

# Mycobacterium bovis Gamma Interferon Test Kit for Cattle

## BOVIGAM<sup>®</sup> 2G

An *in vitro* diagnostic test kit for detection of bovine tuberculosis infection in cattle

63330: 960 Test Wells – Ten (10) Microplate Test Kit

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### Package Insert

For *in vitro* veterinary diagnostic laboratory use only.  
Store at 5±3°C  
Product No: 63330

### Introduction

BOVIGAM<sup>®</sup> 2G is a rapid *in vitro* blood-based assay of cell mediated response to *M. bovis* PPD tuberculin for the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis infection in cattle.

Tuberculin PPD antigens or synthetic antigen cocktails are presented to lymphocytes in whole blood culture. The production of IFN- $\gamma$  from cells is then detected using a monoclonal antibody-based sandwich enzyme immunoassay (EIA). Lymphocytes from cattle not infected with *M. bovis* do not produce IFN- $\gamma$ . Therefore, detection of IFN- $\gamma$  correlates to *M. bovis* infection.

### Kit Components

#### Product Number

Ten (10) Microplate Test Kit: 63330

#### Component 1

Microplate coated with antibody to IFN- $\gamma$

63330: 10 x 96 well plates with lids  
Ready-to-use.

#### Component 2

Positive Bovine IFN- $\gamma$  Control

63330: 2 x 1 ml

Freeze-dried. Reconstitute with deionised or distilled water.

#### Component 3

Negative Bovine IFN- $\gamma$  Control

63330: 2 x 1 ml

Freeze-dried. Reconstitute with deionised or distilled water.

#### Component 4

Green Diluent: Sample Diluent Buffer

63330: 1 x 60 ml

Ready-to-use.

#### Component 5

Wash Buffer – 20X Concentrate

63330: 2 x 200 ml

Dilute with deionised or distilled water.

#### Component 6

Conjugate – 250X Concentrate (Horseradish peroxidase labelled anti-bovine IFN- $\gamma$ )

63330: 1 x 0.6 ml

Freeze-dried. Reconstitute with deionised or distilled water

#### Component 7

Blue Diluent: Conjugate Diluent Buffer

63330: 1 x 125 ml

Ready-to-use.

#### Component 8

Enzyme Substrate Solution

Contains H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

63330: 1 x 125 ml

Ready-to-use.

#### Component 9

Enzyme Stopping Solution

63330: 1 x 75 ml

(0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)

Ready-to-use.

Store kit at 5±3°C. Bring all reagents except Conjugate Concentrate to room temperature (22±3°C) before use. Return to 5±3°C immediately after use.

### Material required but not provided

#### BLOOD COLLECTION

1. Lithium heparin Vacutainers: 1 / animal
2. 18G Vacutainer needles — 1 inch: 1 / animal
3. Needle holders: 2-3 / blood collector

#### BLOOD CULTURE

1. Sterile 96-well tissue culture trays (flat bottom): 1 / 15 animals, e.g. TPP: #92096;TC or comparable ([http://www.tpp.ch/page/produkte/09\\_zellkultur\\_test\\_platte.php](http://www.tpp.ch/page/produkte/09_zellkultur_test_platte.php))
2. Sterile phosphate buffered saline: 100  $\mu$ l / animal (0.01M, pH 7.2)
3. Antigens for stimulation
4. RPMI 1640 Medium, e.g. Gibco 72400-013 or comparable ([http://www.invitrogen.com/site/us/en/home/support/Product-Technical-Resources/media\\_formulation.123.html](http://www.invitrogen.com/site/us/en/home/support/Product-Technical-Resources/media_formulation.123.html))

#### PLASMA HARVESTING

1. Tips to fit 25-1000  $\mu$ l pipette: 3 / animal
2. 1 ml microtubes in 96-well format racks and caps for plasma storage: 1 rack / 15-30 animals

#### BOVINE IFN- $\gamma$ EIA

1. Tips to fit 8 / 12 channel pipette: 3 / animal
2. Various polypropylene tubes, EIA reagent troughs, and tips

### Equipment required but not provided

1. 37°C humidified incubator
2. Accurate, replaceable-tip variable-volume pipettes (to deliver up to 1 ml)
3. Graduated 1, 5 and 10 ml pipettes
4. Measuring cylinders — 100 ml, 1 l and 2 l
5. Deionised or distilled water — 6 l
6. 8 or 12 channel pipette (to deliver 50  $\mu$ l, 100  $\mu$ l, and 300  $\mu$ l)
7. Microplate shaker
8. Microplate/strip washer
9. Microplate reader. This reader MUST be fitted with a 450 nm and 620-650 nm filters
10. Centrifuge for microplates

### Antigens and stimulation control deliverable but not provided

1. Peptide Cocktail Prionics<sup>®</sup> PC-EC  
7600100: 1 x 3 ml (lyophilized), 120 samples

For high specific testing by acceptance of a lower sensitivity than Tuberculin PPD use.

