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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLECTION AND SHIPMENT OF BLOOD SAMPLES

## INTENDED USE OF THE KIT

This kit is specifically designed for the collection and preservation of peripheral blood samples obtained by venipuncture and their subsequent shipment to Juno Genetics España laboratories at room temperature.

### KIT CONTENTS



EDTA collection tube

(Lavender coloured cap)



Protective plastic case with absorbent material



Test Request Form (TRF)



Informed consent form



Envelope for kit shipment

# INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO SAMPLE COLLECTION

Preparation of the patient. Pre-checks to be carried out on the patient.

No specific preparation of the patient is necessary for blood collection. However, it is recommended that the section "SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THAT MAY COMPROMISE TEST RESULTS" be reviewed beforehand.

In the event that for any reason it is not possible to obtain a blood sample (e.g. infant population, adults with difficulty for blood collection) you can request alternative kits for these cases. Contact the laboratory to discuss the options available.

### B Checks to be made on the material supplied.

- Check that the kit contains all the indicated elements before proceeding with the blood collection.
- Store the kit at a temperature between 4° and 25°C until use.
- Regarding the blood tube supplied:
  - · Check the expiry date of the blood tube. Discard it if it is possible that the expiry date will have passed by the time it arrives at the laboratory.
  - · Check that it is an EDTA tube (lavender, purple or lilac cap).
- Regarding the case with protective absorbent pad:
  - · Check the integrity of the case. Check for any breakage.
  - · Confirm that it remains closed once the tube has been inserted.

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C Amount of sample to be collected.

It is recommended to collect 5ml of blood.

D How to properly label the sample.

Label the blood tube with at least NAME + FIRST SURNAME of the patient and DATE OF BIRTH in numerical format (DD/MM/YYYYY).

# Criteria for acceptance and rejection of the sample by the laboratory.

Please note that the following elements may result in the rejection of the sample:

- The sample is not accompanied by the appropriate documentation: Application form and informed consent.
- Errors in the information contained in the documentation, e.g.:
  - · Mandatory fields not filled in. The mandatory fields are indicated on the application form.
  - · Documents not signed by the doctor or patient.
- Errors in the labelling of the primary packaging containing the sample, e.g.:
  - · The patient's identification data does not fully match the information on the submitted documentation.
- Regarding the blood tube, e.g.:
  - · The expiry date on the tube has been exceeded by the time it arrives at the laboratory.
  - · A different blood collection tube to the one supplied by the laboratory is used.
  - · The sample shows evidence of having undergone heat stress situations, e.g. freezing or high temperatures.
  - $\cdot$  More than 3 days have elapsed between delivery to the transport company and receipt of the sample in the laboratory.

### **F** Expected time for delivery of results.

The maximum deadline for the delivery of results is 25 WORKING days, counting from the moment the blood sample arrives at the JUNO GENETICS laboratory.

Please take this into account when scheduling any medical appointments related to the results offered by this test.

When you receive the kit, it is important to check that the blood collection tube has not expired.

Store the kit between 4°C and 25°C until use.

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# **INSTRUCTIONS DURING SAMPLE COLLECTION:**

The sample should be collected by a healthcare professional, using the tube provided by Juno Genetics. If there are any problems with the tube, please contact Juno Genetics.



# Steps for sample collection.

Draw 5ml of blood in a 10ml tube with EDTA and label with the patient's name and 5ml date of birth.



Mix carefully 8-10 times. Do not shake the tube.



Insert the blood tube into the pre-moulded shapes in the protective case to hold them in place. First make sure that the tube is tightly closed and no leaks are observed.



Close the case and press firmly along the edges of the case.



Add the date of blood collection to the pre-completed Test Request Form (TRF).





## Stabilisation and storage of the sample.

Send the sample as soon as possible after blood collection. It is recommended that it be sent on the day of collection.

If it cannot be sent immediately after collection, it is recommended that it be stored in a refrigerator between 4°C and 8°C for a maximum of 7 days. After this period, it is recommended to discard the blood and collect a new blood sample.

The blood sample should NEVER be stored in the freezer. This can degrade the sample.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSPORTING THE SAMPLE:

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### Packaging and labelling of the sample for transport.

Place the tube in its container and the request form in the kit sent by Juno. It is important that the tube container fits securely into the kit box.

Place the kit in the envelope that came with the kit. Attach the return label, which will be sent to you once the collection has been arranged with DHL.







It is important NOT to cover any of the images/text on the packaging (especially the phrase: EXEMPT HUMAN SPECIMEN).

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### Specific requirements for shipping times during transport.

It is recommended that the sample should not take more than 3 days from delivery to the transport company until it arrives at the laboratory. Please take into account possible holiday periods when planning the blood collection and shipment of the sample.

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# Specific requirements for storage conditions during transport (temperature and/or preservatives).

Samples can be shipped at room temperature, requiring no special means of temperature control during transport.

If the ambient temperature is higher than 35°C, it is recommended to send the samples with cold accumulators. If this occurs, it is recommended to contact the laboratory beforehand.

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# Information for sample collection/delivery by courier company.

It is important to note that biological samples cannot be delivered to local DHL offices.

To arrange for a courier to collect the sample from your home please contact Juno Genetics customer service at least 24 hours prior to collection by email at **supportspain@junogenetics.com** indicating the collection address.

You can also contact us by phone on: +34 96 069 48 00.



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# SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT MAY COMPROMISE THE TEST RESULTS

- In the event that you need to use a different blood tube to the one supplied, please note that this may compromise the viability of the test. Only use blood tubes with EDTA as an additive. Other preservatives used may affect the test result.
- Please note that it is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not perform this test if:
  - · You have recently received a blood transfusion (less than 60 days).
  - · You are a bone marrow transplant recipient.
- In these cases, it is necessary to obtain a non-blood sample. Ask for an alternative kit to test these cases.

## **BASIC LABORATORY CONTACT DETAILS**

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