



Solana®

GBS Assay

Frequently Asked Questions

General

Do you have a proficiency recommendation to validate the Solana GBS Assay?

Check with your Local and State regulation for proficiency requirements. If you are using the CAP proficiency, we recommend using Program D8 – Group B Strep Detection, for API we recommend Program 365 – Group B Strep (molecular), and for WSLH we recommend Module 5180 – Group B Strep.

What is the CMS suggested CPT code and National Limit amount for the Solana GBS Assay?

The suggested CPT Code is 87653.* The Medicare National Limit amount** is \$35.09. CPT code 87077* may also be used for inoculating the LIM broth that is required for the assay. The Medicare National Limit amount** for this CPT code is \$8.08. For reimbursement information and support, please visit our website at quidel.com or contact Quidel directly at **800.874.1517 Option 2**, or via e-mail at technicalsupport@quidel.com.

Is the Solana GBS Assay FDA cleared?

Yes. It has been FDA cleared, K173250.

I would like to run Limits of Detection. Are your controls quantified?

No. Quidel Molecular Control Sets are unassayed controls. Quantification of controls is the responsibility of the end user.

Are there any special licensing or certifications required to run the Solana GBS Assay?

The qualifications for laboratories performing a moderately complex test can be found on the CDC website at cdc.gov. For additional information you should contact your State Agency CLIA Contact.

What are the requirements for setting up a correlation study?

The assay should be treated in the same way any other FDA-cleared moderate complexity test brought into the laboratory is treated. There is nothing written in the regulations, that we are aware of, that identifies an assay like Solana requiring anything additional.

Can I use any heat block for the lysis steps?

The 95°C Lysis Block is available from Quidel. The 95°C Lysis Block is designed specifically with holes to fit the buffer tubes and maintains a temperature of 95°C ± 2°C. If using an alternate heat block, please ensure that the heat block maintains the specified temperature for the entire heating period.

What is the shelf life of the kit?

The kit shelf life is 24 months from the date of manufacture. Actual expiration date of product shipped will vary depending on lot availability.

If my kit was placed in a freezer upon arrival, can I still use it?

It is recommended that the kit not be used. The proper storage condition of the kit is 2°C to 8°C.

Can I purchase the reagents individually?

The reagents are produced in a kit format. Individual reagents are not available for purchase. If a vial is damaged upon receipt, please contact Quidel Technical Support at **800.874.1517 Option 2**, or via e-mail at technicalsupport@quidel.com for replacement arrangements.

What is the concentration of the process control?

That is proprietary information.

Can a sample with another manufacturer's process control be used in your assays?

No. The sample must have a Quidel process control in it; therefore, you should not use a sample lysed using another kit.

What is the target for the Solana GBS Assay?

The Thiolase (atoB) gene is the target for the assay.

What is the CLIA quality control policy for these tests?

Based on the Memorandum the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey Certification Group there are two mechanisms for meeting the federal guidelines:

- The default mechanism is to follow 42 CFR 493.1256(d)(3) – which states that two levels of external quality control per day of patient testing will be performed. All manufacturer's instructions must be followed, per 42 CFR 493.1256(d)(2);
- A new program (Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP)) has been launched. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is incorporating into the Interpretive Guidelines (IG), based on 42 CFR 493.1250, key concepts and graphics from Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) Evaluation Protocol-23 (EP-23), 'Laboratory Quality Control Based on Risk Management,' as alternative Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Quality Control (QC) policy. For more information please request the Quidel technical bulletin for Solana Assay External Quality Control.

What is the CAP quality control requirement for these tests?

CAP Molecular MOL.34220 or MIC.63262: Validation studies must include daily comparisons of external controls to built-in controls for at least 20 consecutive days. Then external controls are run for each new lot number and new shipment and before use or every 30 days whichever is more frequent.

How many tests can I get out of the Quidel Molecular GBS Control Set (Cat. #M116)?

Approximately 20 reactions can be run from each control set.

What is the approximate test time for the Solana GBS assay?

The total assay time is approximately 30 minutes.

Does the Solana GBS Assay provide susceptibility results?

No. CLSI recommends disk diffusion or broth microdilution for susceptibility testing.¹

If the patient is GBS positive, does testing for antimicrobial susceptibility need to be done?