2. Peptide Cocktail Prionics<sup>®</sup> PC-HP  
7600105: 1 x 3 ml (lyophilized), 120 samples

Combines the advantages of Tuberculin PPD testing (highest sensitivity) and Peptide Cocktail Prionics<sup>®</sup> PC-EC testing (highest specificity) resulting in a high sensitivity as well as high specificity. Instructions for use of both Peptide Cocktails: see enclosed detailed Package Insert of the respective product.

3. Pokeweed Mitogen PWM  
5108777: 1 x 3.2 mg (lyophilized), up to 2320 stimulations possible  
To be reconstituted with 3.2 ml RPMI 1640 Medium.

4. Bovine Tuberculin PPD 3000

7600060: 1 x 5 ml

Avian Tuberculin PPD 2500

7600065: 1 x 5 ml

### Preparation of Reagents

#### 1. ANTIGENS

Bovine Tuberculin PPD 3000 and Avian Tuberculin PPD 2500 (stimulation antigens) obtained through Prionics AG.

Mix thoroughly before use. Dilute the stimulation antigens as follows (see also enclosed detailed Package Insert of the product):

#### For stimulation in 96-well cell culture plates:

Dilute 110  $\mu$ l of Bovine Tuberculin PPD 3000 (30'000 IU/ml) in 890  $\mu$ l of RPMI medium for final assay concentration of 300 IU/ml.

Dilute 110  $\mu$ l of Avian Tuberculin PPD 2500 (25'000 IU/ml) in 890  $\mu$ l of RPMI medium for final assay concentration of 250 IU/ml.

Preparation schedule for other PPD might be different.

Prionics recommends implementing also a Pokeweed Mitogen control to demonstrate viability of the cells:

The Pokeweed Mitogen is lyophilized and has to be stored at 5±3°C. Reconstitute with 3.2 ml RPMI1640 Medium to a stock solution of 1 mg/ml. This 3.2 ml stock solution should be frozen in suitable aliquots (-20 °C to -25 °C).

For stimulation purposes a suitable aliquot of the stock solution (1 mg/ml) is thawed. In order to get a final assay concentration of 5  $\mu$ g/ml, dilute 55  $\mu$ l stock solution (1 mg/ml) in 945  $\mu$ l RPMI 1640 Medium.

#### 2. PLATES

Allow plate(s) to equilibrate to room temperature (for at least 30 minutes) before unsealing plastic pouch.

#### 3. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE CONTROLS

Reconstitute appropriate vials with 1 ml of deionised or distilled water.

Ensure complete resolubilisation and aliquot appropriately for SINGLE USE only. Reconstituted controls are stable for 4 weeks at 4°C, however, they may be stored at -70°C for several months, but MUST be brought to room temperature and mixed thoroughly before use.

#### 4. GREEN DILUENT

Bring to room temperature and mix thoroughly. Use undiluted as Sample Diluent Buffer.

#### 5. CONJUGATE

The Conjugate - 250X Concentrate is provided in freeze-dried form and has to be reconstituted with 0.6 ml of deionised or distilled water.

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Mixing should be performed with a minimum of frothing.

Conjugate -250X Concentrate MUST be kept at 5±3°C at all times and used WITHIN 3 months of reconstitution.

**NOTE:** Excessive frothing of conjugate may cause denaturation and reduce its performance in the EIA.

## 6. BLUE DILUENT AND CONJUGATE DILUTION

The Blue Diluent is supplied pre-diluted and ready to use. Prepare working solution Conjugate Reagent combining appropriate volumes of working solution Blue Diluent and Conjugate - 250X Concentrate as set out in the Reagent Preparation Table (Table 1). Mix thoroughly but gently. Avoid frothing. Return any unused Conjugate - 250X Concentrate to 5±3°C immediately after use.

## 7. WASH BUFFER

Prepare working solution Wash Buffer by adding one part 20X Concentrate to 19 parts deionised or distilled water. Mix thoroughly. Working solution Wash Buffer may be stored at room temperature for up to 2 weeks. Unused Wash Buffer 20X Concentrate should be returned to 5±3°C after use.

**NOTE:** Wash Buffer - 20X Concentrate may contain salt crystals. Re-dissolve crystals by warming to 37°C. Mix thoroughly before dilution.

## 8. ENZYME SUBSTRATE SOLUTION

Bring the Enzyme Substrate Solution to room temperature. The solution should be colourless. Discard if blue colouration occurs.

