

WHO Prequalification of In Vitro Diagnostics PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Product: VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease
WHO reference number: PQDx 0384-077-00

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease with product code AB376, manufactured by AccuBio Ltd, CE-mark regulatory version, was accepted for the WHO list of prequalified in vitro diagnostics and was listed on 20 August 2020.

Summary of WHO's Prequalification Assessment for the VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease

	Date	Outcome
Prequalification listing	20 August 2020	listed
Dossier assessment	17 July 2020	MR
Product performance evaluation	2 nd and 3 rd quarters of 2022	MR

MR: Meets Requirements

Report amendments and product changes

This public report has since been amended. Amendments may have arisen because of changes to the prequalified product for which WHO has been notified and has undertaken a review. Amendments to the report are summarised in the following table, and details of each amendment are provided below.

Version	Summary of amendment and change request reference, where applicable.	Date of report amendment
2.0	Correction of regulatory version from RoW to CE-mark.	16 November 2020
3.0	Extension of timeline for commitment to conduct a prequalification performance evaluation for VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease from 31 December 2020 to 31 December 2021.	18 July 2021
4.0	Extension of timeline for commitment to conduct prequalification performance evaluation for VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease from 31 December 2021 to 31 July 2022	14 April 2022
5.0	Changed the Date of Manufacture and Expiry Date Format on the Buffer Bottle Label, Pouch Label and Kit Box Label; updated from displaying only Month and Year to YYYY-	25 July 2023

	MMM-DD, which is intended to present customers with a more accurate representation of product shelf life. Changed the legal manufacturer from Omega Diagnostics Ltd to AccuBio Ltd and the product code from OD376 to AB376.	
6.0	1. Change the result Images in the IFU/Job Aid to actual images of the device. 2. AccuBio logo branding refresh. 3. AccuBio info@ email change. 4. Add French to the carton and component labels (PQC-IVD-2025-0058). 5. Change in the lancet and alcohol swab labels (PQC-IVD-2025-0029).	23 February 2026

Intended use:

According to the claim of intended use from AccuBio Ltd., "*the VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease Rapid Test is a manually operated semi-quantitative assay for the estimation of CD4 protein on the surface of CD4+ T cells in human whole blood (capillary or EDTA venous) to indicate whether the level is above or below 200 cells/ μ L within pre-diagnosed HIV patients. The VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease in vitro diagnostic test is for use as an aid in the management of patients with advanced HIV disease (patients with CD4 count below 200 cells/ μ L). This visually read test is designed to be used at the point-of-care and therefore has utility in decentralized diagnostic settings.*

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease is for professional use only.

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease is not intended for individuals <5 years of age.

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease is not intended for use in the determination of HIV status.

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease is not intended for self-testing."

Test kit contents:

Component	25 tests (product code AB376)
Foil pouch containing test device and desiccant	25
Buffer	7 mL x 1 bottle
Sampling devices	25
Sterile retractable lancets	25
Alcohol swabs	25
Job aid for venous whole blood specimens	1
Job aid for capillary whole blood specimens	1
Instructions for use	1

Items required but not provided:

- New pair of disposable gloves
- Timer
- Pen
- Sharps/biohazard bin
- Dry gauze or tissue
- Precision pipette capable of delivering 30µL plus disposable tips (venous blood only)
- EDTA blood collection tube (venous blood only)
- Plaster

Storage:

The test kit must be stored between 2 and 30 °C. DO NOT FREEZE

Shelf-life upon manufacture¹:

12 months.

Dossier assessment

AccuBio Ltd. submitted a product dossier for VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease as per the "*Instructions for compilation of a product dossier*" (PQDx_018). The information (data and documentation) submitted in the product dossier was reviewed by WHO staff and external technical experts (assessors) appointed by WHO.

¹ The assigned device shelf-life is based on stability data generated from the date of manufacture. The finished goods shelf-life, calculated from the date of packaging completion, may be shorter depending on the time elapsed between manufacture and final packaging of the device.

