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Chip-based Real Time PCR Test for Neisseria gonorrhoeae

1. INTENDED USE

Truenat® NG (REF 601150005 / 601150020 / 601150025 / 601150050 / 601150100 / 601150200) is a Chip-based Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test for the semi-quantitative detection of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in female endocervical and vaginal swab specimens, male urethral swab specimens and male and female Urine specimen. It aids in the diagnosis of symptomatic or asymptomatic infection with *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Truenat® NG runs on the Truelab® Real Time Quantitative micro PCR Analyzers. Truenat® NG is an *in vitro* diagnostics test meant for professional use only.

2. INTRODUCTION

Neisseria gonorrhoeae is a species of Gram-negative bacteria responsible for the sexually transmitted infection (STI) gonorrhea. These non-motile cocci are facultatively intracellular and typically appear in pairs (diplococci). An estimated 78 to 88 million cases of gonorrhea occur each year. Uncomplicated gonorrhea infections can be treated and cured with antibiotics. If left untreated, N. gonorrhoeae infections can disseminate to other areas of the body, causing inflammation of the epididymis or pelvic inflammatory disease or throughout the body, affecting joints and heart valves in both men and women. The current methods for detection of N. gonorrhoeae include microscopy, culture, immunoassays and nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs). Culture methods can have good clinical sensitivity, but are highly dependent on proper specimen handling. Improper specimen storage and transport can lead to false negatives because of loss of organism viability. The performance of NAATs with respect to overall sensitivity, specificity and ease of specimen transport is better than that of

any of the other tests available for the diagnosis of gonococcal infections. A few molecular / NAAT based tests are available commercially for detection of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. However, molecular tests have so far been restricted to centralized reference laboratories as they require skilled manpower and elaborate infrastructure. Also the turnaround time for results could take a few days.



The **Truelab**® Real Time micro PCR System enables decentralization and near patient diagnosis and detection of Gonorrhea infection by making real time PCR technology rapid, simple, robust and user friendly and offering "sample to result" capability even at resource limited settings. This is achieved through a combination of lightweight, portable, mains / battery operated **Truelab**® Real Time micro PCR Analyzer and **Trueprep® AUTO / AUTO v2** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device and room temperature stable **Truenat®** micro PCR chips and **Trueprep® AUTO / AUTO v2** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Kits so that even the peripheral laboratories with minimal infrastructure and minimally trained technician can easily perform these tests routinely in their facilities and report PCR results in less than an hour. Moreover, with these devices PCR testing can also be initiated in the field level, on site.

Truenat® NG is a disposable, room temperature stable, micro PCR chip with dried MgCl $_2$ in reaction well and freeze dried PCR reagents in microtube for performing Real Time PCR test for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and runs on the **Truelab®** Real Time micro PCR Analyzer. It requires only six (6) μ L of purified DNA to be added to the reaction well for the analysis. The intelligent chip also carries test and batch related information. The **Truenat® NG** chip also stores information of used chips to prevent any accidental re-use of the chip.

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The Truenat[®] micro PCR chip is protected by the following patents and patents pending: IN 2312/CHE/2007, WO 2009/047805 and corresponding claims of any foreign counterpart(s) thereof.

3. PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Truenat® NG works on the principle of Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction based on Taqman chemistry. The DNA from the patient sample is first extracted using Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device and Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge based Sample Prep Kit. The Truenat® NG chip is placed on the chip tray of the Truelab® Real Time micro PCR Analyzer. Six (6) µL of the purified DNA is then dispensed using the provided micropipette and tip into the microtube containing freeze dried PCR reagents and allowed to stand for 30-60 seconds to get a clear solution. ⚠ No mixing by tapping, shaking or by reverse pipetting should be done. Six (6) µL of this clear solution is

then pipetted out using the same pipette and tip and dispensed into the reaction well of the Truenat® NG chip and the test is started. A positive amplification causes the dual labeled fluorescent probe in the Truenat® NG chip to release the fluorophores in an exponential manner which is then captured by the built-in optoelectronic sensor and displayed as amplification curve on the analyzer screen, on a real time basis during the test run. The Cycle threshold (Ct) is defined as the number of amplification cycles required for the fluorescent signal to cross the threshold (i.e. exceed the background signal). Ct levels are inversely proportional to the amount of target nucleic acid in the sample. (i.e. the lower the Ct level the greater is the amount of target nucleic acid in the sample). In the case of negative samples, amplification does not occur and a horizontal amplification curve is displayed on the screen during the test run. At the end of the test run, Gonorrhea "DETECTED" or "NOT DETECTED" result is displayed and in positive cases, semi quantitative result is also displayed on the screen. Based on the detection of the internal positive control (IPC), the validity of the test run is also displayed. The IPC is a full process control that undergoes all the processes the specimen undergoes - from extraction to amplification thereby validating the test run from sample to result. Absence of or shift of IPC Ct beyond a pre-set range in case of negative samples invalidates the test run. While IPC will co-amplify in most positive cases also, in some specimen having a high target load, the IPC may not amplify, however the test run is still considered valid. The results can be printed using the Truelab® micro PCR printer or transferred to the lab computer/or any remote computer via Wifi network or 3G/GPRS network. Upto 20,000 results in Truelab® Uno Dx/Duo/Quattro can be stored on the analyzer for future recall and reference.

