

# Uni-Gold™ Giardia

20 Tests  
Store Kit at +2 to +30°C

REF 1206610

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## INTENDED USE

Trinity Biotech Uni-Gold™ Giardia is a single use rapid immunoassay for the qualitative detection of *Giardia lamblia* (*G. lamblia*) antigens in human stool specimens. This test is intended for use with patients with gastrointestinal symptoms as an aid in the diagnosis of suspected *Giardia* gastrointestinal infections. As with other *Giardia* tests, results should be considered in conjunction with the clinical evaluation and medical history. For *In-Vitro* Diagnostic use.

## SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

*G. lamblia*, also known as *Giardia duodenalis* or *Giardia intestinalis*, is a flagellated enteric parasite that has two forms during its life cycle. In the early stages, *Giardia* exists as a flagellated trophozoite in the small intestines and then forms into a cyst as it passes through the colon. The cyst is relatively resistant to chlorination and ozonolysis explaining why it is the most common cause of outbreaks of diarrheal illness due to drinking water.<sup>1-3</sup>

Giardiasis is also one of the leading causes of food and waterborne diarrhea throughout the world<sup>1,2</sup>. Individuals contract Giardiasis by consuming contaminated food and water containing the *Giardia* cyst. Some symptoms associated with Giardiasis include but are not limited to diarrhea, malaise, flatulence, foul-smelling greasy stool, and abdominal cramps.<sup>1,4</sup> Infections can last from several days or several weeks if left untreated.<sup>4,6</sup>

## PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST

Trinity Biotech Uni-Gold™ Giardia was designed as a rapid lateral flow immunoassay to detect the presence of *G. lamblia* antigen in fresh or prepared stool specimens, or media containing stool specimens.

With Uni-Gold™ Giardia, anti-*G.lambli*a antibody is coated onto the test line region of the nitrocellulose zone of the test strip. Anti-IgG antibody is coated onto the control line region. Anti-*G. lamblia* antibodies are conjugated to red latex particles and dried onto inert glass fiber. This is inserted into the test strip below the nitrocellulose zone.

*Giardia* antigens present in the sample combine with the anti-*G.lambli*a antibody/red latex. As this complex migrates it binds to the antibodies in the test region forming a visible pink/red band.

Excess conjugate forms a second pink/red band in the control region of the device. The control line should always appear as a visible pink/red band in the control region of the device to indicate that the test device is functioning correctly.

## REAGENTS

### MATERIALS SUPPLIED

- 1206610-D Test Devices: 20 devices, each containing a membrane striped with mouse anti-*G. lamblia* IgG and rabbit anti-Goat IgG, and pads with dried red latex conjugated to goat anti-*Giardia* antibodies and goat IgG antibodies.
- 1206610-B *Giardia* Dilution Buffer: 4.0ml of buffered solution containing surfactants and preservatives.
- 90-1750 Disposable transfer pipettes: 20 disposable single use pipettes, used to add sample to test tube and transfer the sample/dilution buffer mix to the test device.
- 90-1751 Test tubes: 20 dilution tubes used for preparation of the sample/dilution buffer mix.
- Test tube holder: Cardboard tube holder for holding up to 5 test tubes
- Package insert

### MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT SUPPLIED

- Stool specimen collection container
- Sealable tube for sample pre-dilution
- Deionized water
- Timer or stopwatch
- Biohazard disposal container
- Disposable gloves
- Uni-Gold™ Giardia positive and negative controls (Cat# 1206611)