Based on the product dossier screening and assessment findings, the product dossier for VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease meets WHO prequalification requirements.

Manufacturing site inspection

The inspection of the manufacturing site(s) was conducted to assess whether the manufacturer's quality management system (QMS) and manufacturing practices are in alignment with:

- (i) applicable international standards, such as ISO 13485 (Medical devices – Quality management systems – Requirements for regulatory purposes);
- (ii) the manufacturer's own documented procedures and quality requirements; and
- (iii) other relevant international standards and guidelines applicable to in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices. The WHO's Public Inspection Reports are accessible at:

<https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/vitro-diagnostics/who-public-inspection-reports>

Product performance evaluation

Under the special circumstances linked to the Covid-19 pandemic, and considering that:

1. The product was assessed under full prequalification assessment, including the review of the product dossier;
2. The independent clinical evaluation data partly covering the requirements of the performance evaluation for prequalification assessment was provided;
3. The performance evaluation for this product requires prospective specimen collection, which is affected by the ongoing pandemic;

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease was evaluated in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2022 at Kenya Medical Research Institute, Centre for Global Health Research, HIV Research Laboratory, Kisumu, Kenya, on behalf of WHO according to protocol PQDx_340, version 1.

Clinical performance evaluation

In this limited evaluation of clinical performance characteristics, a panel of 300 venous whole blood and capillary blood specimens was used. The specimens were characterized using FACS Calibur on EDTA whole blood.

Clinical performance characteristics in comparison with an agreed reference standard		
	Venous whole blood	Capillary whole blood
Sensitivity for detection of specimens with ≤ 200 CD4+ T-cells/ μL % (N=100)	96.0% (95% CI: 90.1-98.9)	95.0 % (95% CI: 88.7-98.4)
Specificity (> 200 CD4+ T-cells/ μL) % (95% CI) (N= 200)	96.0 % (95% CI: 92.3-98.3)	97.0 % (95% CI: 93.6-98.9)
Inter-reader variability % (N= 300)	2.0%	0.3%
Invalid rate % (N= 600)	0%	

Analytical performance

Analytical performance characteristics	
Reproducibility	2 specimens with reference values <150 and 2 specimens with reference values >250 CD4+ T-cells/μL were correctly classified 20/20 times each over 2 days. 4 specimens with reference values between 150 and 250 CD4+ T-cells/μL were consistently classified 20/20 times each over 2 days (3 were correctly classified, and 1 specimen with a reference value of 246 CD4+ T-cells/μL was consistently classified as below reference)
Lot-to-lot variation	Of 20 specimens tested on two different lots, none showed discrepant results between the two lots.

Ease of use and operational characteristics

VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease was found to be easy to use. However, the operators noted that the images of the test on the IFU are not reflective of the actual images on the device. The VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease test sometimes gives faint images; the reference and test lines are not as intense as shown on the IFU.

Adequate training is required. Due to the observed differences between results obtained during actual testing and IFU images, it was recommended to modify the IFU so that images better demonstrate the lines seen when performing the test. Training should focus on the actual results obtained during practical training at the laboratory.

This type of assay requires no sophisticated equipment and can therefore be performed in laboratories with limited facilities and non-laboratory settings.

Key operational characteristics	
Specimen type(s) and volume	30 µL of venous or capillary whole blood
Number of steps*	3 steps in total, including 2 steps with timing (add buffer to Well A after 3 minutes, add buffer to Well B after 17 minutes) 1 step with precision pipetting (only for venous whole blood)
Time to result	40 minutes
Endpoint stability (interval)	5 minutes
Internal QC	Yes, reagent addition control (not a specimen addition control)

Labelling review

The labelling submitted for the Visitect CD4 Advanced Disease assay was reviewed by WHO staff and external technical experts appointed by WHO. The review evaluated the labelling for clarity and consistency with the information submitted in the product dossier, alignment with international guidance and standards, and suitability for the intended users and settings in WHO Member States, including low- and middle-income countries.

