as an anticoagulant
2. Timer
3. Positive and Negative Controls
4. Micropipetter and disposable pipette tips

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- For *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- Do not use beyond the expiration date.
- Use separate syringe or clean pipette tips for different specimens. Do not pipette by mouth.
- Do not smoke, eat or drink in areas in which specimens or kits are handled.
- Wear disposable gloves while handling specimens and running the tests, and thoroughly wash hands afterwards.

- All patient samples should be handled as if they are capable of transmitting diseases. Observe established good laboratory procedures for proper disposal of specimens, used pipette tips or syringes, and used test devices.
- The Cardiac Troponin test device should remain in its sealed pouch until ready for use.
- Humidity and temperature can adversely affect results.

**STORAGE AND STABILITY**

Store as packaged in the sealed pouch at 4-30 °C. The test device is stable through the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. The test device must remain in the sealed pouch until use. Do not freeze.

**SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION**

Whole blood, plasma or serum may be used as samples for this procedure. Collect blood in a tube containing heparin as the anticoagulant. Guidelines recommended by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) should be followed when collecting, transporting and processing patient samples. Since cTnI is relatively unstable, it is recommended that fresh samples be used as soon as possible to collect critical patient information. Heat inactivation of samples may lead to hemolysis or protein denaturation and therefore should be avoided.

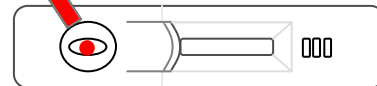
Whole blood samples should be tested within 2 hours of collection. If specimens are to be shipped, they should be packed in compliance with federal regulations covering the transportation of etiologic agents.

**PROCEDURAL NOTES**

- If the Cardiac Troponin I test has been stored in the refrigerator, allow it to return to room temperature before testing. Do not open the foil pouch until you are ready to perform the test.
- Several tests may be run at one time.
- To avoid cross-contamination, use a clean pipette tip for each specimen.
- When the specimen is dispensed, do not position the pipette tip too high from the device's Sample area, in order to prevent the samples from splashing.

**Test procedure**

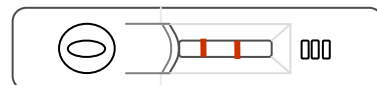
1. Open the foil pouch, remove the Cardiac test card, and lay the device on a level surface. Label the device with the patient's name or control number.
2. Using a micropipette, add 80 µL of whole blood or 60 µL of serum or plasma specimen into the Sample well.
3. Read the test result in 15 minutes.



**INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS**

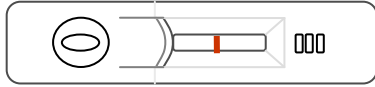
**Positive result**

Two bands appear in the control and test window, which indicates a positive result for Troponin I.

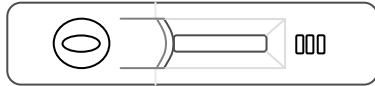


**Negative result**

A single band appears in the control area, which indicates a negative result for Troponin I.

**Invalid Result**

If no pink band is present in the Control window within 15 minutes, the test is invalid, and the sample should be run again with a new test device.

**Notes for Result Interpretation:**

- The color intensity of the Test and Control bands may increase beyond 15 minutes. As the membrane in the reading window dries up, the color intensity of the bands and background change and thus may interfere with reading the test results.
- For best results, the test result should be read at 15 minutes. The result, particularly a result which is negative before 15 minutes, should not be read beyond 15 minutes.
- The test bands will appear before the control band in most strong positive cases. The test bands may be darker than the control band.
- The test bands may appear after the control band in weak positive cases, and the test band may be weaker than the control band.

**EXPECTED VALUES**

The Cardiac Troponin I Assay has been calibrated against the Dade Behring Stratus CS. The Cardiac Troponin I Assay is designed to yield a positive result for cTnI concentrations at or more than 0.6 ng/mL.

**LIMITATIONS**

The results of the Cardiac Troponin I Assay are to be used in conjunction with other clinical information such as clinical signs and symptoms and other test results to diagnose myocardial infarction. A negative result obtained from a patient's sample 16 hours after the onset of chest pain may help in ruling out AMI. A positive assay result from a patient suspected of AMI may be used as an indicative of myocardial damage and requires further confirmation. Serial sampling of patients suspected of AMI is also recommended due to the delay between the onset of symptoms and the release of protein markers into the bloodstream.

Samples containing an unusually high titer of certain antibodies, such as human anti-mouse or human anti-goat antibodies, may affect the performance of the test.

**INTERFERING SUBSTANCES**

Levels of the following substances do not appear to interfere with the Cardiac Troponin I Assay.

Human Albumin	16 g/dL
Bilirubin (unconjugated)	60 mg/dL
Free Hemoglobin	4 g/dL
Triglycerides	1,300 mg/dL

**METHOD COMPARISON**

Serum samples (n=121) collected from individuals after being admitted to a hospital emergency department with chest pain. The samples were tested with the ABI Troponin I test and with FDA approved cardiac troponin I test kit. The correlation between the tests is shown below:

FDA approved Troponin I test	ABI Positive	ABI Negative	Total
Reference method Positive	31	1	32
Reference method Negative	1	88	89
Total	32	89	121

Comparative Sensitivity: 96.9% (31/32)  
 Comparative Specificity: 98.9% (88/89)  
 Overall Agreement: 98.35% (119/121)

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