



Cat. No. 052-828

# MicroQuik

## *Rapid Identification of Candida albicans*

The MicroQuik test is intended for the rapid identification of *Candida albicans* from a first growth culture plate.

### **PRINCIPLES:**

MicroQuik utilizes a combination of a fluorogenic substrate which, when hydrolyzed by a specific enzyme produces a purple color upon the addition of color developer, and a second fluorogenic substrate, which when hydrolyzed by a specific enzyme produces a purple color upon the addition of a color developer.

### **PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS:**

Over 300 isolates were tested with the MicroQuik test card, with a correlation of greater than 99%, when compared to traditional biochemical testing.

### **CONTENTS OF THE KIT:**

Each kit contains sufficient components for 25 tests:

- 1 Bottle of Reagent A (Buffer)
- 1 Bottle of Reagent B (color developer)
- 25 MicroQuik Test Cards
- 1 Product Insert

### **MATERIALS NOT PROVIDED:**

- Swabs, inoculating needles, wooden applicator sticks
- Positive and Negative Control Microorganisms

### **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:**

Care should be taken against the hazards of viable bacteria. Do not touch the filter membrane before, or after use. Sterilize cards before discarding. Avoid eye, skin, and clothing contact with the color developer.

### **EVIDENCE OF DETERIORATION:**

Do not use the test card after the expiration date has passed, or if the filter is no longer white, which could make the results invalid.

### **STORAGE CONDITIONS** *℥*

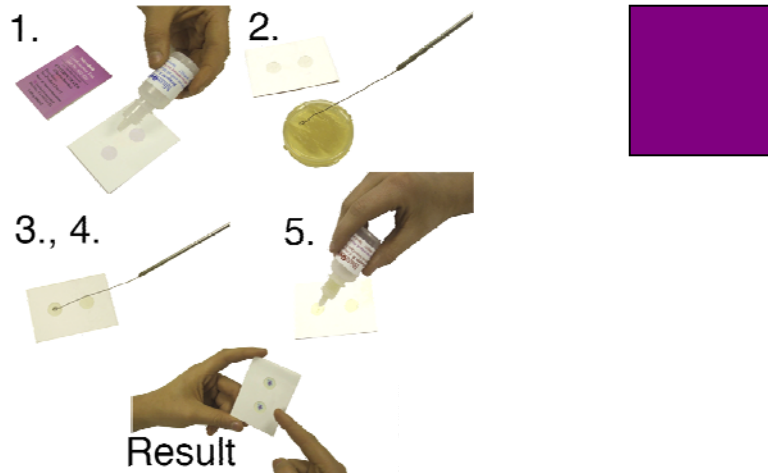
All materials can be stored at room temperature. Refrigeration storage does not harm the test.

### **USER QUALITY CONTROL:**

Before using the MicroQuik test, each lot number should be checked with positive and negative controls, using known stock strains of *Candida albicans*, and another strain that is not *Candida albicans*.

## TESTING PROCEDURES:

1. Add 1 drop of Reagent A to both of the filter membrane circles.
2. Select colonies that morphologically resemble *yeast*.
3. Touch the tops of 1-2 colonies with a loop, inoculating needle, swab, or wooden applicator. Smear the colonies onto the filter membrane circle #1 of the test card. Repeat the procedure with second circle.
4. Set aside the inoculated card at room temperature for 5 minutes.
5. Add 1 drop of Reagent B to circle #1; add 1 drop of Reagent B to circle #2. Purple color will immediately form on and around the deposited colonies in the two circles in the presence of the hydrolyzed substrate, indicating a positive test. The test is negative if purple color does not appear in both circles. The test result must be read within 1 minute after the addition of Reagent B, otherwise the test result may be invalid.



### LIMITATIONS OF THE TEST:

Occasionally some species of other microorganisms *may* produce small amounts of enzyme, which can produce a positive test from culture. This is extremely rare.

**Technical Alert for Quality Control: MicroQuik detects bacterial enzymes, which may dissolve in liquids. Serial dilutions of bacteria may not give a positive reaction. Therefore, all confirmation testing must be done with plated colonies.**



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