The table below provides traceability of the labelling documents reviewed during the assessment, including document titles, version numbers, approval dates, and control identifiers.

Controlled Labelling References

Document Type	Document Title	Version / Revision	Date Approved	Controlled Document No.
Outer box artwork	AccuBio VISITECT CD4 Advanced disease Carton	v3	16 Feb 2026	6083
Pouch	VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease Pouched Device Label	v2	06 Nov 2025	90287

Reagent bottle labels	VISITECT CD4 Buffer 7mL (AccuBio)	v4	11 Nov 2025	90167
Accessory labeling (Lancet)	VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease Retractable Lancets	v4	26 Jan 2026	90398A
Accessory labeling (Alcohol swab)	VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease Alcohol Swabs	v4	26 Jan 2026	94803A
Accessory labeling (Sampling device)	VISITECT CD4 Advanced Disease Sampling Devices	v4	26 Jan 2026	94804A
Instructions for Use (IFU)	VISITECT CD4 ADVANCED DISEASE MULTILANGUAGE IFU	v2	22 Dec 2025	8476EN/FR/PT/ES
Job Aid	VISITECT CD4 ADVANCED DISEASE JOB AID (Accubio)	v2	10 Nov 2025	14347

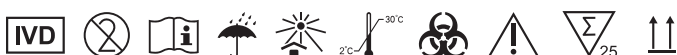
Labels



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ViiV Healthcare logo featuring the text "ViiV" in a stylized font, with "ViiV" in blue and "Healthcare" in grey, and the text "ADVANCED DISEASE" in blue below it.



REF 52141

This product fulfills the requirements of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 on biocidal products.



Vitrex Medical A/S
Vasekaer 6-8
2730 Herlev
Denmark

REF 3964

This product fulfills the requirements of Regulation 2017/745 on medical devices



SteriLance Medical (Suzhou) Inc.
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New District
215153 Suzhou, Jiangsu
People's Republic of China



Emergo Europe B.V.
Westervoortsedijk 60
6827 AT Arnhem
The Netherlands

REF 1030-

This product fulfills the requirements of Regulation 2017/746 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices



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- 25 Sterile Retractable Lancets
- 25 Alcohol Swabs
- 25 Sampling Devices
- 1 Bottle Containing Buffer
- 1 Job Aid for Venous and Fingerstick Blood
- 1 Instructions for Use (IFU)

Timer

Timer Sharps Bin
Gloves Dry Gauze/Tissue
Pen

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Test rapide d'estimation des lymphocytes T CD4+ dans le sang total humain

- 25 c

- 25 dispositifs de test
- 25 lancettes rétractables
- 25 compresses imbibées d'alcool
- 25 dispositifs de prélèvement
- 1 flacon de solution tampon
- 1 aide-mémoire pour le sang veineux
- 1 aide-mémoire pour le sang capillaire
- 1 mode d'emploi

