

# For Forensic Use Only One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard Package Insert

Package insert for testing of any combination of the following drugs: Tramadol  
*A rapid, one step screening test for the simultaneous, qualitative detection of multiple Tramadol  
and metabolites in human urine.*  
*For forensic use only.*

**INTENDED USE & SUMMARY**  
Urine based tests for multiple drugs of abuse range from simple immunoassay tests to complex analytical procedures. The speed and sensitivity of immunoassays have made them the most widely accepted method to screen urine for multiple drugs of abuse.

The **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard** is a lateral flow chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of multiple drugs and drug metabolites in urine at the following cut-off concentrations in urine:<sup>1</sup>

Test	Calibrator	Cut-off (ng/mL)
Tramadol (TRA)	Tramadol	200

This test will detect other related compounds, please refer to the Analytical Specificity table in this package insert.

This assay provides only a preliminary analytical test result. A more specific alternate chemical method must be used in order to obtain a confirmed analytical result. Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is the preferred confirmatory method. Clinical consideration and professional judgment should be applied to any drug of abuse test result, particularly when preliminary positive results are used.

## SUMMARY

Tramadol is a quasi-narcotic analgesic used in the treatment of moderate to severe pain. It is a synthetic analog of codeine, but has a low binding affinity to the mu-opioid receptors. It has been prescribed off-label for the treatment of diabetic neuropathy and restless leg syndrome.<sup>2</sup> Large doses of Tramadol could develop tolerance and physiological dependency and lead to its abuse. Both Δ (d) and L forms of the isomers are controlled substances. Approximately 30% of the dose is excreted in the urine as unchanged drug, whereas 60% is excreted as metabolites. The major pathways appear to be N- and O- demethylation, glucuronidation or sulfation in the liver.

The **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard** yields a positive result when the Tramadol in urine exceeds 200ng/mL.

## REAGENTS

Each test in the Test Strip contains mouse monoclonal antibody-coupled particles and corresponding drug-protein conjugates. A goat antibody is employed in each control line.

## PRECAUTIONS

- For forensic use only.
- Do not use after the expiration date.
- The Test Strip should remain in the sealed pouch until use.
- All specimens should be considered potentially hazardous and handled in the same manner as an infectious agent.
- The used Test Strip should be discarded according to local regulations.

## STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store as packaged in the sealed pouch either at room temperature or refrigerated (2-30°C). The Test Strip is stable through the expiration date printed on the sealed pouch. The Test Strip must remain in the sealed pouch until use. **DO NOT FREEZE.** Do not use beyond the expiration date.

## SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION

### Urine Assay

The urine specimen must be collected in a clean and dry container. Urine collected at any time of the day may be used. Urine specimens exhibiting visible precipitates should be centrifuged, filtered, or allowed to settle to obtain a clear supernatant for testing.

### Specimen Storage

Urine specimens may be stored at 2-8°C for up to 48 hours prior to testing. For prolonged storage, specimens may be frozen and stored below -20°C. Frozen specimens should be thawed and mixed well before testing.

## MATERIALS PROVIDED

- Test panels
- Package insert

## Materials Required But Not Provided

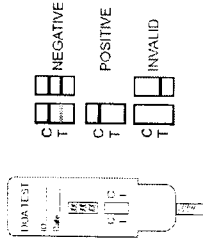
- Specimen collection container
- Timer

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Allow the test device, and urine specimen to come to room temperature [15-30°C (59-86°F)] prior to testing.

- Remove the test device from the foil pouch.
- Remove the cap from the test device. Label the device with patient or control identifications.
- Immerse the absorbent tip into the urine sample for 10-15 seconds. Urine sample should not touch the plastic device.
- Replace the cap over the absorbent tip and lay the device flat on a non-absorptive clean surface.
- Read results at 5 minutes.

**DO NOT INTERPRET RESULT AFTER 5 MINUTES.**



## INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

(Please refer to the illustration above)

**NEGATIVE:** Two lines appear. One red line should be in the control region (C), and another apparent red or pink line adjacent should be in the test region (Drug/T). This negative result indicates that the drug concentration is below the detectable level.

**NOTE:** The shade of red in the test line region (Drug/T) will vary, but it should be considered negative whenever there is even a faint pink line.

**POSITIVE:** One red line appears in the control region (C). No line appears in the test region (Drug/T). This positive result indicates that the drug concentration is above the detectable level.

**INVALID:** Control line fails to appear. Insufficient specimen volume or incorrect procedural techniques are the most likely reasons for control line failure. Review the procedure and repeat the test using a new test panel. If the problem persists, discontinue using the lot immediately and contact your manufacturer.

## QUALITY CONTROL

A procedural control is included in the test. A colored line appearing in the control line region (C) is considered an internal procedural control. It confirms sufficient specimen volume, adequate membrane wicking and correct procedural technique.

Control standards are not supplied with this kit. However, it is recommended that positive and negative controls be tested as good laboratory practice to confirm the test procedure and to verify proper test performance.

