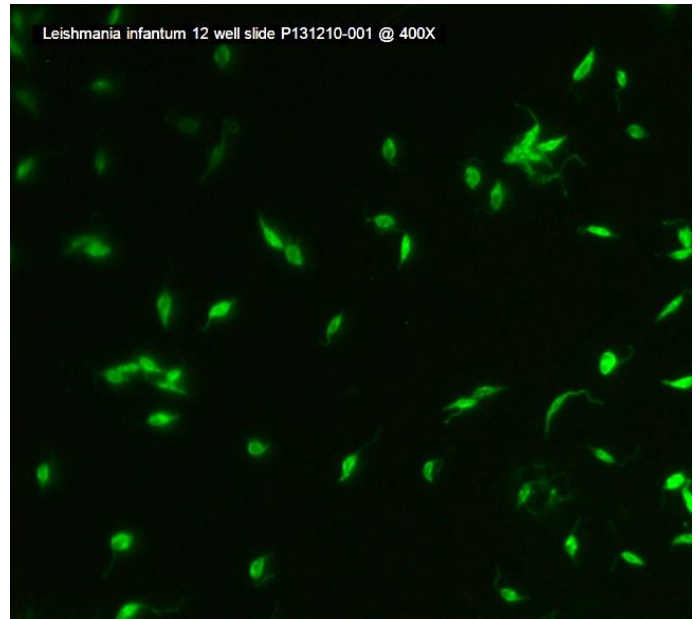


**CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

*Leishmania infantum*

FA Substrate Slide

Catalog No.:	SLD-IFA-LSH
Size:	12 Well
Well Capacity:	10 µl
Lot:	P131210-001
Expiration:	30 December 2017
Agent:	<i>Leishmania infantum</i>
Strain:	WHO reference strain (ATCC Number 50134)



**Description:**

Slides contain *Leishmania infantum* on Teflon-masked slides. They are supplied fixed and unstained in moisture-free foil pouches.

**Quality Control Method:**

Indirect FA using *Leishmania infantum* positive control (catalog no. PC-IFA-LSH), negative control (catalog no. NC-IFA-LSH), and anti-canine IgG FITC conjugate (catalog no. CJ-F-CANG-1ML or 10ML).

**Specific Reaction:** 3-4+ fluorescence with the positive control, no background. Negative with no background on the negative control. There are too numerous to count positive organisms per high-power field.

**Other Comments:** NA

**Pattern Of Fluorescence:**

Diffuse membranous fluorescence of organisms varying in shape from globus to trypanosome-like, some with clearly defined flagella. Single organisms and large clumps. High titer test sera will fluoresce brighter than this positive control serum.

**Interpretation Of Results:**

Titers of 1/50 and more are considered positive. IgM titers are discouraged due to increased incidence of false positive results. Results from the serologic test results should be interpreted in conjunction with the clinical picture. Some infected dogs may be seronegative and many seropositive dogs do not express clinical disease.

**Intended Use:**

Generally used for Indirect FA to detect antibody to *Leishmania infantum* but may also be used as a positive and negative control substrate slide for Direct FA conjugates when applicable.

**Storage:**

Store sealed in foil pouch at -20°C. Avoid self-defrosting freezers.

**References:** NA

Recommended Staining Procedure for Indirect FA:

1. Warm slide to room temperature before removing from foil pouch.
2. Place diluted serum on the designated wells. Dilute serum in serum diluting buffer, pH 7.2 (catalog no. FASDB-100ML) however if high background due to anti-bovine IgG activity is present it may be advisable to use SSDB-100ML.
3. Incubate slide in humid chamber at 37°C for 30 minutes.
4. Using a wash bottle, gently rinse slide briefly in FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0 (catalog no. FARB-4X) and then soak for 10 minutes in FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0.
5. Drain slide and dry around wells by pressing blotter (included in pouch) to front surface. Place labeled anti-IgG or IgM on the wells.
6. Incubate as in step 3.
7. Rinse as in step 4.
8. Drain slide and dry back and edges with a paper towel. Do not allow stained surface to dry. Do not rinse with water.
9. Mount with mounting fluid [glycerol/FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0, (50/50)] (catalog no. FAMF-10ML) and view with good quality fluorescence microscope at 100X-250X. Confirmation may be made at 400X.

Recommended Staining Procedure for Direct FA:

1. Warm slide to room temperature before removing from foil pouch.
2. Place direct FA conjugate on the designated wells.
3. Incubate slide in humid chamber at 37°C for 30 minutes.
4. Using a wash bottle, gently rinse slide briefly in FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0 (catalog no. FARB-4X) and then soak for 10 minutes in FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0.
5. Drain slide and dry back and edges with a paper towel. Do not allow stained surface to dry. Do not rinse with water.
6. Mount with mounting fluid [glycerol/FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0, (50/50)] (catalog no. FAMF-10ML) and view with good quality fluorescence microscope at 100X-250X. Confirmation may be at 400X.

Serum Diluting Buffer (pH 7.2):\*

- Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>.....1.19 gm
- NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.....0.22 gm
- NaCl.....8.55 gm
- BSA.....10.0 gm
- DI/dH<sub>2</sub>O.....Q.S. to 1 liter

\*This recipe makes 1 liter. If you need less, adjust recipe accordingly. Store at 2-7°C. Add 0.09% NaN<sub>3</sub> if diluted serum is not going to be used within one week.

4X FA Rinse Buffer (pH 9.0):

- Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.....11.4 gm
- NaHCO<sub>3</sub>.....33.6 gm
- NaCl ..... 8.5 gm
- DI/dH<sub>2</sub>O.....Q.S. to 1 liter

Final pH should be 9.0-9.5. This is a 4X concentrate and should be diluted 1/4 with DI/distilled water for use as a working buffer. Keep in a tightly stoppered container at room temperature. MOUNTING FLUID is made by mixing glycerol and FA rinse buffer, pH 9.0, in equal proportions.