Minut

Minuteur	Collecteur d'aiguilles
Gants	Gaze/tissu sec
Stylo	

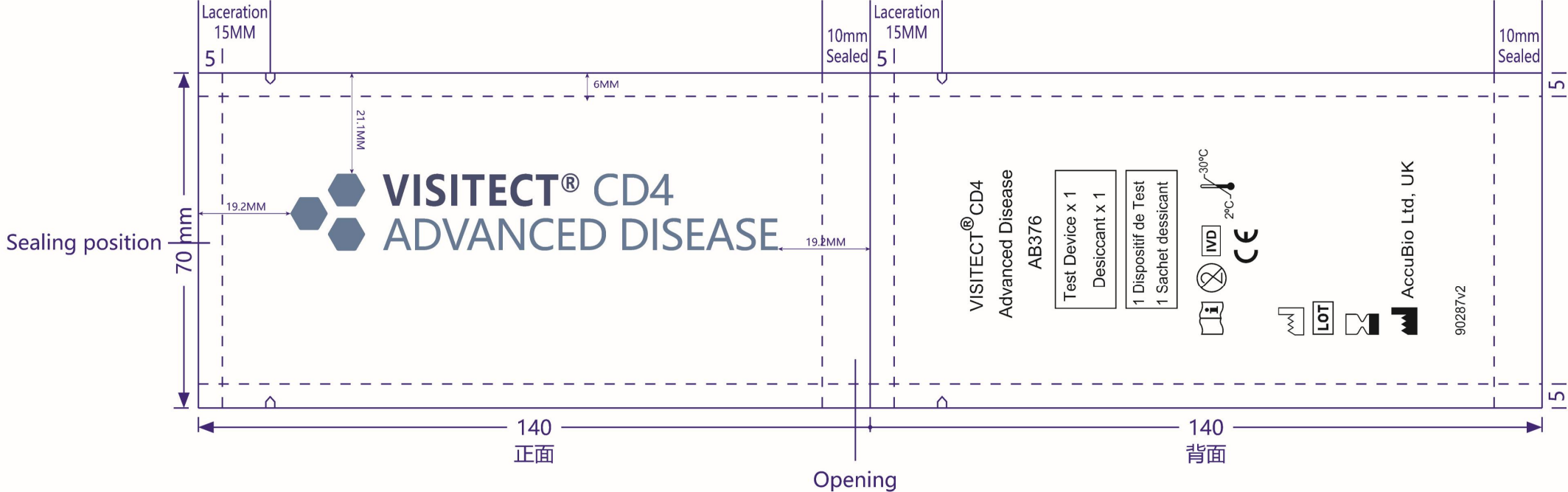


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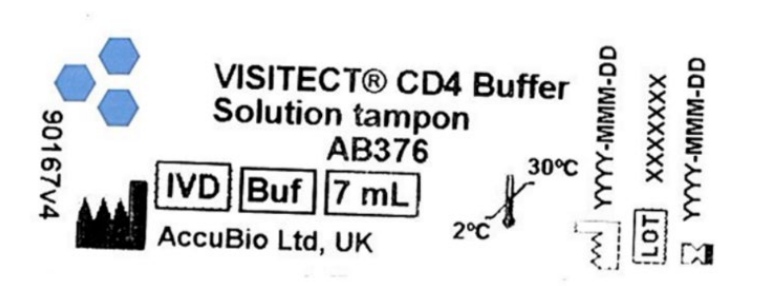


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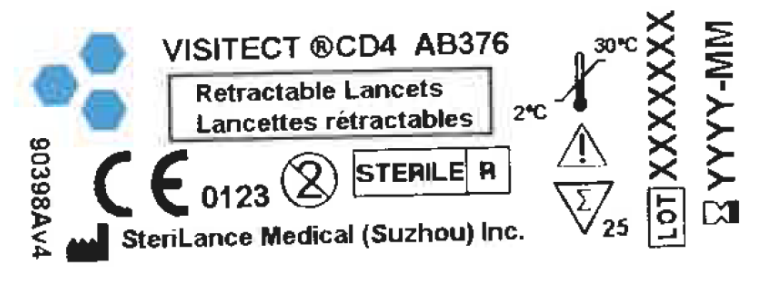
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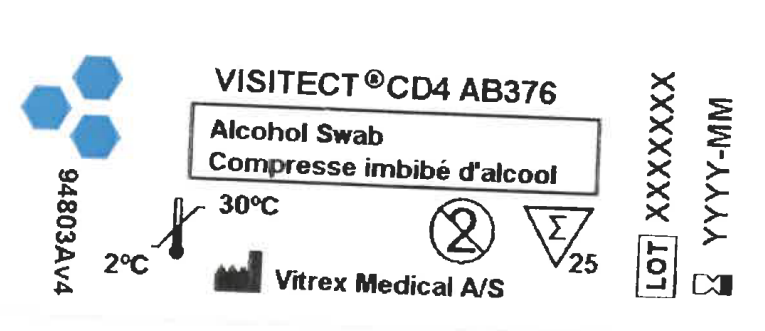
Buffer Bottle Label



Retractable Lancet Label



Alcohol Swab Label



Sampling Device Label

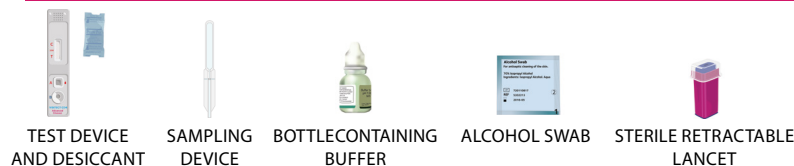


2. Instructions for use and Job aid²

² English version of the IFU was the one that was assessed by WHO. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure correct translation into other languages.



