



User's Manual

# FIV Virus Antibody whole blood One-Step

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*For the detection of antibodies to Feline  
Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) p24 antigen in  
whole blood samples of cats and other felids  
(e.g. cheetah, lion)*

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***Please use only the valid version of the package insert provided with the kit.***

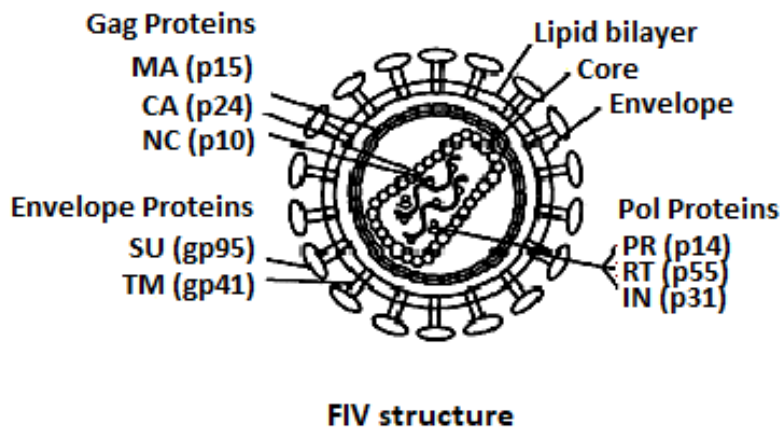
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## 2. Introduction

FIV is a lentivirus that was discovered in 1986 by Dr. Nels Pedersen at the University of California. The virus has a world-wide distribution with a prevalence of around 5% in healthy cats. FIV is transmitting mainly by biting. It can also be transmitted from mother to kitten during the prenatal period.

The virus establishes a persistent infection from which cats usually recover. There follows an asymptomatic phase lasting several years in which the cat is clinically healthy. However, over time the immune function in the cat deteriorates and opportunistic infections (especially of the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts, lymphomas or neurological disorders) arise.



Almost all cats infected with FIV have antibodies to viral structural proteins, particularly the envelope proteins (SU/TM) and the core proteins (p24/p17). Antibodies are first detected in serum 3-6 weeks after infection. Occasionally cats show an antibody response against a single envelope or core protein.

At the moment all attempts to develop a vaccine (until now, without success) are based on envelope proteins, in this way the detection of p24 antibodies is the only possibility to distinguish vaccinated cats from non-vaccinated cats in the future. Recent articles written indicate that the p24 response is significantly higher in clinical (reasonable) healthy cats (but FIV infected) which could mean that it can be monitored as illness progression protein.

## 3. Intended use of the test kit

This One-Step test is intended to use as practical/routine screening test that can be done in a few minutes. This test kit is designed to detect FIV anti-p24 antibodies in whole blood by use of a Rapid Immunochromatic Assay.

## 4. Principle of the test kit

The FIV whole blood One-Step test is based on the detection of anti-p24 antibodies since the p24 protein is essentially identical in all known strains of FIV. Monoclonal  $\alpha$ -kat immunoglobulin is conjugated to colloidal gold particles and P24 proteins are immobilized on the strip in the test zone "T". FIV anti-p24 antibodies in the sample that is applied to the strip at the sample zone "S" will bind to the gold particles which then migrate to zone "T". A colour change in zone "T" indicates a positive test. Labelled colloidal gold particles are also immobilized on the test strip in the control zone "C", to indicate that the test is working properly.

## 5. Contents

- 24 x Pouches, each containing 1 test strip and 1 pipette
- 24 x Buffer vials
- 1 x Protocol

## 6. Handling and storage of specimens

The One-Step should be stored at room temperature ( $\pm 21^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). An unopened package can be used until the expiry date. An opened package must be used immediately. If the conditions are no longer fulfilled the test can no longer be used. Avoid freezing and heating as this will contribute to destruction of the test. Samples may be used fresh or may be kept frozen below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  before use.

## 7. Sample material

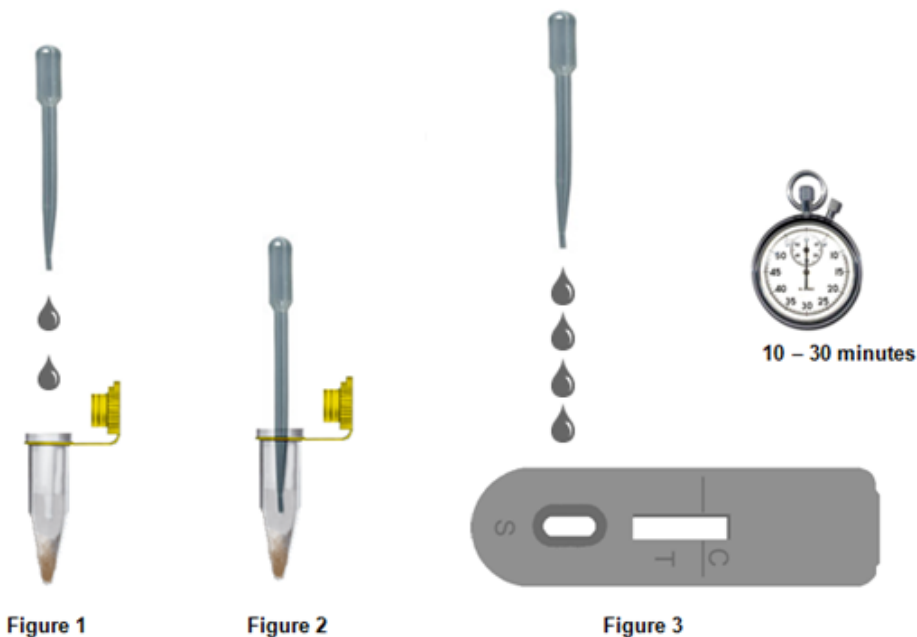
It is advised to test fresh whole blood samples; serum and plasma samples can also be tested. Do not use haemolytic or lipemic serum.