4. TARGET SELECTION

The target sequence for this assay is the porB gene and opaE gene. of the *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* genome.

5. CONTENTS OF THE Truenat® NG KIT

- A. Individually sealed pouches, each containing
 - 1. Truenat® NG micro PCR chip.
 - 2. Microtube with freeze dried PCR reagents.
 - 3. DNase & RNase free pipette tip.
 - 4. Desiccant pouch.
- B. Package Insert

REF	601150005	601150020	601150025	601150050	601150100	601150200
Σ	5T	20T	25T	50T	100T	200T

6. CONTENTS OF THE Trueprep® AUTO Universal Sample Pre-treatment Pack

- A. Lysis Buffer.
- B. Disposable transfer pipette (graduated).
- C. Package Insert

REF	60205AB05	60205AB20	60205AB25	60205AB50	60205AB100	60205AB200
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7. CONTENTS OF THE Trueprep® AUTO Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Pack

A. Transport Medium for Swab specimen tubes (contains transport medium).

B. Package Insert

REF	60206TS05	60206TS20	60206TS25	60206TS50	60206TS100	60206TS200
₹	5T	20T	25T	50T	100T	200T

8. STORAGE AND STABILITY

Truenat® NG is stable for two (2) years from the date of manufacture if stored between 2-30°C. It is also stable for upto one (1) month at temperatures up to 45°C. Avoid exposure to light or elevated temperatures (above recommended levels). Do not freeze.

Trueprep® AUTO Universal Sample Pre-Treatment Pack and **Trueprep® AUTO** Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Pack is stable for two (2) years from the date of manufacture if stored between 2-40°C. It is also stable for one (1) month at temperatures upto 45°C. Do not freeze.

9. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED WITH THE KIT

 $\textbf{Truelab}^{\circ}$ Real Time micro PCR Workstation (REF 623010001 / 633010001 / 643010001 / 653010001) consisting of

- Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device (REF603041001/603042001).
- Truelab[®] Uno Dx / Truelab[®] Duo / Truelab[®] Quattro Real Time micro PCR Analyzer (REF 603021001 / 603022001 / 603023001).
- 3. Truelab® micro PCR Printer (REF 603050001).
- 4. **Truepet**® SPA fixed volume precision micropipette 6 μl (REF 604070006).
- Truelab[®] Microtube Stand (REF 603070001).

Also required additionally are: Trueprep® AUTO Universal Sample Pre-treatment Pack (REF60205AB05 / REF60205AB20 / REF60205AB25 / REF60205AB50 /

REF60205AB100 / REF60205AB200), **Trueprep® AUTO** Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Pack (REF60206TS05 / REF60206TS20 / REF60206TS25 / REF60206TS50 / REF60206TS100 / REF60206TS200), **Trueprep® AUTO** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Kit (REF60203AR05 / REF60203AR25 / REF60203AR30 / REF60203AR100) or **Trueprep® AUTO v2** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Kit (REF60207AR05 / REF60207AR25 / REF60207AR30 / REF60207AR100), **Truenat®** Positive Control Kit - Panel III (REF 801030008), Powder free disposable gloves, waste disposal container with lid.

10. SPECIMEN PREPARATION FOR EXTRACTION WITH Trueprep® AUTO / AUTO

Swab specimen must be collected as per standard procedures using a standard nylon flocked swab. Insert the swab with specimen into the Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Tube provided and mix well by repeatedly twirling the swab in the buffer solution. After mixing, squeeze out the excess liquid from the swab by pressing it a few times against the inside wall of the tube. Dispose off the swab as per the section on "Disposal and Destruction" (Section 18). Transfer 500 µL from the Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Tube into the Lysis Buffer Tube. Tightly close the cap of the Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Tube (Refer to the package insert of **Trueprep® AUTO** Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Pack for further details).