**NOTE:** If possible use plastic polypropylene disposable containers sterilised by irradiation to prepare the enzyme substrate solution.

DO NOT USE POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS OR PIPETTES. Any glassware used with the Enzyme Substrate Reagents should be rinsed thoroughly with 1N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or HCl followed by at least three washes of deionised or distilled water, ensuring no acid residue remains on the glassware.

## 9. SAFE DISPOSAL OF REAGENTS

All waste and unused portions of prepared reagents should be disposed of in accordance with State and local requirements.

## REAGENT PREPARATION TABLE FOR DILUTING CONJUGATE - TABLE 1

Number of Plates	Volume of Conjugate - Concentrate (250X)	Volume of working strength Blue Diluent
1	0.048 ml	12 ml
2	0.096 ml	24 ml
3	0.140 ml	35 ml
4	0.180 ml	45 ml
5	0.220 ml	55 ml
6	0.260 ml	65 ml
7	0.300 ml	75 ml
8	0.340 ml	85 ml
9	0.380 ml	95 ml
10	0.420 ml	105 ml

## Procedural Notes

- All test plasmas and reagents except the Conjugate - 250X Concentrate MUST be brought to room temperature (22±3°C) before use. Thawed test samples should be mixed thoroughly by carefully vortexing each tube. DO NOT WARM ABOVE 37°C.
- All kit components are to be stored at 5±3°C. Return to 5±3°C immediately after use. Working solution Wash Buffer may be stored at room temperature (22±3°C) for up to 2 weeks.
- The Conjugate - 250X Concentrate must be left at 5±3°C at all times.
- Complete reconstitution of freeze dried components (Positive and Negative Bovine IFN-γ Control and Conjugate - 250X Concentrate) is essential for valid

tute reagents and allow vials to sit for at least 15 minutes, then mix by gently inverting each vial 4 or 5 times. A roller-rocker apparatus may be used. Mix again just prior to use.

**NOTE:** It is important that high quality deionised or distilled water is used to reconstitute and dilute reagents. Reagents such as horseradish peroxidase are readily inactivate by pollutants common in laboratory water supplies.

- Once the assay has been started it should be completed without interruption.
- Use a separate disposable tip for each sample to prevent cross contamination.
- Test plasmas from individual animals should be added simultaneously to EIA wells using an 8 or 12 channel pipette.
- EIA plates should be incubated on a plate shaker at a setting of 600 rpm ± 50 rpm to minimise inter-well variations. If EIA plates are not incubated on a plate shaker, plates should not be incubated directly on the bench, but elevated on an inverted test-tube rack (or similar). The cold solid surface may act as a heat sink and lead to the phenomenon commonly known as 'edge effect'.
- Positive and Negative Bovine IFN-γ Controls should be tested in triplicate in serial wells of columns 4, 5 and 6 (e.g. row C for positive and row D for negative controls).

## Test Procedure

### STAGE ONE - WHOLE BLOOD CULTURE METHOD

#### 1. Blood Collection:

Collect a minimum volume of 2 ml of blood from each animal into a blood collection tube containing heparin as anticoagulant and gently mix blood by inversion several times to dissolve the heparin. Blood samples should be transported to the laboratory at ambient temperature (22±3°C, avoid extremes) and put into culture within 30 hours of collection. Under no circumstances should blood be stored in refrigerator.

#### 2. Dispensing Blood:

Blood samples must be evenly mixed before aliquoting. Use a roller-rocker or gently invert tubes about 10 times immediately prior to dispensing.

**NOTE:** It is important to keep cell damage to an absolute minimum as the test requires viable lymphocytes.

Dispense eight 250 µl aliquots of heparinised blood from each animal into wells of a 96-well tissue culture tray (see Table 2 for recommended layout). This should be performed under aseptic conditions using either sterile disposable pipettes with automatic pipette filler or sterile transfer pipettes.

### RECOMMENDED 96-WELL LAYOUT FOR WHOLE BLOOD STIMULATION AND ELISA - TABLE 2

#### Double Well Testing with Pokeweed Control

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	PC	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP	bP
B	PC	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP
C	PC	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP
D	NC	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP	aP
E	NC	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
F	NC	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
G	X	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW
H	X	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW	PW

NL=Nii Control Antigen (PBS); aP=Avian PPD; bP=Bovine PPD; PC=positive Control; NC=negative Control; PW=Pokeweed Mitogen; A = Animal

There are additionally 3 different layouts described in this document under "Additional Layouts for Whole Blood Stimulation and ELISA" (see below) also available in Prionics PrioPresto®.