## 8. Precautions

- Handle all biological materials as though capable of transmitting infectious diseases.
- Do not pipette by mouth
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, prepare foods or apply cosmetics within the designated work area.
- Do not use components which passed the expiry date and do not mix components from different serials lots together.
- Optimal results will be obtained by strict adherence to this protocol. Careful pipetting and sampling throughout this procedure are necessary to maintain precision and accuracy.
- Each test strip is ultimately used as an optical reference. Therefore, do not touch the surface of the test strip and protect it from damage and dirt.

## 9. Test protocol

1. Unpack the test strip, swab and pipette. Only open the amount of pouches to be used. An opened package should be used immediately.
2. Add **2 drops** of whole blood to the buffer vial using the pipette (Figure 1).
3. Mix well using the pipette (Figure 2).
4. Add **4 drops** of the buffer vial containing the sample, with the included pipette **slowly** to the sample zone "S" (Figure 3).
5. Read the result after 10-30 minutes (for the interpretation of the test result see chapter 10 and chapter 11).



## 10. Validation of the test

To validate an EVL One-Step a control line should always be visible at control zone “C”. If no control line is visible the test should be considered invalid.

Results should be read in the given time. Results read after the given time should be considered invalid. Invalid tests should be repeated with a new test.

## 11. Interpretation of the test results

### **Positive:**

Two lines are visible in zone “T” and in zone “C” (Figure A). The sample contains FIV anti-p24 antibodies.

Positive results may vary in optical density due to variations in viral concentrations in the sample.

### **Weak positive:**

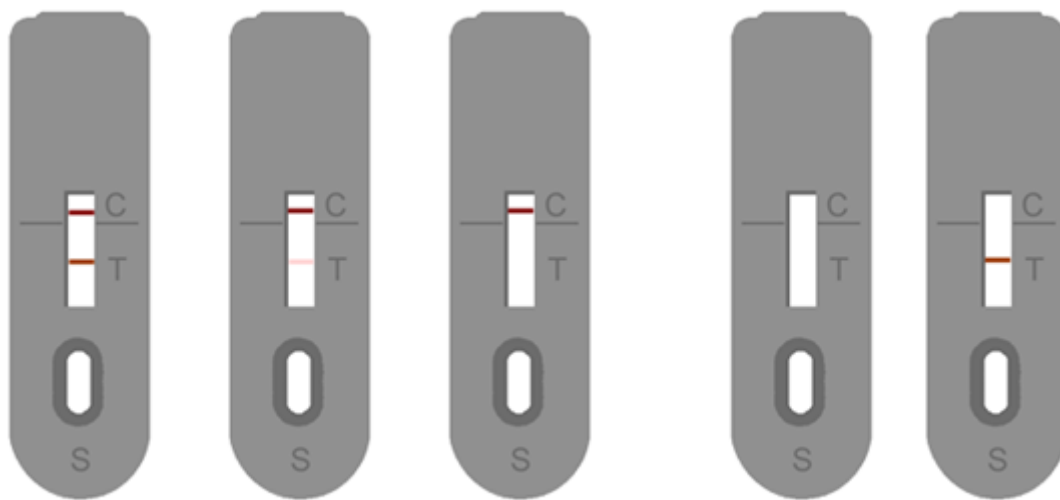
Two lines are visible, a weak line in zone “T” and a line in zone “C” (Figure B). The sample contains low concentrations of FIV anti-p24 antibodies.

### **Negative:**

Only one line is visible in zone “C” (Figure C). The sample does not contain FIV anti-p24 antibodies.

### **Not valid:**

No line is visible in zone “C” (fig. D). Repeat the test procedure with a new test cassette.



**Figure A:  
Positive**

**Figure B:  
Weak positive**

**Figure C:  
Negative**

**Figure D:  
Not Valid**



## 12. Symbols used with EVL ASSAYS

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>English</u>
	Consult instructions for use
	European Conformity
	In vitro diagnostic device
	For research use only
	Catalogue number
	Lot/ No. / Batch code
	Contains sufficient for <n> tests
	Storage Temperature
	Expiration Date
	Legal Manufacturer
Distributed by	Distributor
Content	Content
Volume/No.	Volume / No.

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