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## A. PURPOSE:

To identify Tamm-Horsfall Protein (RSID<sup>TM</sup>-Urine) in Forensic samples, which indicates indicates the presence of urine.

# **B.** RESPONSIBILITY:

Forensic Science Examiners from the Connecticut State Forensic Science Laboratory who have been trained in the discipline of the rapid immunoassay test for urine according to SOP-FB-31 (Training Manual).

## C. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>:

- 1. RSID<sup>TM</sup>: Rapid Stain Identification
- 2. THP: Tamm-Horsfall Protein

## D. PROCEDURE:

This test will be performed at the discretion of the examiner based on the submitting agency requests, case information and the condition of the evidence.

### 1. Materials:

- a. RSID<sup>TM</sup>-Urine Buffer
- b. RSID<sup>TM</sup>-Urine test cassettes
- c. Microcentrifuge tubes and spin baskets

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- d. Micropipet and tips
- e. Wooden sticks
- f. Ultrasonic bath
- g. Shaker
- h. Centrifuge

### 2. Procedure:

a. Do not use this test with samples containing fecal material, refer to SOP-FB-17 (Test for Urobilinogen).

Undiluted urine should not be used with this test, a stain of the sample should be made instead and dried overnight.

b. Extract a portion of the questioned sample or stain in a microcentrifuge tube with 150μl of RSID<sup>TM</sup>-Urine Buffer and mix with a wooden stick.

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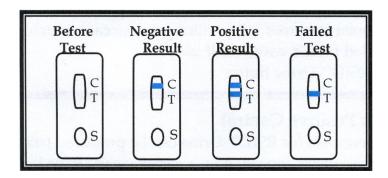
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- D. 2. c. Place the sample in an ultrasonic bath for fifteen (15) minutes and then place on the shaker for one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minutes at room temperature (total extraction time of two (2) hours).
  - d. If necessary, the sample may be extracted overnight at 4°C after the sonication step.
  - e. If the sample was refrigerated, bring to room temperature for approximately ten (10) minutes before testing.
  - f. Place the sample in a spin basket and centrifuge for approximately ten (10) minutes within the range of 10,000 14,000rpm (13,000 rpm is recommended).
  - g. Label the RSID<sup>TM</sup> cassettes with case and item numbers.
  - h. Using a micropipet, add  $100\mu l$  of extract to well 'S' of the cassette. Note the time immediately after adding the sample.
  - i. Monitor progress of test results for a fifteen (15) minute period. Record final result at fifteen (15) minutes. <u>DO NOT</u> record any changes that occur after fifteen (15) minutes. Any change in the test results after fifteen (15) minutes is <u>invalid</u>.

### 3. Results:



- a. Negative. A visible blue line at the Control 'C' position only, indicates a negative result. No Tamm-Horsfall Protein detected.
  - aa. "High Dose Hook Effect" refers to weak positive or false negative results due to the presence of a high concentration of THP in the sample.
  - bb. Under standard laboratory testing and relevant urine concentration ranges, the "High Dose Hook Effect" is not observed with the RSID<sup>TM</sup>-Urine Test.
- b. *Positive*. Visible blue lines at both the Control 'C' and Test 'T' positions indicate a positive result. *Tamm-Horsfall Protein detected*.
- D. 3. c. Failed (Invalid). No visible blue line at the Control 'C' position indicates a failed test.

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*No conclusion possible.* Review the test procedure carefully and repeat the test with a new plate.

- 4. Record the results on the appropriate Quality Record Worksheet.
- 5. Record test(s) used on the General Reagent Sheet (FBQR-09).

## E. <u>REFERENCES</u>:

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- 3. Connecticut State Forensic Science Laboratory, RSID<sup>TM</sup> Urine Internal Validation, 2012.