### OPTIONAL MATERIALS NOT PROVIDED:

- Specimen transport media

## STORAGE AND STABILITY

- Store all components at 2-30°C.
- Do not freeze or overheat.
- This product should not be used beyond the expiration date printed on the outer package label.
- The kits should be kept away from direct sunlight, moisture and heat.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- For *In Vitro* Diagnostic use only.
- For professional use only.
- Directions should be read and followed carefully.
- Test Devices are for single use only. Do not reuse.
- Reagents are provided at the necessary working strength. Do not dilute reagents.
- Do not interchange reagents between kits with different lot numbers.
- Do not use kits or reagents beyond the stated expiration dates.
- Microbial contamination of reagents may decrease the accuracy of the assay.
- Treat all materials as if they were infectious and dispose of all material in accordance with local regulation. Liquid waste should be disposed of in a 1% sodium hypochlorite solution or in accordance with local requirements for disposal of infectious material.
- Dilution buffer solution contains <1% sodium azide. Sodium azide is toxic if ingested and forms potentially explosive copper and lead azide compounds in waste plumbing lines. Should the reagents come in contact with copper or lead waste plumbing, flush the waste line with large quantities of water to prevent the formation of potentially explosive compounds.
- Do not concentrate specimens before testing.
- Stool specimens preserved in PVA fixatives are not suitable for use.
- Do not freeze fixed samples.

The safety data sheet is available upon request.



### WARNING

Some components of this kit contain 0.1% ProClin 300®, a biocidal preservative that may cause sensitization by skin contact; prolonged or repeated exposure may cause allergic reaction in certain sensitive individuals.

EUH031: Contact with acid liberates toxic gas.

H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

H335: May cause respiratory irritation.

P280: Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

P302 + P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

P333 + P313: If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P501: Dispose of contents and container in accordance to local, regional, national and international regulations.

### WARNING

Some components of this kit contain < 0.1% sodium azide.

H302: Harmful if swallowed.

P264: Wash thoroughly with plenty of soap and water after handling.

P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.

P330: If swallowed, rinse mouth.

P501: Dispose of contents/container in accordance to local, regional, national and international regulations.

## SPECIMEN COLLECTIONS AND TRANSPORT

Specimens collected for routine ova and parasite examination can be used with Trinity Biotech Uni-Gold™ Giardia. Stool specimens should be collected in clean, leak-proof plastic containers.

- Fresh, untreated stool specimen should be stored at 2-8 °C if tested within 48 hours of collection.
- If fresh, untreated stool specimen will not be tested within 48 hours of collection, sample should be stored at -20°C or lower and tested within 2 months of collection. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles.
- Stool specimens treated with 10% formalin or SAF (Sodium Acetate Formalin) fixatives may be refrigerated or stored at room temperature (between 2-30°C) but should be tested within 2 months of collection.
- Stool specimens collected in Cary-Blair or C&S Transport Medium (or equivalent) should be refrigerated (2-8°C) and tested within 1 week of collection or should be stored at -20°C or lower and tested within 2 months of collection. Avoid multiple freeze-thaw cycles. See Limitations.
- Stool specimens that have been concentrated or treated with PVA fixatives are not suitable for use with this test.

## QUALITY CONTROL

Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) recommends the use of control specimens to ensure proper device performance at least once daily. Uni-Gold™ Giardia Controls (product code: 1206611) are available separately for use only with Uni-Gold™ Giardia. These controls are used to verify correct device performance, operator procedure and result interpretation. The positive control will produce a reactive test result and the negative control will produce a non-reactive test result (refer to the test results and interpretation section).

It is recommended that positive and negative controls are run

- By all new operators performing testing on patient specimens,
- With each new kit lot and whenever a new shipment of test kits is received.
- At periodic intervals as specified in the laboratory Quality Assurance program.

Uni-Gold™ Giardia Controls must give the expected reactive or non-reactive results. If the test results are not valid repeat the test. Refer to the Uni-Gold™ Giardia Controls package insert (1206611-29EN) for instructions on the use of these reagents. It is the responsibility of each laboratory using Uni-Gold™ Giardia to establish an adequate quality assurance program to ensure the performance of the device under its specific locations and conditions of use. Contact Trinity Biotech should unexpected results occur.

Each Uni-Gold™ Giardia device has a built in procedural control that demonstrates assay validity. When a red/pink line appears at the control line position this indicates the device has performed correctly. The control line will appear on all valid tests, whether the sample is reactive or non-reactive (refer to the test results and interpretation sections).

