**Purpose**:

This procedure provides instructions for performing reagent QC for manual testing.

**Policy:**

* All antisera and cellular reagents are stored in a monitored refrigerator at 2-8°C.
* All reagents are used within their indicated expiration date.
* In use reagents are arranged in lettered racks for manual testing.
* Racks are rotated in alphabetical order ( A, B, C, A, etc.) for Daily Quality Control testing.
* One rack is used each day for Daily Quality Control testing.
* Each lot of reagents is tested before being placed into use.
* Reagent QC is performed day of use, expiring at 2359 on day of testing.

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| **QC Testing performed Daily** | **QC Testing performed Day of Use** |
| **Routine Reagent Rack**   * anti-A * anti-B * A1 cells * B cells * anti-D * Screening Cells 1, 2, 3 * LISS (various sources) * anti-IgG * antihuman globulin (AHG) control cells | **Direct Antiglobulin Reagent Rack**   * Anti-C3 |
| **ABO Resolution Rack**   * A2 Cells |
| **Other**   * PEG * Ortho anti-IgG |
| **Direct Antiglobulin Reagent Rack**   * Polyspecific antihuman globulin * C3 Check Cells * Albumin |
| **ABO Resolution Rack**   * Anti-A,B * Seraclone ABO + RH Control |

**Sources of Control Materials for Antibody Detection and ABO Reverse Testing:**

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| **Antibody QC** | **Source** | **Antibody** |
| **Primary** | ALBAsure QC Kit | Anti-A, -B, -D, -c |
| **Secondary** | Bio-Rad Solid Screen II Control B | Anti-c |
|  | Bio-Rad Solid Screen II Positive Control | Anti-D |
|  | Bio-Rad Solid Screen II Negative Control | None |
|  | TANGO QC Controls | Anti-A, -B |
| **Option requiring TS Manager Approval** | Patient source of antibody(ies) | Must react with all antibody detection cells |

**Sources of Control Materials for ABO and D Antigen Forward Testing:**

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| **Antigen QC** | **Source** | **Antibody** |
| **Primary** | ALBAsure QC Kit | Cell 1: AB rr  Cell 2: O R1r |
| **Secondary** | TANGO QC Controls | Combination of types to test anti-A, -B, and -D reactivity and specificity |
| **Option requiring TS Manager Approval** | Other source of antigen(s) | Combination of types to test ABO and D antisera reactivity and specificity |

**Procedure:**

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| Step | Action | Related Documents |
| 1 | Examine reagents:   * In date * Clear and no turbidity in antisera * No Hemolysis in reagent red cells * Reagent color has not changed   Reagents and QC must meet criteria before testing is performed. |  |
| 2 | Record on the Daily Manual Testing QC form:   * Rack ID * Testing date * Lot number and expiration date | Daily Manual Testing QC Form |
| 3 | Check box(es) for rack/reagent being QCed:   * Daily QC: Rack followed by Rack designation (A, B, or C) * PEG * DAT Rack * Ortho IgG * New Lot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (record reagent name) * Additional Lot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (record reagent name) |
| 4 | Label tubes as per Table A | Table A |
| 5 | Perform testing per applicable procedures for the test being controlled. |  |
| 6 | Record test result and Tech ID performing testing. |  |
| 7 | Evaluate for acceptability. | Reading and Grading Tube Reactions |
| 8 | Record Appearance and Performance acceptability by circling “Y” or “N” |  |
| Step | Action | Related Documents |
| 9 | Perform problem resolution for any unacceptable results as follows:   * Repeat testing on original bottle of reagent. * If retest is unacceptable, test on a new lot number of same reagent. * Quarantine unacceptable lots and notify TSL manager. * Complete QIM to document. * Repeat with the acceptable lot any patient testing performed with the quarantined lot since most recent acceptable QC on the quarantined lot. * If there is any discrepancy, Correct Result per Amended Report Procedure. * Notify Physician if critical result is corrected. | Reagent Receipt Process |
| 10 | Obtain 2nd Tech review for acceptability (“Y” or “N”). |  |
| 11 | Post form in TSL for use during testing date.   * MLS Lead/MLS2 review will be performed in a timely manner. |  |

**Table A: Tube Labeling:**

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| **Tube** | **Contains** | **Contents** | **Expected Results** | **Related Document** |
| ***1*** | Anti-A | ALBAsure QC Cell 1 (AB Neg rr) or Acceptable QC source | **2-4+** | ABO Rh Tube Method |
| ***2*** | Anti-B | **2-4+** |
| ***3*** | Anti-A,B | **2-4+** |
| ***4*** | Anti-A | ALBAsure QC Cell 2 (O Pos-R1r) or Acceptable QC source | **0** |
| ***5*** | Anti-B | **0** |
| ***6*** | Anti-A,B | **0** |
| ***7*** | Anti-D | **2-4+** |
| ***8*** | Anti-D | ALBAsure QC Cell 1 (AB Neg rr) or Acceptable QC source | **IS/IgG=0**  **CC=2-4+** |
| ***9*** | A1Cells | ABLAsure QC Antibody Reagent  (Anti-A, Anti-B, diluted 1:3)  or Acceptable QC source | **2-4+** |
| ***10\**** | A2 Cells | **2-4+** |
| ***11*** | B Cells | **2-4+** |
| ***12*** | A1Cells | Seraclone | **0** |
| ***13\**** | A2 Cells | **0** |
| ***14*** | B Cells | **0** |
| ***15*** | IgG coated cells | AHG Poly | **2-4+** | DAT by Tube Method |
| ***16\**** | Anti-C3 | **0** |
| ***17*** | Conf cell 1 | AHG Poly | **0** |
| ***18*** | Complement  Coated cells | AHG Poly | **1-4+** |
| ***19\**** | Anti-C3 | **1-4+** |

\* Testing performed day of use

**Table A: Tube Labeling (continued)**

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| **Tube** | **Contains** | **Contents** | **Expected Results** | | | **Related Document** |
| POSITIVE ABS LISS/PEG | | Positive Control: ALBAsure QC Antibody Reagent  (Anti-A, Anti-B, Anti-c, Anti-D, diluted), or Acceptable QC source | **IS/37** | **IgG** | **CC** | Antibody Screen by LISS Tube Method  Antibody Screen by PEG Tube IAT Method |
| ***20*** | SC I | **0-2+** | **1-4** | **NT-4+** |
| ***21*** | SC II |
| ***22*** | SC III |
| Negative ABS LISS/PEG | | Negative Control: Albumin | **0** | **0** | **2-4+** |
| ***23*** | SC I |
| ***24*** | SC II |
| ***25*** | SC III |

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