MATERIALS PROVIDED



MATERIALS REQUIRED, BUT NOT PROVIDED



COLLECT ALL THE REQUIRED MATERIALS BEFORE STARTING THE TEST. READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

PREPARING FOR THE TEST

1 Check expiry on foil pouch and kit components are within date and are at operating temperature (15-35°C) before use.



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Tear open foil pouch and remove materials.

Discard desiccant sachet.

Dispose of all packaging in a general waste bin.

3 Write patient's identifier on device.



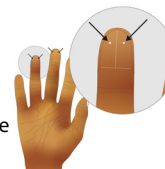
4 Put on a new pair of disposable gloves.



SPECIMEN COLLECTION

5 i Ask patient which is their non-dominant hand, clean side of finger with alcohol swab where prick will be performed.

Allow finger to air dry, twist off lancet cap and pierce skin of fingertip to the side of the ball of the finger.



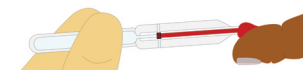
Dispose of the retractable lancet into a sharps/biohazard bin immediately.

ii Wipe away first drop of blood with piece of dry gauze or tissue, dispose of in sharps/biohazard bin.



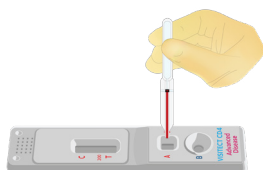
iii Gently squeeze the finger until a full drop of blood develops.

Hold sampling device horizontally and touch the tip to the blood specimen. Capillary action will draw blood to the black line (30µL). Do not squeeze the bulb to draw blood into the tube. Use immediately.



TEST PROCEDURE

6 Touch the centre of **Well A** lightly and squeeze the bulb gently to ensure the full 30µL specimen is released into **Well A**.



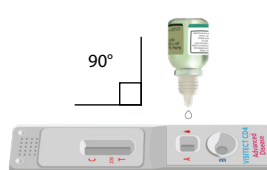
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8 Wait for 3 MINUTES.



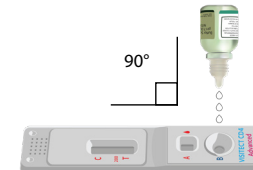
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10 Wait for 17 MINUTES.



11 Hold the buffer bottle vertically 1cm above **Well B**. Add 3 drops of buffer to **Well B**.



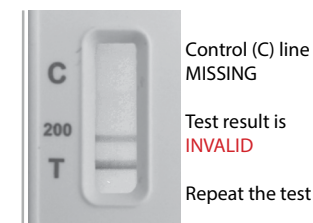
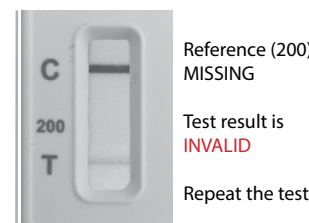
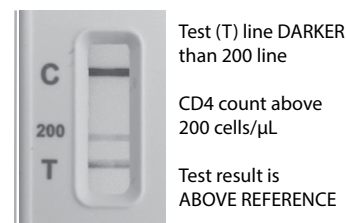
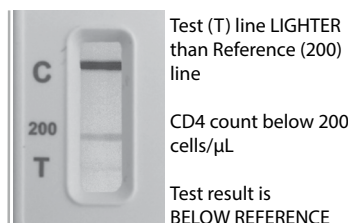
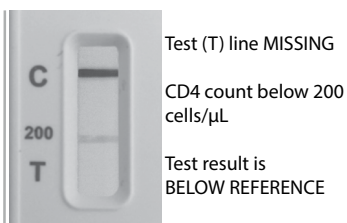
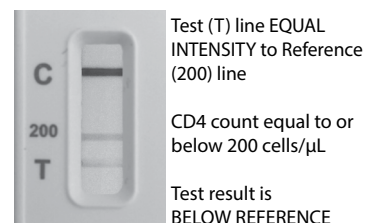
12 Wait for 20 MINUTES.