## LIMITATIONS

1. Uni-Gold™ Giardia must be used in accordance with the instructions in this package insert to obtain an accurate result.
2. A negative test result does not exclude the possibility of the presence of *Giardia*. This may occur when the antigen level in the sample is below the detection level of the test. Correlation between the amount of antigen in a sample and clinical presentation has not been established.
3. Uni-Gold™ Giardia detects *G. lamblia* antigen in stool samples. The test cannot be used to derive a relationship between the intensity of the specific visible bands and the occurrence or severity of clinical symptoms.
4. The results obtained are intended to aid in diagnosis only. All *in vitro* diagnostics tests must always be interpreted by the clinician in combination with the clinical evaluation, medical history, and/or other laboratory results to properly diagnose patients.
5. Use the liquid fraction of a specimen only and avoid any large pieces of insoluble debris. Excess particulates may cause the sample well to clog.
6. Reactivity to species of *Giardia* other than *G. lamblia* has not been established.
7. Reading test results before or after the 15 minute read time may give incorrect results.
8. Proper specimen collection and processing are essential to achieving optimal performance of the assay.
9. Stool specimens that have been concentrated or treated with PVA fixatives are not suitable for use with this test.
10. Cross-reactivity to *E. dispar* has not been evaluated.

## TEST PROCEDURE

1. Ensure the Giardia Dilution Buffer is at room temperature (15-30°C). Mix gently before use.
2. Sample preparation
  - Dilute fresh (unpreserved) stool samples 1:4 with deionized water (e.g., 0.1 g sample and 0.3 ml deionized water) before testing.
  - Specimens diluted in Formalin, SAF, Cary-Blair or C&S transport media (or equivalents) are used without further dilution.
  - Ensure all stool specimens are at room temperature (15-30 °C) prior to testing.
3. Fold test tube holder according to pictorial instructions printed on the cardboard.
4. Remove the required number of devices from their individual foil pouches and lay on a clean, flat surface.
5. Label each device with appropriate patient information.
6. Label test tubes and place in rack.
7. Hold the dropper bottle vertically; add 4 drops of Giardia Dilution Buffer to each tube.
8. Use a disposable transfer pipette to transfer sample (see sample preparation above). Hold the pipette vertically and add 2 drops of the stool specimen into the correspondingly labeled test tube.
 

Note: Use the liquid fraction of a specimen only and avoid any large pieces of insoluble debris. Excess particulates may cause the sample well to clog.
9. Expel any remaining sample in the pipette into a bio-hazard waste container.
10. Gently mix the test tube then use the same pipette to withdraw all of the buffered-sample from the test tube.
11. Hold the pipette vertically over the device sample port; carefully add the buffered-sample drop-wise. Time the assay from this point.

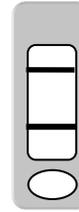
12. Read assay results immediately at the end of the 15 minute incubation. Do not read results after 15 minutes as they may be inaccurate.

## INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

### Positive Result

Two pink/red lines of any intensity appear in the device window; at the test line and control line positions. This indicates a reactive result that is interpreted as positive for *Giardia* antigen.

### Positive Image

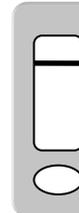


Control Line  
Test Line

### Negative Result

A single pink/red line of any intensity appears in the device window at the control line position. There is no line at the test line position. This indicates a non-reactive result that is interpreted as negative for *Giardia* antigen.

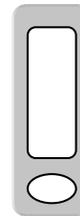
### Negative Image



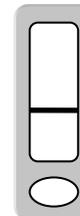
Control Line  
Test Line

### Invalid Result

No line appears in the device window at the control line position. This is an invalid result and cannot be interpreted. This is irrespective of whether or not a pink/red line appears in the device window at the test line position. If either condition below occurs, the test should be repeated with a new device.