## 3. Addition of Stimulation Antigens:

Add 25 µl of PBS (nil antigen control), diluted working stock of avian PPD and bovine PPD using aseptic technique to the appropriate wells containing the blood previously dispensed in Step 1 of the procedure above. Antigens are best dispensed using a multichannel pipette. The antigens must be mixed thoroughly into the aliquoted blood. Preferably use a microplate shaker to shake each 96-well culture tray at 600 rpm for approximately 1 min. or until the next plate is ready. Avoid frothing of blood.

Add 25 µl of the prepared Pokeweed Mitogen (final assay concentration) to an additional blood containing well per animal and follow the same procedure as described for PBS and PPDs above. The remaining solution has to be discarded and should not be reused. The concentrated stock solution (1 mg/ml) should be thawed only once and not reused.

Optimal performance of this test is dependent on the stimulation antigens being completely mixed in with the blood.

## 4. Incubation:

Incubate tissue culture trays, containing blood and antigens, for 16-24 hours at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere.

## 5. Harvesting of Plasma Samples:

Plasma collection may be facilitated by centrifuging the 96-well trays at 500 g for approximately 10 minutes at room temperature (22±3°C). After the incubation, carefully remove approximately 110 µl from each well of plasma from above the sedimented red cells using a variable-volume pipette (100-300 µl) and transfer pool into separate storage tubes. It is convenient to use 1 ml microtubes in 96-well format storage racks. Two wells from the same sample of the stimulation plates (for example well A2 and B2) are pooled into plasma storage plate well A2.

Use a convenient plasma storage layout which allows for transfer of plasma into the EIA plate with a 8 or 12 channel pipette. Use a new pipette tip for each plasma sample.

**NOTE:** It is important to minimise harvest of any cellular material along with plasma. However, contamination of the plasma with a very small amount of erythrocytes during harvesting has no effect on the IFN-γ EIA. Similarly, slight haemolysis of blood samples has little effect on the IFN-γ EIA.

## 6. Plasma Storage:

Plasma may be stored at 5±3°C for up to 7 days if not required for assays on the day of collection. Each microtube must be sealed with an appropriate cap before storage. Label sample racks with all relevant information including date, operator initials, tube contents and animal numbers and herd details. For longer periods, samples may be stored frozen at -20°C for several months.

**NOTE:** Samples must be allowed to equilibrate to room temperature prior to testing by EIA. Carefully vortex each tube several times immediately prior to assay for IFN-γ.

## CAUTION:

Plasma may clot during thawing. Clots do not affect the ELISA, as long as the volume of plasma being aspirated by the pipette is not affected.

### STAGE TWO - BOVINE IFN-γ EIA

- Reconstitute freeze dried components, if required, while equilibrating other reagents according to the guidelines outlined in "Procedural Notes".



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## Single Well Testing without Pokeweed Control

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	PC	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP
		A1	A4	A7	A9	A12	A15	A17	A20	A23	A25	A28
B	PC	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL
		A2	A4	A7	A10	A12	A15	A18	A20	A23	A26	A28
C	PC	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP
		A2	A5	A7	A10	A13	A15	A18	A21	A23	A26	A29
D	NC	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP
		A2	A5	A8	A10	A13	A16	A18	A21	A24	A26	A29
E	NC	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL
		A3	A5	A8	A11	A13	A16	A19	A21	A24	A27	A29
F	NC	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP
		A3	A6	A8	A11	A14	A16	A19	A22	A24	A27	A30
G	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP
		A1	A3	A6	A9	A11	A14	A17	A19	A22	A25	A27
H	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL	aP	bP	NL
		A1	A4	A6	A9	A12	A14	A17	A20	A22	A25	A28

NL=Nil Control Antigen (PBS); aP=Avian PPD;  
bP=Bovine PPD; PC=positive Control; NC=negative  
Control; PW=Pokeweed Mitogen; A = Animal

## Safety Regulations / R&S Statements

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National Safety Regulations must be strictly followed.

### R&S Statements

#### Component 1

##### Microplate coated with antibody to IFN-γ

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 2

##### Positive Bovine IFN-γ Control

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 3

##### Negative Bovine IFN-γ Control

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 4

##### Green Diluent: Sample Diluent Buffer

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 5

##### Wash Buffer – 20X Concentrate

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 6 Xi : Sensitising

##### Conjugate – 250X Concentrate

Hazard code: Xi Sensitizing  
R43: May cause sensitization by skin contact.  
S24: Avoid contact with skin.  
S37: Wear suitable gloves.

#### Component 7

##### Blue Diluent: Conjugate Diluent Buffer

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 8

##### Enzyme Substrate Solution

Hazard code: This product is not classified according to EU regulations.

#### Component 9

##### Enzyme Stopping Solution C Corrosive

Hazard Code: C Corrosive  
R35: Causes severe burns.  
S26: In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.  
S36/37/39: Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.  
S45: In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).

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