



# ichroma™ iFOB Neo

## INTENDED USE

**ichroma™ iFOB Neo** is a fluorescence Immunoassay (FIA) for the quantitative determination of hemoglobin in human feces. It is useful as an aid in management and monitoring of colorectal cancer.

For *in vitro* diagnostic use only.

## INTRODUCTION

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the world<sup>1</sup>, with about 1 million new cases and more than 500,000 deaths per year. Screening method for colorectal cancer include the immuno chromatography fecal occult blood (iFOB) test, barium enema, sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy<sup>2</sup>. Large randomized controlled trials have shown that iFOB screening can result in decreased colorectal cancer mortality<sup>3,4</sup>. The traditional FOB test uses the chemical Guaiac, which is sensitive to Hb peroxidase activity. However, the Guaiac-FOB test has low sensitivity to clinically significant colorectal neoplasia and has low specificity due to its non-specificity for human Hb<sup>5,6</sup>. To overcome these potential problems in immunochemical test, **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** uses specific monoclonal antibodies against human Hb.

## PRINCIPLE

The test uses a sandwich immunodetection method; the detector antibody in buffer binds to antigen in sample, forming antigen-antibody complexes, and migrates onto nitrocellulose matrix to be captured by the other immobilized-antibody on test strip.

The more antigen in sample forms the more antigen-antibody complex and leads to stronger intensity of fluorescence signal on detector antibody, which is processed by instrument for ichroma™ tests to show hemoglobin concentration in sample.

## COMPONENTS

**ichroma™ iFOB Neo** consists of 'Cartridges', 'Extraction Buffer Tubes', 'ID chip' and 'Instruction For Use'.

- The cartridge contains a test strip, the membrane which has anti human hemoglobin at the test line, while rabbit IgG at the control line.
- Each cartridge is individually sealed in an aluminum foil pouch containing a desiccant. 25 sealed cartridges are packed in a box which also contains an ID chip.
- The extraction buffer contains bovine serum albumin (BSA), detergent and sodium azide as a preservative in HEPES buffer.
- The extraction buffer is pre-dispensed in an extraction tube. 25 extraction buffer tubes are packaged in the cartridge box.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- For *in vitro* diagnostic use only.
- Carefully follow the instructions and procedures described in this 'Instruction for use'.
- Use only fresh samples and avoid direct sunlight.
- There should be no contamination with urine or water in samples.
- Samples should not be taken during menstruation, hemorrhoids or when using rectal medications.
- Lot numbers of all the test components (Cartridge, ID chip and extraction buffer) must match each other.
- Do not interchange the test components between different lots

or use the test components after the expiration date, either of which might yield misleading of test result(s).

- Do not reuse. A extraction buffer tube should be used for processing one sample only. So should a cartridge.
- The cartridge should remain sealed in its original pouch before use. Do not use the cartridge, if it is damaged or already opened.
- For shipping, samples must be packed in accordance with the regulations.
- Just before use, allow the cartridge, extraction buffer tube and sample to be at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes.
- **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** as well as the instrument for ichroma™ tests should be used away from vibration and/or magnetic field. During normal usage, it can be noted that instrument for ichroma™ tests may produce minor vibration.
- Used extraction buffer tubes, pipette tips and cartridges should be handled carefully and discarded by an appropriate method in accordance with relevant local regulations.
- An exposure to larger quantities of sodium azide may cause certain health issues like convulsions, low blood pressure and heart rate, loss of consciousness, lung injury and respiratory failure.
- **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** will provide accurate and reliable results subject to the following conditions.
  - Use **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** should be used only in conjunction with instrument for ichroma™ tests.

## STORAGE AND STABILITY

- The cartridge is stable for 20 months (while sealed in an aluminum foil pouch) if stored at 4-30 °C.
- The extraction buffer pre-dispensed in a extraction buffer tube is stable for 20 months if stored at 4-30 °C.
- After the cartridge pouch is opened, the test should be performed immediately.

## LIMITATION OF THE TEST SYSTEM

- The test may yield false positive result(s) due to the cross-reactions and/or non-specific adhesion of certain sample components to the capture/detector antibodies.
- The test may yield false negative result. The non-responsiveness of the antigen to the antibodies is most common where the epitope is masked by some unknown components, so as not to be detected or captured by the antibodies. The instability or degradation of the antigen with time and/or temperature may cause the false negative as it makes antigen unrecognizable by the antibodies.
- Other factors may interfere with the test and cause erroneous results, such as technical/procedural errors, degradation of the test components/reagents or presence of interfering substances in the test samples.
- Any clinical diagnosis based on the test result must be supported by a comprehensive judgment of the concerned physician including clinical symptoms and other relevant test results.