Control Line  
Test Line



Control Line  
Test Line

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

The performance of Uni-Gold™ Giardia was evaluated on 567 retrospective stool samples at three geographically diverse clinical laboratories, and on 378 prospective stool samples at a fourth external laboratory.

### Clinical Sensitivity & Specificity

#### Retrospective Study

The sensitivity and specificity of the test was compared against DFA microscopy with retrospective samples at sites 1 and 2 as shown in the following table.

Giardia		DFA Microscopy		
		+	-	
Site 1	Uni-Gold	+	37	0
		-	0	117
Site 2	Uni-Gold	+	54	0
		-	0	33
Total		+	91	0
		-	0	150

Sensitivity: 100% (91/91) 95%CI 95 – 100%  
Specificity: 100% (150/150) 95%CI 97 – 100%

The positive samples were tested in the following matrix types: formalin (48), SAF (13), unpreserved frozen (17), Cary Blair (3), and C&S (10). The negative samples were tested in the following matrix types: formalin (42), SAF (70), unpreserved frozen (25), Cary Blair (3), and C&S (10)

**Additional retrospective studies**

Performance of the test was compared to non-fluorescent microscopy (staining) at two external laboratories. At site 2, 67 retrospective samples were evaluated and demonstrated a Positive Percent Agreement (PPA) of 100% (22/22) and a Negative Percent Agreement (NPA) of 100% (45/45) versus Wheatley's Stain. At site 3, 259 retrospective samples were evaluated and demonstrated a PPA of 100% (60/60) and a NPA of 100% (199/199) versus Iron Hematoxylin Stain.

**Prospective Study**

The following table shows a summary of test performance compared against DFA microscopy with prospective samples at site 4.

Giardia		DFA Microscopy		
		+	-	
Site 4	Uni-Gold	+	0	0
		-	0	378

Specificity: 100% (378/378) 95% CI 99 – 100%

Due to infection prevalence, no positive samples were encountered during this prospective study. Samples were tested in the following sample matrix types: unpreserved fresh (153), unpreserved frozen (45), formalin (45), SAF (45), C&S (45), and Cary Blair (45).

**Concordance Study**

Uni-Gold™ Giardia was compared to a commercially available lateral flow test on 267 retrospective stool samples in the following stool matrix types: unpreserved frozen (42), C&S (15), SAF (139), and formalin (71). The percent agreement of Uni-Gold™ Giardia versus the predicate device, was as follows:

Giardia		Comparator Device		% Agreement	
		+	-		
Site 1	Uni-Gold	+	26	3*	100% Pos Agr
		-	0	48	94.1% Neg Agr

Giardia		Comparator Device		% Agreement	
		+	-		
Site 2	Uni-Gold	+	51	0	100% Pos Agr
		-	0	49	100% Neg Agr

Giardia		Comparator Device		% Agreement	
		+	-		
Site 3	Uni-Gold	+	54	6**	100% Pos Agr
		-	0	30	83.3% Neg Agr

\*At Site 1, the 3 samples that tested positive on Uni-Gold™ Giardia and negative on the comparator device were positive by DFA microscopy in agreement with the Uni-Gold™ Giardia result.

\*\*At Site 3, the 6 samples that tested positive on Uni-Gold™ Giardia and negative on the comparator device were positive by Iron Hematoxylin Stain microscopy in agreement with the Uni-Gold™ Giardia result.

**Expected Values**

The performance of the Uni-Gold Giardia™ Test Kit was evaluated at four external laboratories. Samples were collected from Hospitals throughout the US and Canada and consisted of both male and female patients, of all ages from pediatric to adult, who presented with gastrointestinal symptoms. The retrospective study included 173 positive samples and 394 negative samples confirmed by microscopy. The prospective study included 378 samples which were subsequently confirmed negative by microscopy. There were no differences observed in clinical performance between males or females, or between pediatric or adult populations.

**Analytical Sensitivity**

The limit of detection was determined by spiking purified Giardia cysts quantified by DFA microscopy into negative human stool samples. The samples were serially diluted and three replicates from each dilution were tested with the Uni-Gold™ Giardia to determine the concentration that produced a positive result 95% of the time. A limit of detection concentration of 254 cysts/mL was confirmed by testing an additional 20 replicates with the Uni-Gold Giardia.

