# INSIDE INNOVATION

# **HUMAN BIOLOGICAL LIQUIDS CULTURE**

Improving the inpatient diagnostic management to reduce hospitalization time, diagnostic analysis requests and therapeutic treatments



The rapid analysis of human biological liquids is decisive to the inpatient for whom the timely correct diagnosis and the beginning of an adequate therapy in most cases represent the only way to survive.

In addition to community acquired infections, hospital acquired infections have a high Public Health impact by increasing morbidity and mortality rates and costs through prolonged hospital stays and additional diagnostic and treatment costs.

### LIGHT SCATTERING TECHNOLOGY APPLIED TO BACTERIAL CULTURE

- 1 **Sidecar, Alfred 60/AST** and **HB&L** are the first automated systems for the rapid culture with high **sensitivity** and **specificity**<sup>(2,3)</sup>.
- 2 Using the patented technology based on **light scattering** they are able to monitor the intense bacteria replication activity from the inoculum step into specific culture broths providing real time growth curves.
- 3 Quantitative bacterial count results are reported in CFU/ml.
- 4 Due to the optimization of the broth it is possible to perform the bacterial culture in **sterile** and **non sterile** endocavitary samples such as respiratory fluids, cerebrospinal fluid and pleural fluid offering a **sensitivity of 1 CFU/ml in 6 hours.**
- **5 Enhanced liquid culture media combined with a specific supplement (DEB)** has been developed to detect **aerobic bacteria** and **fastidious micro-organisms** such as *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Neisseria meningitidis* as well as samples characterized by extremely low bacterial counts.
- 6 Broths are in **aseptic vials** with pierceable **screw cap**.
- 7 Samples are incubated at **37°C** and **constantly mixed** avoiding sedimentation, flotation and growth anomalies typical of several micro-organisms.
- **8 Only live bacteria are detected** while interference from non replicating substances such as erythrocytes, leucocytes, dead cells and salts present in the sample are eliminated during the initial zero reading.







HB&L™ CULTURE KIT Code SI 405.901 HB&L™ DEB KIT Code SI 705.901 HB&L™ ENRICHMENT KIT Code SI 405.915

#### Applications

#### Non sterile

Expectioration
Orotracheal aspiration
Bronchoalveolar lavage

#### Sterile

Cerebrospinal fluid Pleural fluid Synovial fluid Ascitic fluid Peritoneal fluid Central Venous Catheter tips Cornea transport and storage media

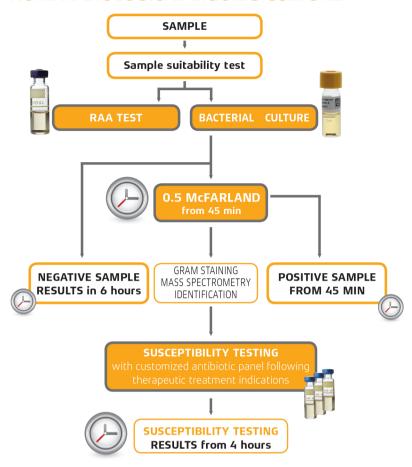
Each fluid is individually (€ marked

# PERFORMANCE IN DIFFERENT PUBLICATIONS

Author	Year	N° samples	Sensitivity %	Specificity %	PPV %	NPV %	Agreement
Rif 2	2009	546	100	100	100	100	100
Rif 3	2010	322	97,2	100	100	99,9	98
Rif 6	2013	10655	95,5	99,9	96,2	99,8	98

The results obtained by many studies conducted at in different reference centres demonstrate that Alifax systems offer "an excellent agreement with the cultural method [Petri dish] and a useful and precise count of the bacteria supplying undoubted advantages especially in those samples for which the bacteria amount represents a validation criteria"(1).

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# McFARLAND MONITOR

The McFarland Monitor is a new instrument application that monitors the turbidity levels of positive samples during the bacterial culture test.

A visual and audible alert advises the Operator when the sample reaches the suitable bacteria concentration at 0.5 McFarland to perform the direct susceptibility testing.



# **Advantages**

1 test 2 results:

#### Bacterial culture result + 0.5McFarland sample

- The positive sample can be immediately tested with a customized antibiotic panel following therapeutic treatment indications without waiting the analysis end and further dilution steps.
- The use of a bacterial culture in a logarithmic phase reduces the stress conditions and the mutations that could occur when bacteria reach the stationary phase.

**NEW** 

**APPLICATIONS** 

FOR HB&L™ CULTURE KIT

also to test microbiological

preparations or formulations

suitability of substances,

produced using aseptic

procedures.

SI 405.901 has been validated



#### HB&L™ CULTURE KIT Code SI 405.901

- 60 Disposable yellow screw cap glass vials with broth culture and D2 barcode
- 1 Mic CARD

#### SHELF LIFE

From production: 14 months

# STORAGE CONDITIONS

Room temperature (+4÷30°C)



#### HB&L<sup>™</sup> DEB KIT Code SI 705.901

Culture supplement for human biological liquids

- 8 Vials Reagent A b-NAD
- 1 Vial Reagent B
- 8 Disposable droppers for reconstituted reagent A
- 20 Blotting paper strips
- **45** Disposable tips

#### SHELF LIFE

From production: 8 months +2÷8 °C From reconstitution: 1 months at +2÷8 ° C

#### STORAGE CONDITIONS

Refrigerated temperature (+2÷8 °C)



# **HB&L ENRICHMENT KIT Code SI405.915**

**60** Disposable orange screw cap glass vials with 3,5 ml broth culture.

1 Mic CARD

The high volume of culture broth allows the collection of different bacterial suspension aliquots to perform further tests and subcultures

#### SHELF LIFE

From production: 14 months

### STORAGE CONDITIONS

Room temperature (+4÷30°C)

#### Related Kit

HB&L™ R.A.A. kit- Code SI 605.901

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