

Certified Reference Material Data

This certificate is designed in accordance with ISO Guide 31:2015

Batch Number: B 717

General

Safety: This product is non-hazardous.
Storage: 2-8°C. Do not freeze.
Catalogue Number: ESCG100, ESCG100-5
Production Date: 18 February 2021
Expiration Date: 1 July 2021
Volume: 1.293 ml +/- 22 ul
Suspension media: Buffered saline solution.
Sterilisation method: Gamma Irradiation.

| Counts <small>(Method Ref: CG--014)</small> | Expanded | | |
|--|------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Mean (i) | St.Dev.(ii) | Uncertainty(iii) |
| Cryptosporidium count: | 99 | 2.4 | 5.7 |
| Giardia count: | 101 | 2.0 | 5.4 |
| DAPI staining: | | | |
| Cryptosporidium % +ve | 100 | % | |
| Giardia % +ve | 98 | % | |

The Mean CFU quantification (i) and associated SD (ii) are traceable to counts using flow cytometry

Stock specifics*

Organism: *Cryptosporidium parvum*
Strain: Iowa
Source: Bovine
Shed date: 11 January 2021
Purification method: Discontinuous sucrose and cesium chloride centrifugation gradients.

Stock specifics*

Organism: *Giardia lamblia*
Strain: H3
Source: Gerbil
Shed date: 11 January 2021
Purification method: Sucrose and Percoll density gradient centrifugation

Certified Values and Uncertainties

Enumeration Method

A) CG-014

The count values have been obtained by taking a randomised significant sample of each batch and enumerating cysts and oocysts by flow cytometric analysis.

B) Stability Ref: Exp #1421

Stability testing has been conducted on batch ESCG100-32 of EasySeed™ at 4 months and 12 days.

EasySeed™ with an assigned property value in terms of its known count value is used as a quality control reference material. This CRM has been produced by flow cytometry and is traceable to natural numbers.

i) The certified value represents the unweighted mean counts from a statistically relevant number of samples covering the entire product batch. The characterization uncertainty μ (characterization) represents the dispersion of measurement values, calculated as standard deviation.

ii) The Standard Deviation is a measure of variability within the batch.

iii) Combined standard uncertainty, $\mu(\text{CRM})$, is calculated as the square root of the sum of squares of the individual contributions (characterization, homogeneity, stability), according to:

$$\mu(\text{CRM}) = \sqrt{\mu^2_{\text{char}} + \mu^2_{\text{homogeneity}} + \mu^2_{\text{stability}}}$$

The Expanded Uncertainty, $U(\text{CRM})$ is reported at the 95% Confidence Level with a coverage factor $k=2$: $U(\text{CRM}) = \mu(\text{CRM}) * k$.

Storage and Handling:

Store EasySeed™ at 2-8°C.

Description:

EasySeed™ contains non viable precise known counts of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*.

Intended Use:

EasySeed™ is a biological certified reference material containing a precise number of non-viable *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*. It is designed for use as a quantitative quality control sample.

Instructions for Use (refer to the corresponding Product Insert for more details)**Seeding the sample (use one tube of EasySeed™)**

1. Remove and keep the tube cap.
2. Add 2mL of 0.05% (v/v) Tween 20 to the tube.
3. Replace cap and vortex for 20 seconds.
4. Remove and keep cap and pour tube contents into sample.
5. Add 3mL of reagent grade water to the empty tube.
6. Replace cap and vortex for 20 seconds.
7. Remove and keep cap and pour tube contents into sample.
8. Repeat steps 5, 6 and 7 once more.

Sample Analysis

9. Analyze the sample as per the laboratory Standard Operating Procedure.
10. Record the number of fluorescent *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* detected.
11. Calculate the *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* recovery using the following formulae:-

***Cryptosporidium* Recovery (%) =**

$\frac{\text{Cryptosporidium detected} \times 100}{\text{number of Cryptosporidium in EasySeed™ as per Certificate of Analysis}}$

***Giardia* Recovery (%) =**

$\frac{\text{Giardia detected} \times 100}{\text{number of Giardia in EasySeed™ as per Certificate of Analysis}}$

Safety information:

EasySeed™ is not classed as a Dangerous Good or hazardous material. It has been gamma irradiated and the *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* are non viable.

Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet (available online www.biopoint.com.au)

References:

- [1] ISO Guide 30 Reference materials - Selected terms and definitions
- [2] ISO Guide 31 Reference materials - Contents of certificates labels and accompanying documentation
- [3] ISO17034 General requirements for the Competence of Reference material Producers
- [4] ISO Guide 35 Reference materials - Guidance for characterisation and assessment of homogeneity and stability
- [5] AS ISO/IEC 17025 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories

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