## MATERIALS SUPPLIED

**REF** CFPC-15-1

Components of **ichroma™ iFOB Neo**

- Cartridge Box:
  - Cartridge 25
  - Extraction buffer tube 25
  - ID Chip 1
  - Instruction For Use 1

### MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT SUPPLIED ON DEMAND

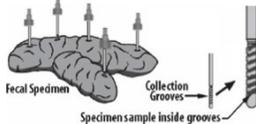
Following items can be purchased separately from **ichroma™ iFOB Neo**. Please contact our sales division for more information.

- Instrument for **ichroma™** tests
  - **ichroma™ Reader** [REF] FR203
  - **ichroma™ II** [REF] FPRR021
  - **ichroma™-50** [REF] FPRR027
- **ichroma™ Printer** [REF] FPRR007
- **Boditech iFOB Neo Control** [REF] CFPO-14

### SAMPLE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

The sample type for **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** is human feces.

- Invert an extraction buffer tube and loosen the cap which is attached a sampling stick (yellow color).
- Introduce the sampling stick into the fecal sample six times at different sites. In order to get sampling even in the spirals of the stick and to ensure appropriate specimen to buffer ratio, try to avoid obtaining clumps of fecals matter.



- Return the stick to the extraction buffer tube. Tighten the cap thoroughly and shake the tube vigorously so as to disperse the specimen throughout the extraction buffer in the tube.
- The collected specimen should be tested as soon as possible, if not to be used immediately after addition of fecal sample, extraction buffer tube should be refrigerated but must be analyzed using the test cartridge within 7 days.

### TEST SETUP

- Check the contents of **ichroma™ iFOB Neo**: Sealed Cartridge, Extraction Buffers and ID Chip.
- Ensure that the lot number of the cartridge matches that of the ID chip as well as the extraction buffer.
- Keep the sealed cartridge (if stored in refrigerator) and the extraction buffer at room temperature for at least 30 minutes just prior to the test. Place the cartridge on a clean, dust-free and flat surface.
- Turn on the instrument for **ichroma™** tests.
- Insert the ID Chip into the ID chip port of the instrument for **ichroma™** tests.
- Press the 'Select' button on the instrument for **ichroma™** tests. (Please refer to the 'Instrument for **ichroma™** tests Operation Manual' for complete information and operating instructions.)

### TEST PROCEDURE

#### ► Instrument: **ichroma™-50**

- 1) Collect sample according to the sample collection method using a sampling stick in the 'sample collection and processing'. Then invert the extraction buffer tube again.
- 2) Insert pipette tips which are provided with **ichroma™-50** (or purchased on demand) into the tip station of **ichroma™-50**.
- 3) Insert test cartridges into the cartridge magazine and insert the cartridge.
- 4) Remove the cap of the extraction buffer tube and insert the extraction buffer tube into the sample rack which is provided with **ichroma™-50**.
- 5) Insert test cartridges into the cartridge magazine and insert the cartridge inserted cartridge magazine into the magazine station of **ichroma™-50**.
- 6) Input or set the number of tests what you want to perform and

tap 'Start' button which is provided in the screen of **ichroma™-50**. (Please refer to **ichroma™-50** operation manual for complete information.)

- 7) **ichroma™-50** performs the tests automatically.
- 8) **ichroma™-50** will display the test results 10 minutes after loading samples.

#### ► Instrument: **ichroma™ Reader/ichroma™ II**

- 1) Collect sample according to the sample collection method using a sampling stick in the 'sample collection and processing'.
- 2) Break off the black tip on the outside of the black cap.
- 3) Discard 3 drops of reagent onto the paper towel before applying to the cartridge.
- 4) Hold the vial upside down and transfer 3 drops of the sample mixture and load it into the sample well on the cartridge.
- 5) Leave the sample-loaded cartridge at room temperature for 10 minutes.  
 ⚠ Scan the sample-loaded cartridge immediately when the incubation time is over. If not, it will cause inexact test result.
- 6) To scan the sample-loaded cartridge, insert it into the cartridge holder of the instrument for **ichroma™** tests. Ensure proper orientation of the cartridge before pushing it all the way inside the cartridge holder.
- 7) Press 'Select' button on the instrument for **ichroma™** tests to start the scanning process.
- 8) Instrument for **ichroma™** tests will start scanning the sample-loaded cartridge immediately.
- 9) Read the test result on the display screen of the instrument for **ichroma™** tests.

