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### Immunohematology

## Trouble-Shooting Guide for ID-Cards

**Quick Reference Chart** 



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## Trouble-Shooting Guide for ID-Cards Quick Reference Chart



Problems	Possible Causes	Remedy
False/Unexpected Positive Results	<ul> <li>ID-Cards showing dry gel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review storage temperature and conditions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Expired ID-Card</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Discard expired ID-Card and repeat the test with non-expired ID-Card</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Seal damaged</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat the test with properly sealed ID-Card</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Air bubbles in the gel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visual check for bubbles prior to testing</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Direct Antiglobulin Test (DAT) positive ce</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat using monoclonal ID-Card or warm-washed cells</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Polyagglutinable cells</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat using monoclonal ID-Cards</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Interference by enzyme autoagglutinins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat using monoclonal ID-Cards</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Carry-over of antisera between microtube</li> </ul>	es
		<ul> <li>Pipette cells in reverse order</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Ensure ID-Card is upright when opened</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>If droplets under the foil, centrifuge the ID-Card prior to use</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Incorrect cell suspension</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat with correct cell suspension</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Wharton's Jelly - cord blood</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wash cells and repeat</li> </ul>
Equivocal Results	<ul> <li>Centrifugation problems (ID-Card holder stuck, speed/time issues)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report to your field service contact point</li> </ul>
False/Unexpected Weak or Negative Results	<ul> <li>Plasma/serum omitted from test procedu</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat test - check level visually for plasma/serum addition</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Wrong volume(s) used</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check box insert for correct procedure</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Deterioration of antibody (poor storage, natural phenomenon)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fresh samples should be used for optimal results</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weak/missing isoagglutinins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review clinical details (age of patient, medical diagnosis, therapy, etc.)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weak/missing antigens</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review clinical details</li> <li>(ago of patient, modical diagnosis, therapy, etc.)</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>(age of patient, medical diagnosis, therapy, etc.)</li><li>Subgroup determination (ABO)</li></ul>
		<ul> <li>Test for weak D/partial D</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Contamination of reagent cells</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat with fresh set of cells</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Review laboratory procedure</li> </ul>
Double Cell Population Mixed Field Reaction	<ul> <li>Post-transfusion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review clinical history/treatment</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Post-Stem Cell/Bone Marrow Transplant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review clinical history/treatment</li> </ul>
	Large fetomaternal hemorrhage	<ul> <li>Appropriate further investigation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Subgroups (A<sub>3</sub>, A<sub>weak</sub>, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appropriate further investigation</li> </ul>
	Chimerism	<ul> <li>Appropriate further investigation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Sample contamination</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Repeat with fresh sample (review phlebotomy/laboratory procedures)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Fibrin residues (trapping red blood cells)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Serum/plasma should be well centrifuged before use</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weakened antigens</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Review clinical details e.g. in association with leukemia, old age, newborns etc.</li> </ul>

#### Notes

- For specific problems in ABO or Rh typing, refer to the appropriate Quick Reference Chart for guidance.
- All laboratory procedures should be subject to internal quality control as part of Good Laboratory Practice.
- Report persistent problems to your local customer product support team, who will take the appropriate action required to resolve any difficulties.
- This chart is not necessarily comprehensive.