Instructions for use InviRapid® Casein Allergen Ag Test





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1. Intended use

InviRapid® Casein Allergen Ag Test is an immuno-chromatographic test for the detection of casein in food. All reagents required for the test are included in the test kit. Results are interpreted visually. This test is suitable for the detection of unknown ingredient or ambiguous labeling in processed food. InviRapid® Casein Allergen Ag Test can be used to validate and verify allergen cleaning regimes in manufacturing and analytical environmental. This test is also suitable for quality control in food processing plants specifically with inbound goods, processing stages and final product.

- Detection limit: 2 ppm casein, from bovine milk.
- Specificity: No cross-reaction with almond, buckwheat, egg, soy, gluten or peanut.
 Cross-reacts with brown rice and kidney beans.

2. Kit contents

COMPONENTS	QUANTITY	
Rapid test strip	20 pouches	
Buffer	85 mL, 1 bottle	
1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube	40 pcs	
4 mL sample tube	20 pcs	
Scoop	20 pcs	
Dropper	20 pcs	
Swabs	20 pcs	
Tubes rack	2 pcs	
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3. Equipment and materials required (not provided)

- 200 μL and 1000 μL micropipette and tips
- Weighing scale
- · Grinder or homogenizer
- · Vortex mixer (if available)
- · Clean water

4. Storage instructions

Reagents should be stored between 2 and 30 $^{\circ}$ C and may be used until the expiration date shown on the package label. It is not recommended the use of the kit after the expiry date stated on the box. Protect reagents from light exposure to prevent degradation. Do not freeze.

5. Preparation of samples

- 5.1 For liquid food/drinks:
 - Measure 50 μL of sample into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube with 450 μL buffer and mix well (factor 10).
 - Measure 50 μL of sample prepared in a. into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube with 450 μL buffer and mix well (factor 100)
 - Measure 50 μL of sample prepared in b. into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube with 450 μL buffer and mix well (factor 1000)

5.2 For solid food:

- a. Weigh 0.3 g of sample (finely grinded) into a 4 mL sample tube with the provided scoop.
- b. Add 3 mL buffer to the 4 mL sample tube (factor 10).
- c. Vortex/mix for 30 seconds.
- d. Leave sample mixture to settle for 1 minute.
- e. Transfer $500 \,\mu\text{L}$ (or $15 \,\text{drops}$ by dropper) of the sample mixture supernatant into a $1.5 \,\text{mL}$ microcentrifuge tube.
- f. Measure 50 μ L of sample prepared in e. into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube with 450 μ L buffer and mix well (factor 100).
- g. Measure 50 μ L of sample prepared in f. into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube with 450 μ L buffer and mix well (factor 1000).

5.3 Environmental swab test:

- a. Transfer 500 μ L (or 15 drops by dropper) of buffer into a 1.5mL microcentrifuge tube.
- b. Wet the cotton swab with clean water.
- Swab a sampling surface area of 100 cm2 (recommended) with the pre-wetted cotton swab.
- d. Place the cotton swab in the 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube making sure to immerse the cotton swab head in the buffer.
- Gently agitate the cotton swab in the buffer for at least 30 seconds.
- Remove the cotton swab from the 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube and leave the tube to rest for 1 minute. No further dilution needed.

6. Test procedure

- a. The factor 10 sample should be tested first, if negative only then the factor 1000 samples should be tested. It is not necessary to test the factor 100 sample.
- Open the aluminum pouch and take out the test strip. (please handle the colored sticker portion only and avoid contact with the reaction zone).
- c. Insert the test strip into the 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.

7. Results and sensitivity

Wait 15 minutes for the results. Please read the results immediately without further manipulation.

7.1 Result analysis:

- Positive result: either factor 10 or factor 1000 sample has two colored bands (C and T red test bands) visible within the reaction zone.
- Negative result: both factor 10 and factor 1000 sample have one colored band (C test band).
- Invalid result: no colored band is visible within the reaction zone; the test is considered invalid. Please retest with a new test strip.

8. Warnings and precautions for users

- InviRapid® products are for food testing, not for human diagnostics use.
- InviRapid® products contain non-toxic buffers. To maintain test accuracy, please keep bottle upright to prevent leakage.
- InviRapid[®] are designed as a one-use test. Please do not re-use test strip.
- InviRapid[®] are very sensitive to humidity, which could render the test strips useless. Please keep the test strips away from humidity
- InviRapid® are designed for screening purposes only. If analysis of ingredients is required, please send the sample to your local laboratory for further analysis.
- To ensure test accuracy, please do not use expired test strips or omit weighing samples or operating by micropipettes.
- Airborne casein powder and dirty equipment can lead to casein contamination of the test strip and affect the results. In order to avoid cross contamination during the operation, please clean equipment and surfaces with 75% ethanol before operating and wear gloves while performing the test to ensure detection accuracy.
- All samples require dilution with the buffer in this kit. Do not test
 the sample directly with the test strip.
- Highly concentrated samples and food samples containing high level of polyphenols (e.g. coffee, tea, wine, chocolate etc.), high fat volume (e.g. peanut butter, oil etc.) or heavy food coloring (e.g. soya sauce) will affect the results of the tests.
- Please complete the test procedure in 30 minutes to ensure optimum accuracy.

Quick Guide

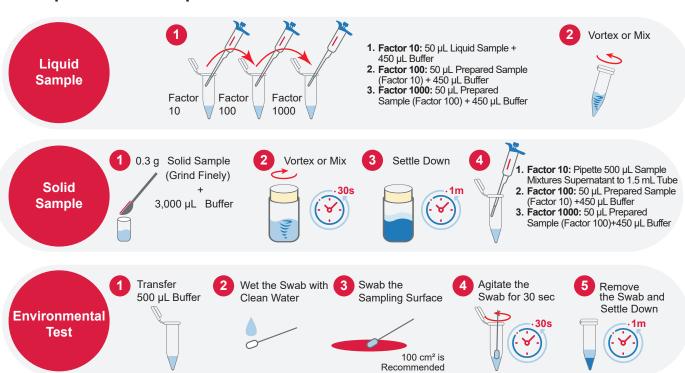
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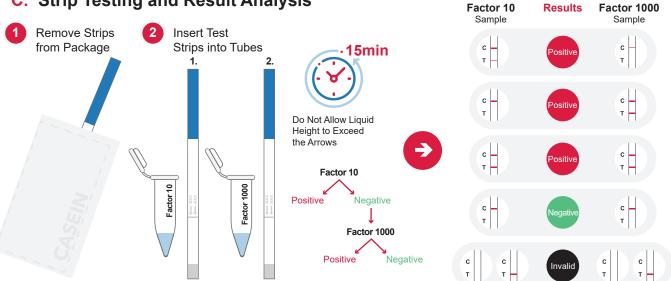
A. Materials Needed

	Liquid Sample	Solid Sample	Environmental Swab Test
4 mL Sample Tube		•	
1.5 mL Microcentrifuge Tube	•	•	•
Micropipette or Droppers	•	•	•
Scoop		•	
Swab (Optional)			•

B. Preparation of Samples



C. Strip Testing and Result Analysis



Positive result: two colored bands (the C and T red test bands) are visible within the reaction zone. Negative result: one colored band (the C red test band) is visible within the reaction zone. Invalid result: no colored band or only T red test band is visible within the reaction zone, the test is considered invalid.