### INTERPRETATION OF TEST RESULT

- Instrument for **ichroma™** tests calculates the test result automatically and displays hemoglobin concentration of the test sample in terms of ng/mL.
- The cut-off (reference value): 100 ng/mL (10 µg Hb/g Stool)
- The cut-off (reference value) may depend on the test method and the test object. It is recommended to set a cut-off (reference value) for each laboratory.
- In case of a positive result (above 100 ng/mL), consult a physician to discuss the test result. The physician may decide further course of action.
- Working range : 25-1,000 ng/mL

### QUALITY CONTROL

- Quality control tests are a part of the good testing practice to confirm the expected results and validity of the assay and should be performed at regular intervals.
- The control tests should be performed immediately after opening a new test lot to ensure the test performance is not altered.
- Quality control tests should also be performed whenever there is any question concerning the validity of the test results.
- Control materials are not provided with **ichroma™ iFOB Neo**. For more information regarding obtaining the control materials, contact **Boditech Med Inc.'s Sales Division for assistance**. (Please refer to the instruction for use of control material.)

### PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

- **Analytical sensitivity**
  - Limit of Blank (LoB) 0.91 ng/ml
  - Limit of Detection (LoD) 1.34 ng/ml
  - Limit of Quantification (LoQ) 25.0 ng/ml
- **Analytical specificity**
  - Cross reactivity

There was no significant cross-reactivity from these materials with the **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** test measurements.

Cross-reactivity materials	Concentration (ng/mL)		
	25	100	500
	Cross-reactivity (%)		
Bovine hemoglobin (2,000 µg/mL)	1.22	-0.84	1.12
Chicken hemoglobin (500 µg/mL)	-2.55	0.09	1.11
Fish hemoglobin (100 µg/mL)	0.83	3.35	-1.43
Horse(Equine) hemoglobin (500 µg/mL)	-1.25	-1.17	0.81
Goat hemoglobin (500 µg/mL)	0.15	1.46	1.50
Pig(Swine) hemoglobin (500 µg/mL)	0.62	-0.24	-0.87
Rabbit hemoglobin (500 µg/mL)	-0.53	-0.48	-2.02
Sheep hemoglobin (500 µg/mL)	1.91	0.17	-0.58

- Interference

There was no significant interference from these materials with the **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** test measurements.

Interference materials	Concentration (ng/mL)		
	25	100	500
	Interference (%)		
Ascorbic acid (350 µmol/L)	0.37	-1.66	0.92
Bilirubin (350 µmol/L)	-4.03	0.01	1.41
Albumin (60 g/L)	-1.99	-3.27	1.47
Glucose (120 mg/dL)	1.47	-1.07	0.78
Triglyceride mixture (500 mg/dL)	0.72	-2.65	-2.40

■ Precision

- Between Lot

One person tested three different lots of **ichroma™ iFOB Neo**, five times at each concentration of the control standard.

- Between person

Three different persons tested one lot of **ichroma™ iFOB Neo**, five times at each concentration of the control standard.

- Between day

One person tested **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** during five days; five times at each concentration of the control standard.

- Between site

One person tested one lot of **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** at three different sites, five times at each concentration of the control standard.

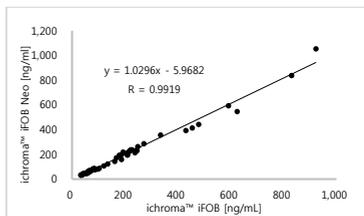
Hb (ng/mL)	Between-lot		Between-person		Between-day		Between-site	
	AVG	CV(%)	AVG	CV(%)	AVG	CV(%)	AVG	CV(%)
25	24.90	6.03	24.68	6.06	25.12	6.84	24.11	7.88
100	99.84	3.32	100.78	4.20	98.52	3.60	100.15	3.50
500	501.36	1.99	506.49	1.76	499.48	2.45	496.16	2.22

■ Accuracy

The accuracy was confirmed by 3 different lots testing ten times each different concentration.

Hb(ng/mL)	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	AVG	Recovery (%)
25	24.89	24.26	24.73	24.62	98%
100	100.18	101.32	99.84	100.44	100%
500	503.76	496.10	507.90	502.59	101%

- **Comparability:** hemoglobin concentrations of 50 feces samples were quantified independently with **ichroma™ iFOB Neo** and **ichroma™ iFOB (ichroma™ Reader)** as per prescribed test procedures. Test results were compared and their comparability was investigated with linear regression and coefficient of correlation (R). Linear regression and coefficient of correlation between the two tests were  $Y = 1.0296X - 5.9682$  and  $R = 0.9919$  respectively.



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Note: Please refer to the table below to identify various symbols

	Sufficient for <n> tests
	Read instruction for use
	Use by Date
	Batch code
	Catalog number
	Caution
	Manufacturer
	Authorized representative of the European Community
	In vitro diagnostic medical device
	Temperature limit
	Do not reuse
	This product fulfills the requirements of the Directive 98/79/EC on in vitro diagnostic medical devices

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