For Urine specimen: Collect about 10 ml of first flow of urine (ensuring atleast 2 hours gap from last urination) in a urine collection cup. Transfer 0.5 ml from the cup to the lysis buffer tube and mix well after tightly closing the cap (Refer to the package insert of Trueprep® AUTO Universal Sample Pre-treatment Pack for further details).

Dispose off urine collection cup as per the section on "Disposal and Destruction" (Section 18).

Sample Storage and Transportation:

Transport Medium for Swab Specimen decontaminates the specimen and makes it ready for storage / transportation / extraction. The specimen in this form is stable for up to 3 days at 40°C and 1 week at 30°C.

Nucleic acid extraction: Use the entire content of lysis buffer tube containing Transport Medium for Swab Specimen / urine sample for further procedure with the Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device and Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Kit (Refer to the User Manual of Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep device and the package insert of Trueprep® AUTO/AUTO v2 Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Kit for details). \(\tilde{\Delta} \) Dispose off the Transport Medium for Swab Specimen tube, lysis buffer tube and transfer pipette after use, as per the section on "Disposal and Destruction" (Section 18).

11. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 1. For in vitro diagnostic use only.
- 2. Bring all reagents and specimen to room temperature (20 30°C) before use.
- 3. Do not use kit beyond expiry date.
- Carefully read the User Manuals, package inserts and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) of all the components of the Truelab[®] Real Time micro PCR System before use.
- All materials of human origin should be handled as though potentially infectious.
- 6. Do not pipette any material by mouth.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics or handle contact lenses in the area where testing is done.
- 8. Use protective clothing and wear disposable gloves when handling samples and while performing sample extraction.

12. PROCEDURAL PRECAUTIONS

- Check all packages before using the kit. Damage to the packaging does not prevent the contents of the kit from being used. However, if the outer packaging is damaged the user must confirm that individual components of the kit are intact before using them.
- Do not perform the test in the presence of reactive vapours (e.g. from Sodium hypochlorite, acids, alkalis or aldehydes) or dust.
- 3. While retrieving the **Truenat® NG** micro PCR chip, microtube and the DNase & RNase free pipette tip from the pouch, ensure that neither bare hands nor gloves that have been used for previous tests run are used.

13. PROCEDURAL LIMITATIONS

- Optimal performance of this test requires appropriate specimen collection, handling, storage and transport to the test site.
- Though very rare, mutations within the highly conserved regions of the target genome where the **Truenat** assay primers and/or probe bind may result in the under-quantitation of or a failure to detect the presence of the concerned pathogen.
- The instruments and assay procedures are designed to minimize the risk of
 contamination by PCR amplification products. However, it is essential to follow
 good laboratory practices and ensure careful adherence to the procedures
 specified in this package insert for avoiding nucleic acid contamination from
 previous amplifications, positive controls or specimens.

4. A specimen for which the **Truenat**[®] assay reports "Not Detected" cannot be concluded to be negative for the concerned pathogen. As with any diagnostic test, results from the **Truenat**[®] assay should be interpreted in the context of other clinical and laboratory findings.

14. CLEANING AND DECONTAMINATION

- Spills of potentially infectious material should be cleaned up immediately with absorbent paper tissue and the contaminated area should be decontaminated with disinfectants such as 0.5% freshly prepared Sodium hypochlorite [10 times dilution of 5% Sodium hypochlorite (household bleach) before continuing work].
- Sodium hypochlorite should not be used on an acid-containing spill unless the spill-area is wiped dry first. Materials used to clean spills, including gloves, should be disposed off as potentially bio-hazardous waste e.g. in a bio-hazard waste container.

15. TEST PROCEDURE

(Please also refer the **Truelab**® Real Time micro PCR Analyzer user manual)