The CDC recommends antimicrobial susceptibility testing only needs to be performed on antenatal GBS isolates from women who are allergic to penicillin and are at a high risk for anaphylaxis (as indicated by a history of anaphylaxis, angioedema, respiratory distress, or urticaria following the administration of a penicillin or cephalosporin).¹ Antimicrobial susceptibility testing should include inducible clindamycin resistance.¹

What is the difference between Todd Hewitt broth and LIM broth? Why is LIM broth utilized for this assay instead of Todd Hewitt broth?

LIM broth was validated for use because the Nalidixic Acid and Colistin present in LIM broth suppress the growth of gram-negative bacteria. Todd Hewitt broth does not contain these antibiotics, so the broth can become easily overgrown with gram negative bacteria.

Where can I find up-to-date news and information on GBS?

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) post information on their websites:

<http://www.who.int/>

<http://cdc.gov/>

Frequently Asked Questions**What is the sensitivity/specificity of the Solana GBS Assay?**

Clinical performance of the Solana GBS assay with LIM and Carrot enrichment broths was established during a prospective study conducted from July 2017 to September 2017.

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What is the precision of the Solana GBS Assay?

The precision of the Solana GBS Assay was demonstrated in a separate study. Data for this study can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What is the limit of detection (LOD) for GBS using this kit?

The analytical limit of detection of the Solana GBS Assay can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What detection technology does the Solana GBS Assay use?

The Solana GBS Assay utilizes helicase-dependent amplification (HDA), for the detection of Group B Streptococcus from vaginal/rectal swabs following 18 to 24 hours incubation in Lim enrichment broth culture. An expanded description of the principle of Solana GBS Assay can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What does the Solana GBS Assay kit contain?

The materials provided in each kit are listed in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What sample types can I use with the Solana GBS Assay?

The assay requires vaginal/rectal swabs from antepartum women following 18 to 24 hours of incubation at 35° ± 2°C in LIM or Carrot enrichment broth. An expanded description of the principle of Solana GBS Assay can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

How should specimens be handled and stored prior to the heat lysis process?

The cultured enrichment broth can be stored at either 20°C to 25°C for up to 48 hours or 2°C to 8°C for up to 7 days prior to testing. An expanded description of the principle of Solana GBS Assay can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What swabs and media are acceptable to be used with the assay?

The specimen collection, storage and handling requirements for the Solana GBS Assay can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What are the storage conditions for the kit and the components?

The storage conditions for the Solana GBS Assay kit and components can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What are Quidel's quality control recommendations for this test?

Quidel's quality control recommendations are provided in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

Does Quidel provide an external quality control for the Solana GBS Assay?

The Solana GBS Assay does not include an external control as part of the kit. A suggested external control is listed in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What do I do if I get a negative result for the Positive Control or an invalid result for the Negative Control?

If the Positive or the Negative Controls fail, the control(s) should be retested to rule out any errors in procedure. If after further testing the control sample is not resolved Technical Support should be contacted for further investigation.

What can cause a false positive with a Negative Control or patient sample?

A list of warnings and precautions is provided in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

This list covers many of the identified causes of false positive results seen with many molecular test systems.

What can cause a false negative with a Positive control or patient sample?

A list of limitations is provided in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:

<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

This list covers many of the identified causes of false negative results seen with many molecular test systems.

What temperature do the samples need to be lysed at?

This information is contained in the Assay Procedure found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:
<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

What if I forgot to heat lyse my samples?

The Assay Procedure is described in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:
<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

Failure to follow this protocol invalidates the test result.

Can I use the results if I forgot to vortex my tubes?

Failure to vortex the tubes is a major deviation from the Package Insert. It is recommended that the assay be repeated. The complete Assay Procedure can be found in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert:
<https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

Refer to the Package Insert on our website at [quidel.com](https://www.quidel.com) for additional performance claims.

Customer support and technical assistance information is provided in the Solana GBS Assay Package Insert: <https://www.quidel.com/molecular-diagnostics/solana-gbs-assay>**

References:

¹ <http://www.cdc.gov/groupbstrep/index.html/lab/lab/QAs-lab.html>

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