

INTENDED USE

The *Novamed* One Step cardiac FABP Test Device is intended for the qualitative determination of cardiac FABP in human whole blood. Measurement of FABP values is useful in the evaluation of acute myocardial infarction (AMI).

ASSAY SUMMARY

The human cardiac FABP (H-FABP or FABP₃) is a 132 amino acid small molecular weight (15kDa) protein¹. FABP₃ is one of the most abundant proteins in cardiomyocytes and is mainly involved in fatty acid transport². The concentration of fatty acids in plasma and in myocardial tissue rise during myocardial ischemia acting to protect myocytes against fatty acid oxidation^{3,7}. Upon acute myocardial infarction (AMI) the blood and urine levels of FABP₃ rise rapidly⁸⁻¹⁰ (within 1-3 hours) reaching their peak values at 6 hours, and return to baseline concentration within 24 hours. Characteristics of FABP₃ appear to be similar to those of myoglobin¹¹⁻¹⁴, however, FABP₃ concentrations are 2-10-fold higher in the heart than in the skeletal muscle^{15, 16}. In contrast, myoglobin concentrations are 2-fold lower in cardiac cells than skeletal cells. Thus, the apparent greater cardiospecificity of FABP₃, along with certain aspects of its biology account for its greater value in diagnostics of AMI¹⁶⁻²⁰.

TEST PRINCIPLE

The *Novamed* One Step cardiac FABP Test Device is a lateral flow-based immunoassay designed for the detection of FABP₃ in miniature-sized human whole blood, plasma and serum samples. To perform the test, sample is loaded onto the assay sample input surface through the sample port opening. The vast majority of blood cells, if present in the sample, are immediately filtered

out owing to the unique architecture of the test, allowing only the plasma to flow down the assay membrane. FABP₃ in the specimen is bound by, and forms a complex with colloidal gold-conjugated mouse-anti-FABP₃ monoclonal antibodies. This complex migrates through the membrane towards the assay test line containing additional murine monoclonal antibodies where a color band of variable intensity should be observed when the FABP₃ concentration is greater than or equal to 10ng/ml, the assay sensitivity limit. No line will appear in the test line area if specimen FABP₃ concentration is below this limit. The specimen-gold conjugate mixture then migrates further down the membrane through the assay control line to produce a color band. The assay is deemed invalid if the control line is not visible, and retesting should be performed.

KIT COMPONENTS

Each kit contains everything needed to perform 20 tests.

- 20 individually wrapped test devices.
- 1 dropper bottle with buffer
- 1 package insert.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

The test device should be stored at ambient temperature 15-25°C in its sealed pouch and under dry conditions. Expiration date for each assay lot is indicated on the pouch. **Do not use if foil pouch seal is not intact!**

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

1. For *in-vitro* diagnostic use only.
2. Always wear gloves when performing this procedure and treat all specimens and used devices as potentially infectious.
3. The *Novamed* One Step cardiac FABP Test Device should remain in foil pouch until ready for use. The

pouch containing the test card must be completely sealed.

4. Do not use the *Novamed* One Step cardiac FABP Test Device beyond the expiration date printed on foil pouch.

TEST LIMITATIONS

The *Novamed* One Step cardiac FABP Test is a qualitative assay device capable of detecting elevations of FABP₃ levels above 10ng/ml. A positive test result from a patient suspected of AMI requires further confirmation. To diagnose cardiac emergencies, SensAheart should not be used as a sole diagnostic means, but in conjunction with other data, such as clinical signs, and EKG. Caution should be exercised when interpreting results obtained from samples expressing elevated level of substances known to interfere with lateral flow format tests, such as rheumatoid factor or antinuclear antibody, produced in certain diseases. These substances are generally known to impose false positive and false negative results.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Bring the pouch to room temperature. Remove the test device from the sealed pouch and use it as soon as possible. For best results use immediately after opening the pouch
2. Place the test device on a clean and level surface.

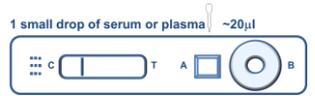
- a. **Whole Blood** Allow 1 hanging drop of fingerprick whole blood specimen (approximately 35-40 µL) to fall into the center of well B on the test device. After the sample is fully absorbed, wait 15-20 seconds and add 4 drops of buffer to the same well (B). See illustration below.



Add 4 drops of buffer
Read results at 15-20 minutes.
Do not interpret after 20 minutes.

- b. **Serum/Plasma** Apply 20 µL of serum/plasma to well A. Wait ~10 seconds and then add 6 drops of buffer to well B.

3. Wait for the colored line(s) to appear.



Add 6 drops of buffer
Read results at 15-20 minutes.
Do not interpret after 20 minutes.

QUALITY CONTROL

An internal procedural control is included in the test. A colored line in the control line region (C) is an internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume, adequate membrane wicking and correct procedural technique.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

(Please refer to the illustration below)

POSITIVE: * **Two distinct colored lines appear.** One vivid colored line is visible in the control line region (C), and another apparent colored line should be detected in the test line region (T).

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** The intensity of color in the test line region (T) is subject to variability reflecting the concentration of FABP₃ present in the specimen. Therefore, any shade of color in the test line region (Test) should be considered positive.



Positive test

NEGATIVE: **One colored line appears in the control line region (C).** No line is visible in the test line region (T).



Negative test

INVALID: Control line (C) fails to appear. Insufficient specimen volume or incorrect procedural techniques are the most likely reasons for control line failure. Review the procedure and repeat the test with a new test device. If the problem persists, discontinue using the test kit immediately and contact your local distributor.



Invalid test

CROSS-REACTIVITY

Sera containing known amounts of FABP₄ (≤10000 ng/ml), and cardiac Troponin I (≤5000 ng/ml) have been tested with the device. No cross-reactivity was observed.

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