



# Gel Test

Feline Direct Anti-Globulin Test

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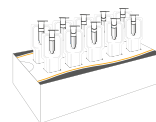
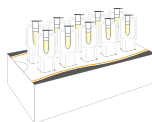
## PROCEDURE FOR FELINE DIRECT ANTI-GLOBULIN TEST (COOMBS TEST)

Material provided :

1 buffer solution

1 box of 10 DAT  
Gel Tests

1 box of 10 neutral  
Gel Tests



Sample material : Patient's packed red blood cells (pRBCs).

Preferably drawn into EDTA, CPD or ACD. **Do not use Heparin.**

For reliable results, use of freshly collected blood is indicated (<3 days at 2 - 8 °C).

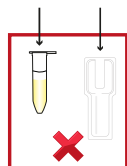
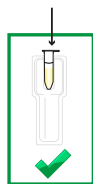
If blood sample > 3 days OR hemolyzed : wash 1 time the blood.

Material required : **Swinging bucket centrifuge\*** ; 2 micropipettes (100-1000µl + 10-100µl) ; 1 test tube ; tips.

**\*WARNING : Use only the swinging bucket centrifuge Hettich EBA270 or Drucker Horizon 6.**

### N°1 : Preparation of material provided before use

Gel Test = Gel tube + Gel support



DO NOT  
DISSOCIATE

DAT Neutral



20°C 25°C



Allow the buffer solution and Gel Tests to reach room temperature\* before use.

[\* minimum 30 minutes at RT]

### N°2 : Centrifugation of the Gel Test before use

Centrifuge the Gel Tests for **2 minutes** at **3000 RPM**, in order to remove air bubbles or gel drops in the upper part of the Gel Test.

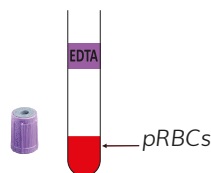


### N°3 : Preparation of blood sample for DAT

**Patient :**

Centrifuge blood tube for **5 minutes** at **3000 RPM**.

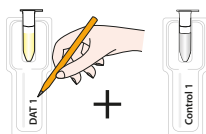
Discard the plasma to collect pRBCs.



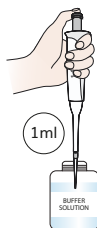
## N°4 : DAT Gel Test procedure

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Identify Gel Tests.



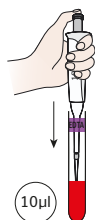
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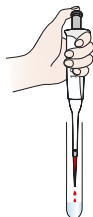
Take a test tube and  
add 1ml of buffer  
solution.



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Collect 10µl of patient's  
pRBCs and transfer in  
the test tube with buffer  
solution.

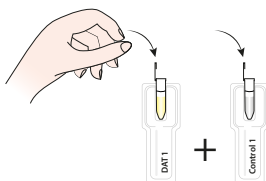


Mix the suspension.  
(Use immediately  
the suspension.)

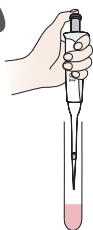


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Open the cap.

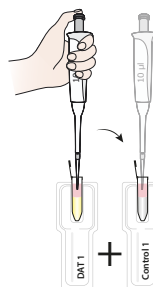


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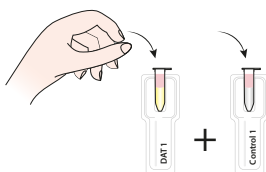
Collect and transfer  
30µl of the suspension  
in each Gel Test.

⚠ Drop gently the  
suspension on the top of  
the gel without touching  
the gel with the pipette.



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Close the cap.



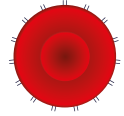
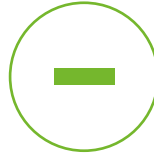
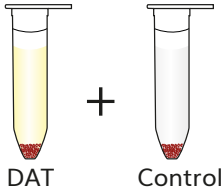
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Centrifuge for 10 minutes  
at 1500 RPM :

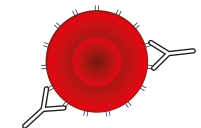
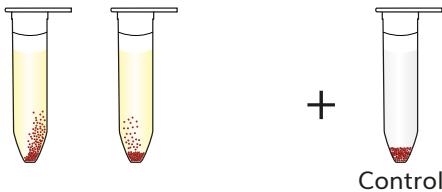
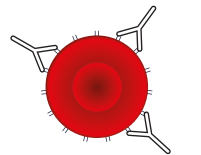
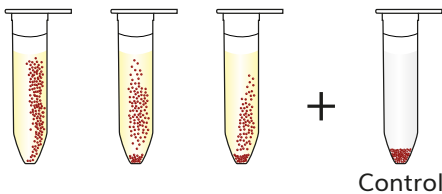
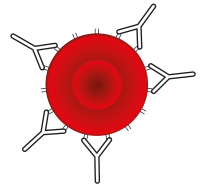
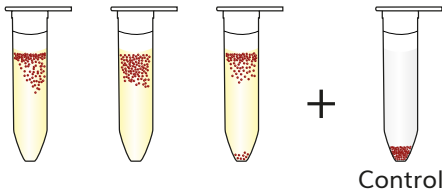
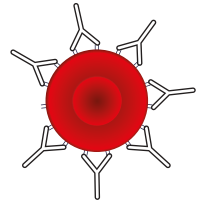
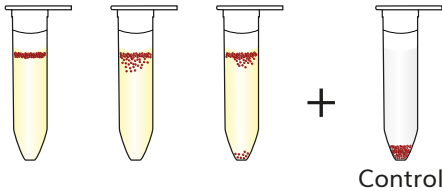


# RESULT INTERPRETATION

**NEGATIVE** : Absence of immunoglobulin (IgG & IgM) and/or C3 components binding to the RBC surface



**POSITIVE** : Presence of immunoglobulin (IgG & IgM) and/or C3 components binding to the RBC surface.



**IF POSITIVE CONTROL : WASH THE RBCs 1 TIME AND PERFORM THE TEST AGAIN**

# LIMITATIONS

- If the blood tube is hemolyzed OR more than 72 hours : wash 1 time in PBS or saline buffer (NaCl 0,9%) to obtain washed pRBCs.
- Do not use Gel Test tubes which show signs of drying.
- Gel Test tubes which show air bubbles or gel drops in the upper part of the tube must be centrifuged before use.
- Strict adherence to the procedures and recommended equipment, especially the Hettich EBA270 and Drucker Horizon 6, is essential for a reliable and validated result.
- A non-specific (fixed angle centrifuge) will give you false positive results.
- Debris, fibrin residues or other artefacts may cause a few unagglutinated cells to trap on top of gel, but these should be interpreted as negative.
- Use of suspension solutions others than the provided one may modify the reactions.
- Too diluted or concentrated red blood cell suspensions can cause aberrant results.

## VALID GEL TEST



## DAMAGED GEL TESTS

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