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#### Product description

For use as an assayed quality control verification of the resistance measure of impedance aggregometry.

# **Test principle**

Whole blood impedance aggregometry is based on the measurement of a change in electrical impedance caused by the aggregation of blood platelets on a pair of electrodes. The specific evaluation and assessment of the instrument to detect a change in the electrical current may be tested using artificial control material.

The liquid control set consists of two fluids, "Solution 1" and "Solution 2", of different ionic strengths. The mixing of the fluids in various proportions results in a change of electrical conductivity which is recorded as a change in impedance in the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> analyzer.

The set contains enough control material to test the level 1 and level 2 controls for all five channels of the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> analyzer.

### **Materials Provided**

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Solution 1: 2 x 4.0 ml Solution 2: 1 x 2.0 ml

### Materials required (but not provided)

- 1. Platelet aggregometer
- 2. Purified water (distilled or deionized)
- 3. Aggregometer test cells with stir bars
- 4. Pipettes 100 µL to 1 mL

### Instrumentation

The Liquid Control will perform as described when used with the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> aggregometer. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

# Precautions and warnings

Exercise the normal precautions required for handling all laboratory material.

Disposal of all waste material should be in accordance with local guidelines.

Avoid foam formation in all reagents.

# **Reagent Preparation**

The reagents are provided in ready-to-use form.

The three tubes must be preheated for 20 minutes prior to use in the preheating positions of the Multiplate® analyzer.

# Storage and stability

Liquid quality control solutions must be stored at  $2-8^{\circ}$ C. The set is stable until the expiry date printed on the tube label when stored under these conditions.

**Note:** Opened tubes must be used within 24 hours of opening.

### Test procedure

Preheat the reagents for 20 min at 37°C in the preheating positions of the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> analyzer prior to use. Run measurements for level 1 and level 2 controls as follows:



**Note:** It is important to precisely follow this procedure. The use of non-preheated solutions or shorter incubation times may skew results. It is important that "Solution 2" is pipetted **onto** the surface of "Solution 1".

When using the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> electronic pipette in auto mode follow the test instructions displayed by the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> software.

### **Quality Control**

Expected values for the liquid quality control analyses, which are marked by two horizontal green lines in the graphic window, are as follows:



If results of a liquid control analysis are not within the expected range, repeat the analysis. If a channel's results repeatedly fall outside of the expected range lock the appropriate channel in the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> software (menu *Multiplate -> Channel administration*) and contact the manufacturer or local Multiplate<sup>®</sup> representative for service.

# Limitations

The liquid quality control is an artificial quality control of the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> analysis. The quality of the electronic parts and sensors of the Multiplate<sup>®</sup> system as well as the quality of the optional electronic pipette is assessed. The liquid control does not assess the appropriate stirring of the sample or the proper performance of aggregation reagents.

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