Interpret the results within 5 MINUTES.

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

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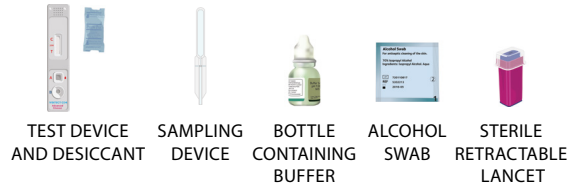
14 Dispose of the test device and gloves in a sharps/biohazard bin.



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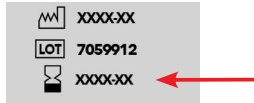
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SPECIMEN COLLECTION

5 i Collect venous specimen of blood using established techniques.

Prepare precision pipette volume to 30µL and attach disposable tip.



ii Mix the EDTA blood specimen by gentle inversion at least 8 times and ensure fully mixed.



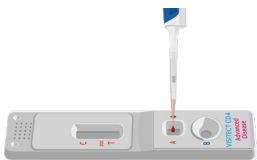
iii Press the plunger button of the pipette to the first stop.



Immerse the disposable tip vertically into the EDTA tube. Smoothly release plunger button, drawing the blood into the disposable tip.

TEST PROCEDURE

6 Touch the centre of **Well A** lightly and depress the plunger gently to ensure the full 30µL specimen is released into **Well A**.



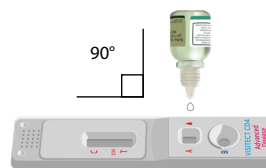
7 Discard the disposable tip into a sharps/biohazard bin.



8 Wait for 3 MINUTES.



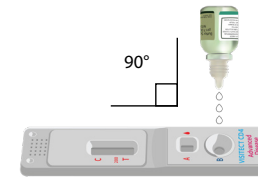
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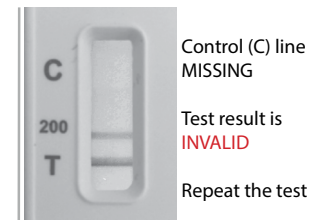
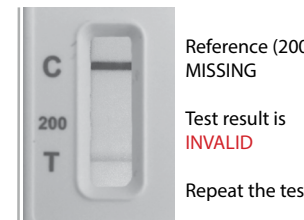
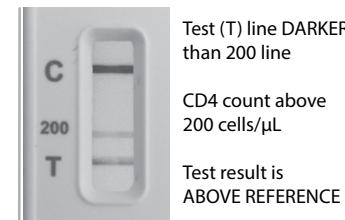
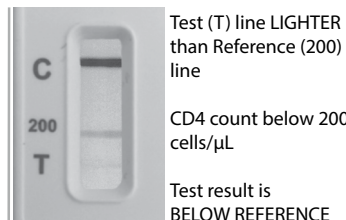
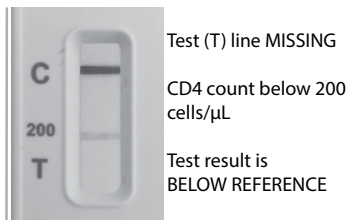
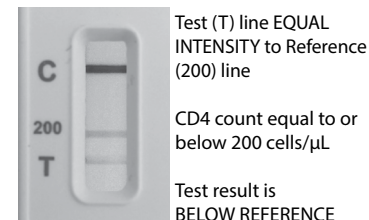
12 Wait for 20 MINUTES.



Interpret the results within 5 MINUTES.

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14 Dispose of the test device and gloves in a sharps/biohazard bin.