- 1. Switch on the **Truelab®** Analyzer.
- 2. Select User and enter password.
- 3. For Truelab® Uno Dx, select the test profile for "NGonorrhea" to be run from the Profiles Screen, on the Analyzer screen. For Truelab® Duo/Quattro, select the Bay (Idle1/2) for Duo and (Idle1/2/3/4) for Quattro from the Status Screen to view the Profiles Screen. Select the test profile for "NGonorrhea" to be run from the Profiles Screen, on the Analyzer screen.
- 4. Enter the patient details as prompted in the **Truelab**® Analyzer screen.
- 5. Press Start Reaction.
- For Truelab® Uno Dx, Press the eject button to open the chip tray. For Truelab® Duo/Quattro, the chip tray opens automatically on tapping the "Start Reaction" button.
- Open a pouch of Truenat® NG and retrieve the micro PCR chip, microtube and DNase & RNase free pipette tip.
- Place the Truenat® NG chip on the chip tray without touching the white reaction well. The reaction well should be facing up and away from the Analyzer. Gently press the chip to ensure that it has seated in the chip tray properly.
- 9. Place the microtube containing freeze dried PCR reagents in the microtube stand provided along with the Truelab® Real Time micro PCR workstation after ensuring that white pellet of dried PCR reagents remains at the bottom of the microtube. Remove the microtube cap and dispose it off as per the section on "Disposal and Destruction" (Section 18). Using the filter barrier tip provided in the pouch, pipette out six (6) μL of the purified DNA from the Elute Collection Tube into the microtube. Allow it to stand for 30-60 seconds to get a clear solution. ΔDo not mix it by tapping, shaking or by reverse pipetting. Using the same filter barrier tip, pipette out six (6) μL of this clear solution and dispense into the centre of the white reaction well of the Truenat® NG chip. Take care not to scratch the internal well surface and not to spill elute on the outside of the well. Dispose off the microtip as per the section on "Disposal and Destruction" (Section 18).
- 10. For Truelab® Uno Dx, slide the chip tray containing the Truenat® NG Chip-based Real Time PCR test loaded with the sample into the Truelab® Analyzer. Press Done on the "Please Load Sample" Alert message. For Truelab® Duo/Quattro, select "YES" at the Please load Sample prompt. Chip tray will close automatically and the reaction will start.
- 11. Read the result from the screen.
- After the reaction is completed, for Truelab[®] Uno Dx, push the Eject button to eject the chip tray. For Truelab[®] Duo/Quattro, tap the "Open/Close Tray" button to eject the chip tray.
- Take out the Truenat® NG micro PCR chip at end of the test and dispose it off as per the section on "Disposal and Destruction" (Section 18).
- 14. Turn on Truelab® micro PCR printer and select print on the screen for printing out hard copy of the results. Test results are automatically stored and can be retrieved any time later. (Refer to Truelab® Analyzer manual).
- 15. Switch off the **Truelab®** Analyzer.

16. RESULTS & INTERPRETATIONS

Two amplification curves are displayed on the **Truelab**® Analyzer screen to indicate the progress of the test. Both the target and the internal positive control (IPC) curves will take a steep, exponential path when the fluorescence crosses the threshold value in case of positive samples. The Cycle threshold (Ct) will depend on the number of target nucleic acids in the sample. The curve will remain horizontal throughout the test duration and the IPC curve will take an exponential path in case of negative samples. In case the IPC curve remains horizontal in a negative sample, the test is considered as Invalid. At the end of the test run, the results screen will display "DETECTED" for Positive result or "NOT DETECTED" for Negative result. The result screen would also display the microbial load as "HIGH (Ct<20)", "MEDIUM (20≤Ct<25)", "LOW (25≤Ct<30)" or "VERY LOW (Ct≥30)" for positive specimen. The result screen also displays the validity of the test run as "VALID" or "INVALID". Invalid samples have to be repeated with fresh

specimen from the sample preparation stage. *While IPC will co-amplify in most positive cases also, in some specimen having a high target load, the IPC may not amplify, however the test run is still considered valid.

17. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES

To ensure that the **Truelab**® Real Time micro PCR Analyzer is working accurately, run positive and negative controls from time to time. The **Truenat**® Positive Control Kit - Panel III (REF 801030008) containing Positive Control and Negative Control must be ordered separately. It is advisable to run controls under the following circumstances: • Whenever a new shipment of test kits is received. • When opening a new test kit lot. If the temperature of the storage area falls outside of 2-30°C. • By each new user prior to performing testing on clinical specimen.

18. DISPOSAL AND DESTRUCTION

- Submerge the used Truenat® NG chip, microtube, microtube cap, transfer pipette, pipette tips, nylon flocked swab, Transport Medium for Swab Specimen Tube, lysis buffer tube, urine collection cup etc. in freshly prepared 0.5% Sodium hypochlorite solution for 30 minutes before disposal as per the standard medical waste disposal guidelines.
- 2. Disinfect the solutions and/or solid waste containing biological samples before discarding them according to local regulations.
- Samples and reagents of human and animal origin, as well as contaminated
 materials, disposables, neutralized acids and other waste materials must be
 discarded according to local regulations after decontamination by immersion
 in a freshly prepared 0.5% of Sodium hypochlorite for 30 minutes (1 volume of
 5% Sodium hypochlorite for 10 volumes of water).
- 4. Do not autoclave materials or solutions containing Sodium hypochlorite.
- Chemicals should be handled in accordance with Good Laboratory Practice and disposed off according to the local regulations.