**Cross Reactivity**

No cross-reactivity was observed with samples containing the following organisms:

Adenovirus serotype 3	Coronavirus OC43	Iodamoeba butschlii
Adenovirus serotype 5	Coxsackievirus	Isoospora sp.
Adenovirus serotype 7	Cryptosporidium parvum	Klebsiella pneumoniae
Adenovirus serotype 41	Cycluspora cayetanensis	Microsporidia
Adenovirus serotype 40	Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	Salmonella typhimurium
Aeromonas hydrophila	Dientamoeba fragilis	Shigella dysenteriae
Ascaris lumbricoides	Diphyllobothrium latum	Shigella flexneri
Bacteroides fragilis	Echovirus 20	Shigella sonnei
Bacillus cereus	Endolimax nana	Staphylococcus aureus
Bacillus subtilis	Entamoeba coli	S. aureus (Cowan's)
Blastocystis hominis	Entamoeba hartmanni	Staphylococcus epidermidis
Campylobacter coli	Entamoeba histolytica	Strongyloides stercoralis
Campylobacter fetus	Enterobius vermicularis	Taenia sp.
Campylobacter jejuni	Enterococcus faecalis	Trichurius trichiura
Candida albicans	Escherichia coli	Vibrio parahaemolyticus
Chilomastix mesnili	Escherichia coli 0157H7	Yersinia enterocolitica
Clostridium difficile	Hookworm	
C. bifermentans	Hymenolepis nana	

Cross-reactivity to E. dispar has not been evaluated.

**Interfering Substances**

The analytical specificity of the test was determined in stool samples containing potentially interfering substances at clinically relevant concentrations. Compounds were respectively spiked into positive and negative samples at medically relevant dosages (treatment). All treatments, including the unspiked (neat) positive and unspiked (neat) negative samples were tested in duplicate with Uni-Gold™ Giardia. The following compounds were tested: Human blood (20% v/v), Mucin (10% w/v), Stool fat (Triglycerides 0.14mg/ml or Stearic Acid 20% v/v), Pepto-Bismol (Bismuth) (20% v/v), Imodium A-D (Loperamide HCl) (20% v/v), Kaopectate (Attapugite) (20% v/v), Vancomycin (0.6mg/ml), K-Y jelly (0.289mg/ml), Vaseline (0.22mg/ml), Condom lubricant (1.716mg/ml), Maalox (magnesium hydroxide, calcium carbonate) (20% v/v), Tagamet (Cimetidine) (2.0x10<sup>-2</sup> mg/ml), Pepsid (Famotidine) (6.0x10<sup>-4</sup> mg/ml), Zantac (Ranitidine) (6.0x10<sup>-3</sup> mg/ml), Prilosec (Omeprazole) (6.0x10<sup>-3</sup> mg/ml), Nitrazoxanide (6.96x10<sup>-3</sup> mg/ml), Atovaquone (0.031mg/ml), Azithromycin (1.2x10<sup>-2</sup> mg/ml), Metronidazole (0.12mg/ml), Paromomycin (0.42mg/ml), Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TRM 0.04mg/ml & Sulf 0.4mg/ml). No test interference was observed by any of the compounds at the concentrations tested.

**Reproducibility Study**

Reproducibility testing was carried out on six blinded samples (varying positive samples and negative samples) by two operators, twice daily at each of three sites for five days (60 replicates). 100% of the samples tested for Giardia produced the expected results.

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**ORDERING INFORMATION**

Cat. No.	Item	Quantity
1206610	Uni-Gold™ Giardia	20 devices
1206611	Uni-Gold™ Giardia Control Kit	1 positive & 1 negative

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GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

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Consult Instructions for Use



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Use By



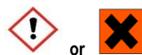
Caution, consult accompanying documents



Temperature limitation



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