## LIMITATIONS

- The **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard** provides only a qualitative, preliminary analytical result. A secondary analytical method must be used to obtain a confirmed result. Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is the preferred confirmatory method.
- There is a possibility that technical or procedural errors, as well as other interfering substances in the urine specimen may cause erroneous results.
- Adulterants, such as bleach and/or alum, in urine specimens may produce erroneous results regardless of the analytical method used. If adulteration is suspected, the test should be repeated with another urine specimen.
- A positive result does not indicate level or intoxication, administration route or concentration in urine.
- A negative result may not necessarily indicate drug-free urine. Negative results can be obtained when drug is present but below the cut-off level of the test.
- The test does not distinguish between drugs of abuse and certain medications.
- A positive result might be obtained from certain foods or food supplements.

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

### Reproducibility

Reproducibility studies were carried out using commercially available spork solutions of the drug analytes listed. Dilutions were made from the spork solution of each drug to the concentrations specified in the following tables. The results are listed in the following tables.

Tramadol (TRA)

Tramadol conc (ng/mL)	Total number of Determinations	Result	Precision
Drug-free Urine	40	40 negative	>99%
100	40	40 negative	>99%
300	40	40 positive	>99%
400	40	40 positive	>99%

### Analytical Sensitivity

A drug-free urine pool was spiked with drugs to the concentrations at ± 50% cut-off and ± 25% cut-off. The results are summarized below.

Drug Conc. (Cut-off range)	n	TRA
0% Cut-off	30	-
+50% Cut-off	30	0
-50% Cut-off	30	30
+25% Cut-off	30	26
-25% Cut-off	30	16
+25% Cut-off	30	3
+50% Cut-off	30	0

### Analytical Specificity

The following table lists the concentration of compounds (ng/mL) that were detected positive in urine by the **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard** at a read time of 5 minutes.

Drug	Concentration (ng/ml)
TRAMADOL (TRA)	
Tramadol	200
N-desmethyl-tramadol	500
O-desmethyl-tramadol	20,000

### Effect of Urinary Specific Gravity

Fifteen (15) urine samples of normal, high, and low specific gravity ranges (1.005, 1.015, 1.030) were spiked with drugs at 50% below and 50% above cut-off levels respectively. The **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard** was tested in duplicate using ten drug-free urine and spiked urine samples. The results demonstrate that varying ranges of urinary specific gravity do not affect the test results.

### Effect of Urinary pH

The pH of an aliquoted negative urine pool was adjusted to pH ranges of 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 6.0 and 9.0, and spiked with drugs at 50% below and 50% above cut-off levels. The spiked, pH-adjusted urine was tested with The **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard**. The results demonstrate that varying ranges of pH do not interfere with the performance of the test.

### Cross-Reactivity

A study was conducted to determine the cross-reactivity of the test with compounds in either drug-free urine or Tramadol, positive urine. The following compounds show no cross-reactivity when tested with the **One Step Tramadol (TRA) Test Dipcard** at a concentration of 100 µg/mL.

### Non Cross-Reacting Compounds

Acetophenetidin	1-Cortinine	Cortisone	d-Pseudoephedrine
N-Acetylprocainamide	Creatinine	Ketoprofen	Quinidine
Acetylsalicylic acid	Deoxycorticosterone	Labeltol	Quinine
Amniopyrine	Dextromethorphan	Loperamide	Salicylic acid
Amoxicillin	Diclofenac	Meprobamate	Serotonin
Ampicillin	Diflunisal	Methoxyphenamine	Sulfamethazine
l-Ascorbic acid	Digoxin	Methylphenidate	Sulindac
Apomorphine	Diphenhydramine	Nalidixic acid	Tetracycline

Aspartame	Ethyl-p-aminobenzoate	Naproxen	Tetrahydrocortisone,
Atropine	β-Estradiol	Niacinamide	3-Acetate
Benzilic acid	Estrone-3-sulfate	Nifedipine	Tetrahydrocortisone
Benzotic acid	Erythromycin	Norethindrone	Tetrahydrozoline
Bilirubin	Fenoprofen	Noscapine	Thiamine
d,l-Brompheniramine	Furosemide	d,l-Octopamine	Thioridazine
Calcitriol	Gentamic acid	Oxalic acid	d,l-Tyrosine
Camabidol	Hemoglobin	Oxolinic acid	Tolbutamide
Chloralhydrate	Hydralazine	Oxymetazoline	Tranterene
Chloramphenicol	Hydrochlorothiazide	Papaverine	Trifluoperazine
Chlorothiazide	Hydrocortisone	Penicillin-G	Trimeopipin
d,l-Chlorpheniramine	6-Hydroxyhippuric acid	Perphenazine	d,l-Tryptophan
Chlorpromazine	3-Hydroxytyramine	Phenelzine	Uric acid
Cholesterol	d,l-Isoproterenol	Prednisone	Verapamil
Clonidine	Isosuprine	d,l-Propranolol	Zomepirac

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Keep away from sunlight



Store between 2°C and 30°C



Keep dry



Do not re-use