Exact Diagnostics STI Negative Run Control

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Exact Diagnostics STI Negative Run Control Summary	
Catalog Number	NEGSTI
Non-Reactive Analytes	*Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (NG)
Sample Adequacy Monitoring	Human Cells
Matrix	Synthetic Matrix
Storage	2-8°C
Shelf Life	18 Months from Manufacture Date
Open-Vial Stability	30 Days
Number of Vials Per Kit	6 Vials
Fill Volume	1.1 mL per Vial
Vial Type	Barcoded Vials
Regulatory Status	In Vitro Diagnostic Use

INTENDED USE:

The Exact Diagnostics STI Negative Run Control is an independent external quality run control intended to monitor the absence of *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (NG) in various molecular assays and can be used to detect errors in laboratory testing procedures including potential contamination events.

This product also allows laboratories to evaluate their molecular assay and test for operator proficiency.

This product may be utilized for dilution or spike-in purposes.

SUMMARY AND PRINCIPLE:

The Exact Diagnostics STI Negative Run Control is an independent external quality control to be used with molecular assays to monitor their intra- and inter-run performance. Routine use of external quality controls allows laboratories to capture run-to-run, day-to-day, instrument-to-instrument, operator-to-operator and lot-to-lot variations of their molecular assays. External quality controls can also be used to train laboratory operators and evaluate proficiency.

This product may also be used to dilute or spike-in patient specimens or analyte-containing materials for purposes such as assay validation and verification.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Exact Diagnostics STI Negative Run Control is a formulated synthetic matrix containing human cells. This product is dispensed in barcoded vials and is intended to simulate patient specimens, testing the entire process of a molecular assay including extraction, amplification and detection. The human cells simulate adequate specimen sampling, which is tested by some assays.

This product is non-reactive for *Chlamydia trachomatis* DNA and RNA, and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* DNA and RNA.

PROCEDURE:

The Exact Diagnostics STI Negative Run Control should be treated in the same manner as patient specimens and tested according to the assay manufacturer's or testing laboratory's instructions and recommendations. Also follow the manufacturer's or testing laboratory's extraction recommendations.

If during the use of this device or as a result of its use, a serious incident occurs, please report it to Bio-Rad Laboratories and to your national health authority, as required.

STORAGE AND STABILITY:

This product will be stable until the expiration date when stored unopened at 2-8°C.

After each use, promptly return to 2-8°C for storage. Once opened, the product should be discarded after thirty (30) days when stored at 2-8°C. However, if a vial is to be loaded directly into an instrument, discard it after the run.

Prior to use, vortex briefly then quick spin.

LIMITATIONS:

1. Do not use this product beyond the expiration date.
2. This product is for Laboratory/Professional use only.
3. This product is an unassayed control and does not have assigned values.
4. It is the responsibility of each laboratory to implement its own quality assurance program to determine the suitability of this product for its particular use and to establish its own target ranges and guidelines for interpretation of results obtained with this product.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

1. Do not pipette by mouth. Do not smoke, eat, or drink in areas where specimens are handled.
2. Handle and dispose of all specimens, controls and materials used in testing as though they contain infectious agents.
3. Discard product if packaging is damaged or leaking. Disinfect liquids, materials or spills with a 0.5% sodium hypochlorite solution.
4. Dispose of any discarded materials in accordance with the requirements of the local waste management authorities. In the event of damage to packaging, contact the local Bio-Rad Laboratories Sales Office or Bio-Rad Laboratories Technical Service.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:

Universal precautions and proper disposal should be practiced[1]. It is recommended that this product be handled in accordance with Biosafety Level 2 practices as described in the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)[2], Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, or other equivalent guidelines.[3,4]

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is available for professional users on www.bio-rad.com.

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