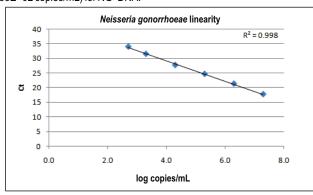
19. SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Analytical Exclusitivity (Primer specificity): The following viruses and microorganisms were evaluated *in silico* from the NCBI database using the NCBI nucleotide blast and primer blast tools to determine potential cross-reactivity in the Truenat® NG assay. Results obtained showed no cross reactivity of the Truenat® NG assay with the listed organisms.

Organisms	Organisms
Acinetobacter anitratus	Pseudomonas trivialis
Candida albicans	Mycobacterium tuberculosis
Chlamydia trachomatis	Klebsiella pneumoniae
Enterobacter cloacae	Adenovirus
Salmonella enterica	Cytomegalovirus
Staphylococcus aureus	Hepatitis B virus
Streptococcus mutans	Hepatitis C virus
Escherichia coli	Human Immunodeficiency virus
Gardnerella vaginalis	Epstein-Barr virus
Yersinia enterocolitica	Herpes Simplex virus
Trichomonas vaginalis	Simian virus
Enterococcus faecalis	Human Papilloma virus
Mycobacterium bovis	

Linearity:

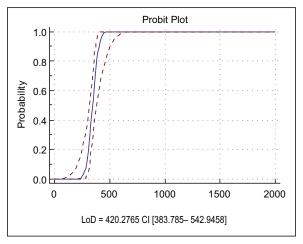
The linearity analysis was performed according to CLSI Guidelines. Serial dilutions of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (Zopf) Trevisan ATCC® 700825D-5™ strain DNA from 1.95E+07 to 4.88E+02 copies/mL were made and nucleic acids were extracted on **Trueprep® AUTO** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device in triplicates for each dilution followed by PCR on **Truelab® Uno Dx** Real Time micro PCR analyzer. The assay is found to be linear over 6 orders of magnitude (from 1.95E+07 to 4.88E+02 copies/mL) for NG-DNA.



Limit of detection (LoD):

The LoD was determined by making dilutions of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (Zopf) Trevisan ATCC® 700825D-5™ strain DNA and performing nucleic acid extractions on **Trueprep® AUTO** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device for each of the dilution 9 times followed by PCR on **Truelab® Uno Dx** Real Time micro PCR

analyzer. Probit analysis of the data was used to determine the concentration of the DNA with 95% probability. The LoD was found to be 420 copies/mL for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (Zopf) Trevisan ATCC® 700825D-5™ strain DNA.



Robustness:

To determine whether the **Truenat**® **NG** Chip-based Real Time PCR test showed any signs of carryover of PCR products between runs, alternating runs of positive samples and negatives samples were performed. 20 positive samples and 20 negative samples were used for the study. The **Truenat**® **NG** test did not exhibit detectable carryover contamination between positive to negative sample runs.

Reproducibility:

The purpose of this study is to compare the functional performance of the **Truenat® NG** assay using three different titres of samples on **Truelab® Uno Dx** Real Time micro PCR analyzer. High, Medium and low titre samples were extracted on **Trueprep® AUTO** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device and tested among three different users (Inter user), on three different devices (Inter device) and on 5 consecutive days (Inter day) to check the variability. Mean %CV values for all titres has been calculated for Inter User (1.35), Inter day (1.45) and Inter Device (1.74) which were in the accepted range of ≤15% CV for **Truenat® NG** assay.

Interference:

The purpose of this study is to determine the effect of potentially interfering substances on the **Truenat**® **NG** assay. For this study Medium and low load samples were used. To the samples different concentrations of blood ranging from 5%, 10% and 30% were spiked and then the samples were subjected to sample prep on **Trueprep® AUTO** Universal Cartridge Based Sample Prep Device. DNA was eluted and PCR was performed on **Truelab® Uno Dx** Real Time micro PCR analyzer using **Truenat® NG** chips. The presence of blood till 30% did not interfere with the performance of **Truenat® NG** assay. The %CV values obtained were within the accepted range of ≤15%.

Precision:

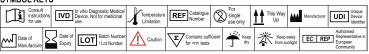
Precision was tested by performing **Truenat**® **NG** assay with extracted DNA of High (1.95E+05 copies/mL), Medium (1.95E+04 copies/mL) and Low (1.95E+03 copies/mL) titres for five consecutive days. Every day PCR for each titre DNA was run in duplicates. The %CV values obtained for High titre (3.23), Medium titre (2.46) and low titre (2.53) were within the accepted range of ≤15% CV for **Truenat**® **NG** assay.

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